

Provider Alert

IBHS/BHRS transitional authorization process effective 1/17/2020 for current BHRS/ABA providers

Since the new IBHS codes have not been released yet, providers don't have the ability to bill for the assessment component. Until the codes have been released and providers are contracted for IBHS, Magellan is requiring the following process for all new Members seeking BHRS/IBHS (BSC/MT/TSS/BSC-ABA/TSS-ABA) services. This alert does not apply to BHRS Exception programs such as MST, FFT, STAP or Therapeutic After School Programs. Another alert will be released for those programs.

A written order needs to be completed, as required by the regulations.

For initial requests, providers will request authorization for the assessment utilizing current BSC and BSC-ABA codes on the current BHRS Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) Form. Authorization requests for assessment will include the TAR submitted with copy of written order.

Magellan will authorize 15 hours (60 units) for the assessment for non-ABA for 30 calendar days of BSC (H0032 HP EP) or 24 hours (96 units) for the assessment for ABA for 45 calendar days of BSC-ABA (H0046 HO HA/H0046 HO HA EP).

Assessments need to be completed in the home/community for services being delivered in the home/community. For group services, assessments can be office based.

Assessments should be completed within 15 business days (non-ABA) and 30 business days (ABA) as per the regulations.

Providers will have seven calendar days to schedule a first assessment appointment from completion of the written order or from the initial call from the family with a verified written order. Providers should document any family cancellations or no-shows that impact timeline.

Following the completion of the assessment and development of the Individualized Treatment Plan (ITP), the authorization request for BHRS/IBHS should be submitted utilizing the current BHRS TAR. Packet submission elements for IBHS include the following:

- Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) Form – updated 1/2020
- Written order – Magellan template available
- Assessment – Please be sure this includes specific service(s) recommendation
- Individualized Treatment Plan (ITP)

- CANS summary report – To be completed for all members three years of age and older
- ISPTM summary note if TSS/RBT/BHT services are requested in school.

For continued stay requests for members currently receiving BHRS, the following process will be utilized.

During the current BHRS authorization period, a written order will be completed as per the regulation requirements. The provider will utilize currently authorized BSC units to complete the assessment. If the provider requires additional units of BSC (H0032 HP EP) or BSC-ABA (H0046 HO HA/H0046 HO HA EP) services to complete the assessment, the provider should submit a brief statement of explanation that includes the additional units needed.

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As of Jan. 16, 2020, there are no enrolled/contracted IBHS providers in any Magellan behavioral health network, therefore, providers should continue to recommend traditional BHRS/ABA/BHRS exception services.

This process will remain in place until agencies are contracted for IBHS services. We appreciate your continued partnership and flexibility as we implement the new regulations.

If you have any questions, please email IBHS@Magellanhealth.com.