

# **UPDATE NOTICE:** Clarify AHCCCS Billing and Coding Update – Effective 12/1/2023 Impacting Behavioral Health Services

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Dear providers,

On January 8, 2024 BCBSAZ Health Choice sent a reminder regarding the billing requirements for H0018 which included directive to report box/field 18 (admission date). With confirmation from the AHCCCS Administration we are providing clarity that box/field 18 is not required to report (admission date) with H0018.

Claims for H0018 that were denied due to box/field 18 as ‘missing or invalid’ are being adjusted. Providers will refer to the remittance advice for claims reconciliation.

As a reminder to our network of the billing requirement as outlined within the AHCCCS Administration communication December 2023 Claims Clues:

Effective for dates of services beginning December 01, 2023 and after, Behavioral Health Residential Facility (BHRF-provider type B8), providers must submit claims with Place of Service (POS) code 56 “Psychiatric Residential Treatment”. This change will impact claims billed with HCPCS code H0018 only.

Please make sure your billing staff are aware of this change.

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