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**PROVIDER LETTER**

**TO: Behavioral Health Providers**

- Psychiatric Hospital (PT 02 / PL #A-112)*
- Behavioral Health Service Organization (PT 03 / PL #A-28)*
- Chemical Dependency Treatment (PT 06 / PL #A-9)*
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (PT 16 / PL #A-10)*
- School Based Health Services (PT 21 / PL #A-16)*
- Community Mental Health Services (PT 30 / PL #A-129)*
- Licensed Professional Art Therapist (PT 62 / PL #A-14)*
- Licensed Behavioral Analyst (63) PL #A-12)*
- Licensed Behavioral Analyst (639) PL #A-9)*
- Physician (PT 64 / PL #A-400)*
- Physician Group (PT 65 / PL #A-55)*
- Behavioral Health Multi-Specialty Group (PT 66 / PL #A-18)*
- Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor (PT 67 / PL #A-7)*
- Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor Group (PT 679 / PL #A-4)*
- Nurse Midwife (PT 72 / PL #A-11)*

- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (PT 74 / PL #A-40)*
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist GROUP (PT 749 / PL #A-4)*
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (PT 78 / PL #A-114)*
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Group (PT 789 / PL #A-13)*
- Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (PT 81 / PL #A-15)*
- Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Group (PT 819) PL #A-15)*
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (PT 82 / PL #A-21)*
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker Group (PT 829 / PL #A-12)*
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (PT 83 / PL #A-15)*
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Group (PT 839 / PL #A-12)*
- Licensed Psychological Practitioner (PT 84 / PL #A-14)*
- Licensed Psychological Practitioner Group (PT 849 / PL #A-12)*
- Licensed Psychologist (PT 89 / PL #A-20)*
- Licensed Psychologist Group (PT 899 / PL #A-12)*
- Physician's Assistant (PT 95 / PL #A-110)*
- Physician's Assistant Group (PT 959 / PL #A-8)*

**FROM:** Lisa D. Lee, Commissioner

**DATE:** April 8, 2025

**RE:** Prior Authorization for Behavioral Health Services –  
Rescission of the March 14, 2025 and Partial Rescission of the November 9, 2024 Letters

The Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (Department) is rescinding the March 14, 2025 provider letter regarding the resumption of prior authorization (PA) for certain behavioral health services that was to begin May 1, 2025.

The Department is also rescinding, in part, the November 8, 2024 letter related to service limits and PAs for psychoeducation (H2027) and Peer Support Services (H0038) that was effective January 1, 2025.

The Kentucky General Assembly in the 2025 Regular Session passed House Bill 695, which states in Section 20:

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services is hereby directed to, within 90 days after the effective date of this Act, reinstate all prior authorization requirements for behavioral health services in the Medicaid program that were in place and required for behavioral health services on January 1, 2020.

The effective date of Section 20 is June 25, 2025.

Each Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) will be responsible for notifying providers of their behavioral health service PA requirements. MCOs are required to send the notification at least 30 days in advance. In addition, the Department requested that the MCOs provide opportunities for training on the PA process prior to, and after, the effective date.

If you have questions about what behavioral health services will be subject to prior authorization, please contact the appropriate MCO at the number below:

Aetna  
1-855-454-0061

UnitedHealthcare  
1- 866-633-4449

Humana Healthy Horizons  
1-800-444-9137

WellCare  
1-877-389-9457

Passport by Molina  
1-800-578-0775

This rescission does not apply to the policy in the November 9, 2024 letter related to H2027 fee-for-service reimbursement rates; service description; clarification of provider types that can deliver the service; and other billing guidelines including for groups. Those components remain in full force and effect.

Please direct any questions regarding this letter to [DMS.Issues@ky.gov](mailto:DMS.Issues@ky.gov).