



PROVIDER ALERT

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TO: General Hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers & Freestanding Mental Health Clinics

SUBJECT: CT BHP Revised Intensive Outpatient & Extended Day Services

Dear Provider,

This alert is being sent to all hospital and freestanding mental health clinic providers as an advanced notice of adjustments to authorization timelines for Intensive Outpatient (IOP) services and Extended Day Treatment (EDT) services rendered to HUSKY A and HUSKY B clients under the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP), and to Medicaid fee for service (FFS) clients.

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1st, 2007, the CT BHP will be expanding the authorization timelines for Initial Authorizations and Concurrent reviews for the following levels of care:

Extended Day Treatment:

EDT Initial Authorizations will be authorized up to 120 days (4 months)*

EDT Concurrent Reviews will be authorized up to and additional 60 days (1 -2 months)*

Intensive Outpatient:

IOP Initial Authorizations will be authorized up to 4 weeks (1 month)*

IOP Concurrent Reviews will be authorized up to and additional 60 days (1 -2 months)*

* Services must meet medical necessity requirements for these levels of care

While there will be no change to the current procedures for obtaining authorizations for these levels of care, the CT BHP has the right to make Provider specific decisions regarding length of initial and concurrent authorizations in the event that there are quality of care concerns.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the CT BHP Provider Relations Department at 1-877-552-8247.

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