

## PROVIDER ALERT

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Issued: May 16, 2018  
To: CT BHP Inpatient Hospitals  
Subject: CT BHP Psychiatric Inpatient Bed Tracking – Incentive Program Update

Dear Provider,

Effective today, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP) implemented a Psychiatric Bed Tracking System (PBTS). As previously outlined in Provider Alert PA 2018-03, the PBTS gives psychiatric inpatient providers the ability to update their inpatient bed availability twice daily in real time. The CT BHP is pleased to announce that it has also expanded the Bed Tracking Incentive Program. The following information outlines the expanded parameters for this new program:

- 1) Effective May 14<sup>th</sup>, the current online registration form for *initial* inpatient psychiatric requests will transition to an abridged form for all inpatient psychiatric providers and requests will auto approve\* with the following parameters:
  1. Bypass providers will receive a 7-day initial authorization for psychiatric admissions.
  2. Non-Bypass providers will receive a 3-day initial authorization for psychiatric admissions.
- 2) Performance will be monitored for the remainder of Quarter 2 (May 14<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>) - updating bed availability on a twice daily basis.
- 3) Participating hospitals that meet 90% or greater compliance with updating bed availability on a twice daily basis will continue to utilize the abridged online registration form for initial inpatient psychiatric authorizations and requests will continue to auto approve based on the parameters outlined above.
- 4) Participating hospitals that do not meet 90% or greater compliance will transition back to the full online registration form for *initial* inpatient psychiatric authorizations and requests will pend for review.
- 5) Inclusion in the Bed Tracking Incentive program, going forward, will be evaluated on a quarterly basis.

**\*NOTE: Auto approvals will only apply to acute care hospitals, state institution requests will still pend for review due to Certificate of Need process.**

We look forward to working with you to continue to enhance collaboration within the behavioral health delivery system.

We thank you for your participation.

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