

Behavioral Health Voucher Program for Child Care Providers | TREATMENT SERVICES

Rates are based on the currently approved rate structure for Mental Health services as issued by the Division of Behavioral Health, Department of Social Services, with additional funds included to reflect the data collection requirements. Clients receiving treatment cost assistance through the voucher program must be employed by a state licensed and/or registered child care provider. Initial appointment/assessment and data collection add-on rates are bundled payments to include time spent completing required data collection. Follow-up appointments follow a 15-minute unit model for behavioral health services. See below for guidance about rounding of units.

Service Rates & Definitions Individual Services Only ¹ Face to Face or via Telemedicine ²		Mental Health Services Mental Health Provider Rate	Mental Health Services Advanced Practitioner Rate
	Provider Types	LPC-MH (or working towards) CSW-PIP (and candidates) Certified Nurse Specialist (CNS) LMFT Licensed Psychologist	Licensed Psychiatrist Certified Nurse Practitioners Physician Assistants
Initial Appointment & Assessment	 Rate includes: Documenting the service in the provider's records Coordination of any needed recovery support services Facilitation of the required intake data collection tool with the client, and entry of the data into the state's data system 	\$250 session rate	\$350 session rate
Follow-Up Appointments	 Rate includes: Documenting the service in the provider's records Coordination of any needed recovery support services 	\$33.75/15-minute unit*	\$61.50/15-minute unit*
Data Collection Add-On Rates	 Rate includes: Reimbursement of staff time to collect and enter the data into the state's data system; payment is contingent upon receipt of data associated with completed interviews. 	\$130 per completed discharge interview The federal funding requires providers serving clients to facilitate the follow-up questions at discharge. Clients are able to refuse to participate in the data collection. Payment will only be rendered for completed interviews.	

¹ If a client is recommended for group services, the client should be referred to a contracted agency with funding assistance available. Refer to the Behavioral Health Services County Map at https://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/agencycounty.aspx? for a county-based directory of agencies with funding assistance available.

² Note that Audio Only is to be used as a means of last resort, not for the convenience of the provider or recipient.

*Follow-up appointments for behavioral health services are billable in 15-minute units. The behavioral health follow-up appointment must be a minimum of 15 minutes in length. Additional time may be rounded as follows:

Number of	Time
Units	(in minutes)
1	15-22
2	23-37
3	38-52
4	53-67