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Health Plans, inc.

Memo

To: Behavioral Health Providers

From: El Paso First Health Plans, Inc.

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Update: Outpatient Mental Health Services to Change for Texas Medicaid

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, Texas Medicaid benefit criteria for outpatient mental health services will change for the following:

- Psychotherapy
- Reimbursement for psychology interns and fellows
- Psychological and neuropsychological testing
- Prior authorization form changes ***
- Unlisted psychiatric procedure code
- Procedure codes that are no longer a benefit

For more detailed information on these services, codes or diagnosis please visit www.tmhp.com click on Provider/Medicaid News Archives/ month of November 2016 Outpatient Mental Health Services to Change for Texas Medicaid. Or click on the following link [Outpatient Mental Health Services to Change for Texas Medicaid](#) from this fax blast uploaded on our website under providers/fax blast notifications.

*****NOTE: El Paso First will not make changes to the prior authorization process or form currently in place. El Paso First Behavioral Health services require prior authorization. (*Initial evaluation does not require prior authorization*).**

If you have any questions please contact Provider Relations at 1-915-532-3778 x1507.