



519. 22 MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

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BACKGROUND

Historically, West Virginia has covered mental health counseling and substance abuse treatment and partnered with other state and community agencies in the delivery of these services.

POLICY

West Virginia Medicaid covers various aspects of mental health counseling and substance abuse treatment services. Providers who wish to offer substance abuse treatment must meet specific criteria. Providers who choose to render medication-assisted treatment must be approved by West Virginia Medicaid.

Physicians that provide substance abuse services may have appropriate master's degreed licensed staff working under them to provide these services which include the following: Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW), Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Graduate Social Worker (LGSW), and Licensed Psychologist (LP).

For additional policy information on mental health counseling and substance abuse treatment, refer to: [Chapter 503, Licensed Behavioral Health Centers](#); [Chapter 504, Substance Use Disorder Services](#); [Chapter 521, Behavioral Health Outpatient Services](#); and [Chapter 522, Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinic Services](#); of the BMS Provider Manual.

519.22.1 NON-COVERED SERVICES

Non-covered services are not eligible for a West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS) Fair Hearing or a Desk/Document review.

GLOSSARY

Definitions in [Chapter 200, Definitions and Acronyms](#) apply to all West Virginia Medicaid services, including those covered by this chapter.

CHANGE LOG

REPLACE	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Entire Chapter	Mental Health Counseling and Substance Abuse Treatment	January 15, 2016
Entire Policy	Updated Provider Manual references to reflect current Chapters	February 1, 2018