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TO: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT)
Behavioral Health Inpatient Hospital Providers

FROM: Lisa D. Lee, Commissioner 

DATE: April 24, 2024

RE: Inpatient Behavioral Health Hospital Rates for EPSDT

Dear Providers,

The Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS or Department) is reaching out to provide important updates related to reimbursement rates for children's behavioral health services provided by providers enrolled as an EPSDT behavioral health inpatient hospital.

As you may be aware, Kentucky is seeing an increase in the number of children with high-acuity healthcare needs. This is leading to placement issues for a subset of children enrolled in Medicaid. To strengthen the continuum of care for children with behavioral health care needs, the Department has been collaborating with various stakeholders to address this issue. For example, we recently increased reimbursement rates for Psychiatric Residential Treatment (PRTF) providers to increase bed capacity for children served by the Cabinet.

To further increase capacity for children with increased behavioral healthcare needs, the reimbursement rate for EPSDT inpatient behavioral health hospital services will be increased to \$700 per day. This increase will be effective May 1, 2024. We are hopeful that this increase will assist providers in meeting the needs of Kentucky's children and prevent out-of-state placements.

Thank you for your commitment to and collaboration with the Department and the members we serve. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions related to this communication.

C: Justin Dearing
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