



TO: General Acute Care Hospitals, Physicians, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), Behavioral Health Clinicians
RE: Removal of Authorization/Registration for Behavioral Health Professional Services Rendered in an Emergency Department

Effective for dates of service July 1, 2018 and forward, prior authorization (PA)/registration will no longer be required for behavioral health professional services when rendered in Place of Service (POS)/Facility Type Code (FTC) 23 – Emergency Department (ED).

Although PA/registration will be removed in POS/FTC 23 (ED) – hospitals should be in contact, at least daily, with the Department of Social Service’s Behavioral Health (BH) Administrative Services Organization – Beacon Health Options regarding the status of patients waiting for a BH placement at an alternate facility that provides behavioral health services.

Behavioral Health Professional Services – Emergency Department

Consistent with Sec. 17b-262-971(c) (1) (2) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Concerning Outpatient Hospital Services, physicians (including psychiatrists, advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) including psychiatric APRNs, psychologists and behavioral health clinicians such as licensed clinical social workers and licensed professional counselors) can bill for and be separately reimbursed for medically necessary BH services rendered in POS/FTC 23 (ED). The procedure codes billed must be on the applicable provider’s fee schedule and within the practitioner’s scope of practice.

Behavioral Health Professional Services – Outpatient Hospital

As required by 17b-262-971(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Concerning Outpatient Hospital Services, outpatient hospital BH services are considered an all-inclusive rate and professional fees will not be reimbursed separately for medically necessary services rendered in POS/FTC 19 (off campus-outpatient hospital) or 22 (on campus-outpatient hospital).

Prior Authorization

Authorization guidelines are available at the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CTBHP) Web site (www.ctbhp.com). From the home page, click on “For Providers” then select “Provider Resources” then select “Covered Services” and then click the applicable authorization schedule.

For authorization of services contact Beacon Health Options at 1-877-552-8247 and for Web registration go to www.CTBHP.com, click “For Providers” for online services.

Accessing the Fee Schedules and Regulations

Fee schedules can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) Web site: www.ctdssmap.com. From this Web page, go to “Provider”, then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download”, and then click on the “I accept” button to proceed to the appropriate fee schedules. To access the CSV file, press control key while clicking the CSV link, then select “Open”.

To access the outpatient hospital regulation go to “Publications,” then “Provider Manuals Chapter 7,” and then choose “Hospital Outpatient: New Requirements Eff. 7-1-16” from the drop down menu.

To access the Behavioral Health Clinicians regulations go to “Publications,” then “Provider Manuals Chapter 7,” and then choose “Behavioral Health Clinician Services” or “Psychologist” from the drop down menu.

To access the Physician regulations go to “Publications,” then “Provider Manuals Chapter 7,” and then choose “Physician” or “Psychologist” from the drop down menu.