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NON BILLIBLE MENTAL HEALTH REHABILITATION SERVICES:

Under District and federal law, certain services cannot be reimbursed as Mental Health Rehabilitation Services; therefore, if provided they cannot be billed. Upon audit if any of these services have been deemed as billed, the claim will be disallowed; if paid, the provider will have to reimburse DMH and/or DHCF for the paid claim. Please refer to 22 DCMR Chapter A34 Section 3425.1

Services not reimbursed as MHRS:

1. Room and board residential costs
2. Inpatient services
3. Transportation services
4. Vocational services
5. School and educational services
6. Services rendered by parents or other family members
7. Socialization services- However the State Plan Amendment does allow for the following services:
 - a) Individual and mental health service and support intervention for the development of interpersonal and community coping skills, including adapting to home, school and work environments; and
 - b) assistance to the consumer in increasing social support skills and networks that ameliorate life stresses resulting from the consumer's mental illness or emotional disturbance and are necessary to enable and maintain the consumer's independent living
8. Screening and prevention services (other than EPSDT)
9. Services not medically necessary as recommended in treatment plan
10. Services not provided and documented in accordance with DMH-established standards
11. Services provided to persons other than the consumer when the services are not directed exclusively to the well-being and benefit of the consumer.

Examples of these types of services that cannot be reimbursed as MHRS include (but are not limited to):

1. Travel time- staff traveling to and from seeing consumers.
2. Transporting of consumers
3. Telephone calls other than Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) & Community Based Intervention (CBI)
4. Treatment planning documentation. This does not exclude the actual development of the treatment plan with the consumer and the team. This refers specifically to typing up the treatment plan or writing up the plan without the consumer or the team.
5. Tutoring
6. Waiting with consumers at medical appointments, Social Security Administration, etc.
7. Looking for consumers and no face-face contact made with anyone
8. Classroom observation
9. Escorting/chaperoning
10. Recreation activity observation
11. Assisting with homework
12. Vocational activities, including assisting with resumes, job applications, job searching
13. Teaching/counseling outside the rendering provider's scope of training or practice
14. Activities of Daily Living (ADL) services that are maintenance
15. Services covered in an Individual Educational Plan (IEP)

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