

Provider Notice

Subject: Magellan Healthcare is seeking providers interested in providing Short-term Respite Care

Short-term Respite (STR) providers are needed in the following Coordinated System of Care (CSoC) Regions: CSOC Regions One (Orleans), Three (Covington), Four (Thibodaux), Five (Lafayette), Six (Lake Charles), Seven (Alexandria), and Eight (Shreveport). Magellan offers a reimbursement rate of \$7.75 per 15 minutes for Short-term Respite services. This rate is noted as double the current Medicaid rate of \$3.90 per 15 minutes.

Brief Overview of Short-Term Respite

Short-term respite care provides temporary direct care and supervision for the child/youth in the child's home or a community setting that is not facility-based. The primary purpose is relief to families/caregivers of a child with a Severely Emotional Disorder (SED) or relief of the child. The service is designed to help meet the needs of the primary caregiver, as well as the identified child. Respite services help to de-escalate stressful situations and provide a therapeutic outlet for the child. Normal activities of daily living such as support in the home, after school or at night, transportation to and from school/medical appointments or other community-based activities and/or any combination of the above are included in the content of the service.

The provider agency must have or obtain a Home and Community Based License. If you are not licensed as a Home and Community Based provider, you will be required to go through the Facility Needs Review Process. Magellan will assist in the process of defining the need. Additional information about the service and licensing requirements can be found here [bhs.pdf \(lamedicaid.com\)](#).

Please see the [CSoC Regional Map](#) for reference.

For information on requirements please view the [Medicaid Behavioral Health Services Provider Manual](#).

Please reach out to your [Network Management Specialist](#) (NMS) with any questions or concerns. Your NMS is available for support.

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

Magellan of Louisiana