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Mental Health Minute

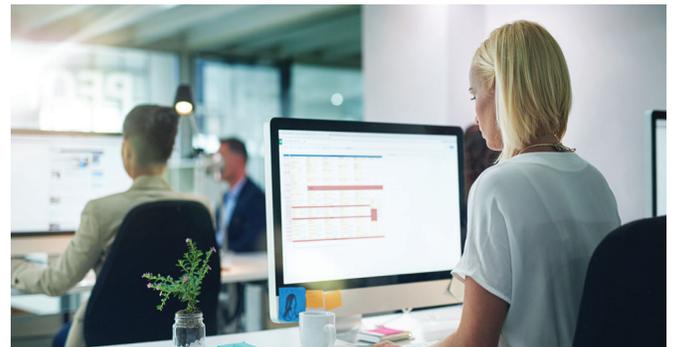
Permedion Contract For CPST and Psychiatric Hospital Reviews Will Continue Under ODM Management Beginning July 1, 2017

Beginning July 1, 2017, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) will assume management of the contract with Permedion for reviews of psychiatric hospital inpatient admission and community psychiatric supportive treatment (CPST) services greater than 104 hours per annual period July 1- June 30. Please note, due to the delay of implementing behavioral health redesign, prior authorization of CPST greater than 104 hours per year will continue until behavioral health redesign is implemented.

The management of this contract is being transferred from the Ohio Department of Mental Health (OhioMHAS) to ODM as part of the statewide behavioral health redesign project and is supported by both state agencies and Permedion. Permedion will continue performing all current utilization review activities for CPST and inpatient psychiatric hospital admissions. See further details below.

Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital Admissions

Process and policy changes will remain fundamentally the same for hospitals seeking pre-certification of inpatient psychiatric admissions and Permedion will continue performing post payment reviews. The process for requesting first level appeals will not change. Requests should be made through Permedion and staff there will perform all reviews. The criteria for second level reviews of appeals will be modified. Currently, these reviews are performed by administrative and clinical staff of OhioMHAS. Beginning July 1, 2017 only non-clinical reviews will be accepted to determine compliance with technical/administrative procedures and policies. These reviews will be conducted by ODM staff. Hospitals may continue to request second level appeals through Permedion.



Reviews of CPST Utilization Greater Than 104 Hours Per Year

No process or policy changes will be made for community mental health providers seeking authorization of CPST greater than 104 hours for the annual benefit period of July 1 – June 30. Please note that the 104 hour benefit threshold for CPST will be discontinued with the implementation of Medicaid behavioral health redesign and no authorizations will be needed thereafter.

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