



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1957-MC-FFS

**DATE:** October 19, 2018

**TO:** Behavioral Health Services and Community Mental Health Centers

**APPLIES TO:** Managed Care (MC) and Fee-for-Service (FFS)

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** 1915 (b) (3) Peer Support Services

**EFFECTIVE:** December 1, 2018

In recognition of the value of Peer Support Services and the need to redefine the qualifications needed to render Peer Support Services, the IME recently updated the 1915 (b) (3) service, or “B-3” Mental Health and Substance Abuse service fee schedule. These updates include changes to the Peer Support provider qualifications and changing the unit of service.

The changes that the Peer Support provider qualifications bring reflects current industry practices and includes for Peer Support Specialist, the Georgia Appalachian Consulting Group Model training for mental health services, for Recovery Coaches, the Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) for substance use disorder service training, and for Family Peer Support Specialist, certification through a state recognized training program. For dates of service on or after December 1, 2018, the unit of service for Peer Support Services (procedure code H0038) will change from the current monthly unit of service to a 15-minute unit of service in compliance with the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) and in recognition of current MCO billing practices. The unit of service rate will be \$12.50 per 15-minute unit. The total monthly amount allowed for H0038 is not changing and will continue to be limited to \$150.00 per member per month.

As a reminder, the “B-3” waiver services are delivered through the MCOs. Medicaid members must be enrolled with an MCO to receive necessary Peer Support Services or other “B-3” services. Services covered through the 1915(b) waiver amendment section 1915(b) (3) include:

- Intensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- Community Support
- Peer Support
- Substance Use Treatment Residential, Hospital and Half-way House Treatment
- Integrated Services and Supports (Wraparound Services)
- Respite

The “B-3” Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Fee Schedule is listed on the [DHS website](#).<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions regarding this informational letter, you may contact LeAnn Moskowitz, Policy Specialist at [lmoskow@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:lmoskow@dhs.state.ia.us)

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<sup>1</sup> [https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/B-3\\_Mental\\_Health\\_and\\_SubstanceAbuse\\_Services\\_0.pdf](https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/B-3_Mental_Health_and_SubstanceAbuse_Services_0.pdf)