

Dec. 1, 2022

Dear Mental Health Providers:

This letter is to notify you that CalVCB has increased mental health provider rates and revised document submission requirements, effective Dec. 15, 2022.

Hourly reimbursement rates for individual/family therapy are listed below:

License Type	Prior to 12/15/2022	Effective 12/15/2022
Psychiatrist (MD)	\$117	\$152
Psychologist (PSY)	\$99	\$129
Licensed Providers (LMFT, LCSW, LPCC)	\$81	\$105
Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse (PMHN)	\$81	\$105
Associate Providers (AMFT, ASW, APCC, PSB)	\$75	\$97

Peer counseling, group therapy, and medication management rates have not changed.

CalVCB mental health guidelines now require completion of a Billing Intake form which must be submitted with the first bill for claimants who have initiated treatment with a new provider on or after Dec. 15, 2022. The Billing Intake form takes the place of the Treatment Plan (TP) declaration page submission requirement. There is a section on the form that allows certain exemptions to the explanation of benefit submission requirements.

The guidelines now require that bills with dates of service of Dec. 15, 2022, or after must be submitted to CalVCB within 90 days of each date of service. If bills are not submitted within 90 days of each date of service, reimbursement will be denied.

A complete TP and Additional Treatment Plan (ATP) must be submitted within 90 days of when the bill exhausting the claimant's session limit is submitted to CalVCB. If both documents are not submitted within the 90-day timeframe, bills for all dates of service that exceed the authorized session limit will be denied. Bills for dates of service provided after both documents are received may be considered for payment, subject to approval of the ATP.

Additional information and the full Guidelines can be found at <https://victims.ca.gov/for-service-providers/mental-health-service-providers/>.