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## PROVIDER ALERT

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**TO:** CT BHP Freestanding Mental Health Centers, Methadone Maintenance Clinics  
School-based Health Centers, Hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers,  
Independent Practitioners

**SUBJECT:** Web-Based Concurrent Reviews for Outpatient Services

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Dear Provider,

The Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP) is preparing to implement enhancements to the CT BHP web registration system. Effective November 15, 2007, additional features for registering initial evaluations and for performing outpatient concurrent reviews will be available on the CT BHP web registration system\*. A training manual and a schedule of provider trainings will be forthcoming.

### **90801 – Evaluation Only**

Effective November 15, 2007, an additional inquiry field will be added to the current service registration screens: “Registering for 90801 Evaluation only?” If the system user selects “Yes”, the user will be able to proceed directly to the last field of the registration (“Enter the Start Date”), without completing all the usual required fields. This will result in an initial registration of (1) unit for Outpatient services. This enhancement was designed for those registrations in which an initial evaluation was performed, but continuing outpatient services will not be required. If the system user selects “No” all required fields to complete a registration will continue to be necessary and (26) units of Outpatient services will be authorized.

### **Outpatient Concurrent Reviews**

Effective November 15, 2007, the web registration system will allow users to perform an on-line concurrent review after an initial registration/authorization of outpatient services has been obtained in the following situations:

1. If more than 26 units are required ***within*** the one-year time span of the initial outpatient authorization, users will be able to perform a concurrent review, on-line, to receive an additional 19 units during the first year. In the event that *more* than 45 units are required ***within*** the one-year time span, providers will be required to contact the CT BHP for a telephonic review.
2. If more units are required ***after*** the end date of the initial outpatient authorization, users will be able to use the on-line registration system to perform a concurrent review and receive an additional 19 units over the ensuing six month span. Providers are allowed three (3) successive, six month, additional registrations. If outpatient services are still required after the third concurrent review,

providers will be required to contact the CT BHP for a telephonic review. *Note: if 45 units were used during the first year, two (2) successive, six month additional registrations are allowed.*

\* The ability to perform concurrent reviews on-line for Methadone Maintenance and Family Support Team (FST) Home Based Services will also be effective starting December 1, 2007.

**Please note: *Providers still have 21 days from the initial visit/service to complete an initial registration and 21 days from the initial service date of the re-authorization to complete a concurrent review.***

If you have any questions, please contact the CT BHP Call Center at 1-877-552-8247.

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