
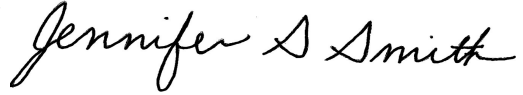




Medical Assistance BULLETIN

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SUBJECT Targeted Case Management Services for Eligible Juveniles Enrolled in Medical Assistance Prior to Release from a Carceral Setting		
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IMPORTANT REMINDER: All providers must revalidate the Medical Assistance (MA) enrollment of each service location every 5 years. Providers should log into PROMISe to check the revalidation dates of each service location and submit revalidation applications at least 60 days prior to the revalidation dates. Enrollment (revalidation) applications may be found at: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/for-providers/provider-enrollment-information/provider-enrollment-documents>

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise providers of billing procedures for the physical health (PH) and behavioral health (BH) Targeted Case Management (TCM) services provided to eligible juveniles enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program within 30 days of release from a carceral setting and for at least 30 days following release. This bulletin also advises providers of a new provider specialty (Spec) for TCM services.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to MA-enrolled physicians, certified registered nurse practitioners (CRNP), physician assistants (PA), and case managers who render PH TCM services to MA beneficiaries and to Blended Case Management (BCM), Intensive Case Management (ICM), and Resource Coordination (RC) providers that render BH TCM services to MA beneficiaries. It also applies to MA-enrolled carceral facility providers, or their contracted medical providers, that render services during the pre-release period as described in this bulletin. Providers

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Fee-for-Service Provider Service Center: 1-800-537-8862

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs website at:

<https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dhs/departments-offices/omap-info>

rendering services in the managed care delivery system should address coding or billing questions to the appropriate MA Managed Care Organization (MCO).

BACKGROUND:

On February 18, 2025, the Department of Human Services (Department) issued MA Bulletin 01-25-34, titled, "Screening, Diagnostic, and Targeted Case Management Services for Eligible Juveniles Enrolled in Medical Assistance Prior to Release from a Carceral Setting." This bulletin advised providers of coverage for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment services, including behavioral health screening and diagnostic services, provided to eligible juveniles in the 30 days prior to release, and TCM services in the 30 days prior to and for at least 30 days following release from a carceral setting, as required by Section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. An eligible juvenile is an individual under 21 years of age who was determined eligible for MA or an individual 18 through 25 years of age who was determined eligible for the mandatory eligibility group for former foster care children. MA Bulletin 01-25-34 is available on the Department's website at:
<https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/dhs/documents/docs/publications/documents/forms-and-pubs-omap/mab2025021801.pdf>.

After issuing MA Bulletin 01-25-34, the Department determined that further clarification about TCM services was necessary to advise providers of the provider enrollment and billing procedures for TCM services available to eligible juveniles.

DISCUSSION:

Physical Health and Behavioral Health Targeted Case Management

Eligible juveniles may receive PH TCM services to address medical, social, educational, and health-related social needs in the geographic area where they will be residing upon release.

Eligible juveniles may receive BH TCM services to access resources and services that assist eligible juveniles with behavioral health needs in the geographic area where they will be residing upon release.

PH and BH TCM services include:

- Comprehensive assessment and periodic reassessment of individual needs to determine the need for any medical, educational, social, or other services;
- Development (and periodic revision) of a specific person-centered care plan based on the information collected through the assessment;
- Referral and related activities (such as scheduling appointments for the individual) to help the eligible individual obtain needed services, including activities that help link the individual with medical, social, and educational providers or other programs and

services that are capable of providing needed services to address identified needs and achieve goals specified in the care plan; and

- Monitoring and follow-up activities including activities and contacts that are necessary to ensure that the care plan is effectively implemented and adequately addresses the needs of the individual and which, may be with the individual, family members, service providers, or other entities or individuals, and are conducted as frequently as necessary, and including at least one annual monitoring.

Pre-release TCM

Prior to release from a carceral setting, the eligible juvenile may receive pre-release PH TCM services provided under the MA Fee-for-Service (FFS) delivery system by case managers from the Bureau of Fee for Service Programs (BFFSP) or by an MA enrolled provider who has a contractual agreement with the carceral setting.

Beneficiaries with behavioral health needs may receive BH TCM from providers enrolled as BCM, ICM, or RC providers. Beneficiaries do not need to have a serious mental illness (SMI) or serious emotional disturbance (SED) to receive BH TCM prior to release from a carceral setting, but they need to have a behavioral health condition that will benefit from TCM services. Unlike SMI/SED TCM services, counties will not be responsible for paying the state match portion of MA for pre-release BH TCM services.

The non-delivery of these services in the pre-release period should not delay an eligible juvenile's release from a carceral setting.

Post-release TCM

After the eligible juvenile is released from the carceral setting, the PH TCM services will be provided by an MA enrolled provider or BFFSP case manager. The BFFSP case managers will give a warm hand off to MCO case managers for PH TCM services, as appropriate, if the eligible juvenile is enrolled with a MCO. PH TCM services will continue for the eligible juvenile for as long as medically necessary, but not less than 30 days following their release from a carceral setting.

Post-release BH TCM services will be rendered by BCM, ICM, or RC providers for 30 days following the juvenile's release from a carceral setting. A juvenile will be discharged from BH TCM services if one of the following four conditions is met:

1. Determination by the eligible juvenile, as defined in MA Bulletin 01-25-34, or the parent if the eligible juvenile is a child, that BH TCM is no longer wanted. For BH TCM, a child is defined as a person 17 years of age or younger or 21 years of age or younger if enrolled in special education.
2. Determination by the targeted case manager in consultation with their supervisor or the director of TCM, and with written concurrence by the Behavioral Health MCO that BH TCM is no longer necessary or appropriate for the eligible juvenile.
3. The juvenile moves out of the geographical jurisdiction of the county or the provider.

4. The eligible juvenile turns 21 years of age or 26 years of age if the eligible juvenile is a former foster youth. Prior to discharge, the TCM provider shall assess the eligible juvenile's eligibility for other services, including TCM for individuals with SMI or SED, and take appropriate actions for continuity of care.

Upon discharge from post-release BH TCM services, some individuals may be eligible for SMI/SED TCM services. SMI/SED TCM service shall be provided in accordance with the established procedures and requirements for BCM, ICM, and RC providers.

Caseload Size

Eligible juveniles receiving the BH TCM services outlined in this bulletin will be counted towards the maximum caseload allowed for the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services' (OMHSAS) enrolled BCM, ICM, or RC providers.

PROCEDURE:

Enrollment

Providers must be enrolled in the MA Program to receive payment for services rendered to MA beneficiaries. The Department opened Spec 233 (Targeted Case Manager) for providers rendering PH TCM services within 30 days of release from a carceral setting and for at least 30 days following release, and for BH TCM services within 30 days of release from a carceral setting, when the eligible juveniles are enrolled in the MA Program. Providers eligible to enroll under Spec 233 include CRNPs, PAs, physicians, and case managers – including resource coordinators, intensive case managers, and blended case managers. Providers in the carceral setting that are not enrolled as another provider type (PT) should enroll under PT 21 (Case Manager)/Spec 233.

Information on how to complete and submit an enrollment application may be accessed on the Department's website at: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/for-providers/promise/promise-provider-enrollment.html>. For questions about enrollment, providers can contact Provider Enrollment at 1-800-537-8862, option 2, then option 4.

Billing

Pre-release PH TCM Services

Effective October 12, 2025, the Department opened procedure code G9012 for the following PT/Spec/Place of Service (POS) 09 (Prison/Correctional Facility) combinations for pre-release PH TCM services for eligible juveniles.

Procedure Code	PT/Spec/POS
G9012	09 (CRNP)/233/09 10 (Mid-level Practitioner)/233/09 21 (Case Manager)/233/09 31 (Physician)/233/09

POS 09 must be used for all pre-release PH TCM services provided whether the service is performed in-person or via telehealth. Providers performing PH TCM services via telehealth should refer to MA Bulletin 99-23-08, titled, “Updates to Guidelines for the Delivery of Physical Health Services via Telehealth,” which is available on the Department’s website at:

<https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/dhs/documents/docs/publications/documents/forms-and-pubs-omap/MAB2023080201.pdf>.

Post-release PH TCM Services

Effective October 12, 2025, the Department opened procedure code G9012 for the following PT/Spec/POS combinations for post-release PH TCM services for eligible juveniles.

Procedure Code	PT/Spec	POS
G9012	09/233	02 (Telehealth Provided Other than in Patient’s Home)
	10/233	10 (Telehealth Provided in Patient’s Home)
	21/233	11 (Office)
	31/233	12 (Home)
		27 (Outreach Site/Street)
		99 (Other (Community))

The Department updated the MA Program Fee Schedule to reflect these changes. PH providers may access the online version of the Fee Schedule on the Department’s website at: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/for-providers/ma-for-providers/ma-fee-schedule.html>.

Pre- Release BH TCM Services

Effective October 12, 2025, the Department opened procedure code T1017 for the following PT/Spec/POS 09 combinations for pre-release BH TCM services for eligible juveniles. These procedure codes may include the modifiers HE (informational), TF (pricing), UB (pricing), and/or UC (informational). POS 09 must be used for all pre-release BH TCM services provided whether the service is performed in-person or via telehealth. During the pre-release timeframe, Spec 233 will be used in place of provider specialties 221 (Mental Health Targeted Case Management, Resource Coordination) and 222 (Mental Health Targeted Case Management, Intensive) that are otherwise normally assigned to RC, ICM, and BCM providers.

Type of BH TCM	Procedure Code	PT/Spec/POS	Pricing Modifier	Informational Modifier
Resource Coordination	T1017	21/233/09	TF	HE
Intensive Case Management			UB	HE
Blended Case Management			UB	UC, HE

Post-Release BH TCM Services

Effective January 1, 2025, the Department opened procedure code T1017 for the following PT/Spec/POS combinations for post-release BH TCM services for eligible juveniles. These procedure codes may include the modifiers HE, TF, UB, and/or UC.

Type of BH TCM	Procedure Code	PT	Spec	POS	Pricing Modifier	Informational Modifier
Resource Coordination	T1017	21	221	02,10,11,12, 27, 99	TF	HE
Intensive Case Management		21	222	02, 10, 11, 12, 27. 99	UB	HE
Blended Case Management		21	222	02, 10, 11, 12, 27. 99	UB	UC, HE

RESOURCES:

Providers rendering BH TCM services via telehealth should refer to Bulletin OMHSAS-22-02, titled, “Revised Guidelines for Delivery of Behavioral Health Services Through Telehealth,” which is available on the Department’s website at: <https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/dhs/documents/docs/documents/omhsas/Bulletin%20OMHSAS-22-02%20-%20Revised%20Guidelines%20for%20Delivery%20of%20BH%20Services%20Through%20Telehealth%207.1.22.pdf>.

The Department updated the Community Support Services (CSS) Procedure Code Chart to reflect the changes outlined in this bulletin. BH providers may access the online version of the chart on the Department’s website at: <https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/dhs/documents/services/mental-health-in-pa/documents/Community-Support-Services-Procedure-Code-Chart.pdf>.

For questions about billing in the PH FFS delivery system, providers should contact the Provider Service Center at 1-800-537-8862, options 2, 6, 1. Inquiries regarding the BH FFS delivery system should be directed to RA-PWSERVICES@pa.gov.

PH and BH providers rendering service in the managed care delivery system should contact their appropriate MCOs for specific guidance related to procedure codes and billing instructions. The MA MCO directory is available on the Department's website at:

<https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/dhs/documents/providers/providers/documents/managed-care-information/pennsylvania-medicaid-managed-care-directory.pdf>.