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Audit & Clawback Reforms are extremely important as they can jeopardize a clinician's ability to care for their client's effectively. A 36 month review can be detrimental to a business. There is a general anxiety when it comes to working with outside payers due to having to take into account what is sustainable for a business. While many clinicians may avoid working with insurance companies as a result, there are so many individuals who are left without access to mental health care due to it being unaffordable when having to pay out of pocket. Behavioral Health services are a highly vulnerable space that requires adequate time to develop during each session. The reduction of time available to a client (45 minutes or less), would pose a significant challenge in developing that safe space effectively and in turn reduce the effectiveness of treatment. Each client deserves an un-rushed space where they feel they are capable of truly exploring themselves and the changes they desire to make. Mental health is not something that can always be "fixed" quickly and clinicians should not be put into a box that limits their ability to be effective.