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Michael P. Starkowski  
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**TO: Hospitals, Physicians, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners and Managed Care Organizations**

**SUBJECT: Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Coverage of Professional Services for Hospital Inpatient and Emergency Department Services**

This policy transmittal is being sent to providers to clarify payment limitations for hospital inpatient and emergency department services under the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP). Behavioral health professional services rendered to CT BHP members during inpatient psychiatric and detoxification admissions are not reimbursable when the inpatient rate for the hospital or facility includes behavioral health professional services. Under the CT BHP, all enrolled Connecticut hospitals and border hospitals have inpatient rates that include behavioral health professional services. Psychiatrists and psychiatric Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) are permitted to make arrangements with a hospital or facility for payment.

Community-based psychiatrists and APRNs who are enrolled providers with the CT BHP can be reimbursed by the CT BHP for behavioral health professional services rendered to HUSKY clients when these services are provided during a hospital medical admission authorized by the client's HUSKY MCO.

Community-based psychiatrists who are enrolled providers with the CT BHP can be reimbursed for emergency evaluation and management services rendered in an Emergency Department if the hospital does not have psychiatrists on staff.

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