What is a SM?
A Service Modification (SM) occurs any time a service needs to be manually entered, edited or voided. A modification can be submitted as a new service, as an edit to an existing service, or as an edit to a service with an associated claim. All SM’s must reflect the EXACT date, time and reason for the modification. All modifications submitted that do not reflect accurate information can be considered fraudulent billing.

Different Types of SMs

Missing Time Request (MTR): If a Direct Support Professional (DSP) is unable to Clock in AND/OR out for a service an agency can submit a manual entry known as an MTR.

Adjustment: If a service has an associated closed claim for that date, but the agency finds an error or missing services (The DSP did not clock in/out), the agency can adjust the claim and submit an edit to the existing service or an entirely new service for that day.

All Participant’s completed daily services from 1 agency are combined nightly into 1 claim

Staff Overlap - Same Provider: This occurs when 2 DSP’s are clocked in under the same provider for the same participant, at the same time. This is considered double billing and is against policy.

When to Submit an MTR or Adjustment

The Adjustment and MTR policies are solely based on whether there is a CLAIM or NO CLAIM for the specific date.

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**Service Modification Deadlines**

**Missing Time Request (MTR):** All Missing Time Requests must be submitted within 2 business days of the month the service was provided.

*Example: Service 9/23/2020 ➡ SM must be submitted by 10/2/2020*

**Adjustment and Staff Overlap - Same Provider:** These SM’s can be submitted 364 days after the service date. Keep in mind all SMs will be manually reviewed and researched, please submit all SM’s with enough time for revision. MDH recommends at least 7-14 days before the 364-day cut off.

**In-Progress SMs**

The Agency is responsible for entering and submitting all SMs prior to the deadline. In-Progress SMs have not been submitted and will be held to policy deadlines.

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**Service Modification Revision**

All Service Modifications will be reviewed by DDA, SM’s that do not follow policy will not be approved. DDA Allows DSPs to have 6 unexcused SM’s a month. Unexcused means the DSP did not clock in/out due to fault of the DSP or agency or the reason for the SM was researched and found unverifiable or inaccurate. Unexcused SM’s will receive 1 or 2 points in the system:

- 1 Point: Missed Clock in
- 1 Point: Missed Clock out
- 2 Point: Missed Clock in and out

If a DSP receives 6 points all other unexcused SMs for the month will be disapproved and not paid.

If a Service Modification is researched and is considered excused meaning the reason for the missed clock in and/or out is considered out of the DSPs or Agency’s control, the SM will **NOT** be pointed and will be approved.

**Note:** Some SMs may receive points prior to research, this is to expedite payment to the agency, after the SM is researched and if it is found excusable the point(s) will be removed. The agency will not need to contact ISAS regarding SM points, the agency should only contact ISAS if a SM was disapproved for exceeding the 6 monthly allowed points and they would like to contest.
## Service Modification (SM) Category Guide

### 1. Select an MTR reason from the drop-down menu in the provider portal. Use this guide to help you determine the best reason. Choosing the reason that best suits the incident will help the ISAS Team better research the MTR will speed up the review process.

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<td>Forgot to clock in/out</td>
<td>DSP forgets to use the system</td>
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<td>Staff Busy with Participant</td>
<td>DSP was busy with client duties and could not use the system</td>
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<tr>
<td>New or Substitute Staff</td>
<td>New or substitute DSP did not know how to use the system or did not have the proper information to use the system</td>
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<td>ISAS Call-in System Outage</td>
<td>A notification will be sent to all agencies during an outage</td>
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<td>Correcting Staff Clock in/out Error</td>
<td>DSP made an error when using the system that affected the clock in/out. Example: Selected wrong service, clock in/out instead of out/in, System confirmed wrong time.</td>
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<td>ISAS call incomplete</td>
<td>DSP said they clocked in/out but there is no record in the provider portal</td>
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<td>Participant Phone Problems</td>
<td>Client phone: Broken, out of minuets, missing, no reception</td>
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<td>OTP Issue</td>
<td>OTP: Broken, Missing, waiting on new device</td>
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<td>Emergency Situation</td>
<td>Emergency that prevented DSP from using the system: Client had to go to hospital, House fire</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>A unique situation that is not covered in the other categories. For COVID related remote services, when authorized, please use this category. If the staff service provider is deaf or hearing impaired and manual entries have been authorized.</td>
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### 2. Determine if a comment is needed, if not put N/A in the comment section.

- Date CCS was notified
- Name of CCS that was notified
- Explain incident

- COVID Remote Services
  1: [COVID-19 Remote]
  2: List services that were provided remotely.
- Deaf Staff:
  1: Staff is deaf or hard of hearing.
Service Modification (SM) Category Examples

In this example the DSP stated that they did clock in and out for services. However, when the agency checked the Provider Portal no services appear for that date. The agency selected **ISAS call incomplete category** because that best fits the situation according to the SM category Guide. This category will let ISAS know to verify the DSP attempted to use the system. If an attempt was made, the service will be approved with no penalty.

According to the category Guide no further information is needed in the comments section, so the agency wrote N/A.

![SERVICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY](image)

In this example the DSP was unable to use the system because the client’s OTP device was lost. The agency immediately notified the CCS so that they can provide a new OTP device ASAP.

The agency selected the category **“OTP Issue”** and provided the required information (according to the SM category guide). This will provide the ISAS team with the needed information to research the issue and result in a quicker resolution time.

![SERVICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY](image)

If your agency needs further assistance submitting Service Modifications please contact the Technical Help Desk at ISASHelpDesk@LTSSMaryland.org or 1-855-463-587.
How to Submit a Full MTR

If the DSP does not clock in **AND** out for a service and there is **not** a closed claim for that specific date you will need to enter a full MTR.

1. Go to the Services tab within the Provider Portal, Select either “New Activity” or the “clock” in the right-hand corner.

   ![Provider Portal Screen](image)

   **Note:** The “Clock” can be selected from any tab within the Provider Portal.

2. Enter the MTR information and verify that there is no existing service for that date.

   ![Enter New Missing Time Request](image)

   **2.A**

   If there is an existing service for that date the following message will appear:

   Service exists for the entered combination. Please review or edit your clock in and out times from the Claim Detail Page.

   If there is an existing service for the date, an Adjustment will need to be submitted NOT a MTR.

   **2.B**

   If there is **NOT** an existing service for that date the following message will appear:

   No existing services found for this date. Please enter the additional service information below.

   Proceed to step 3
3. Fill in the service information:

1. **Service start time**
2. **Service end time:** *(Note: if it is an overnight service that proceeds into the next day, check the “Next day clock-out” box)*
3. **Manual entry reason:** Select from the drop down (view SM categories on PG_ for more information)
4. **IVR call#:** This is the number the DSP generally uses to clock in and out for services. Providing the correct number the DSP used to attempt to clock in and out will help ISAS verify the issue if the DSP was having issues using the system.
5. **Comment:** Enter information if required *(view SM categories on PG_ for more information)*
6. **Provider and client** information will auto populate
7. **Staff Name:** Start typing DSP name and select DSP name from list that will populate. *(Note: If DSP name is NOT appearing, ensure that DSP has an ACTIVE profile within the Provider Portal)*
8. **Staff ID and Staff SSN** will auto populate
9. **Select “Submit”**

4. Locate service in the system and select submit.
How to Submit a Partial MTR

If the DSP does not clock in OR out for a service and there is not a closed claim for that specific date you will need to submit a partial MTR.

1. On the Provider Portal Home page under “Actions required” go to the section “Resolve by Provider” Missing Clock in and Missing Clock out. The count will let you know how many partial services are pending. In this example there are 20 services with a missing clock in. That means the DSPs clocked out but failed to clock in. The agency is responsible for resolving these exceptions. Click on the number to open the pending partial services.

2. Select a specific tile to resolve.

You can also sort the tiles to your specific needs.
3. Select Details

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A. Discard: If the partial service is incorrect you can choose to “Discard” the service.

B. Edit: Here you can quickly edit the Partial Service.

C. Details: You can view further details regarding the service and client within the details page:
   - Service Details
   - Client Profile
   - Client PCP

You can also edit the service within the details page.
4A. Discarding

When discarding a service you will need to enter the reason you are discarding the service. Please be clear and use the exact reason for the service discard.

Discarded Service Search

You can search for all discarded services in the service search tab.

1. Service Tab
2. Service Date From
3. Service Date to
4. Service Status: Check the “Discarded” box
5. Click “Search”
4B. **Editing a service**

Once you select the service “Edit” option you will then be able to edit the information in the service box.

1. **Enter Missing Time**
2. **Manual Edit Reason**: Select the exact reason the DSP was unable to clock in or out from the drop down (view SM categories on PG_ for more information)
3. **IVR call#**: This is the number the DSP generally uses to clock in and out for services. Providing the correct number the DSP used to attempt to clock in and out will help ISAS verify the issue if the DSP was having issues using the system.
4. **Comment**: Enter information if required (view SM categories on PG 9 for more information)
5. **Provider** and **client** information will auto populate
6. **Staff Name**: Start typing DSP name and select DSP name from list that will populate. *(Note: If DSP name is NOT appearing ensure that DSP has an ACTIVE profile within the Provider Portal)*
7. **Staff ID** and **Staff SSN** will auto populate
8. **Select “Save”**
9. **Once you select save, you will then see a submit butting in the**

**REMINDER: PROVIDERS MUST “SAVE” and “SUBMIT” SERVICES:**

You must submit all services to MDH in order for them to be reviewed. When editing or entering an MTR you must first **SAVE** and then **SUBMIT**. If you do not “Submit Services,” your services will stay in a service status of “Provider In Progress” and MDH cannot review and pay services.

We recommend that agencies regularly review unsubmitted services. To review saved and unsubmitted services:

1. Select services tab
2. Under the Service Status heading, unselect all service statuses and then select “Provider In Progress” and MDH cannot review and pay services.
3. Select Search
How to Submit an Adjustment

1. Once the existing claim has been paid or rejected for the specific date of service your agency will be able to submit an adjustment to the existing claim:

2. Select the “Adjust Services” button in the right hand corner. This button will not appear until the claim is in “Paid” or “Rejected” status. This means you must wait until the status is in a paid or rejected status to submit an adjustment.

3. Decide whether you would like to edit an existing service or submit a new service for that date

   **Edit:**
   
   To edit the service select the “Edit” button at the bottom of the service tile. Proceed with same steps as editing an MTR.

   **New Service Activity:**
   
   To submit a new service select the “New Service Activity” tile next to the existing service tiles. Proceed with same steps as entering a MTR.
How to Edit a Staff Overlap - Same Provider

1. On the Provider Portal Home page under “Actions required” go to the section “Resolve by Provider” Staff Overlap - Same Provider. The count will let you know how many Overlaps are pending. In this example there are 17.

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2. Select a service tile and select details to open the service activity summary

3. Select details on the service activity summary to open the details summary page

4. In the detail’s summary page – select “View Overlap Service” This will open the overlapping service’s detail summary page. You can then compare service times and remove the overlapping time by editing or voiding one of the services.