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From: Chuck Benjamin, Executive Director

Subject: Revised/new policy/document

To adequately capture data for stabilization services we are asking providers to use the following code when entering Stabilization Services into the Consumer Information System (CIS).

Code **S9485** a Per Diem is used when more than 24 hours of service is provided.

The Stabilization Service codes should be used when the situation meets the following definition:

Services provider to Medicaid Enrolled individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis. These services are to be provided in a person's own home, or another home-like setting, or a setting which provides safety for the individual and the mental health professional. Stabilization services shall include short-term (less than two weeks per episode) face-to-face assistance with life skills training and understanding of medication effects. This service includes:

- a. *Follow-up to crisis services; and*
- b. *Other individuals determined by a mental health professional to need additional stabilization services.*

Stabilization services may be provided prior to an intake evaluation for mental health services.

Stabilization services less than 24 hours are coded to a Crisis Service code – H2011.

Please begin submitting data into the CIS capturing stabilization services, as defined above, by using both codes within 90 days.

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