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Public Health Emergency Prior Authorization Guidance

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- Effective July 1, 2022, Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) may require prior authorization (PA) requirements for SUD residential and inpatient treatment services, including ASAM Levels 3.1, 3.5, 3.7 and 4.0. This includes provider types 02, 03, 06, 26, 30 and any hospital setting that provides SUD treatment.
- **Updated: Except for the SUD residential and inpatient services listed above, PA for all other behavioral health treatment services continue to be waived for all provider types and includes PAR and non-PAR providers.**
- FFS and MCOs may require PA for all inpatient and outpatient Medicaid services provided by Kentucky Medicaid enrolled inpatient hospital providers (Provider Type 01). Effective September 1, 2023, FFS or MCOs may require PA for inpatient and outpatient Medicaid services provided by Kentucky Medicaid enrolled inpatient hospital providers with a COVID diagnosis.
- FFS and MCOs may require PA, for provider type 93, Rehabilitation Distinct Part Unit, effective May 1, 2022.
- FFS and MCOs may require PA, for provider type 12, Skilled Nursing Facilities, effective May 1, 2022.
- FFS and MCOs may require a PA for an outpatient service/procedure at other outpatient facilities or other Medicaid service based on their Utilization Management program. Please refer to the FFS or MCO's specific PA guidelines. Effective September 1, 2023, FFS or MCOs may require PA for services/procedures at other outpatient facilities or other Medicaid service with a COVID diagnosis.
- PA remains in place for all pharmacy benefits and products listed on the physician administered drug lists, except for medication assisted treatment (MAT) products (i.e. Sublocade).
- To facilitate provider payment, requirements for prior authorization of non-Kentucky Medicaid enrolled providers will remain unless otherwise noted.
- FFS and MCOs will continue to monitor for fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA) activity.