

Provider Bulletin # 16-02
**The Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and
Intellectual disAbility Services (DBHIDS)**
Community Behavioral Health
Business Rule Addition - Intensive Outpatient (IOP)
Limit of 9.75 Hours Per Week
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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).

[http://www.ddap.pa.gov/Manuals/PA%20Client%20Placement%20Criteria%20\(PCP%20Edition%203%20Manual.pdf](http://www.ddap.pa.gov/Manuals/PA%20Client%20Placement%20Criteria%20(PCP%20Edition%203%20Manual.pdf)

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**.