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### LME-MCO Communication Bulletin #J250

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To: LME-MCOs

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Subject: Clinical Coverage Policy 8A: Enhanced Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform the LME-MCOs and providers about changes to Clinical Coverage Policy 8A pertaining to Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Program (SAIOP), Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment (SACOT), and Intensive In-Home (IIH) services. These changes were effective April 1, 2017.

SAIOP and SACOT were updated with minor technical changes to the staffing section of the service definition located in Attachment D. These changes clarify that supervision will be provided by the CCS and LCAS and standardized language regarding supervision in both services.

IIH was updated to reflect the legislatively mandated change in team to family ratio from the previous ratio of one team to eight families to the current ratio of one team to twelve families. This change required a State Plan Amendment which was recently approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Previous communication gave providers the option of utilizing the 1:12 ratio.

For information about the impact of the IIH policy change on the Medicaid fee for service rate, please see the following Medicaid Bulletin Articles:

<https://ncdma.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/documents/files/1014bulletin.pdf>

[https://ncdma.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/documents/files/Medicaid\\_Bulletin\\_2017\\_02.pdf](https://ncdma.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/documents/files/Medicaid_Bulletin_2017_02.pdf)

The State-Funded Enhanced Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services manual was also updated to reflect the above listed changes to SAIOP, SACOT, and IIH services. It can be found at:

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/mhddsas/servicedefinitions>

In addition, the DMHDDSAS statewide Intensive In-Home rate is changed to \$239.66 per day, effective dates of service April 1, 2017 forward. LME-MCOs are welcome to request higher rates for providers utilizing a lower team: family ratio.

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