



**September 24, 2013**

# **Montana Health Care Programs Notice**

## **Children's Mental Health Providers**

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### **Changes to Contract with Magellan Medicaid Administration (MMA)**

In addition to the changes that went into effect August 31, 2013, the following changes will go into effect Tuesday, September 24, 2013.

#### **Changes to Prior Authorization Requirements**

**Effective Tuesday, September 24, 2013**, Magellan Medicaid Administration will no longer prior authorize (PA) the following services:

- Therapeutic Group Home (Initial PA; first 120 days);
- Outpatient Therapy concurrent with Therapeutic Group Home;
- Partial Hospitalization Programs; Therapeutic Foster Care-Permanency;
- Therapeutic Home Visits (PRTF).

While MMA will no longer be prior authorizing these services, the Children's Mental Health Bureau will be requiring that providers continue to fill out the prior authorization paperwork as well as Certificates of Need, as applicable, and place them in individual youth files, for audit purposes. The Children's Mental Health Bureau will be reviewing Therapeutic Group Home claims without prior authorization numbers.

Prior authorization will still be required through MMA for the following services:

- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities;
- Acute inpatient hospital; and
- Therapeutic Group Home Continued Stays (after 120 days).

The claims system (MMIS) is being updated to reflect authorization changes.

New rules regarding PAs are being promulgated to reflect these changes. New PA requirements will be reflected in the Children's Mental Health Bureau Provider Manual and Clinical Guidelines for Utilization Management upon adoption of the rules. While the rules are being promulgated, this provider notice serves as the directive for the new PA requirements. If you have questions regarding the rule making process or would like to request notification of upcoming proposed rules, contact Melissa Higgins, Developmental Services Division, at [mhiggins@mt.gov](mailto:mhiggins@mt.gov) or 406.444.5930.

Forms for prior authorization and continued stays are available online at <https://montana.fhsc.com/>

## Contact Information

If you have any questions related to changes to the MMA contract, contact Zoe Barnard, Children's Mental Health Bureau, at [zbarnard@mt.gov](mailto:zbarnard@mt.gov) or 406.444.1290.

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations at 1.800.624.3958 (toll-free, in/out of state) or 406.442.1837 (Helena) or via e-mail at [MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com](mailto:MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com).

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