



MASSACHUSETTS

# CHILD PSYCHIATRY INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR 2024

## Broadening access to critically needed child psychiatric care



### ABOUT THE CHILD PSYCHIATRY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Our program is designed to expand the number of child psychiatrists available to our members who need mental health care. We will reimburse child psychiatrists who participate at a rate 50% higher than the standard fee schedule if they achieve the program requirements described in this fact sheet.

### PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Child psychiatrists must:

- Be board-certified or board-eligible in child psychiatry.
- Be credentialed and contracted with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.
- Maintain an open patient panel.

### REMINDERS

We strongly encourage program participants to:

- Complete the Annual Mental Health Survey, administered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.
- Verify the accuracy of their directory information every 90 days through the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) ProView attestation. Please make sure CAQH has the correct email on file.

### ACCESS AND QUALITY MEASURES

Throughout the performance period, participants must:

- Accept Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts requests for member visit referrals.

- Indicate a Mental Health Clinical Outcome metric tool of their choice to use in the practice. Participants will be asked to use the tool and report back on how the tool is integrated into the practice model. The metric and goals will be defined by the participant.
- Demonstrate compliance with these elements by completing the end-of-measurement-period Child Psychiatry Incentive Program survey.

### REIMBURSEMENT

- Program participants will receive an additional 50% of the fee schedule for the services provided to our members. This additional reimbursement will start on the contract effective date and continue through the initial performance period.
- At the end of the performance period, we'll review participants results to ensure they have met all of the eligibility requirements and access and quality measures. If participants have met all of the requirements, they will continue their enhanced reimbursement.

### ANNUAL PROGRAM UPDATE

By November 1, 2024, we will review the program and make updates for the 2025 program year. We will publish any updates to Provider Central and notify all current program participants.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you are interested in participating in this program or would like more information, please email [lyssa.opdyke@bcbsma.com](mailto:lyssa.opdyke@bcbsma.com) or [megan.miller@bcbsma.com](mailto:megan.miller@bcbsma.com).

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