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Happy Social Work Month to All Mental Health Clinicians!

Greetings Colleagues-

It's been a few months since my last Newsletter and wow, a lot has transpired since then. Omicron came in like wildfire and is now (thankfully) slowly receding, the No Surprises Act took effect and Good Faith Estimates (GFE's) have turned us all on our heads, the DSM 5-TR is being released this month and new Place of Services Codes have been introduced.

What's new @ Leslie S. Tsukroff, Inc.?

Support Groups. There's been a lot going on @ *Business Management Consulting for Mental Health Practitioners*. Since the onset of the pandemic, consultations for solo and group practitioners has tripled! I've been busy brainstorming ways to meet this increase and am working on forming on-going support groups for clinicians at various stages of developing practices. Reach out if you are interested in learning more @ LsTsukroff@aol.com

Need CEUs? Spring workshop dates released

Thursday, April 14, 2022

6:00-8:00 PM EST, ZOOM

"Audit Proof Progress Notes: An In-Depth Look at Documentation and Record-Keeping."

2 Clinical CEUs available to Social Workers in all states except for NY and WV.

Back by popular demand. You've asked, and I've listened. I rarely offer the same workshop 2 years in a row, but this one was so popular, I had to turn people away when I conducted it in April 2021. Reserve your seat now, space is limited. <https://www.leslietsukroff.com/audit-proof-progress-notes>

Saturday, June 11, 2022

9:00 AM-3:00 PM EST, ZOOM



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“Warning: Boundary Crossing Ahead.”

5 ethics CEUs available to Social Workers in all states except for NY and WV.

Past attendees rave about the thought-provoking case examples that illuminate the intricacies of the therapeutic relationship and potential pitfalls that can (and do) arise when clinician’s engage in dual relationships and boundary crossings. Due to the interactive nature of this workshop, registration is limited. <https://www.leslietsukroff.com/warning-boundary-crossing-ahead>

Sunday, July 17, 2022

9:00 AM-3:00 PM EST, ZOOM

“Everything You Need to Know: Documentation in Private Practice.”

5 ethics CEUs available to Social Workers in all states except for NY and WV.

A must for all New Jersey private practitioners. This workshop provides a broad overview of legally required case record documents, with a focus on obtaining informed consent and maintaining privacy and confidentiality. Due to the educationally-rich nature of this workshop, registration is limited. <https://www.leslietsukroff.com/everything-you-need-to-know-documentation-in-private-practice>

2022 New Place of Service Code (POS) for Telehealth Services

What are POS Codes?

POS codes are the 2-digit codes that specify the setting in which services are provided. Before COVID, most private practitioners only used one POS code (11) which indicates that the client received psychotherapy services in-person in the clinician’s office.

Why make changes?

Provisions in the 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act made it necessary for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to create a new place-of-service code (10) and revise another POS code (02). These two codes will fine-tune the reporting of telehealth services, as they will distinguish between virtual services provided while the patient is at home and when the patient is elsewhere.

What are the new codes and what do they mean?

POS 10- Telehealth services that are provided when the client is located in their home. This code is NOT used when the client is residing in a hospital or facility.

POS 02 –Telehealth Services that are provided when the client is located in an environment that it not their home. (Ex. work, parking lot of Target, friend’s house)

When does this go into effect?

Implementation dates appear to vary on when 3rd party payers will begin using this new code “10”. It is strongly advised that before submitting claims with code “10”, you seek out written correspondence regarding each insurance company’s polices and implementation dates.



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At this point, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services plan to start using the new code "10" on April 1, 2022. Medicare providers are advised to keep an eye out for written correspondence from CMS about when the use of this new code will go into effect.

Helpful Resources

Place of Service Codes

- <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm12427-newmodifications-place-service-pos-codes-telehealth.pdf>
- <https://www.apaservices.org/practice/reimbursement/government/telehealth-services-billing-2022>

DSM 5-TR

- <https://psychnews.psychiatryonline.org/doi/10.1176/appi.pn.2022.1.20>
- https://www.hmpgloballearningnetwork.com/site/pcn/news/significant-dsm-5-text-revisions-be-released-march-2022?hmpid=amVmZmJyYW5kbGVyQGdtYWlsLmNvbQ==&utm_medium=email&utm_source=enewsletter&utm_content=1438519759

GFEs

- <https://www.cms.gov/nosurprises/policies-and-resources/provider-requirements-and-resources>
- https://www.apaservices.org/practice/legal/managed/billing-disclosure-requirements?fbclid=IwAR2G-AsWE_ZdQ9MQbOqHzmpHnbBrlqIK5uIkv6EcOV9u7mRi8VvW0m1itTo
- <https://www.socialworkers.org/Practice/Clinical-Social-Work/No-Surprises-Act-Regulations-2022>

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