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BALANCING INCENTIVE PROGRAM DLA-20 AUTHORIZATION PARAMETERS

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Applicable to Adult Mental Health Providers that are approved or licensed as Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Programs, Mobile Treatment Services (MTS) Programs, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Programs (PRPs), and/or Residential Rehabilitation Programs (RRPs)

In response to provider billing concerns secondary to the implementation of the DLA-20 assessment, the authorization parameters for ACT, MTS, PRP, and RRP services for adults have been adjusted to be compatible with the system logic for the calculation of service encounters for the monthly case rate.

Effective immediately, the initial authorization span for the service types associated with the DLA-20 will begin on date of submission of the initial authorization request and extend for two months of service, inclusive of the month of service request, ending on the last date of the second month. This authorization will be for two units of service. This change will allow the provider sufficient time to complete the DLA-20 assessment of the individual within the initial authorization span while, at the same time, ensuring that all encounters completed within the authorized month of service accrue to the service month for which the claim for reimbursement is being submitted.

Prior to the expiration of the initial authorization of two units for two months of service, the provider will follow the established DLA-20 workflow of submitting a concurrent request to include the DLA-20 assessment. The authorization span for each concurrent request will begin on the first of the month immediately following the expiration of the initial authorization span and extend for six months, ending on the last date of the sixth month. Each concurrent authorization will be for six units of service. The DLA-20 assessment is required to be submitted with each concurrent authorization request. This new process will allow for adequate units of service within each authorization span.



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Training on navigating the DLA-20 workflow is provided, in webinar format, within the context of the regularly scheduled Provider Connect trainings for PRP Providers. The next such training is scheduled for August 17, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. To register, please click on the hyperlink:

<https://beaconhealthoptions.webex.com/beaconhealthoptions/k2/j.php?MTID=tee070dd21404ec1d9f8aebdbb7363a94>

You will then be prompted to enter registration information. A confirmation email with both the call in number and webinar instructions will be emailed to you after you have successfully registered. Future trainings will be posted on the Beacon Health Options Maryland Provider Education and Training webpage, as follows:

http://maryland.beaconhealthoptions.com/provider/prv_trn.html