



**Connecticut Department of Social Services
Medical Assistance Program
Provider Bulletin**

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TO: Hospitals and Mental Health Clinics

**SUBJECT: Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Transition Plan for
Authorization of Partial Hospital and Intensive Outpatient Services**

This bulletin outlines the processes and serves as advance notification to hospitals and mental health clinics of the schedule for implementing authorizations for partial hospital programs and intensive outpatient programs **under the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP)**.

Effective May 1, 2006 prior authorization will be implemented for all partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient services provided by hospitals and mental health clinics billable under the following revenue and procedure codes:

Code	Description
905	Intensive Outpatient Services - Psychiatric
906	Intensive Outpatient Services - Chemical Dependency
913	Partial Hospital-More Intensive
H0015	Intensive Outpatient-Substance Dependence
H0035	Mental health partial hospitalization, treatment, less than 24 hours (Community Mental Health Center)
H2013	Partial Hospitalization (non- Community Mental Health Center)
S9480	Intensive Outpatient-Mental Health

Prior authorization is required for these services for all dates of services on or after May 1, 2006. **When submitting claims for dates of service on or after May 1, 2006, the prior authorization number must be appropriately entered on the claim form.**

New admissions:

- All admissions on or after May 1, 2006 must be prior authorized. Providers are required to contact the CT BHP at 1-877-552-8247 to receive authorization.
- Continued stay reviews will also be required.

Members admitted prior to May 1, 2006:

- If a member remains in care beyond May 1, 2006, an authorization will be necessary for payment for dates of service on or after May 1, 2006. Providers must submit a census form (attached) indicating each member still in care on May

1st. This census form can be faxed to 1-866-584-4194 between May 1st and May 15th. This form will serve as the request for authorization and will document the member's continued inpatient treatment as of May 1, 2006.

- An authorization number will be issued and mailed once the census information has been processed.

Extended Day Treatment will continue in the “transitional courtesy period” as described in PB-2005-76 until further notice.

PHP and IOP services provided by Federally Qualified Health Centers will also continue in the “transitional courtesy period” as described in PB-2005-76 until further notice. All FQHC services including PHP and IOP services must be billed with procedure code T1015.

How do I verify if an Authorization is on file with EDS?

Providers have inquiry access to EDS' Authorization file located on the website www.ctmedicalprogram.com. Providers may access this tool by clicking on “Eligibility Verification” → “Web (includes RA download)” → “Eligibility Verification and RA download”. Providers must enter their 9-digit provider number as the user ID and their assigned password. Initial web logon passwords can be assigned by contacting the EDS Provider Assistance Center. Authorizations that have been approved or denied will be available to view. The Authorization record will also display units used, which will be updated after each claims processing cycle.

There is no change to the authorization procedure for inpatient services provided by hospitals and psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTF). Hospitals and PRTFs must continue to obtain authorization from the CT BHP, but an authorization number will not be issued with the authorization notice. Inpatient authorizations will appear on the EDS WEB look-up, however, the authorization number that appears on the WEB look-up should be ignored and units will not be displayed. **Until further notice, claims for inpatient services must not include an authorization number.**

This bulletin and other program information can be found on at www.ctmedicalprogram.com. Questions regarding this bulletin may be directed to the EDS Provider Assistance Center - Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at:

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