

BSW 720 Services: Occupational Therapy

PURPOSE

Occupational Therapy services provided through Big Sky Waiver are intended to help members maintain functionality and independence. The scope and nature of Occupational Therapy services provided/furnished under the Big Sky Waiver differ from those provided under the State Plan, as to the intent of the therapies provided. State Plan Occupational Therapy services are delivered with a focus on restorative therapy, as described below. Occupational Therapy under Big Sky Waiver is limited to maintenance therapy services, as described below.

DEFINITIONS

Occupational therapy services:

"Occupational Therapy" is the therapeutic use of goal-directed activities and interventions to improve function, maximize the independence, and maintain the health of an individual who is limited in independent function in daily life activities due to disease, disorders, or other impairments. For more detail on the definition of occupational therapy services see MCA 37-24-103.

Restorative therapy services: compare with Medicaid State Plan provider manual and align

Restorative Therapy services are performed with an ~~reasonable~~ expectation that the recipient's function will improve significantly in a ~~reasonable and~~ reasonable and predictable period of time. Expectations for a member's restoration are based on an assessment by the referring physician or midlevel practitioner and the licensed therapist. Members receiving restorative therapy are expected to repaired back to their baseline. Medicaid State Plan covers all restorative occupational therapy needs. ~~R~~Refer to the Montana Medicaid Provider manual for more information.

Maintenance or habilitation therapy services:

Maintenance or habilitation Therapy ~~services~~ includes services that ~~that~~ are repetitive and required to maintain functions and that are performed without ~~a~~ a reasonable expectation of significant progress. Members receiving maintenance therapy are not expected to be restored to their baseline of functionality, however the therapy helps them maintain functionality and independence. however the therapy helps them maintain functionality and independence.

GENERAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Any activities provided under this service must be tied to goals and objectives documented in the member's service plan.

PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

An Occupational Therapist must be licensed in accordance with state regulations found in MCA 37-24-303s and enrolled as a Medicaid BSW provider through Conduent. Conduent verifies the provider is free of exclusions and criminal activity as part of the enrollment process.

A member's legally responsible person, relative and/or legal guardian Individuals who are legally responsible for members may provide Occupational Therapy if they are licensed in accordance with state regulations and are enrolled as a Medicaid waiver provider through Conduent.

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SERVICE LIMITS

Restorative Occupational Therapy services provided through Big Sky Waiver may not be reimbursed and are subject to repayment.

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