



TO: General Acute Care Hospitals, Children’s Hospitals, Physicians, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), Physician Assistants

RE: Removal of Prior Authorization/Registration for Behavioral Health Professional Services Rendered During a Medical Inpatient Stay

Effective for inpatient admissions on or after May 1, 2019, Prior Authorization (PA)/registration will no longer be required for behavioral health professional services rendered by a Physician, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) and Physician Assistant during a medical inpatient stay in Place of Service (POS)/Facility Type Code (FTC) 21 – Inpatient Hospital

To obtain further information regarding BH admissions or for authorization of BH services, please contact CT Beacon Health Options (BHO) at 1-877-552-8247 or visit the CTBHP Web site at www.ctbhp.com.

Hospitals

Authorization for the medical inpatient admission must be obtained from Community Health Network of Connecticut (CHNCT).

Although PA/registration will be removed for behavioral health professional services in POS/FTC 21 (Inpatient Hospital), hospitals should be in contact with the Department of Social Services’ 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.

Please Note: This bulletin does not change any other current prior PA/registration guidelines for medical or BH inpatient admissions.

Prior Authorization

To receive PA or obtain additional information regarding the authorization process for medical inpatient admissions, please contact CHNCT at 1-800-440-5071 or visit www.huskyhealth.com.