

## **Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates: Other Types of Care**

### Mental Health Clinic Services

Mental health clinic services provided by a community mental health clinic, state operated mental health clinic, or mental health physician clinic (which is a group of psychiatrists or other mental health professionals working under the supervision of a psychiatrist) are reimbursed at the lesser of the amount billed the general public or the state maximum allowable. Community mental health clinics bill the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities under a separate reimbursement schedule for performing pre-admission screening and annual resident reviews (PASARR) of mentally-ill persons seeking admission to or residing in long-term care facilities. The State assures that the requirements of 42 CFR 447.325 regarding upper limits of payment will be met.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of mental health clinic services. The agency's fee schedule was updated 12/26/08 and is published in the Department's billing manual, available at <http://medicaidalaska.com/providers/Billing.shtml>

### Mental Health Rehabilitation Services

Mental health rehabilitation services are reimbursed at the lesser of the amount billed the general public or the state maximum allowable.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of mental rehabilitation services. The agency's fee schedule was updated 12/26/08 and is published in the Department's billing manual, available at <http://medicaidalaska.com/providers/Billing.shtml>

### Nurse-Midwife Services

Payment is made at the lesser of billed charges, 85 percent of the Resource Based Relative Value Scale methodology used for physicians, the provider's lowest charge, or the state maximum allowable for procedures that do not have an established RVU. Laboratory services are reimbursed at the lesser of the amount billed the general public or at the Medicare fee schedule. Drugs are covered at 95 percent of the AWP but without a dispensing fee.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of nurse-midwife services. The agency's fee schedule was updated on 01/01/10 and is available at: <http://medicaidalaska.com/providers/FeeSchedule.asp>

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Speech, Hearing and Language Services

Payment for speech-language pathology services provided by a speech pathologist or outpatient speech therapy center is made at the lesser of billed charges, 85 percent of the Resource Based Relative Value Scale methodology used for physicians, the provider's lowest charge, or the state maximum allowable for procedures that do not have an established RVU. Payment for hearing services provided by an audiologist is made at the lesser of billed charges, 85 percent of the Resource Based Relative Value Scale methodology used for physicians, the provider's lowest charge, or the state maximum allowable for procedures that do not have an established RVU. Payment to a hearing aid supplier is made at the lesser of billed charges or the state maximum allowable.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of speech, hearing, and language services. The agency's fee schedule was updated 01/01/10 and is available at <http://medicaidalaska.com/providers/FeeSchedule.asp>

Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services

Substance abuse rehabilitation services are reimbursed at the lesser of the amount billed the general public or the state maximum allowable:

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of substance abuse rehabilitation services. The agency's fee schedule was updated 12/26/08 and is published in the Department's billing manual, available at <http://medicaidalaska.com/providers/Billing.shtml>