

# Enhanced reimbursement criteria for July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026

The criteria below apply to enhanced reimbursement criteria for July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. The dates are summarized in the table below. For program details, see [Medicaid behavioral health value-based payment updates](#). Throughout this document, members are defined as Medicaid members enrolled with RMHP.

Criteria publication	Lookback period	Enhancement notification	Rate enhancement period
May 31, 2024	Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2024	April 1, 2025	July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026

## 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
<b>Counties with extreme access considerations (CEAC)</b>	At least 50% of members served during the lookback period live in a CEAC.	70	<b>Eligible CEAC:</b> 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	
<b>Rural counties</b>	At least 50% of members served during the lookback period live in a rural county.	30	<b>Eligible rural counties:</b> 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 Colorado-based practice at a brick-and-mortar location within a local county.	10	<b>Eligible local counties:</b> 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

## Provider capability criteria:

Practices that provided at least 20 visits for members during the lookback period. Practices may receive points from all sections below.

Section	Criteria	Points	Notes/comments
Bilingual providers	At least 75% of members served during the lookback period received services from a bilingual provider.	20	<b>Note:</b> This criterion will sunset on June 30, 2026. In the future, criteria and credit will be given exclusively to organizations with Violet designations.
Safe-space providers	At least 75% of members served during the lookback period received services from a safe-space provider.	20	<b>Note:</b> This criterion will sunset on June 30, 2026. In the future, criteria and credit will be given exclusively to organizations with Violet designations. Safe-space providers will be defined using provider surveys completed prior to May 31, 2024.



**Provider capability criteria (cont.)**

Section	Criteria	Points	Notes/comments
<b>Provider specialties</b>	Practice has at least 1 provider from a prioritized specialty.	20	<p>Prioritized specialties include any provider who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has a provider type of child psychiatrist, autism service provider or eating disorder (as established during the credentialing process)</li> <li>• Is enrolled in the Department of Justice Violence Prevention Network</li> <li>• Completes training specific to serving members diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities (minimum of 40 hours).</li> </ul>
<b>Violet enrollment</b>	At least 30% of providers in the practice enrolled with the Violet program by Dec. 31, 2024.	10	Visit the <a href="#">Violet</a> website to enroll with the program.
<b>Violet practice designation</b>	Practice achieves Violet practice designation by Dec. 31, 2024.	30	<p>Out of 30% of providers at a given practice who have completed their Violet profile, at least 40% of those providers earn a Violet benchmark by Dec. 31, 2024.</p> <p>Note that any practice achieving a Violet designation will also receive the 10 points for Violet enrollment, for a total of 40 points.</p>



**Criteria for serving prioritized populations:**

Practices that provided at least 20 visits for members during the lookback period. Practices may receive points from all sections below.

Section	Criteria	Points by percentage of members		Notes/comments
Prioritized populations	Percentage of members served by the practice in the lookback period who are part of a prioritized population.	15%–24%	10	Prioritized populations include members who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speak a non-English primary language</li> <li>• Are Hispanic</li> <li>• Identify as a race other than white</li> <li>• Have a social drivers of health need</li> <li>• Are currently or previously in foster care</li> <li>• Are diagnosed with an intellectual or developmental disability</li> </ul>
		25%–34%	20	
		35%–44%	30	
		45%–100%	40	

**Rate-enhancement ranges:**

Based on the total points achieved through the above criteria, providers will receive reimbursement for the rate-enhancement period (July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026) based on the table below.

Stars	Points achieved	Rate as a percentage of base fee schedule
0	0	100%
1	1–20	110%
2	21–40	120%
3	41–60	130%
4	61–80	140%
5	81–210	150%

