



**FROM:   Maureen M. Corcoran, Director**

**TO:        Ohio Department of Medicaid Clearance Reviewers**

**SUBJECT: Revised Mobile Response and Stabilization Service Rule**

Rule 5160-27-13 “Mobile response and stabilization service,” is being amended to implement a new coverage policy and reimbursement methodology for the service. The rule will be proposed for adoption as rescind/new as more than fifty percent of the current rule is being amended.

Questions pertaining to this clearance should be sent to [Rules@Medicaid.Ohio.gov](mailto:Rules@Medicaid.Ohio.gov).

To receive notification when ODM posts draft rules for public comment please register via the Common Sense Initiative eNotifications Sign-up: [eNotifications Sign Up | Governor Mike DeWine \(ohio.gov\)](#). The Ohio Department of Medicaid will use this list to notify subscribers when draft rules are posted for public comment.

To receive notification when ODM original, revise, refile, or final files a rule package please register for Joint Committee on Agency Rules Review’s (JCARR) RuleWatch at [www.rulewatchohio.gov](http://www.rulewatchohio.gov) where an account can be created to be notified of rule actions by the rule number or department.

The main Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) web page includes links to valuable information about its services, programs and rules; the address is <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov>.

**\*\*\*DRAFT - NOT FOR FILING\*\*\***  
**TO BE RESCINDED**

**5160-27-13      Mobile response and stabilization service.**

(A) For the purposes of this rule, mobile response and stabilization service (MRSS), is the service as set forth by the Ohio department of mental health and addiction services (OhioMHAS) in rule 5122-29-14 of the Administrative Code.

(B) Eligible providers.

- (1) Providers certified by OhioMHAS in accordance with rule 5122-29-14 of the Administrative Code are eligible for MRSS reimbursement.
- (2) Services rendered by MRSS team staff described in rule 5122-29-14 of the Administrative Code that are eligible providers of behavioral health services in accordance with rule 5160-27-01 of the Administrative Code are reimbursable.

(C) Coverage.

- (1) The following MRSS activities are reimbursable:
  - (a) Mobile response activities as described in rule 5122-29-14 of the Administrative Code.
  - (b) Stabilization services as described in rule 5122-29-14 of the Administrative Code.
- (2) Prior authorization is not needed for mobile response activities.
- (3) Prior authorization is needed for stabilization services rendered more than six weeks from the completion of mobile response.
- (4) For individuals enrolled in either a medicaid managed care organization (MCO) or the OhioRISE plan, it is the responsibility of the provider to notify the individual's MCO or the OhioRISE plan within three business days of initiation, termination, and transition from stabilization services. For individuals enrolled in both a medicaid managed care organization (MCO) and the OhioRISE plan, it is the responsibility of the provider to notify the OhioRISE plan within three business days of initiation, termination, and transition from stabilization services.

(D) Limitations.

- (1) The following activities are not billable as MRSS:
  - (a) Childcare services or services provided as a substitute for the parent or other individuals responsible for providing care and supervision.
  - (b) Respite care.
  - (c) Transportation activities that do not include the provision of a mobile response activity or stabilization service.
  - (d) MRSS screening and triage activities described in rule 5122-29-14 of the Administrative Code.
  - (e) Activities not described in paragraph (C) of this rule.
- (2) Reimbursement will not be made for stabilization services described in paragraph (C)(1) of this rule when an individual is:

**\*\*\*DRAFT - NOT FOR FILING\*\*\***  
**TO BE RESCINDED**

- (a) Enrolled in intensive home-based treatment as described in rule 5122-29-28 of the Administrative Code.
  - (b) Receiving substance use disorder residential treatment services as described in rule 5160-27-09 of the Administrative Code, except for MRSS necessary to support admission to the facility.
  - (c) Enrolled in assertive community treatment as described in rule 5160-27-04 of the Administrative Code.
  - (d) Receiving inpatient hospital psychiatric services as described in Chapter 5160-2 of the Administrative Code, except for MRSS necessary to support admission to the hospital.
  - (e) Receiving psychiatric residential treatment facility services as described in 42 C.F.R. 441.150 (October 1, 2021) through 42 C.F.R. 441.184 (October 1, 2021) except for MRSS necessary to support admission to the facility.
- (E) Reimbursement. The medicaid reimbursement rate for MRSS is stated in the appendix to rule 5160-27-03 of the Administrative Code.

**\*\*\*DRAFT - NOT FOR FILING\*\*\***

**5160-27-13      Mobile response and stabilization service.**

(A) For the purposes of this rule, mobile response and stabilization service (MRSS), is the service as set forth by the Ohio department of mental health and addiction services (OhioMHAS) in rule 5122-29-14 of the Administrative Code.

(B) Eligible providers.

(1) Providers eligible to provide MRSS in accordance with rule 5122-29-14 of the Administrative Code and designated by OhioMHAS as regional MRSS providers are eligible for MRSS reimbursement.

(2) Eligible rendering providers are MRSS team staff described in rule 5122-29-14 of the Administrative Code that are eligible providers of behavioral health services in accordance with rule 5160-27-01 of the Administrative Code and employed by or under contract with an eligible provider described in paragraph (B)(1) of this rule or with an organization providing MRSS under a contract or agreement with an eligible provider described in paragraph (B)(1) of this rule.

(C) Coverage. The following services and activities provided in accordance with rule 5122-29-14 of the Administrative Code to individuals twenty years of age or younger are covered services:

(1) Mobile response activities as described in rule 5122-29-14 of the Administrative Code.

(2) Stabilization services as described in rule 5122-29-14 of the Administrative Code.

(D) Limitations. The following are not covered as MRSS:

(1) Childcare services or services provided as a substitute for the parent or other individuals responsible for providing care and supervision.

(2) Respite care.

(3) Transportation activities that do not include the provision of a mobile response activity or stabilization service.

(4) A service that is covered as part of another medicaid reimbursable service, including but not limited to:

(a) Intensive home-based treatment as described in rule 5122-29-28 of the Administrative Code.

(b) Substance use disorder residential treatment services as described in rule 51602-27-09 of the Administrative Code, except for MRSS necessary to support admission to the facility.

(c) Assertive community treatment as described in rule 5160-27-04 of the Administrative Code.

(d) Inpatient or outpatient hospital services as described in Chapter 5160-2 of the Administrative Code, except for MRSS necessary to support admission to the hospital.

(e) Psychiatric residential treatment facility services as described in rule 5160-59-03.6 of the Administrative Code, except for MRSS necessary to support admission to the facility.

(E) Reimbursement. The medicaid reimbursement rate for MRSS is stated in the appendix to rule 5160-27-03 of the Administrative Code.