Behavioral Health Services Provider Guide



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How to contact the Behavioral Health

Services team Utilization Management phone:

1-877-464-2911 Utilization Management fax: 1-

855-410-6638

Utilization Management Outpatient secure email: IntegratedBHUMOPT@amerihealthcaritas.com

Behavioral Health Network Management (contracting, credentialing, etc.): 1-866-506-6590



Behavioral Health Services which require prior authorization

Prior authorization is required for IOP, PHP, SUD withdrawal management and residential services. PRTF, MH IP.

Procedure	Prior authorizatio n required	Covered benefit for Medicaid	Covered benefit for Alliance	Comments
Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP	Yes	Yes	No	Prior authorization is required for all units.
Substance Use Disorders Residential Treatment services (RTF per diem, excludes room and board)	Yes	Yes	No	Prior authorization is required through MCO that does not exceed up to 15 days per calendar month. DBH must approve admission through designated assessment and referral site. We fund the first 15 – 30 days and then Comagine will handle the authorizations for ongoing service days until discharge
Psychiatric Rehabilitation Treatment Facility (PRTF)	Yes	Yes	No	For enrollees under age 22, only per RFP (C.8.2.13.15). Prior authorization is required for all units. DMH must approve admission. We fund the first 30 – 60 days and then the enrollee is disenrolled to FFS (we cover the first 30 consecutive days and then until the first of the next month).
Mental Health Inpatient (MH IP)	Yes	Yes	No	Prior authorization is required for all units. Precertifications are available 24/7.
Withdrawal Management Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Prior authorization is required for all Units. Precertifications are available 24/7.
Mental Health Partial Hospitalization Program (MH PHP)	Yes	Yes	No	Prior authorization is required for all units.

How do I request an authorization for one of these services?

IOP: The Clinical Fax Form is required for all IOP and day treatment.

MH IP, PHP, Withdrawal Management and Residential SUD services can be requested via the Clinical Fax Form **or** by calling 1-202-408-4823 or 1-800-408-7510 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, to complete the precertification telephonically.



Behavioral Health Clinical Fax Form

Below are steps on how to complete the behavioral health clinical fax form:

- 1. Complete date and date of admission or service start.
- 2. Indicate:
 - a. The type of review.
 - b. The type of admission.
 - c. The admission status.
- 3. Provider information: complete all fields.
- 4. Enrollee information: complete all fields.
- 5. Medications: complete all fields.
- 6. Complete (free form) presenting problems: be as specific as possible and include all clinical documentation available.
- 7. Is the enrollee attending groups? Yes, No, or NA.
- 8. Treatment history and current treatment participation: Be as specific as possible and include all clinical documentation available.
- 9. Substance abuse issues: be as specific as possible and include all clinical documentation available.
- 10. Discharge planning: be as specific as possible and include all clinical documentation available.

PRTF authorizations:

- 1. Provider submits a Psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF) referral by:
 - a. Completing the PRTF form.
 - b. Submitting all necessary supporting clinical documentation (see the PRTF Referral Form).
 - c. Faxing these materials to 1-855-410-6638.
- 2. Behavioral health (BH) Utilization Management (UM) gathers all necessary clinical documentation, including the referral and assessments, etc.
- 3. A BH UM psychiatrist determines if medical necessity (per InterQual) is met for the request.
- 4. BH UM schedules a meeting with the BH UM psychiatrist, BH UM clinical care managers, providers of the enrollee (if applicable or necessary), probation officers (if applicable) and Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Dr. Onyemenem and Dr. Raczynski.
 - *a.* The meeting is to make a medical-necessity determination in conjunction with DBH.



- 5. If the decision is that Medical Necessity Criteria (MNC) are met for the service, BH UM notifies the provider and the referral source of the authorization.
- 6. Authorizations are valid for 60 days. If the enrollee has not been admitted to the PRTF, a BH UM staff member follows the case until the enrollee is admitted or 60 days have passed (whichever occurs first).

a. If 60 days pass without an admission, a new referral and medical necessity decision are required.

- 7. Once the enrollee is admitted, the BH UM staff ensures the authorization dates are accurate for the provider.
- 8. The enrollee will be dis-enrolled following 30 60 days after the admission, per policy. At that time, DBH or fee for service will begin providing coverage for the enrollee while he or she is in the PRTF.
- 9. Once the enrollee is discharged from the PRTF, AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia (DC) will return to

providing the enrollee's coverage.

What will my authorization look like?

Your authorization will be returned to you via phone or fax, depending on the service.

Service	Notification type
Intensive outpatient program (IOP) or intensive day treatment (IDT)	Fax
Psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF)	Phone
Mental health inpatient (MH IP)	Phone
Mental health partial hospitalization program (MH PHP)	Phone
Withdrawal Management and SUD Residential Treatment Services	Phone





Behavioral Health Fax Form

Today's date:	Start date of admission or service:						
Type of review	Туре с	of admission		Admission stat	tus	Estimated le	ngth of stay
 Precertification Continued stay Discharge 	 Intensive outp Mental health Partial hospita 		□ Substance use □ Detox ent □ Rehab	Voluntary commitme Involuntary commitme		Readmissio day □ Yes	
			Enrollee informa	tion			
Enrollee name (last, f	irst, middle initia]):					
Eligibility ID number:		-			Date of	birth:	
Enrollee address:							
Emergency contact (c	other than primar	y caregiver):			Phone:		
Legal guardian or par	ent:				Phone:		
			Provider informa	tion			
Facility or provider n	amo.		Provider morma	uon	NDI nun	nber or tax ID:	
Attending M.D.:	ame.				Provide		
Facility or provider a	ddroce				FIOVIUE		
Utilization Managem		+ •			Phone:		
DSM-5 diagnoses (inc			l medical).		T none.		
DSM-5 triagnoses (int		til, substance use, and					
			Medications				
Medication nam	e Dosage	Frequency	Date of last char	ige	Туре с	of change	
				Increase	Decrea	,	□ New
					Decrea	,-	□ New
				□ Increase	Decrea	/-	□ New
					Decrea	,-	□ New
				□ Increase	Decrea Decrea	/-	□ New
						,	□ New
					Decrea	,	□ New
				□ Increase	Decrea	,	□ New
Additional information	on:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					

Presenting problem or current clinical update (Include suicidal ideation, homicidal ideation, psychosis, mood/affect, sleep, appetite, withdrawal symptoms, chronic substance use.)



Eligibility ID number: _____

Treatment history and current treatment participation

Previous mental health or substance use inpatient, rehab, or detox:

Outpatient treatment history:

Is the enrollee attending therapy and groups? \square Yes \square No If yes, please specify:

Explain clinical treatment plan:

Family involvement and/or support system:

Substance use: □ Yes □ No

If yes, mental health services only, please explain how substance use is being treated:

If yes, please complete below for current American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) dimensions and/or submit with documentation for substance use, intensive outpatient, partial hospitalization/day treatment, substance use detox, and substance use rehab.

Dimension rating	Current ASAM dimensio	ns are required (0–4)		
Dimension 1: Acute intoxication and/or withdrawal potential Ranking:	Substances used (pattern, route, last used):	Tox screen completed? □ Yes □ No If yes, results:	History of withdrawal symptoms:	Current withdrawal symptoms:
Dimension 2: Biomedical conditions and complications Ranking:	Vital signs:	Is enrollee under doctor care? □ Yes □ No Current medical conditions:	History of seizures?	
Dimension 3: Emotional, behavioral, or cognitive conditions and complications Ranking:	Mental health diagnosis:	Cognitive limits? □ Yes □ No	Psych medications and dosages:	Current risk factors (e.g., suicidal ideation, homicidal ideation, psychotic symptoms):
Dimension 4: Readiness to change Ranking:	Awareness/commitment to change:	Internal or external motivation:	Stage of change, if known:	Legal problems/ probation officer:
Dimension 5: Relapse, continued use or continued problem potential Ranking:	Relapse prevention skills:	Current assessed relapse risk level: High Moderate Low	Longest period of sobriety:	
Dimension 6: Recovery/livin g environment Ranking:	Living situations:	Sober support system:	Attendance at support group:	Issues that impede recovery:



Discharge planning		
Discharge planner name:	Discharge planner phone:	
Residence address upon discharge:		
Treatment setting upon discharge: Treatment provider upon discharge:		
Has a post-discharge seven-day follow-up appointment been scheduled? 🗆 Yes 🗆 No		
If no, please explain:		
If yes, give treatment provider name and date and time of scheduled follow-up:		

When form is complete, please fax to 1-855-410-6638.

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Behavioral Health Discharge Note

Behavioral health inpatient

Date:

Please fax to 1-855-410-6638 24 hours before discharge.

Contact information			
Enrollee name:		Enrollee ID number:	Enrollee date of birth:
Enrollee address:			Enrollee phone number:
Name of facility:			Facility NPI number:
Date of admit:	Discharged to (home, foster care, shelter, etc.):		
Date of discharge:	Discharge address:		
Discharge phone number:	If a minor o guardian:	r dependent adult, name and contact in	nformation of parent or

ICD-10 discharge diagnoses (psychiatric, substance use, and medical)

Was this discharge against medical advice (AMA)?	🗆 Yes 🗆 No
Was discharge information sent to the primary care provider and psychiatrist?	🗆 Yes 🗆 No
Was the discharge plan discussed with the enrollee?	🗆 Yes 🗆 No
If required for a minor or dependent adult, was informed consent for psychotherapeutic medication completed and given to the parent or guardian? (This is also applicable for adults who have legal guardians.)	🗆 Yes 🗆 No

Were any of the following included in the discharge plan? (Complete all that apply.)			
□ Yes	□ No	□ Refused	
		oply.) □Yes □No	



Referral to SUD residential treatment provider?		
Comments:	□ Yes	□ No □ Refused

Please remember to obtain any necessary patient authorization for the disclosure of treatment-related information and other protected health information to AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia.

Were any of the following included in the discharge plan? (Complete all that apply.)			
Department of Behavioral Health? Comments:	□ Yes	□ No	□ Refused
Other (mental health therapy, medical management, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous)? Provider name: Address: Phone number:	□ Yes	□ No	□ Refused

Collaboration of needs (Please indicate if collaboration is needed with any of the below, including contact name and phone number.) Check all that apply.

	Yes	No	Contact information
Child or adult protective agency			
Jail, prison, or court system			
Juvenile justice			
Nursing or nursing home facility			
Residential program			



School system		
Other		

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Discharge medications (Include all medications, including medical. Please provide dose, frequency, and condition for which each medication is prescribed.)				
Are these medications on the formulary?	□ Yes	□ No		
Do these medications require precertification?	🗆 Yes	□ No		
Has precertification been received, if needed?	□ Yes	□ No		

Risk assessment (If no risk assessment was performed, please explain.)

Was the enrollee stable at discharge (no risk for suicide, homicide, or psychosis)?

Aftercare appointment 1 (must be within seven days)				
Provider name (clinician and facility):	Provider contact number:			
Date of appointment:	Time of appointment:			
Is aftercare appointment scheduled within seven calendar days? If no aftercare appointment is scheduled within seven calendar days,	please explain why:	□ Yes □ No		



Provider name (clinician and facility):	Provider contact number:	
Date of appointment:	Time of appointment:	
Comments:		

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Are any other providers involved in the aftercare plan? (If yes, please list below with contact information.)			
rm submitted by:			
one number of person submitting form:			
te form submitted:			

Provider/facility notice:

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Substance Use Discharge Note

Date:

Please fax to 1-855-410-6638 24 hours before discharge.

Contact information			
Enrollee name:		Enrollee ID number:	Enrollee date of birth:
Enrollee address:			Enrollee phone number:
Name of facility:			Facility NPI number:
Date of admit:	Discharged to (home, foster care, shelter, etc.):		
Date of discharge:	Discharge address:		
Discharge phone number:	If a minor or dependent adult, name and contact information of parent or guardian:		

ICD-10 discharge diagnoses (psychiatric, substance use, and medical) Was this discharge against medical advice (AMA)? Yes □ No Was discharge information sent to the primary care provider and psychiatrist? Yes □ No Was the discharge plan discussed with the enrollee? Yes □ No If required for a minor or dependent adult, was informed consent for psychotherapeutic medication completed and given to the parent or guardian? (This is also applicable for adults who have legal guardians.) □ Yes □ No If required for a minor or dependent adult, was informed consent for psychotherapeutic medication completed and given to the parent or guardian? (This is also applicable for adults who have legal guardians.) □ Yes □ No

Discharge medications (Include all medications, including medical. Please provide dose, frequency, and condition for which each medication is prescribed.)

Are these medications on the formulary?	□ Yes	□ No
Do these medications require precertification?	□ Yes	□ No



las Medication-Assisted Treatment been prescribed for the enrollee?	□ Yes	□ No
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Risk assessment (If no risk assessment was performed, please explain.)

Was the enrollee stable at discharge (no risk for suicide, homicide, or psychosis)?

Follow-up and/or transition to lower level of care

Please contact the Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration (APRA) at **202-698-6080** for transitions to lower levels of substance use care, except intensive outpatient services, which must be authorized through the AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia Behavioral Health Utilization Management department at **1-877-464-2911**.

Was enrollee transitioned to lower level of care?

If yes, please provide specifics below, such as level of care, expected start date, and expected duration of treatment.

If no, please explain:

Are any other providers involved in follow-up care? (Please list below with contact information.)

Form submitted by:

Phone number of person submitting form:

Date form submitted:

Provider/facility notice:

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Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Referral

Psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF) referral information

Date of referral:

Referral contact:	Referring facility or agency:
Phone number:	Fax number:

PRTF referrals made

Has the enrollee been accepted at a PRTF? \square Yes \square No

If yes, please list actual facilities in the table below. If no, please list the facilities that the referring agency has identified for possible placement.

PRTF name	Accepted	Not Accepted	Awaiting decision	Is the facility recognized as a PRTF by DC Medicaid? (Y/N)

Date of admission or potential admission to PRTF: ____

Demographic information					
Child's name:		□ Male □ Female			
Date of birth: Age:		Ethnicity:			
Current placement:	Admission date:				
Social Security number:	Primary language:	Medicaid ID number:			
Address:					
City:	State:	ZIP code:			
Home phone number:					



Emergency contact (other than primary caregiver):	Phone:	
Guardian 1	Guardian 2	
Name:	Name:	
Relationship to child:	Relationship to child:	
Ethnicity:	Ethnicity:	
Languages:	Languages:	
Address:	Address:	
Home phone:	Home phone:	
Work phone:	Work phone:	

Legal guardian (if other than listed above):				
Relationship to child:	Home phone:	Work phone:		

Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) involvement (if any)			
CFSA supervisor:	Phone:		
CFSA program supervisor:	Phone:		
CFSA social worker or area office: Phone:			

Reason for and level of CFSA involvement:

Client CFSA status:					
Order of Temporary	Committed	Voluntary	Family with service	Investigation	
Custody			needs		Protective

Juvenile court involvement (if any)	
Probation officer:	Phone:

Arrest history:

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Criminal charge	When	Where	Disposition

Current family situation

Living situation (include the names and ages of other people in the household and their relationships to the enrollee):

Family history, family psychiatric and substance use history, domestic violence history, and current family stressors that may be affecting enrollee:

Family's role in treatment:

Family's strengths:

Child's strengths:

Religious and/or cultural background:

Restrictions or special needs based on religious and/or cultural background or physical needs (if any):



Secondary insurance information (if any)				
Name of secondary insurance carrier:				
Insurance number:	Plan or code number:			
Subscriber:	Date of birth:			
Subscriber's employer:				
Relationship to insured:				
Insurance verified: Yes No				

Psychiatric clinical information

What is the main clinical need or focal problem that leads you to request admission to a PRTF?

What are the contributing factors to the main clinical need or focal problem? Please consider factors from multiple life domains, including the individual, family, peer, school, and community:

What are the goals for the PRTF stay and the recommended interventions corresponding to the contributing factors stated above?



Current di	iagnosis

Current psychiatric medications and dosages					
Name of drug	Dose	Schedule	Prescribing M.D.	Target symptoms or behaviors	

Past psychiatric medication trials						
Name of drug	Dose	Schedule	Prescribing M.D.	Target symptoms or behaviors		

Were any medications discontinued due to adverse reactions? If so, which?



Symptom, behavior, or diagnosis	Current	Past	Unknown	N/A
Aggressive behavior				
Anxiety or panic attacks				
Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder				
Depression				
Disordered eating patterns or concerns				
Dissociative features				
Fire setting				
Hallucinations — auditory				
Hallucinations — visual				
History of cruelty to animals				
Homicidal threats				
Impulsive behavior				
Juvenile court involvement				
Oppositional behavior				
Running away				
Self-injurious behavior				
Sexualized behavior				
School problems				
Sleep problems				
Suicidal ideation				
Suicide attempts				

Has the child experienced any of the following? (Please check one response for each.)

History of trauma or abuse:	
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□ Yes □ No

🗆 Unknown

If yes, please explain when and by whom and if enrollee has received any treatment to address:



Medical information						
Primary care provider:			Phone:			
Allergies:						
Check all that apply:						
□ Birth complications	Head trauma	□ Gastrointestinal disease	Diabetes	□ HIV/AIDS		
🗆 Asthma	Cardiac problems	Thyroid disease	Seizures			
Medical issues (including significant medical history, hospitalizations, and surgeries)						

Recent testing	Date	Any abnormalities? (Y/N)	Comment
Electrocardiogram			
Electroencephalogram			
Computed tomography scan			
Magnetic resonance imaging			

Identify any potential risk factors that may interact with medications:



Current medical medications:

Name of drug	Dose	Schedule	Prescribing M.D.	Target symptoms or behaviors

Any medical conditions that might impact use of restraint:

Educational informationChild's current grade level:Current school or town:Special education classification? □ Yes □ NoIQ testing date:IQ scores:Current individualized education plan (IEP) date:

Academic, behavioral, and social functioning in school (note any suspensions):



Treatment history and plan		
Has child ever received any of the following services?	Y/N/U	Location
Psychiatric hospitalization		
Substance use treatment		
Combined behavioral intervention		
Multisystemic therapy		
Outpatient treatment		
Partial hospitalization		
Residential treatment		
Psych-sexual evaluation		
Psychological testing		
Neuropsychological testing		
Other:		

What is the long-term disposition plan for this child?

- \Box Reunification with the following person:
- □ Therapeutic foster care
- □ Residential treatment
- $\hfill\square$ Group home

What is the child's vision for the long-term disposition plan?

 $\hfill\square$ Home

 $\hfill\square$ The rapeutic foster care □ Residential treatment

□ Group home



Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Referral

	Current service providers				
Contact name	Agency	Phone	Service provided	Dates of participation	

Does the child require a single room? If yes, state reason:

Previous experience with roommates:



Criteria section

Expectation for treatment (check one):

- Treatment expected to improve symptoms behaviors
- Treatment expected to maintain symptoms or or behaviors without further deterioration

Over the last week, has the child or adolescent exhibited any of the following behaviors? (Check all that apply.)

- □ Fire setting
- □ Self-mutilation
- □ Running away for more than 24 hours
- □ Daredevil or impulsive behavior
- □ Sexually inappropriate, aggressive, or abusive behavior

- □ Angry outbursts or unmanageable aggression
- □ Positive, unmanageable psychotic symptoms
- □ Increasing, unmanageable hypomanic symptoms
- $\hfill \Box$ Arrest or confirmed illegal activity
- $\hfill\square$ Persistent violation of court orders

Have the child or adolescent's behaviors been present at least six months?
¬ Yes ¬ No

Are the child or adolescent's behaviors expected to persist longer than one year without treatment?

Has child or adolescent had any of the following unsuccessful treatments within the past year? (Check all that apply.)

- □ Treatment foster care
- □ Treatment in a residential treatment center or therapeutic group home
- □ At least three psychiatric inpatient admissions

- □ At least three psychiatric partial hospital admissions
- At least four psychiatric admissions to inpatient, partial hospital, or intensive outpatient, in any combination

Are the child or adolescent's behaviors unmanageable safely in a lesser level of care? \Box Yes \Box No

Is the child or adolescent's support system (check any of the following):

- □ Unavailable
- Unable to ensure safety

- □ Abusive
- $\hfill \square$ Intentionally sabotaging treatment
- □ Unable to manage intensity of symptoms



Does the child or adolescent have any of the following functioning problems? (Check all that apply.)

- Inability or unwillingness to follow instructions activities or negotiate needs
- □ Social withdrawal

- Inability or unwillingness to perform of daily living
- Loss of behavioral control for more than
 48 hours, with no improvement
 expected within two weeks

Signature and title of referring person:_	
Date:	

Supporting documentation required with packet:

- Court order for placement (if applicable)
- Most recent psychiatric evaluation recommending PRTF placement
- Most recent clinical update, including diagnosis and medications
- Most recent IEP
- Clinical justification: If the enrollee has not had extensive outpatient services, please provide clinical justification for placing the enrollee in a PRTF instead of starting more intensive outpatient services

Please note: Facilities may require additional documentation or information prior to decision.





Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing

AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia (DC) requires **prior** authorization for all psychological testing and neuropsychological testing.

What you need before requesting psychological or neuropsychological testing:

• A completed assessment on the enrollee that clearly documents the need for psychological or neuropsychological testing, including the questions to be answered and how the testing will impact the enrollee's treatment plan.

What you need to submit for a request to provide psychological or neuropsychological testing:

- A completed assessment on the enrollee.
- The completed Psychological or Neuropsychological Testing Request Form.

The Psychological and Neuropsychological Outpatient Treatment Request Form How to complete:

- 1. Enrollee information: complete all fields.
- 2. Provider information: complete all fields.
- 3. Referral reason or question: the reason the testing is being requested. What is the reason for the testing?
- 4. Double check that the testing being requested is not for the following:
 - a. Educational and vocational purposes.
 - b. Legal purposes.
 - c. Experimental purposes or purposes that have no documented validity (i.e., no evidence-based outcomes).
 - d. Time requested to administer the testing exceeds established time parameters.
 - e. Routine entrance into a treatment program.
- 5. Note if this testing is required for educational purposes, behavioral health purposes or both.
- 6. State how the anticipated results of the testing will affect the patient's treatment plan.
- 7. DSM V Diagnosis: complete all fields.
- 8. List current medications with names, strengths and directions.
- 9. Check all current symptoms prompting the request for testing.
- 10. Was a Behavioral Health Evaluation completed? If so, give specifics. Attach results for more clarity and support of the request.
- 11. History: complete all fields.



12. Note if previous psychological or neuropsychological testing was conducted.

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Start date	Stop date	CPT code	Modifiers	Units requested
MM/DD/YY	MM/DD/YY			
07/31/14	08/31/14	96101	TM	6

13. Complete the below box for services requested. As an example only:

14. List the tests planned and the time you will spend administering each test.

Example:

Test	Reason for use	Educational (Yes or no)	Number of units requested for test	Number of units approved for test
WAIS-IV	Full IQ scale	No	4 hours	4 hours
MMPI-2	Personality inventory	No	4 hours	4 hours

- 15. Indicate total number of units or hours requested.
- 16. Provider signature.

What happens after you submit the request for testing?

If all required information is received:

- **x** AmeriHealth Caritas DC processes the request.
 - *f* All psychological and neuropsychological testing requests are sent to a licensed psychologist for review of medical necessity.
 - *f* The psychological advisor makes the determination based on medical necessity for approval of the requested testing, the number of hours authorized and the types of test that are medically necessary to administer.
 - *f* AmeriHealth Caritas DC then notifies you of the psychological advisor's medical necessity decision.



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Problems and troubleshooting

1. My request for authorization was pended, what happens now?

- **a.** AmeriHealth Caritas DC will send it back to you requesting the information we need and a date the clinical information is due.
 - i. The sooner the clinical documentation is submitted, the sooner an authorization can be processed.
- **b.** The request will remain pending the authorization until the information is received.
- c. AmeriHealth Caritas DC will pend the authorization request for at least 45 days.
- **d.** <u>On the 45th day</u>, the authorization request will be reviewed for a possible denial of service(s) if the clinical documentation has not been received.

2. Possible reasons for pending:

- **a.** The identifying information on the enrollee does not match AmeriHealth Caritas DC records.
- **b.** Information is missing.
- c. The information is not legible.
- d. The address or service site is not listed in the provider profile.
- e. The individual is not an active enrollee or the enrollee's identity cannot be verified.
- f. The identifying information on the enrollee does not match AmeriHealth Caritas DC records.
- g. A treatment plan is required but was not sent with the request.

3. My authorization dates do not match what I requested:

- a. Check to ensure you are not requesting backdating of services.
- **b.** Contact the BH UM department for further clarification.
- c. Resubmit the request with proof of prior submission for backdating of services.

4. I received an administrative denial notification that the enrollee is no longer eligible for AmeriHealth Caritas DC coverage. What should I do now?

a. Check with DC Medicaid for guidance on the enrollee's current eligibility.

5. I received notification that AmeriHealth Caritas DC Behavioral Health Utilization Management department

could not verify the enrollee's identity. What do I do now?

- **a.** Resubmit **all** documentation initially submitted.
- **b.** Be sure to include two of the following:
 - i. Enrollee name and AmeriHealth Caritas Date of birth
 - ii. Medicaid ID number
 - iii. DC ID
 - iv. Social security number



Important things to remember when requesting a behavioral health outpatient authorization:

1. Outpatient Therapy sessions do not require a prior authorization for participating providers. Non- participating providers will need to submit a Behavioral Health Outpatient Treatment Request (OTR) form.

2. Non-Participating Providers: The Behavioral Health Outpatient Treatment Request OTR requires a treatment plan. (The treatment plan should document the enrollee's measureable treatment goals with clearly defined time frames of treatment, progresses made, barriers, and future plans and interventions). This is required to determine medical necessity for services.

3. All written treatment requests received are date-stamped with the date received. The fax cutoff deadline is 5:30 p.m. EST daily. Requests received after 5:30 p.m. EST or on non-work days will be marked as being received on the date of the next business day.

4. Authorizations will not be backdated prior to the date the request, with all required information, was received by the BH UM department. Providers can file a dispute once a claim has been denied for services rendered that were not authorized due to provider failure to request authorization and/or provide sufficient clinical information to enable a medical necessity review.

If you believe you submitted a complete request before the date services were authorized to begin, please submit documentation of the prior submission and we will backdate the authorization with proof of submission (i.e., the date or time stamp from fax and/or electronic submission).

5. Complete treatment requests will be reviewed for medical necessity and duplication of services. If there is a duplication of services, the request will be returned to the provider requesting a rationale for the duplication.

6. AmeriHealth Caritas DC has no longer than 14 calendar days to process the request and notify the provider of the authorization outcome. If the 14-calendar-day deadline is missed, the request will be approved exactly as requested.



What will my authorization look like? All authorizations are faxed to the provider at the given fax number. Below is an example of an authorization fax. Please remember to read **all** of the information on the fax cover sheet.

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Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing Request

Please print clearly — incomplete or illegible forms will delay processing.

Enrollee information		Provider information		
Patient name:		(Please indicate by checking be be authorized to the provider of		-
Health plan:	0	🗆 Provider		
Date of birth:	0	🗆 Group or agency	Name:	
Social Security number:		Professional credential: 🗆 M.D. Other:	□ Ph.D. □	
		Physical address:		
Referral source:		Phone:		Fax:
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State how the anticipated result	s of the testing will affect t	he patient's treatment plan:		
DSM V Diagnosis		What are the current symptor	ns promp	ting the request for testing?
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Danger to self or others?	lo If			



Mental status exam (MSE) within normal limits?
□ Yes □ No If no, please explain:

🗆 Anxiety

□ Depression

□ Inattention □ Confusion

□ Hypoactivity

- Self-injurious behavior
- □Eating disorder symptoms
 - \Box Withdrawing or poor social interaction
 - Mood instability
 - Changes in memory capacity
 - 🗆 Changes in cognitive capacity
- Hyperactivity
 Psychosis/ Hallucinations
- Behavior problems affecting
 life functions (e.g., school, home)
 Poor academic performance
- Bizarre behavior
- $\hfill\square$ Unprovoked agitation or aggression $\hfill\square$ Other:

List current	medications:	Comments
Name and strength	Directions	

Was a behavioral health ev	aluation completed (e.g.	., 90801)?	History		
🗆 Yes 🗆 No Date:			When was th	ne patient's last physical ex	xamination?
Results:			diagnostic	deficit/hyperactivity disor ase indicate results of stan	
Was previous psychological or r	neuropsychological testing co	onducted?	Positive	Negative Inconcl	usive 🗆 NA
🗆 Yes 🗆 No Date:			Comments:		
Basic focus and results:					
Start date requested MM/DD/YY	Stop date MM/DD/YY	CPT co	de	Modifiers	Units

Test	Reason for use	Educational (yes or no)	Number of units requested for test	Number of units approved
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Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing Request

		for test



Indicate the total number of units (hours) requested:

Provider signature:

Date:

D Submit to: AmeriHealth Caritas DC Utilization Management Fax: 1-855-410-6638 For assistance, please call 1-800-408-7510.

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Behavioral Health Outpatient Therapy

Behavioral health outpatient services

Please refer to your Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Manual to obtain coding for outpatient behavioral health services. For fee information, you may visit the District of Columbia Department of Health Care Finance website at https://www.dc-medicaid.com/dcwebportal/nonsecure/feeScheduleInquiry. Please contact your Provider Network Account Executive if you have any questions.

Enrollees may self-refer to behavioral health services.

Prior authorization is required only for all encounters/services provided by non-participating providers.

Behavioral Health Outpatient Treatment Request (OTR) Form

The behavioral health OTR is included with this guide (a blank copy and an example version). The document can also be found at <u>http://www.amerihealthcaritasdc.com/provider/resources/forms.aspx</u>.

Section Enrollee information: complete all fields.

Tip: The enrollee must have current and active coverage with AmeriHealth Caritas DC during the time of the requested services. AmeriHealth Caritas DC must verify the enrollee's identity and eligibility through two of the following from the enrollee:

1. Enrollee name.

2. Medicaid ID number.

3. Social Security number.

4. Date of birth.

If we are unable to verify enrollee's identity, we cannot document and/or save the request. If we are unable to verify the enrollee's identity, you will receive one of the below notifications via fax:

We are unable to process this request because we cannot confirm enrollee identity and eligibility. Please provide at least one enrollee identifying number, such as Medicaid ID number, AmeriHealth Caritas DC ID number, or Social Security number, so we may confirm enrollee identity and process this request.

Please note that to verify eligibility, we need to match our records with the request on at least two of the following:

- 1. Enrollee name.
- 2. *Medicaid ID number.*
- 3. Social Security number.
- 4. Date of birth.

We are unable to process this request because we cannot confirm enrollee identity and eligibility. The [Enrollee name, Medicaid ID number, Social Security number, Date of birth] provided does not match our records. Please confirm enrollee identity and eligibility with AmeriHealth Caritas DC Medicaid. If the enrollee is active with AmeriHealth Caritas DC, please resubmit with correct enrollee information. Please note that to verify eligibility, we need

to match our records with the request on at least two of the following:

- 1. Enrollee name.
- 2. *Medicaid ID number.*
- *3. Social Security number.*
- 4. Date of birth.

If the enrollee is no longer eligible for benefits with AmeriHealth Caritas DC during the time the services are requested, we will issue an administrative denial for the termination of benefits.



Section Treating provider information: complete all fields. Tip: enter the fax number that the authorization should be faxed back to.

Section Reason for services: complete all fields.

Section DSM diagnosis and questions following: complete all fields including diagnosis.

<u>Section Reason for authorization of out-of-network providers:</u> complete all fields or check "Not applicable."

Section Medications: complete all fields.

Section Treatment plan: attach the current treatment plan.

Section Additional comments: enter any necessary information.

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Outpatient Treatment Request (OTR)

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Enrollee information				
Enrollee name:		· .	_Social Security number: _	
Date of birth:Enrollee address:			-	
City:	State:	_ZIP:	_Phone:	
Who referred enrollee for treatment?				
Self or guardian Primary care provider	(PCP) School	State agency:		
		Other:	Name of referring agent:	
		Phone:		
Treating provider information				
Name:			_	
M.D. Licensed Licensed clinician		_ 🗖 In network	Out of network In credentialing p	orocess
Address:				
City: State	:ZIP:	Phone:	Fax:	
Group name or AmeriHealth Caritas DC ID nu	mber:			
Contact name: Treating provider signature:				
Reason for services				
Primary reason or complaint: Start date requested:				
Services requested:Service code:	s:	Frequency:		



DSM diagnosis	Please answer the following questions
List all DSM diagnoses (behavioral and medical):	 a) Is the enrollee currently participating in any school services? Yes No b) Is the enrollee's family or supports involved in treatment? Yes No c) Has the enrollee been evaluated by a psychiatrist? Yes No d) Is the enrollee involved with juvenile justice or the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA)? Yes No
	e) Is there coordination of care with other behavioral health Yes No providers?f) Is there coordination of care with medical providers? Yes No



Outpatient Treatment Request (OTR)

Reason for authorization of out-of-network providers (Utilization Management will contact provider directly before giving authorization.)			
🗌 Not applicable — provider is in network.			
a) Specialty of provider to meet the needs of the enrollee: <u>_</u>			
b) Continuity of care concerns: _			
c) Accessibility and availability of provider: _			
d) Clinical rationale:			
Medications			
Is enrollee on prescribed medications? Yes No Prescribing physicians' names:			
Is enrollee compliant with medications? Yes No Please list medications and dosages:			
Treatment plan			
Please attach the current treatment plan. Please include documentation related to progress on goals and any changes made as a result.			
Additional comments			
Submit to:			
AmeriHealth Caritas DC Utilization Management Fax: 1-855-410-6638 For assistance please call 1-800-408-7510			
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