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Announcement 501

Behavioral Health Provider Types 14 and 82: Day Treatment Prior Authorization Clarification

According to medical coverage policy in Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 400, Day Treatment Service is a structured treatment program within a therapeutic milieu. As such, all clinical reviews of requests for authorization will be based upon this programmatic concept in addition to medical necessity requirements.

If a request for authorization is reduced, the reduction will be to the length of stay to avoid disruption in the program. The previous process was to reduce the number of units approved on a daily/weekly basis causing disruption within the programmatic milieu.

Please see the following example of an approved but reduced (approved/modified) authorization:

Request

H2012 7/1/12 – 9/29/12 4 units daily 4x per week total 208 units

Approved

H2012 7/1/12 – 8/11/12 4 units daily 4x per week total 104 units