



ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY STATEMENT GEORGIA MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

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| Pass-through Billing | | AD-0873 | 01/01/2021 |
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According to the rules of Mental Health Parity Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA), coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of a behavioral health disorder will not be subject to any limitations that are less favorable than the limitations that apply to medical conditions as covered under this policy.

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A. Subject
Pass-through Billing

B. Background

C. Definitions

- **Pass-through billing** – Pass-through billing occurs when the ordering physician, professional provider, facility or ancillary provider requests and bills for a service, but the service is not performed by the ordering physician, professional provider, facility or ancillary provider. You may only bill for services that you or your staff perform.

D. Policy

- I. CareSource does not permit pass-through billing.
 - A. CareSource will only reimburse providers for services performed by the provider or by the staff that are under the direct supervision of the provider who bills for the services.
 - B. Providers must bill CareSource only for those services which they or their direct employees perform. Providers will not bill, charge, seek payment for or submit any claims to CareSource, nor will they have any recourse against CareSource or any of its members for amounts related to the provision of pass-through billing.

E. Conditions of Coverage

F. Related Policies/Rules

G. Review/Revision History

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H. References

The Administrative Policy Statement detailed above has received due consideration as defined in the Administrative Policy Statement Policy and is approved.