

Provider Update

Behavioral health: Authorization requirement changes

Summary of change: As part of our goal of being easy to do business with, effective October 1, 2015 Amerigroup Community Care has updated our Precertification Lookup Tool (PLUTO) to more accurately reflect the current behavioral health authorization process for our Medicaid products. As a result of this update and effective October 1, 2015, certain behavioral health services will now require authorization.

What is the impact of this change?

Effective October 1, 2015, the codes listed below have been updated in PLUTO to show that authorization is required for the service.

| Procedure Code | Service Description |
|----------------|---|
| H0008 | Alcohol and/or drug services; sub-acute detoxification (hospital inpatient) |
| G0177 | Day program for Acute Needs / Day Tx Training and Education |
| S9480 | Intensive outpatient psychiatric services, per diem |
| H0019 | Therapeutic behavioral health services, per diem (therapeutic behavioral group care services) |
| S5145 | Therapeutic Foster Care/child & adolescent |

Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing

Historically we have not required authorization for psychological and neuropsychological testing for medical purposes. Effective October 1, 2015, authorization will be required, regardless of the submitted diagnosis, for the testing procedures noted below.

| Procedure Code | Service Description |
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| 96101 | Psychological Testing |
| 96102 | Psychological Testing by Technician |
| 96103 | Psychological Testing by Computer |
| 96118 | Neuropsychological Testing |
| 96119 | Neuropsychological Testing by Technician |
| 96120 | Neuropsychological Testing by Computer |

What if I need assistance?

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