



**MENDOCINO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
MEMO**

Date April 9, 2019
To Board of Supervisors and CEO
From Juanita Dreiling, Administrative Services Manager
Subject Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Fee Increases

The purpose of this memo is to document support for Behavioral Health and Recovery Services' (BHRS) proposed fee increases (attached). Since services related to the proposed fee increases are associated with contracted Medi-Cal provider services and not performed by internal County staff, they cannot be supported by completing the suggested Excel worksheets for staff time provided in the CEO's fee increase packet.

The California State Plan requires Short Doyle/Medi-Cal services to be paid at the lower of actual costs or customary charges. This requirement is consistent with federal Medicare rules, California Code of Regulations Title 9, Section 1840.105, and the Annual Mental Health Plan cost reporting instructions. The State equates customary charges with published charges (fees). Claims for services provided by the mental health services provider network are billed to Medi-Cal based on Board approved fees.

The proposed fee increases presented to the Board are based on the most recent Annual Short/Doyle Cost Report that has been developed by BHRS and approved by the State. Due to the fact that approval of annual cost reports may be up to five years in arrears, BHRS has included consideration of current costs in the development of these fees to ensure that charges are consistent with current costs of providing mental health services.

In order to support current service delivery levels, we request the proposed fees go into effect as soon as possible.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

TMC:jd

Attachment

Cc: Tammy Moss-Chandler, HHSA Director

Jenine Miller, Assistant HHSA Director/BHRS Director

MENTAL HEALTH
Behavior Health & Recovery Services

Proposed Fee Changes

Outpatient Services	Current County Per Minute Rate	Proposed County Per Minute Rate	% Change
Mental Health Services (MHS)	\$2.61	\$2.61	0%
Linkage Case Management Services (CM)	\$2.02	\$2.20	9%
Medication Support Services	\$4.82	\$5.40	12%
Crisis Services	\$3.88	\$3.88	0%