

Problem Gambling Services Reimbursement Rates

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As illustrated in Figure 1, reimbursement rates for outpatient treatment varied considerably across states and types of service. For assessments, six state agencies reimburse on a per event basis rather than an hourly basis (Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, New Jersey, Oregon, Washington). The per event intake assessment rates for these five states average \$174 with a low of \$126.22 (New Jersey) to \$315 (Nebraska). Sixteen other state agencies reimburse on an hourly rate with some placing maximum limits on the number of reimbursable assessment hours (California, Nevada, North Carolina). The average hourly reimbursement rate for an assessment was \$100.85, with a low of \$66.36 (Missouri) and a high of \$200 (Minnesota). Some states, such as Minnesota, reimburse at different rates dependent on qualifications. The \$200/hour assessment rate in Minnesota is only for doctoral level providers (Ph.D. & M.D.); all other qualified providers are reimbursed at \$100 per hour. Other states that offer differential reimbursement based on education include South Carolina and West Virginia.

Reimbursement for individual counseling ranged from \$19.40 an hour to \$100 an hour, with an average of \$78.12 per hour and a median of \$84.00; and group counseling was reimbursed at rates between \$13.12 and \$40 per client per hour, with an average of \$30.42 per hour and a median of \$32.44; (see Figure 2). States whose reimbursement rates for group counseling is not depicted in Figure 1 either did not provide reimbursement rate information or reimbursed by event rather than by hour (Iowa and South Carolina).

Figure 1. Reimbursement Rates for State-Funded Treatment: Fiscal Year 2016

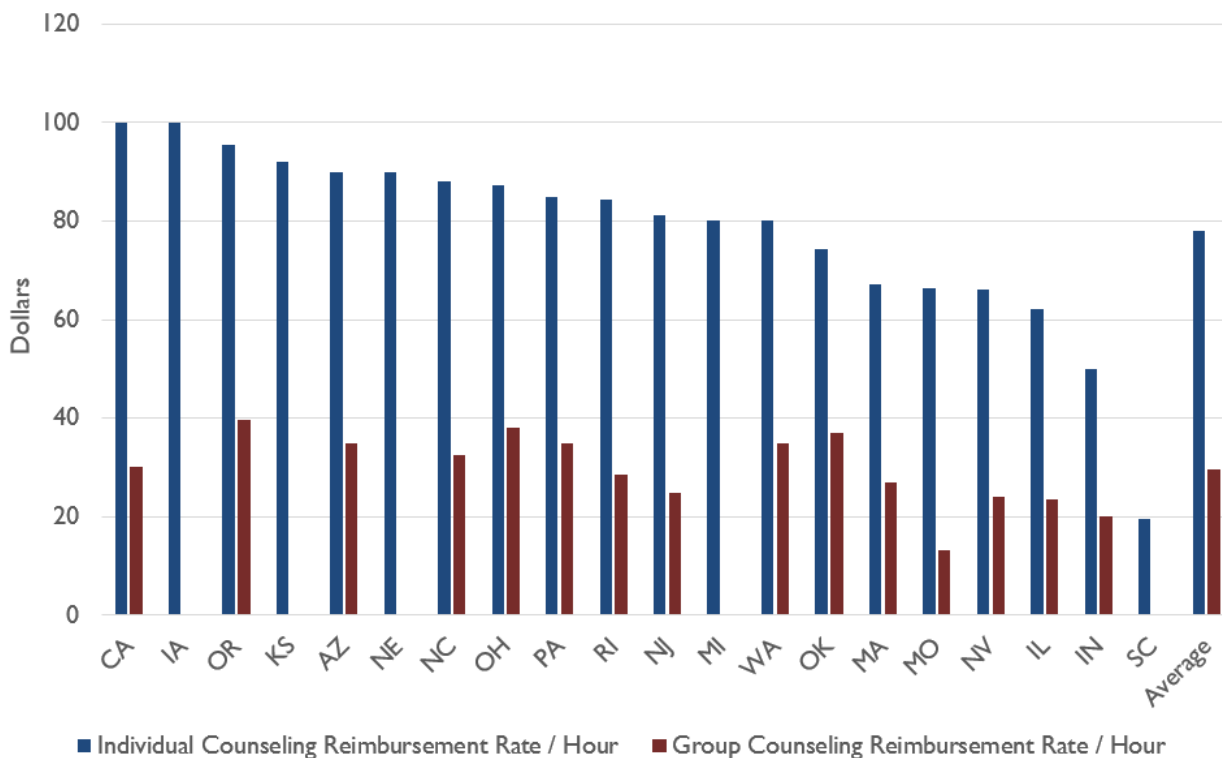
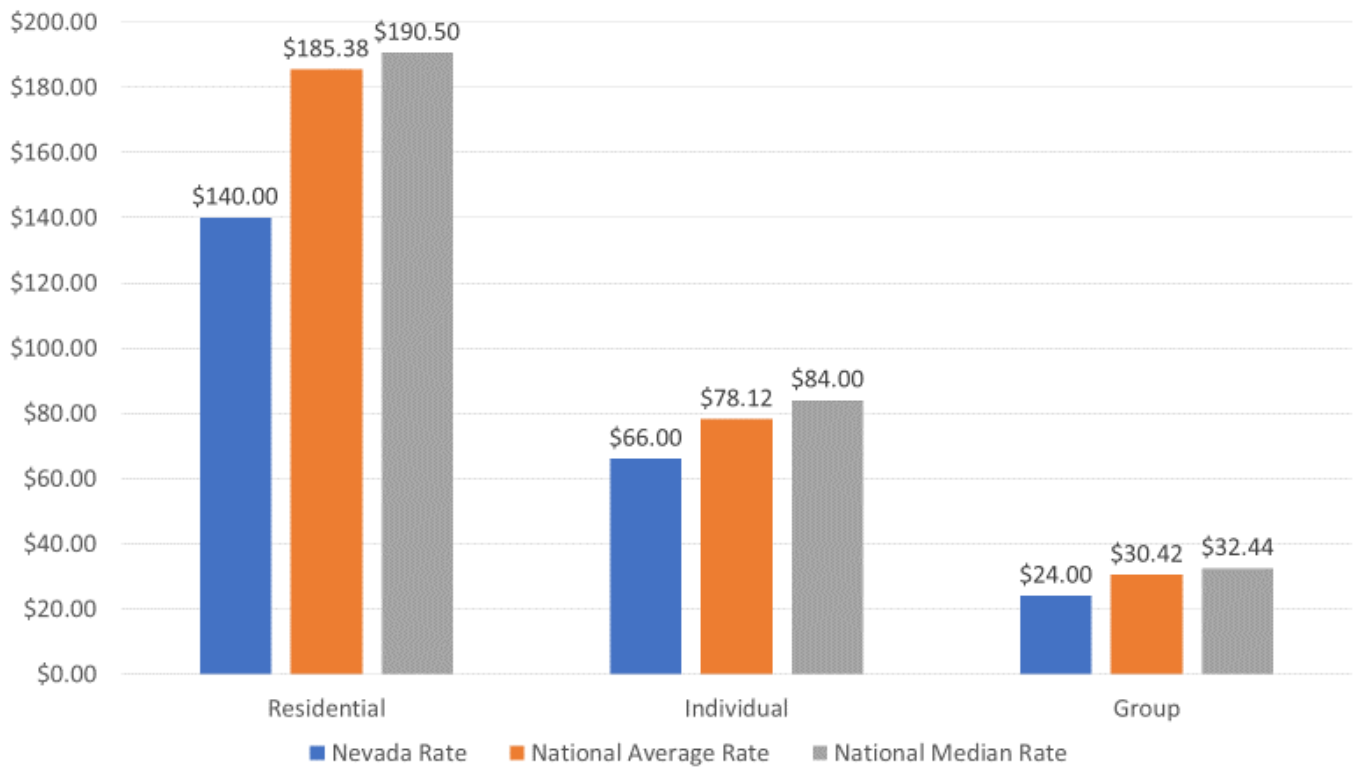


Figure 2. Nevada Problem Gambling Treatment Reimbursement Rates Compared to National Averages



Note: Not all states reporting problem gambling treatment service reimbursement rates presented in Figure 1 graph due to rates differing by provider qualifications (WC, MN) or due to reimbursing group rates per activity rather than per client hour: IA group rate is \$156 per hour (whether 2 or more are attending), SC group rate is 48.48 per activity. CA has different group rates for first and last session (\$50/90 minutes).