



Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Notice

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Announcement

FQHC, RHC, and UIO Providers

Medicare to Cover Approved LPC and LMFT Services

With the passage of the Mental Health Access Improvement Act, Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFTs) will be allowed to enroll as Medicare providers and bill Medicare Part B.

What Will Change

Claims with an LPC or an LMFT as the rendering health professional will now need to bill Medicare first and include the Medicare payment information and/or the Medicare EOB when billing Montana Healthcare Programs.

What Will Not Change

Claims with a Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC) or a Clinical Pharmacist as the rendering health professional do not need to bill Medicare first as services are not covered by Medicare. Services will continue to be covered by Montana Healthcare Programs for enrolled providers.

Contact and Website Information

For questions, please contact:

- FQHC/RHC Program Officer, (406) 444-7018
- UIO Program Officer, (406) 444-1292

For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email [Montana Provider Relations Helpdesk](#).

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