



TO: Home Health Agencies, Physicians, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Physician Assistants
RE: CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 37: Reauthorizations of Home Health Services During the Temporary Effective Period as a Result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Home health prior authorizations that are set to expire in the month of June 2020 and for each month thereafter that falls under the Temporary Effective Period as defined by the Department of Social Services (DSS), will be extended by 60 days from the date that the current authorization is set to end. **Providers do not need to request extensions for prior authorizations during this period; instead Community Health Network of CT (CHNCT) and Beacon Health Options will send a new authorization letter outlining the new end date and units authorized.**

As specified in PB 2020-33 prior authorization (PA) changes, including the automatic extension of home health authorizations, are interim measures and DSS will notify providers in writing when the state has deemed COVID-19 to no longer be a public health emergency thus concluding the Temporary Effective Period. Once the public health emergency is deemed over home health agencies must submit for reauthorization of medically necessary services prior to the conclusion of the most recent authorization approval date obtained by CHNCT or Beacon Health Options.

For additional details regarding PA changes implemented as an interim measure in response to the declaration of a public health emergency as the result of the outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus) please refer to PB 2020-33 “*CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 23: Changes to the Prior Authorization Requirements for Specified Services.*”