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FROM: Lisa D. Lee, Commissioner
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RE: Prior Authorization Reinstatement for Substance Use Disorder Residential and Inpatient Services

Reinstatement of Prior Authorization for SUD Residential and Inpatient Services

Under the current KY HEALTH SUD 1115 Demonstration authority, the state is required to have utilization management approaches in place to ensure that there is an independent process for reviewing placements in residential treatment settings and interventions are appropriate for the diagnosis and level of care.

KY State Plan requires that individuals be assessed and meet the Dimensional Admission criteria for approval of residential level of care placement in accordance with the most current edition of *The ASAM Criteria: Treatment Criteria for Addictive, Substance-Related, and Co-Occurring Conditions*. This requirement has not been enforced since the Public Health Emergency (PHE) as a result of COVID-19 was declared. Due to our implementation plan and our pending extension of the 1115 waiver, DMS must reinstate the assessment to be in compliance with criteria outlined in our approved 1115 Waiver.

Therefore, effective July 1, 2022, prior authorization requirements for SUD residential and inpatient treatment services, including ASAM Levels 3.1, 3.5, 3.7 and 4.0 will be reinstated.

Providers are encouraged to reach out to the Managed Care Organizations you are credentialed with regarding any prior authorization requirements and processes.



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