

Enhanced reimbursement criteria for July 1, 2027–June 30, 2028

Rocky Mountain Health Plans (RMHP) will increase the reimbursement for behavioral health value-based payments beginning July 1, 2027, to June 30, 2028. These increases will also apply for Medicaid Members enrolled in Region 2, operated by Northeast Health Partners (NHP).

For value-based program details, see the [Medicaid behavioral health value-based payment updates](#). Throughout this document, “members” is defined as Medicaid members enrolled with RMHP or NHP.

The effective dates are summarized in the following table.

Criteria publication	Lookback period	Enhancement notification	Rate enhancement period
Oct. 1, 2025	Jan. 1, 2026 – Dec. 31, 2026	April 1, 2027	July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028

Geographic criteria

All practices may earn points based on geographic considerations. Practices may only earn points in 1 section, for a maximum of 70 points.

Section	Criteria	Points	Notes/comments
Counties with extreme access considerations (CEAC)	At least 50% of members served during the lookback period live in a CEAC.	70	Eligible CEAC: Archuleta, Baca, Bent, Cheyenne, Conejos, Costilla, Crowley, Custer, Dolores, Grand, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Huerfano, Jackson, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Las Animas, Lincoln, Mineral, Moffat, Phillips, Prowers, Rio Blanco, Routt, Saguache, San Juan, San Miguel, Sedgwick, Washington and Yuma
	At least 30% of members served during the lookback period live in a CEAC.	30	
Rural counties	At least 50% of members served during the lookback period live in a rural county.	30	Eligible rural counties: Alamosa, Chaffee, Delta, Elbert, Fremont, Lake, Logan, Montezuma, Montrose, Morgan, Otero, Ouray, Pitkin, Rio Grande and Summit



Geographic criteria (cont.)

Section	Criteria	Points	Notes/comments
Local practices	At least 50% of members served during the lookback period received care from a brick-and-mortar location within a local county that is a Colorado-based practice.	10	Eligible local counties: Alamosa, Archuleta, Bent, Chaffee, Cheyenne, Conejos, Costilla, Crowley, Custer, Delta, Dolores, Eagle, Elbert, Fremont, Garfield, Grand, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Huerfano, Jackson, Kiowa, Kit Carson, La Plata, Lake, Larimer, Las Animas, Lincoln, Logan, Mesa, Mineral, Moffat, Montezuma, Montrose, Morgan, Otero, Ouray, Phillips, Pitkin, Prowers, Pueblo, Rio Blanco, Rio Grande, Routt, Saguache, San Juan, San Miguel, Sedgwick, Summit Baca, Washington, Weld and Yuma

Health care provider capability criteria

This section applies to practices that provided at least 20 visits for members during the lookback period. Practices may receive points from all sections.

Section	Criteria	Points	Notes/comments
Specialties	Practice contains at least 1 health care provider from a prioritized specialty who has provided at least 10 visits to members during the lookback period.	20	<p>Prioritized specialties include any health care provider who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a provider type of child psychiatrist, autism service provider, or eating disorder (as established during the credentialing process) • Completes training specific to serving members with intellectual and developmental disabilities (minimum 20 hours)

Provider capability criteria (cont.)

Violet enrollment (base)	At least 30% of health care providers in the practice are enrolled with Violet by Dec. 31, 2026.	20	To enroll, click here . Note thresholds will be increased to 40% for the CY27 lookback period and 50% for the CY28 lookback period, impacting SFY29 and SFY30 rates respectively.
Violet enrollment (enhanced)	At least 50% of health care providers in the practice are enrolled with Violet by Dec.31, 2026.	10	Note thresholds will be increased to 65% for the CY27 lookback period and 80% for the CY28 lookback period, impacting SFY29 and SFY30 rates respectively.
Violet Verified Organization designation	By Dec. 31, 2026, at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30% of health care providers at a practice must complete their Violet profile*, and • 40% of health care providers at a practice must achieve a Violet benchmark (Badge)** 	20	* Note enrollment thresholds will be increased to 40% for the CY27 lookback period and 50% for the CY28 lookback period, impacting SFY29 and SFY30 rates respectively. ** Note Violet Benchmark (badges) thresholds will be increased to 50% for the CY27 lookback period and 60% for the CY28 lookback period, impacting SFY29 and SFY30 rates respectively.
Violet Verified Organization designation (enhanced)	By Dec. 31, 2026, at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% of health care providers at a practice must complete their Violet profile*, and • 60% of health care providers at a practice must achieve a Violet benchmark** 	20	* Note enrollment thresholds will be increased to 65% for the CY27 lookback period and 80% for the CY28 lookback period, impacting SFY29 and SFY30 rates respectively. ** Note Violet Benchmark (badges) thresholds will be increased to 75% for the CY27 lookback period and 90% for the CY28 lookback period, impacting SFY29 and SFY30 rates respectively.

Criteria for serving prioritized populations

Includes practices that provided at least 20 visits for members during the lookback period. Practices may receive points from 1 of the following percentage groups.

Percentage of members served by the practice in the lookback period who are a part of a prioritized population	Points	Notes/comments
15%–24%	10	Prioritized populations: Members who speak a non-English primary language, are Hispanic, identify as non-white race, members with a social determinant of health need, members who are or were previously involved in foster care, and members with intellectual or developmental disabilities
25%–34%	20	
35%–44%	30	
45%–100%	40	

Rate-enhancement ranges

Based on the total points achieved through the above criteria, health care providers will receive reimbursement for the rate-enhancement period (July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028).

Stars	Points achieved	Rate as a percentage of base fee schedule
0	0	100%
1	1–20	110%
2	21–50	120%
3	51–80	130%
4	81–110	140%
5	111–190	150%

Questions?

Please email rmhprae_bh_pr@uhc.com with any questions about the SFY 2028 criteria.

