

ProviderAlert

To: Select Health of South Carolina Licensed Independent Practitioners (LIPS) and Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services (RBHS)

From: Select Health Provider Network Management

Date: August 15, 2022

Subject: South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) School-based Mental Health Initiative

Summary: In accordance with the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) School-based Mental Health Initiative, effective July 1, 2022: Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services (RBHS) are allowed to be delivered in school settings by Select Health of South Carolina master's level behavioral health providers who are contracted by the school district. Providers are advised to review the recently updated SCDHHS [Local Education Agencies \(LEA\) Services Provider Manual](#), the [LEA School-based Services Alternative Fee Schedule](#) and [frequently asked questions \(FAQ\)](#) document located on the SCDHHS website, www.scdhhs.gov for full details.

➤ Eligible Provider Types:

- Licensed Independent Social Worker
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Licensed Professional Counselor
- Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist
- Licensed Master Social Worker (supervision required*)
- Mental Health Professional (supervision required - RBHS only*)
- Qualified Clinical Professional (supervision required - DMH only)

***IMPORTANT REMINDER:** SCDHHS supervision limitation of 6 individuals per supervisor still applies as outlined in the [SCDHHS Licensed Independent Practitioners \(LIPS\) Manual](#). Also, supervisors are only allowed to supervise like-licensure clinicians and cannot supervise an independently licensed clinician.

➤ Services Eligible in the School-based Setting:

- Diagnostic Assessment- Initial and Follow up (90791/H0031)
- Service Plan Development (H0032)
- Crisis Management (H2011 - post-event notification required via [Crisis Intervention form.](#))
- Individual Psychotherapy (90832/90834/90837 - 6/month, any combination)
- Family Psychotherapy (90846/90847)
- Group Psychotherapy (90853)

➤ Provider Enrollment:

- **Existing LIPS and RBHS providers**, School districts and, DMH providers will not need to complete a new application. However, submission of a fully-executed agreement with a SC School District to state_contracts@scdhhs.gov is required prior to rendering services.
- **Unenrolled RBHS providers** will need to complete the Healthy Connections Medicaid provider application, located on the SCDHHS website and a Select Health credentialing application.
 - A **Training Video for School-based Provider Enrollment** process is available on SCDHHS' website.
 - SCDHHS will begin enrolling new RBHS providers for the purpose of delivering RBHS to students in school-based settings on or after July 11, 2022.
 - In addition to all standard enrollment information, a **copy of the fully-executed school district agreement(s)** indicating the school(s) in which services will be provided must be submitted to: state_contracts@scdhhs.gov.

See the attached *Quick Guide for School-based Mental Health Services* for details on prior authorization requirements and claims submission.

Please direct any questions or concerns regarding the policy changes to the SCDHHS Office of Behavioral Health at: behavioralhealth004@scdhhs.gov.

To obtain the Select Health credentialing application packet or for questions related to Select Health guidelines, please contact Kathy McLaurin at kmclaurin@selecthealthofsc.com.

As always, we appreciate the valuable service you provide and your partnership in this initiative to improve access to quality mental health services for children in South Carolina's schools.