



## Provider FAQ:

### HBTS/ABA/PASS/Respite Code Update - Questions

December 12, 2022

#### ***When should HBTS/ABA/PASS/Respite providers begin billing the July 1, 2022, contract rates?***

It is critically important for all HBTS/ABA/PASS/Respite providers to bill with the July 1, 2022, rates **immediately**. These are the codes and rates contained in the provider notification. Billing claims with the July 1, 2022, rates is not a factor that will cause claims to deny.

#### ***When will the configuration of the July 1, 2022, contract rates be implemented?***

Optum's claim system was updated to pay the new rates on Nov. 1, 2022, for the initial guidance. This means that claims submitted for dates of service on or after Nov. 1 for the initial guidance will be reimbursed at the new fee schedule.

The EOHHS revised rate guidance dated Nov. 28, 2022, adding three (3) new codes (*H0046-U1, H0046-HO-U1, H0046-HP-U1*), will be configured in Optum's systems by Dec. 19, 2022. Dates of service on or after Dec. 19, 2022, will be reimbursed at the new fee schedule.

#### ***When will claims for dates of service on and after July 1, 2022, be reprocessed?***

Optum initiated the reprocessing of claims on Nov. 2, 2022, for codes associated with the original rate guidance and expect all adjustments to be completed within 90 days.

#### ***How will lesser of logic apply to claims processing?***

- For the claims that will be reprocessed, Optum will systemically override the lesser of logic. This is a one-time exception to support the HBTS/ABA/PASS/Respite providers. This means that HBTS/ABA/PASS/Respite providers will not need to bill corrected claims or take any action.
- If the intent of your initial claim, when billing a 30-minute code, was to be paid for a 15-minute intervention, those claims will need to be resubmitted as corrected claims using the appropriate 15-minute codes that are now available.