



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

OHCA 2018-24

September 12, 2018

RE: Acute Inpatient Psychiatric Services Prior Authorization Requirements for Adults

Dear Provider,

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) will require prior authorization (PA) for adult acute inpatient psychiatric admissions, effective September 17, 2018. This procedure change will ensure compliance with utilization control policy for acute inpatient psychiatric services at Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) [317:30-5-41.1](#).

Beginning September 17, 2018:

A PA will be required for admission to inpatient mental health and medical detoxification treatment services in a psychiatric or medical bed. PAs will not be necessary for acute extensions or for any member whose primary insurance is Medicare. Please note, per OAC [317:30-5-95.1](#), coverage for adults 21-64 years of age is limited to acute inpatient services in a general hospital setting.

Upon discharge, facilities are required to fax both the discharge date using the Discharge Notification Form and the member's aftercare summary, which will allow the PA to be updated for claims processing. Failure to fax a member's discharge date and summary may result in claim denial(s). Please find the Discharge Notification Form under the templates/form section of the [Behavioral Health Services webpage \(www.okhca.org/bh\)](#). Please refer to the [Medical Necessity Criteria Manual](#) for further details.

Please fax PA requests and discharges to (405) 530-7260.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call the OHCA Behavioral Health Unit at 1-800-522-0114 option 6, 2, 2, or (405) 522-7597.

Thank you for the services you provide to our SoonerCare and Insure Oklahoma members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Pasternik-Ikard".

Rebecca Pasternik-Ikard
Chief Executive Officer