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**From:** DmhDBN <dmelton@odmhsas.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2016 9:20 PM  
**To:** Melton, David  
**Subject:** PICIS Update: PICIS changes for 6/1/2016 for independent contractors

Dear provider, pursuant to emergency rules signed by the Governor found at 317:30-5-281, effective June 1, 2016, limits on psychotherapy provided by independent licensed behavioral health professionals (LBHPs) have changed. Psychotherapy is now limited to four (4) units/session per client per month. This does not include psychologists.

To accommodate these changes, the PG030 and PG040 have changed. The PG030 will authorize 4 units per month for 6 months. The PG040 will still authorize 8 units per month for 6 months.

Independent LBHPs will now request just the PG030 for admissions and extensions. Previously, independent LBHPs would request the PG030 at admission and the PG040 on extensions. Psychologists will request the PG040 for admissions and extensions. This only involves the treatment authorizations so the testing authorizations are not affected.

Also, any existing PAs for independent LBHPs with lines that start on/after 6/1/2016 will have their unit restrictions changed to 4 units instead of 8.

We know that this is last minute and did not give your vendor time to change their system accordingly. The system will recode incoming PAs for independent LBHPs and psychologists coming from vendors to give them time to make the change. So if you are an independent LBHP and your vendor submits a PG040, we will change the request to a PG030 instead of just sending back an error. The opposite will happen for psychologists.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
David Melton