

PROVIDER ALERT

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To: **CT BHP Outpatient Hospital Providers**
Subject: **Hospital Outpatient Reform – Behavioral Health Authorization Update**

Dear Outpatient Hospital Provider,

As previously stated in Provider Bulletins 2016-25 and 2016-35, the Department of Social Services (DSS) has modernized its reimbursement methodology for outpatient hospital services under the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP). As of July 1, 2016, CMAP providers have transitioned to an Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS).

This transition impacted any prior authorizations that spanned July 1, 2016 and/or any authorizations with an effective date of July 1, 2016 and going forward, for the following levels of care:

- Outpatient (OTP)
- Intensive Outpatient (IOP)
- Extended Day Treatment (EDT)
- Partial Hospitalization (PHP)
- Psychological Testing (TST)

Please note: Authorizations impacted by the transition have been manually adjusted by Beacon staff. Providers may note that any existing authorization spanning July 1st, 2016 has been divided into separate authorization lines. System authorizations and authorization letters should now reflect previously authorized services until June 30, 2016 and then a separate line for prior authorization dates July 1st 2016 and going forward. In those instances where multiple concurrent reviews had been completed after July 1st, 2016, Beacon staff combined previous authorized services into a single authorization line. In rare cases, new authorizations have been generated covering the same span originally authorized.

Beacon Health Options has been committed to facilitating this transition in a way that imparts as little administrative burden onto providers as possible and eliminating the need/requirement for hospital outpatient providers to re-enter existing authorizations for the above levels of care.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the CT BHP Provider Relations Department at 1-877-552-8247, options 1, 3, and then 7.

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