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To: Hospitals
Community Violence Prevention Providers
Managed Care Organizations

From: Sandra E. Kick *Sandra E. Kick*
Director, Office of Medical Benefits Management
Maryland Department of Health

Re: Community Violence Prevention Coverage for HealthChoice and Medicaid Fee-For-Service
Enrollees, Effective July 1, 2023

Note: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this memorandum.

Effective July 1, 2023, Maryland Medicaid will provide reimbursement for eligible community violence prevention services. This transmittal details eligibility criteria and enrollment procedures for community violence prevention providers seeking reimbursement for these services, as well as the billing procedures and reimbursement rates for the newly covered services.

“Community violence” means intentional acts of interpersonal violence (defined as the intentional use of physical force or power against another individual by an individual or a small group of individuals) committed in public areas by individuals who are not family members or intimate partners of the victim.

“Community violence prevention services” are evidence-based, trauma-informed, support services for the purpose of promoting improved health outcomes and preventing future violence and further injury. Covered services include mentorship, conflict mediation, crisis intervention, referrals to certified or licensed health care professionals or social services providers, patient education, and screening services to victims of violence.

“Provider” means the entity who, through appropriate agreement with the Department, has been identified as a program provider by the issuance of an individual account number.

Provider Enrollment and Eligibility

Community violence prevention services are delivered at the organization level. Entities must complete the following enrollment process prior to submitting claims to Maryland's HealthChoice Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) or Medicaid Fee-for-Service.

- Obtain a *NEW* Type II Organizational (Code 99- Other) National Provider Identifier (NPI) number under the **405300000X** Taxonomy - Prevention Professional;
- Apply for enrollment as a Community Violence Prevention Provider (Provider Type "VP") in Maryland's electronic Provider Revalidation and Enrollment Portal (ePREP). When prompted to select a practice type from the dropdown menu, providers should select the "Facility, Clinic, Healthcare Org, or Waiver provider" option. As a part of their application to ePREP, an entity will be required to submit an addendum containing:
 - Names of all individual violence prevention professionals whom they employ or contract with; and
 - Attestation that all violence prevention professionals have completed the required training and continuing education.
- Maintain an affiliation with at least one of the following institutions through which the provider entity is authorized to provide community violence prevention services to Medicaid members in the hospital.
 - As determined by MIEMMS, Maryland hospitals must have one of the following designations:
 - Primary Adult Resource Center (PARC);
 - Level I Trauma Center;
 - Level II Trauma Center; or
 - Pediatric Trauma Center.
 - Hospitals not located in Maryland must have one of the following designations, as defined by the American College of Surgeons:
 - Level I Trauma Center;
 - Level II Trauma Center; or
 - Pediatric Trauma Center.
- Ensure that each certified violence prevention professional is providing community violence prevention services in compliance with any applicable standard of care, rule, regulation, and State or federal law.

Individual Violence Prevention Professionals

As community violence services are provided at the institutional level, individual professionals are not required to enroll as a Maryland Medicaid provider. Rather individuals professionals must be employed or contract with an enrolled community violence prevention entity.

Individuals that render community violence prevention services must complete an accredited training and certification program for violence prevention, maintain documentation of program training, and adhere to continuing education requirements.

Violence Prevention Training

As of July 1, 2023, the Health Alliance for Violence Intervention (HAVI) meets the criteria stated within Maryland regulations. Per COMAR 10.09.63, Community Violence Prevention Professionals must have undergone an accredited training and certification program for violence prevention

professionals, consisting of at least 35 hours of initial training and addressing the following topics:

- The profound effects of trauma and violence and the basics of trauma–informed care;
- Community violence prevention strategies, including conflict mediation and retaliation prevention related to community violence;
- Case management and advocacy practices;
- Patient privacy and the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996

Violence prevention professionals must also meet the criteria for continuing education requirements.

MCO Contracts and Reimbursement to Medicaid-Enrolled Violence Prevention Providers

Enrolled community violence prevention providers must contract with MCOs prior to billing for community violence services for MCO-enrolled Medicaid participants. MCOs must allow their network providers to refer eligible individuals directly to in-network community violence prevention providers. MCOs should track members who are referred to a contracted community violence prevention provider to ensure they have adequate capacity to service the eligible population. MCOs may require community violence prevention providers, through the contracting process, to provide notification back to the MCO when a member has enrolled in violence prevention services.

Reimbursement Methodology

CPT Code* (modifier)	Description	Proposed Rate	Provider Type	Place of Service	Notes
99402	Preventive medicine counseling: 30 minutes	\$32.76	VP	19 - Off-campus Outpatient Hospital 21 - Inpatient Hospital 22 - On Campus - Outpatient Hospital	No more than 100 units of services may be billed per participant on a 12-month rolling basis.
99402 GT	Preventive medicine counseling: 30 minutes <i>(Delivered via telehealth)</i>	\$32.76	VP		

**CPT Code 99402 is not linked to a specific ICD code.*

For more information about Community Violence Prevention services, please email mdh.acutehospitalpolicy@maryland.gov.