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COCM SERVICES PROVIDED BY FQHCS AND RHCS - EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2025

BACKGROUND

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2025, Texas Medicaid will add Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) as provider types of Collaborative Care Model (CoCM) services using only procedure code G0512 for billing and reimbursement.

KEY DETAILS

CoCM services are benefits for persons of all ages who are enrolled in Texas Medicaid and who have a mental health or substance use condition to include a pre-existing or suspected mental health or substance use condition.

Initial or subsequent CoCM services using procedure code G0512 are activities that are provided by a behavioral health care manager (BHCM) and directed by an FQHC or RHC practitioner (physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner) to the person receiving CoCM services in the first calendar month or subsequent calendar month of services.

Initial or subsequent CoCM services provided by an FQHC or RHC provider must include the following elements, and the FQHC or RHC practitioner or BHCM must document the elements in the electronic medical record or electronic health record:

- Conducting outreach to and engagement with the person needing services
- Completion of an initial assessment to include administration of a validated rating scale resulting in a person-centered plan of care
- Entering information into the registry and tracking follow-up activities and progress through the registry with appropriate documentation
- Participation in weekly caseload consultation meetings with the psychiatric consultant and modification of treatment, if needed
- Providing evidenced-based brief interventions, such as motivational interviewing, problem-solving treatment, or other focused strategies
- Tracking follow-up activities and progress of the person receiving services, through the registry and with appropriate documentation, using validated rating scales
- Ongoing collaboration and coordination of the person's care and treatment with the treating FQHC and RHC providers
- Planning for relapse prevention as the person receiving services prepares for discharge from services

FQHCs and RHCs must use procedure code G0512 to bill for CoCM services delivered in the initial calendar month or any subsequent calendar month. Procedure code G0512 is restricted to use by

FQHCs and RHCs. Therefore, procedure code G0512 will be denied if billed by any other provider type. Procedure code G0512:

- Requires a minimum of 60 minutes of CoCM services to be furnished within each calendar month of services (initial or subsequent). Administrative and clerical duties do not count towards the time threshold.
- Is limited to one service per calendar month (initial or subsequent) during an episode of care for the same person from the same provider.

Note: Procedure code G0512 may be reimbursed in addition to the FQHC or RHC encounter rate.

In fee-for-service (FFS) Medicaid, prior authorization is not required for the first six calendar months (the initial month and five subsequent months) of CoCM services to include CoCM services provided by an FQHC or RHC provider. Prior authorization is required in FFS Medicaid for an additional six calendar months (beyond the first six calendar months) of CoCM services to include CoCM services provided by an FQHC or RHC provider.

ACTION

MCOs must have systems and processes in place to reimburse FQHCs and RHCs for CoCM services and in addition to the encounter rate.

RESOURCES

- For information about the CoCM Medicaid benefit, refer to [Section 9.3 of the *Medical and Nursing Specialists, Physicians, and Physician Assistants Handbook* \(Vol. 2, Provider Handbooks\)](#) in the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual.
- For more information on the CoCM to include evidence base, core principles and team structure, refer to [Advancing Integrated Mental Health Solutions \(AIMS\) Center, University of Washington, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Division of Population Health](#).

To access the provider notification on the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership website, go to [CoCM Services Provided by FQHC and RHC Providers](#)