

2024 Updates

In 2024, Michigan State University enhanced the Counseling & Mental Health Services reimbursement program by extending the lifetime maximum for some services, by expanding the definition associated with lifetime maximum cost caps for certain services and by extending potential eligibility for some medications. Additionally, a provider reimbursement request form was created for mental health providers to submit certain requests directly to the Fund. These changes were a result of feedback received from MSU survivors.

MSU extended potential eligibility to the following medications:

- Non-FDA-approved medications or medicinal treatments (e.g., psilocybin) may be submitted for consideration with written approval from a licensed mental health professional or primary care physician.

MSU expanded potential eligibility to the following services:

- Holistic treatments related to mental health that are not explicitly specified under the current Fund Guidelines (e.g., somatic yoga therapy, acupuncture, etc.) as approved by a mental health provider in writing, which may be submitted for consideration of eligibility.

MSU extended the lifetime maximum for Service Animals, and expanded the definition of “lifetime” associated with the lifetime maximum cost caps for Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals:

- Survivors may submit reimbursement requests for the purchase and/or specialized training of one service animal per eligible survivor at a time, up to the animal’s lifetime (until death or retirement) maximum of \$15,000 per service animal.
- Survivors may submit reimbursement requests for the purchase and/or obedience training of one emotional support animal at a time, up to the animal’s lifetime (until death) maximum of \$5,000 per emotional support animal.

MSU approved the creation of an additional reimbursement request form through which mental health providers may submit reimbursement requests directly to the Fund:

- The form is intended for providers who are submitting directly to the Fund for reimbursement of outpatient counseling and/or other outpatient mental health treatment services.
- A patient must have previously submitted at least one request for reimbursement to the Healing Fund directly, and been reimbursed for that request, before a provider can submit a request for reimbursement on the patient's behalf.
- All available insurance coverage must be exhausted to qualify. The provider should include a copy of the Explanation of Payment/Processing (EOP) for all service dates in the reimbursement request, in addition to any other relevant documentation (e.g., Superbills).

Questions?

JND Legal Administration provides survivors with several options to address questions:

- Browse the MSU Counseling & Mental Health Services Fund website;
- Call JND Legal Administration toll free at 1-877-250-6408, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Pacific;

Send questions by email to info@MSUHealingFund.com.