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In-Home Intensive Outpatient Psychotherapy

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Abstract Purpose:

Network Health Plan/Network Health Insurance Corporation/Network Health Administrative Services, LLC's (NHP/NHIC/NHAS) Utilization Management (UM) department, applies review guidelines for determinations involving medical necessity of in-home intensive outpatient psychotherapy services. NHIC follows Medicare's National/Local (Wisconsin area) Coverage Determinations for its Medicare Advantage membership. This medical policy applies to NHP/NHAS commercial lines of business.

Policy Detail:

- I. Refer to the appropriate Certificate of Coverage, Evidence of Coverage, Summary Plan Description, or Individual and Family Plan to determine eligibility and coverage because Employer Group/Plan Sponsor and government contracts may vary.

Procedure Detail:

- I. Description
 - A. In-home intensive outpatient psychotherapy entails a team of at least two therapists who provide services within the members/participants home, at a greater quantity, duration, and/or frequency than conventional outpatient psychotherapy. Services include a combination of individual, family, and parent/guardian sessions.
- II. Medical Indications/Criteria
 - A. In-home intensive outpatient psychotherapy services for non-autism spectrum disorder behavioral health diagnoses are not covered based on a lack of evidence in medical literature to support the efficacy of these services.
- III. Coverage
 - A. NHP/NHAS covers the treatment of autism spectrum disorder services within the home as required by Wis. Stat. §632.895 (12m) and the Federal Mental Health Parity and Equity Act (MHPAEA) when the medical necessity criteria are met per the member/participants individual plan document.
 - B. NHP/NHAS may consider home health psychiatric nursing services to be medically necessary when the coverage criteria for home health care services for the individual member/participant have been met.

IV. Limitations/Exclusions

- A. Travel time and expenses for Providers, Supervising Providers, Professionals, Therapists, or Paraprofessionals is excluded from coverage. Please refer to the individual members/participants coverage documents for exclusionary language.

Regulatory Citations:

UM2

Related Documents:

None

CPT Codes*

*This list may not be all inclusive

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| H0004 | Behavioral Health Counseling and therapy, per 15 minutes |
| H0006 | Alcohol and/or drug services; case management |
| H0023 | Behavioral health outreach service (planned approach to reach a targeted population) |
| H0036 | Community psychiatric support treatment, face-to-face, per 15 minutes |
| H2015 | Comprehensive community support services, per 15 minutes |
| H2019 | Therapeutic behavioral services, per 15 minutes |
| H2020 | Therapeutic behavioral services, per diem |
| 99082 | Unusual travel (eg, transportation and escort of patient) |

References:

1. State of Wisconsin Group Health Insurance Program (ET-2180) Certificate of Coverage, Plan Year 2024
2. Network Health Individual Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) Medical Policy, 2024 QHP Policy
3. Network Health Large Group Fully Insured Plan Certificate of Coverage, 2024 NHP LG GRP NGF COC
4. Assure Self-Insured Plan, Plan Document and Summary Plan Description, Assure ERISA with and without COBRA eff 012023

Disclaimer

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| Origination Date: 12/15/2022 | Approval Date: 12/14/2023 | Next Review Date: 12/14/2024 |
| Regulatory Body: NCQA | Approving Committee: Medical Policy Committee | Policy Entity: NHAS, NHIC, HHP |
| Policy Owner: Rachell Hall | Department of Ownership: Utilization Management | Revision Number: 2 |
| Revision Reason: 12/15/2022 – New Policy, Approved at MPC on 12/15/2022. 12/14/2023- Annual review. References updated. CPT codes reviewed and added. Approved at MPC 12/14/2023. | | |

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| Meeting: Utilization Management Committee | Date: 12/14/2023 |
| Title/Topic: In-Home Intensive Outpatient Psychotherapy | Policy Number: n05747 |
| Purpose: Annual Review | Outcome: Choose an item. |
| Line of Business: Commercial | Effective Date: 12/14/2023 |

INTRODUCTION:

Includes definition of problem or opportunity. Provides background information on the topic. Describes current state. May also include prior state and/or factors that have changed. Includes operational definitions where key terms may have varied interpretation.

In-home intensive outpatient psychotherapy entails a team of at least two therapists who provide services within the members/participants home, at a greater quantity, duration, and/or frequency than conventional outpatient psychotherapy. Services include a combination of individual, family, and parent/guardian sessions.

Our UM staff consult the member's individual coverage document regarding plan coverage prior to applying medical necessity criteria. NHP/NHAS covers the treatment of autism spectrum disorder services within the home as required by Wis. Stat. §632.895 (12m) and the Federal Mental Health Parity and Equity Act (MHPAEA) when the medical necessity criteria are met per the member/participants individual plan document. NHP/NHAS may consider home health psychiatric nursing services to be medically necessary when the coverage criteria for home health care services for the individual member/participant have been met.

This policy provides guidance for Utilization Management Coordinator Registered Nurses (UMC-RN) regarding determinations involving the medical necessity of In-Home Intensive Outpatient Psychotherapy services. This policy is due for annual review.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

States recommendations in specific terms. Includes a summary of what should be accomplished, methods, and timetable (if applicable). Recommendations on implementation and follow-up plans may also be included.

Annual review has been conducted and the In-Home Intensive Outpatient Psychotherapy policy is presented for review and approval with changes as written.

No changes were made to the intention or utilization guidance of this policy. Changes made include updating of references, verification, and addition of CPT codes.

ANALYSIS/JUSTIFICATION:

Includes information relevant to the recommended action including information used in formulation the recommendations. Information will include reference to any existing Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

(CMS) coverage determinations as well as any existing established vendor criteria. Information may include financial/cost data, service measures, projections or other key measures or process tools, recommendations from a clinical provider with expertise regarding the topic, and/or information from other widely used treatment guidelines or peer reviewed clinical literature.

No coverage determinations (National (NCD) or Local (LCD)) were identified from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) pertaining to In-Home Intensive Outpatient Psychotherapy services.

No criteria or guidance was identified within MCG pertaining to In-Home Intensive Outpatient Psychotherapy services.

A review of the medical literature was performed with a lack of evidence found to support the efficacy for these services.

This policy was developed in coordination with a behavioral health provider and meets regulatory state and federal guidelines for behavioral health coverage.

REFERENCES:

Includes detailed description regarding source(s) of information used for development of policy or recommendations via citation.

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REVISION REASON:

Includes the date changes or updates were made and summary of changes applied.

11/01/2023- Annual review was completed. CMS, MCG, and Up to Date were reviewed for guidance updates. A literary review search was performed with no new recent articles identified. CPT/HCPCS code verification was performed, and additional codes were identified and added. References were updated.

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