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~~Refer to Hospital Inpatient, Section 25.18, in this manual. Section 25.18 applies to both inpatient and outpatient.~~

Mental Health services are covered when (1) provided in an outpatient department of a general hospital, and (2) prior authorized through the Utilization Management and Quality Improvement Organization (UM/QIO). Failure to obtain prior authorization will result in denial of payment. Outpatient mental health services are not covered in acute freestanding psychiatric facilities.

Outpatient hospital mental health services will be reimbursed using the same methodology as other outpatient hospital services. Refer to Provider Policy Manual Section 26.23 for Outpatient Rates policy.