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Magellan of Louisiana  
**Provider Update**

## **Rate Increases: Licensed Mental Health Professionals/Outpatient Services & Short-term Respite**

The purpose of this communication is to inform you of Magellan of Louisiana's rate increases for Licensed Mental Health Professionals/Outpatient Services and Short-term Respite.

In order for children who are in, or at imminent risk of, out of home placement to successfully live at home, stay in school and reduce involvement in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems it is imperative to provide access to short-term respite services throughout Louisiana. Recruiting and maintaining providers for short-term respite, especially in rural areas, has been challenging due to low reimbursement and high startup costs. In order to increase access, and offset provider costs, Magellan is increasing the current rate of \$3.90 per 15 minutes to \$6.50 per 15 minutes effective July 1, 2019.

We also evaluated current trends in access and delivery of outpatient services provided by licensed mental health professionals. To that end we are increasing reimbursement for all outpatient services by 25% for all licensed mental health professionals effective July 1, 2019.

If you are currently contracted for short-term respite and/or outpatient services, you should have received your contract amendment and new fee schedules.

If you have not received or are not contracted for the services and wish to please contact your [Network Management Specialist](#).

Thank you for all you do in supporting the members of CSOC.

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