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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES MANUAL TRANSMITTAL NO. 11-1

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SUBJECT: **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES MANUAL**, Chapter III, **Provider-Specific Policies**, page 1, revised.

Summary

This transmittal adds licensed mental health counselors and certified alcohol or drug counselors as eligible to participate in behavioral health services, based on 2011 Iowa Acts, Senate File 233.

Date Effective

August 1, 2011

Material Superseded

This material replaces the following page in the **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES MANUAL**:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Chapter III 1	December 1, 2008

Additional Information

The updated provider manual containing the revised pages can be found at:
www.ime.state.ia.us/providers

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CHAPTER III. COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS

A. CLINICIANS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE

The following clinicians are eligible to enroll and provide assessment and treatment planning:

- ◆ Those licensed by the Iowa Board of Social Work pursuant to [645 IAC Chapter 280](#) as independent social workers.
- ◆ Those licensed by the Iowa Board of Social Work pursuant to 645 IAC Chapter 280 as master social workers who:
 - Hold a master's or doctoral degree as approved by the Board of Social Work; and
 - Provide treatment under the supervision of an independent social worker licensed pursuant to 645 IAC 280.
- ◆ Those licensed by the Iowa Board of Behavioral Science pursuant to [645 IAC Chapter 31](#) as marital or family therapists or mental health counselors.
- ◆ Those certified as alcohol and drug counselors by the Iowa Board of Certification.

Except for alcohol and drug counselors, clinicians in other states are eligible to participate when they are duly licensed to practice in that state.

B. COVERED SERVICES

Payment will be approved for services as authorized by state law and within the scope of practice of the clinician's license. Services can be provided if:

- ◆ The member's diagnosis is not covered by the Iowa Plan, or
- ◆ The member is not an Iowa Plan enrollee.

Payment will be approved for services provided by the clinician in the clinician's office, a nursing home, the member's home, or a residential facility.

Payment shall be made only for time spent in face-to-face services with the client. No payment shall be made for services not rendered personally by the clinician.