

## **Provider Alert**

## Colorado Annual Mental Health Wellness Exam Coverage

## 11/01/2022

**Colorado Mandate (CO21\_18097874)** – Requires for eligible members beginning January 1, 2023 coverage for 1 Annual Mental Health Wellness Exam / Preventive Service per year for <u>CO Sitused</u>, <u>Commercial Fully Insured and ASO-Non ERISA</u> plans with no cost to the member.

## Because you may not know if members are eligible, please continue to verify member eligibility and benefits to validate this coverage and benefit.

Submit this service with the following codes/modifiers:

• CPT codes 90791+33 modifier and 90792+33 modifier

One annual Mental Health Wellness Exam/Preventive Service for eligible members shall be covered and no authorization is required.

Additional Important Information:

- The coverage required must include an annual Mental Health Wellness Examination of up to sixty minutes that is performed by a qualified mental health care provider.
- Mental Health Wellness Examination means an examination that seeks to identify any behavioral or mental health needs and appropriate resources for treatment. This may include:
  - observation; a behavioral health screening; education and consultation on healthy lifestyle changes; referrals to ongoing treatment, mental health services, and other necessary supports; and discussion of potential options for medication
  - age-appropriate screenings or observations to understand a covered person's mental health history, personal history, and mental or cognitive state and, when appropriate, relevant adult input through screenings, interviews, and questions.