

North Sound Mental Health Administration

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Subject: Reporting Requirement of Unbundling Services

This is formal notification the North Sound Mental Health Administration (NSMHA) is changing its requirements regarding the reporting of High Intensity Treatment Services and Mental Health Services in a Residential Setting to the specific underlying codes. NSMHA wants providers to transmit to our data base the encounter codes that roll-up into these bundled codes for these two services. NSMHA's understanding is providers already collect this data on an unbundled basis. This is not a change in the amount and type of services that will be delivered, but in how NSMHA wants to receive the data from our providers.

Please implement this as rapidly as possible and no later than February 1, 2008. Starting in January payment for the fee for service portion of these services can not be paid until this data is transmitted on an unbundled basis.

NSMHA has notified the Mental Health Division (MHD) that the North Sound Region will be transmitting the data to them in an unbundled fashion unless MHD instructs NSMHA to bundle the data at our level. NSMHA has not heard back from MHD.

NSMHA is doing this for we are moving our system to a capitated, fee for service system so we need the greater specificity of data reporting on services on an unbundled basis to better manage both the system of care and the costs of services.

If you have questions on this issue, contact Greg Long at NSMHA.

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