

Effective January 1, 2016: Master's Level Reduction Update

Background

Effective January 1, 2016 UCare will align payments with rates published by the Department of Human Services (DHS) for master's level prepared mental health providers who render services to Minnesota Health Care Program (MHCP) enrollees. Please note, UCare will continue to apply a 10% reduction to all MHCP services provided by Nurse Practitioners.

Which provider types are impacted?

The provider types that may receive master's level reductions when billing UCare for mental health services provided to MHCP enrollees include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)
- Licensed Independent Social Workers (LICSW)
- Marriage and Family Therapists, licensed (LMFT)
- Nurse Practitioners (see note above)
- Professional Clinical Counselors, licensed (LPCC)
- Psychological Counselors (LPC)

Master's level reductions are not applied to providers delivering services in a Community Mental Health Center. Information regarding MHCP requirements can be found [here](#).

Additional Resources:

[DHS – Mental Health Codes, Maximum FFS Rates & Eligible Providers document](#)
[MHCP Fee Schedule website](#)

Questions?

If you have further questions, please call UCare's Provider Assistance Center at 612-676-3300 or 1-888-531-1493 toll free.