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Updated Location Value Code Billing Guidance for CHCBS and CFTSS

On November 21, 2023, MVP Health Care® (MVP) sent a communication (FastFax 2023.50) announcing Location Value Code billing requirements for Children's Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) and Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS). These services went into effect for dates of service beginning December 1, 2023.

Since that announcement, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has provided guidance with updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) and County codes that should be used in relation to telehealth services.

The updated FAQ from NYSDOH on Location Code Billing Changes can be found at:

health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/behavioral_health/children/changes_faqs.htm

The new guidance advises that for telehealth services, the FIPS/County code used on the claim should be the code associated with the county where the staff member was located during the service delivery. If the staff member was located outside of an office location (telecommuting), the county of the agency's administrative office should be used as the location on the claim.

MVP has more information on billing in the MVP Payment Policy which can be found by visiting mvphealthcare.com/policies and selecting *Payment Policies* under *Quick Navigation* and reviewing the *Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Policy*.

CHCBS Rural Rates

Effective for dates of service beginning December 1, 2023, new CHCBS Rural Rates were established for seven upstate counties, including Allegany, Clinton, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, and St. Lawrence. MVP's systems are now configured for this rate update and Providers should submit claims to MVP in accordance with their contractual timely filing requirements and the updated FIPS/Locator code billing guidance to be eligible for reimbursement. Additional information on what fields to populate can be found in the MVP Mental Health and Substance Use Payment Policy noted above.

Please contact your MVP Behavioral Health Professional Relations Representative for more information.

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