CBH reminds providers that Intensive Outpatient (IOP) drug and alcohol treatment is limited in the number of hours of service provided per week. Per the *Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs Pennsylvania’s Client Placement Criteria for Adults, Third Edition, 2014*, IOP is defined as:

**D.3.1 Description of Service Level:**
Intensive Outpatient treatment is an organized, non-residential treatment service in which the individual resides outside the facility. It provides structured psychotherapy and stability through increased periods of staff intervention. These services are provided according to a planned regimen consisting of regularly scheduled treatment sessions at least 3 days per week for at least 5 hours (but less than 10).


CBH is implementing a business rule into the claims edit system that will prevent providers from receiving payment for services in excess of 9.75 hours (39 units) per week. CBH defines a week as Monday through Sunday. Claims received exceeding this amount will only pay up to this limit. Providers will receive the rejection code **119: Benefit maximum for this time period or occurrence has been reached**.

This business rule will go into effect for dates of service beginning **Monday, March 14, 2016**.