

Interns and Provisionally Licensed Professionals

Overview

- Lucet Providers may be reimbursed for behavioral health services rendered by Interns and Provisionally Licensed Professionals in accordance with the applicable responsibilities and requirements outlined below, health plan guidelines, applicable state law, and any applicable benefit plan coverage and/or exclusions.
- Lucet does not credential or contract directly with Interns and Provisionally Licensed Professionals.
- Supervisors must be credentialed by Lucet.
- Interns and Provisionally Licensed Professionals are not displayed in the provider directory.
- Licensing and supervision requirements are governed by applicable state law.

Interns and Provisionally Licensed Professionals Responsibilities

- Maintain professional state licensure or registration, as applicable, in good standing for the duration of the supervisory arrangement.
- Provide services in accordance with applicable state licensing board rules.
- Engage in clinical supervision with a Supervisor.
- Inform Members of the supervisory relationship, provide contact information for the Supervisor, and obtain consent to receive services from an Intern or Provisionally Licensed Professional, as applicable, before rendering services.
- Consult the Supervisor if a member's needs exceed the competence of the Interns and Provisionally Licensed Professional.
- Inform the Supervisor immediately of any change to the Intern's or Provisionally Licensed Professional's licensure and/or certification status.
- Remain under supervision with a Supervisor while practicing as an Intern or Provisionally Licensed Professional.
- Only use the term associated with your actual credential and refrain from making misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations as to licensure or registration.

Supervisors' Responsibilities

- Maintain Applicable Supervisor licensure status as mandated by applicable state law.
- Work for the same organization as the clinicians you are supervising.
- Provide clinical supervision in accordance with applicable state law.

- Through the course of Supervision and treatment the Supervisor continually assesses the Member needs and ensures a match with the Interns and Provisionally Licensed Professionals skills.
- Verify Members are informed of the supervisory relationship and consent to receive services from Interns and Provisionally Licensed Professionals, in accordance with applicable state law.
- Ensure availability at all times when Interns and Provisionally Licensed Professionals are providing services.
- Meet continuity of care requirements per Lucet provider manual to coordinate prompt transition of Member services to another in-network clinician in the event of disruption to the Intern's or Provisionally Licensed Professional's licensure status and/or the supervisory relationship.
- Supervisors must not accept payment from Interns and Provisionally Licensed Professionals in exchange for supervision.
- Supervisors and/or their employer must verify the Interns' and Provisionally Licensed Professionals' credentials, background, and suitability to provide services within the scope of their competence and applicable professional licensure and/or certification.

Providers and Facilities who participate in federally funded health care programs are required to search the Office of Inspector General (OIG), List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (LEIE) at least monthly to identify workforce members who are excluded from receiving payment or providing services for federally funded health care programs.

Supervised Interns Billing and Coding

Services provided by supervised interns must be billed under the Supervisor's NPI, in accordance with all other standard billing requirements. The following HCPCS modifiers shall be used as applicable:

- GC Service has been performed in part by a resident under the direction of a teaching physician
- HO The rendering clinician or registered intern has the highest educational attainment of a master's degree.
- HP The rendering clinician has the highest educational attainment of a doctoral degree.