

# 2019 Prior Authorization List and Utilization Guidelines Behavioral Services

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## NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

### INPATIENT HOSPITALIZATION

#### PSYCHIATRIC & SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) INPATIENT SERVICES

##### Types of Services:

- Acute Psychiatric Inpatient Care
- Evaluation & Treatment Admission
- Inpatient Acute Withdrawal (Detoxification)
- Crisis Stabilization in residential setting
- Inpatient Rehab, Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
- Inpatient residential treatment center, psychiatric
- Inpatient residential treatment center, SUD
- Any facility based service providing 24 hours/day and 7 days/week services.

### HIGH INTENSITY OUTPATIENT PROGRAMS

Notification required for initial 6 months, followed by ongoing concurrent review and authorization to extend past the 6 months.

##### Types of Services:

- Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP)
- Day Treatment Program
- WISe Program
- PACT Program
- COMET Program

## AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- All clinical trials require prior authorization
- All inpatient and outpatient substance use disorder treatment for Medicare patients requires prior authorization
- All unlisted codes with a charge greater than \$500 require a prior authorization

### APPLIED BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS (ABA) FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Treatment provided to members diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other Developmental Disorders between the ages of 0-21.

### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

##### Types of Services:

- Elective Inpatient Psychiatric Services (Integrated Managed Care/BHSO)
- Electroconvulsive Therapy (Washington Apple Health/Integrated Managed Care/BHSO)
- Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (rTMS) (Washington Apple Health/Integrated Managed Care/BHSO)
- Neuropsychological Testing and Psychological Testing

### DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED TO SUPPORT DECISION-MAKING

Please provide documentation with the request to support medical necessity. Examples of appropriate documents include:

- Current (within 6 months, or more recent depending on condition) history and/or physician examination notes that address the problem and need for services requested
- Relevant lab and/or radiology results
- Relevant specialty consultation notes
- Other pertinent information

### REFERRAL POLICY

#### Referrals to Network Providers:

The Plan requires use of in-network providers whenever possible. If a request is received from the member's assigned Primary Care Physician (PCP) for an in-network provider, no Plan authorization is required.

#### Referrals to Out-of-Network Providers:

When circumstances arise that require a referral to an out-of-network specialist, authorization from the Plan is required.

#### PCP to PCP Referrals:

If you are the member's assigned PCP or group, an authorization to provide primary care is required from the Plan.

### INPATIENT HOSPITALIZATION

CHPW requires notification of all inpatient admissions, planned and urgent, within 24 hours or next business day.

All planned admissions also require prior authorization.

### BENEFIT and COVERAGE LIMITATIONS

This PA list is not all-inclusive. Please refer to the HCA Provider Billing Guidelines Manual and/or Fee Schedule. For Medicare coverage, limitations, please refer to the National Coverage Guidelines and/or Local Coverage Guidelines. Failure to obtain the required prior authorization may result in a denied claim. Services are subject to benefit coverage, limitations and exclusions as described in plan coverage guidelines.

**Please refer to the PA Code Lookup Tool for additional details on services listed.**