



Provider **Alert**

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CHILDREN’S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE: DECISION REGARDING CRISIS STABILIZATION SERVICE

The following information should be noted immediately to your chief executive officer, chief operating officer, program director, billing director, and staff.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the federal Medicaid agency, recently issued a final decision to MassHealth regarding the outstanding behavioral health service that was not yet approved under the Children’s Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI). CMS has *denied* approval for Crisis Stabilization for youth under 21. This service was the last of the seven CBHI services about which MassHealth awaited notification. Six of the seven services were previously approved by CMS for MassHealth-enrolled youth under age 21: Mobile Crisis Intervention, Intensive Care Coordination, Family Support and Training, In-Home Behavioral Services, Therapeutic Mentoring, and In-Home Therapy Services.

Please note: This *Provider Alert* does not alter the Community Crisis Stabilization services provided by the Emergency Services Program (ESP) providers.

If you have questions regarding this *Alert*, please contact our Community Relations Department at **1-800-495-0086 (press 1 for the English menu or 2 for the Spanish menu, then 3, then 1 to skip prompts)**, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.