



NETWORK *Notification*

Notice Date: September 22, 2020
To: Ohio Medicaid and MyCare Providers
From: CareSource
Subject: Emergency BH Hospitalization Initial Medical Necessity Reviews
Effective Date: October 8, 2020

Summary

On July 8, 2020 (updated on Aug. 24, 2020), in a [memo](#), Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) directed managed care plans (MCPs) to use the clinical level of care determination made by the admitting hospital as the medical necessity review for an inpatient behavioral health admission, when the admission is considered an emergency hospitalization as defined in ORC 5122.10.

Impact

Effective Oct. 8, 2020, upon admission, if a general hospital or institution of mental disease (IMD) provides CareSource with information from a member's medical record that includes "pink slip" documentation, CareSource will provide the hospital with an administrative authorization for payment for the admission. The administrative authorization for payment will be valid for up to 24 hours for evaluation and for three court days for stabilization. An administrative and/or clinical authorization for a behavioral health admission is required for payment.

After this period, if the member requires further inpatient treatment, traditional clinical medical necessity reviews for continued stay will occur. If a member who was subject to emergency hospitalization concedes to a voluntary admission to the hospital, the hospital is required to notify CareSource's utilization management department (1-800-488-0134) on the same day and the member's admission will then be subject to traditional medical necessity review(s), regardless of previous administration authorization.

Additional Information

In addition to inpatient level of care services, CareSource would like to remind hospitals that, since 2017, appropriately qualified Outpatient Behavioral Health Hospitals (OPHBHs) also have the ability to provide a variety of Medicaid-reimbursable services to CareSource members. These include: individual, group, (including Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) and Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP)), withdrawal management, care management/coordination, and/or observation services. The services can be provided, if medically necessary and appropriate, prior to, in lieu of, and/or post-inpatient hospitalization.

See additional information from ODM's [website](#) as well as an [informational flier](#) from CareSource.

Questions?

For questions, please contact Provider Services at 1-800-488-0134 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Standard Time). OH-Multi-P-273797