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Subject: Facility-Based Crisis Service for Children and Adolescents

Effective January 1, 2016 Facility-Based Crisis Service for Children and Adolescents will be posted for statewide implementation.

Facility-Based Crisis Service for children and adolescents ages 6 years of age through 17 provides an alternative to hospitalization for an eligible individual who presents with escalated behavior due to a mental health, intellectual or development disability or substance use disorder and requires treatment in a 24-hour residential facility. Facility-Based Crisis Service is a direct and indirect, intensive short-term, medically supervised service provided in a physically secure setting, that is available 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week, 365 days a year.

This service must be provided in a facility licensed by the Division of Health Services Regulation, under the provisions in NCGS 122c: Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Act, by meeting all standards required for licensure as a mental health facility and Facility-Based Crisis service as provided for in 10A NCAC 27G .5000. A Facility-Based Crisis Service provider shall meet the criteria for and be designated as a facility for the custody and treatment of involuntary clients under 10A NCAC Subchapter 26C Section .0100.

The billing code is S9484-HA. Units are billed in one-hour increments. A provider may bill up to 24 units per day.

DMA's clinical coverage policy, applicable for services provided to Medicaid and North Carolina Health Choice beneficiaries, can be found at: <http://dma.ncdhhs.gov/document/behavioral-health-clinical-coverage-policies>. The definition for individuals receiving state funded services can be found at: <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/providers/provider-info/mental-health/service-definitions>

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