

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT  
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METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES --  
OTHER TYPES OF CARE

9 Clinic Services

Community Mental Health Center or Clinic

Reimbursement for covered services shall be made on the basis of prospective rates set for each participating Community Mental Health Center or clinic. On the basis of audited unit cost worksheets submitted annually by the Community Mental Health Centers, prospective rates shall be calculated by the Division of Behavioral Health of the Colorado Department of Human Services and reviewed and approved by the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

The reimbursement rates for services shall be the lowest of the following:

- a. Usual and customary charges submitted by the Community Mental Health Centers for services provided to the general public; or
- b. The projected cost of such services as determined by the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing through review and audit of prior year's unit costs submitted annually by each Community Mental Health Center. The audited unit cost worksheets shall be trended by the Division of Behavioral Health. The Department shall use the following tests to determine the appropriateness of the rate costs:
  1. The previous year's audited costs adjusted forward by the annual Consumer Price Index in effect at the beginning of the fiscal year; and
  2. Changes in the types and intensity of services to be provided.

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13d. Rehabilitative Services: Behavioral Health Services

a. Reimbursement for Services Provided by a Community Mental Health Center

Reimbursement for covered behavioral health services is made according to the methodology described in the Clinic Services reimbursement methodology page of the State Plan.

b. Reimbursement for Services Provided by Qualified Mental Health Professionals

Services provided by qualified mental health professionals shall be reimbursed at the lower of the following:

1. Submitted charges or
2. Fee schedule as determined by the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

Except as otherwise noted in the State Plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. Reimbursement rates for dates of service on or after July 1, 2011, for these services can be found on the official Web site of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing at [www.colorado.gov/hcpf](http://www.colorado.gov/hcpf).

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