

June 26, 2020

Dear SB 123 Stakeholders:

The SB 123 program would like to announce several programmatic changes that will become effective **July 1, 2020**. The changes are outlined below and accompanying forms, highlighted to show changes, have been attached to this email. All updated forms will be posted on our website as of the effective date. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we roll out new services and billing methods in order to improve the program and program provision for all parties. As always, please email us with any questions you might have.

- **Social Detox-** The wording for the description of this service has been adjusted to reflect the KDADS language used to describe it. This change can be found on the 2020 Approved Treatment Modalities and Cost Caps form. There is no change to the maximum service units or other requirements.
- **Outpatient Cost Cap Increase-** The payment amounts per unit have been increased for Outpatient Individual, Group, and Family. This increase has been backdated for the purpose of billing and has been processed from date of approval. Questions regarding current billing by provider for these services may be directed to Beacon Health Options.
- **Relapse Prevention-** The payment amount per unit for this modality has been increased and the maximum units per week has been changed to 2 sessions per week. The stipulation that this service may be billed concurrently with Peer Mentorship only has also been added to the 2020 Approved Treatment Modalities and Cost Caps form.
- **Peer Mentorship-** The Peer Mentorship modality will be available to bill as of the effective date above. The modality description and payment amount appear on the 2020 Approved Treatment Modalities and Cost Caps form. The modality has also been added to the 2020 Monthly Progress Form, SB 123 Summary Form, and Client Placement Agreement. Please note that all Peer Mentors must be approved through KDOC and must have their KDADS certification on file *prior to rendering services*; additionally, provider implementation plans must reflect the intent to bill for this service *prior to rendering services*.
- **Intensive Outpatient-** Intensive Outpatient services will now be billed with an hourly billing code. A maximum of 100 hours at \$40 per hour will be allowed per offender. We understand that there will be a transition period for billing, and we have prepared for this with Beacon Health Options. Please be patient during this transition and reach out to Beacon or KSSC with any questions.

- **Outpatient Group-** A minimum expectation has been added to the Outpatient Group modality. This will be used for auditing and examining compliance with treatment standards.
- **SB 123 Summary Form-** The Summary Form will now ask the preparer to check both the initial treatment modality and the anticipated treatment components for the continuum of care. One box in the first column must be checked and it is anticipated that one or more boxes will be checked in the second column. Please note that the expectation of the program is that offenders continue to receive treatment for the duration of their probation term in order to maximum offender success.
- **Reporting-** Should any egregious transgressions of policy or licensing requirements occur, please be aware that we are obligated to report to other licensing or monitoring agencies as the situation demands.
- **Telehealth-** Telehealth codes will remain billable at this time. We continue to monitor the current climate regarding COVID-19 accommodations and will release announcements should anything change from the current requirements.

Thank you for your continued work in providing treatment and supervision to those offenders in the SB 123 program. Your work, especially in this time of uncertainty, has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. Please reach out with any questions via email to the SB 123 Program Director, SB 123 Auditor, or the SB 123 payments email addresses.

Best Regards,

The SB 123 Team