

H0015 Payment Policy (HCPCS Code Alcohol and/or Drug Services-Intensive Outpatient Program operates 3 hours/day and at least 3 days/week)

Purpose

This policy is intended to ensure correct provider reimbursement and serves only as a general resource regarding Passport by Molina reimbursement policy for the services described in this policy. It is not intended to address every aspect of a reimbursement situation, nor is it intended to impact care decisions. This policy was developed using nationally accepted industry standards and coding principles. In the event of a conflict, federal and state guidelines, as applicable, as well as the member's benefit plan document supersede the information in this policy. Additionally, to the extent there are any conflicts between this policy and the provider contract language, the Provider contract language will prevail. Coverage may be mandated by applicable legal requirements of a State, the Federal government or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). References included were accurate at the time of policy approval.

Policy

H0015 Intensive Outpatient Therapy for Substance Use Disorders is an alternative to or transition from a higher level of care for a substance use disorder or co-occurring disorder. It offers a multi-modal, multi-disciplinary structure outpatient treatment incorporating individual, group, and family outpatient therapy, crisis intervention, and psychoeducation related to identified goals in the recipient's treatment plan. This Policy is consistent with published by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Passport by Molina Healthcare may require documentation review for Intensive Outpatient Therapy for Substance Use Disorders (H0015) above unit levels described in this policy. The review of documentation may include a review of the medical necessity for the service, using the clinical guidelines approved by the State, as well as a review for compliance with the applicable regulatory standards for the given service and/or provider type.

Reimbursement

Passport By Molina Healthcare reimburses for Intensive Outpatient Alcohol and/or Drug Services that are billed for an individual member that are evidence based, medically necessary and in keeping with Kentucky Medicaid regulations. Providers billing less than 32 units per member annually will not be required to submit additional documentation. Claims billed in excess of 32 units per member annually will require the member's clinical records to verify compliance with relevant Kentucky regulation for their provider type and medical necessity.

Documentation History

Type	Date	Action
Effective Date	9/10/2023	New Policy
Revised Date	1/24/2024	Updated claim denial to clinical record requirement

References

1. **Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder** [Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder - Cabinet for Health and Family Services \(ky.gov\)](#)
2. **Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Section 1115 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Demonstration Implementation Plan** [SUDImplementPlanAmended.pdf \(ky.gov\)](#)
3. **Kentucky General Assembly Title 907 | Chapter 015 | Regulation 020** [Title 907 Chapter 15 Regulation 020 • Kentucky Administrative Regulations • Legislative Research Commission](#)
4. **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**, go to [CLINICAL ISSUES IN INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS - Advisory 47 \(samhsa.gov\)](#)

5. **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Substance Abuse: Clinical Issues in Intensive Outpatient Treatment. Chapter 3 Intensive Outpatient Treatment and the Continuum of Care** <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK64088/>

Supplemental Information

Definitions

Term	Definition
Maximum Units	Maximum number of units allowed for a specific service for a single member over a specified timeframe.
SAMHSA	Substance abuse and Mental Health Services Administration