


GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



Office of the Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director

Transmittal 25-02

TO: All District Rehabilitation Day Services and Assertive Community Treatment Providers

FROM: Melisa Byrd 
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DATE: **January 31, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Same-Day Billing for Rehabilitation Day Services and Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)**

Purpose

The purpose of this transmittal is to clarify for providers that they may claim Medicaid reimbursement for both services provided to a beneficiary, when it is authorized by the Department of Health Care Finance's (DHCF) designee, currently the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH).

Details

To better address the behavioral health needs of the District's Medicaid beneficiaries and ensure a smooth transition between behavioral health levels of treatment intensity, DHCF will allow beneficiaries to receive Rehabilitation Day Services and Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) on the same day. Rehabilitation Day Services are intended to develop skills and foster social role integration through a range of social, psychoeducational, behavioral, and cognitive mental health interventions. Assertive Community Treatment is an intensive integrated rehabilitative, crisis, treatment, and mental health community support provided by an interdisciplinary team to individuals with serious and persistent mental illness.

Allowing provision of Rehabilitation Day Services when a beneficiary is enrolled in ACT would ensure that each beneficiary can access both services when they are medically necessary and recommended by a qualified practitioner. This policy clarification is consistent with 29 DCMR §§ 5207.3 and 5210.3(a) which allow these services to be reimbursed on the same day, when authorized. This clarification is effective February 1, 2025, and does not change the reimbursement rate or procedure code associated with either service.

Medical necessity criteria and documentation requirements to obtain Prior Authorization will be managed by DBH in accordance with established regulations.

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