The below changes are effective March 1, 2014.

The following language is deleted from the Provider Manual, chapter 4, page 14:

- The below behavioral health service category definitions apply to the DCS behavioral health packages. To bill DCS for services that are billable to Medicaid after there has been a Medicaid denial, the services must be physician or HSPP-directed services provided by a practitioner who is eligible to bill Medicaid Clinic Option. To bill DCS for the “other behavioral health services” detailed below, the services must be provided by a master’s level clinician as outlined in the definitions.

The above language is replaced with this language:

- The below behavioral health service category definitions apply to the DCS behavioral health packages. To bill DCS for services that are billable to Medicaid after there has been a Medicaid denial, the services must be physician or HSPP-directed services provided by a practitioner who is eligible to bill Medicaid Clinic Option. To bill DCS for the “other behavioral health services” detailed below, the services must be provided by a master’s level clinician unless specifically noted below to be a different educational level.

The following language is added to the Provider Manual, chapter 4, page 15, under “other behavioral health services:”

- Intensive Behavioral Intervention (IBI) is a highly specialized, individualized program of instruction and behavioral intervention. IBI is based upon a functional, behavioral and/or skills assessment of an individual’s treatment needs. The primary goal of IBI is to reduce behavioral excesses, such as tantrums and acting out behaviors, and to increase or teach replacement behaviors that have social value for the individual and increase access to their community. Program goals are accomplished by the application of research based interventions. Specified services are paid by DCS at an hourly rate of either $63.90 or $32.68, depending on the level of education and experience of the staff. See the Service Standard for Behavioral Health Service in a Residential Setting for a listing of the reimbursable services and the education/experience required of staff.
The number of units of “other behavioral health services” for the “Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities” program category is changed to “up to 20 hours per month,” (see chapter 4, page 17). This is due to Intensive MR/DD Behavioral Intervention services being added to the components under “other behavioral health services.”