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Urine Drug Testing Prior Authorization Form
The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in collaboration with the Medicaid managed care plans (MCPs), are releasing a standard urine drug testing (UDT) prior authorization (PA) form available for use by behavioral health community providers to request PA for UDT that exceeds the guidelines that became effective July 1, 2019. See below for more details of this policy. The form is now posted to the Ohio BH Redesign website at https://bh.medicaid.ohio.gov/manuals and https://bh.medicaid.ohio.gov/Provider/Medicaid-Managed-Care-Plans.

Additional UDT Guidance
ODM announced new clinical guidelines effective July 1, 2019, for laboratory testing of urine drug samples among managed care enrollees receiving substance use disorder treatment from Medicaid enrolled behavioral health care providers. This policy, including UDT utilization guidance, appropriate clinical use for patients, and a summary of acceptable utilization standards for presumptive and definitive UDT codes, is described in the June 20th MITS Bits HERE.

Please note that some Medicaid MCPs have chosen to be less restrictive than the guidelines set forth in the MITS Bits. For further information, see the MAT Provider Guide tab within the latest Medicaid MCP Resource Guide, made available at https://bh.medicaid.ohio.gov/manuals and https://bh.medicaid.ohio.gov/Provider/Medicaid-Managed-Care-Plans.

For more information on Behavioral Health Medicaid Redesign, visit http://bh.medicaid.ohio.gov. We value your feedback and questions. Submit inquiries HERE.