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demonstrated skills and competencies to work with seriously emotionally disturbed children and adolescents as determined by the provider. A minimum of three years of experience in direct child/adolescent services or mental health services is required, along with extensive knowledge of and ongoing training in child/adolescent mental health needs.

- b. Qualified Mental Health Technician (mental health personal care aide) — a person at least 19 years of age who has completed a Department-approved training program.
5. Any NMAP provider who is licensed by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure and has substantiated disciplinary action filed against that license that limits the provision of services will not be allowed to provide NMAP services. If a provider is licensed by another state, a substantiated disciplinary action filed against that license that limits the provision of services will be cause for termination as an NMAP provider.

Mental health and substance abuse services for children and adolescents covered under EPSDT include the following services as defined in 471 NAC 32-000:

1. Outpatient mental health or substance abuse treatment, including:
 - a. Evaluation by a supervising practitioner;
 - b. Psychiatric evaluation;
 - c. Psychological evaluation;

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- d. Psychological testing;
 - e. Individual psychotherapy;
 - f. Individual substance abuse counseling;
 - g. Group psychotherapy;
 - h. Group substance abuse counseling;
 - i. Family psychotherapy services;
 - j. Family substance abuse counseling;
 - k. Family assessment: Note: for items j, k, and l, services are provided to the Medicaid client; the interventions include family to address the child's MHSA needs; the Medicaid-eligible child is the focus of all treatment.
 - l. l. Conferences with family or other responsible persons advising them on how to assist the client;
 - m. Mileage for home-based family therapy or home-based family counseling services;
 - n. MHSA Community Treatment Aides;
 - o. Intensive outpatient services; and
 - p. Medication by a physician or physician extender.
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- 2. Treatment crisis intervention;
 - 3. Day treatment;
 - 4. Treatment foster care;
 - 5. Treatment group home;
 - 6. Residential treatment; and
 - 7. Inpatient hospital services provided in a general hospital or an IMD.

All mental health and substance abuse services must be medically necessary and provide active treatment to the Medicaid client.

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The Department reserves the right to adjust the fee schedule to:

5. Comply with changes in state or federal requirements;
6. Comply with changes in nationally-recognized coding systems, such as HCPCS and CPT;
7. Establish an initial allowable amount for a new procedure based on information that was not available when the fee schedule was established for the current year; and
8. Adjust the allowable amount when the Medicaid Division determines that the current allowable amount is:
 - a. Not appropriate for the service provided; or
 - b. Based on errors in data or calculation.

The Department may issue revisions of the Nebraska Medicaid Practitioner Fee Schedule during the year that it is effective. Providers will be notified of the revisions and their effective dates.

Other services covered as EPSDT follow-up services will be paid according to currently established payment methodologies, i.e., inpatient hospital treatment for substance abuse treatment services will be paid according to the methodology in Attachment 4.19-A.

Payment for Telehealth Services: Payment for telehealth services is set at the Medicaid rates for the comparable in-person service.

Payment for Telehealth Transmission costs: Payment for telehealth transmission Costs is set at the lower of: (1) the providers submitted charge; or (2) the maximum allowable amount.

The Department reimburses transmission costs for line charges when directly related to a covered telehealth service. The transmission must be in compliance with the quality standards for real time, two-way interactive audiovisual transmission as set forth in state regulations as amended.

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Specialized mental health and substance abuse treatment services include day treatment, treatment crisis intervention, treatment foster care, and treatment group home provided to children and adolescents under the EPSDT program. Payment rates for specialized mental health and substance abuse services are established on a unit (per day) basis. Rates are set annually. Rates are set prospectively for the annual rate period and are not adjusted during the rate period. Providers are required to submit annual cost reports on a uniform cost reporting form. In determining payment rates, the Department will consider these costs that are reasonable and necessary for the active treatment of the clients being served. Those costs include costs necessary for licensure and accreditation, meeting all staffing standards for participation, meeting all service standards for participation, meeting all requirements for active treatment, maintaining medical records, conducting utilization review, meeting inspection of care, and discharge planning. The Department does not guarantee that all costs will be reimbursed. The submitted cost reports are used on as a guide in the rate-setting process. Payment rates do not include the costs of providing educational services.

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