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Provider Bulletin**

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TO: Freestanding Mental Health Clinics, School-Based Health Centers, Psychiatrists, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists, Licensed Professional Counselors, and Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors

SUBJECT: Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Implementation of Prior Authorization of Case Management Services

This bulletin outlines the process and serves as advance notification to freestanding mental health clinics, school-based health centers and independent behavioral health clinicians of the schedule for implementing authorizations for case management services **under the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CTBHP).**

Case management services are billed using Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code T1016 (*Case management, each 15 minutes*). Services are payable only for clients under 21 years of age. Since the start of the Behavioral Health Partnership, case management services have been limited to three hours (12 units) per provider, per client, per 365 days.

Effective July 1, 2007, three hours per client, per provider, per year will continue to be paid without authorization. When case management services are necessary in excess of this amount, prior authorization will be required. Providers must contact the CTBHP at 1-877-552-8247 to receive authorization. The CTBHP can be reached 24 hours per day.

When submitting claims for units of service that are prior authorized, the prior authorization number must be appropriately entered on the claim.

Guidelines for all levels of care are available at the CTBHP Web site (www.ctbhp.com). From the home page, click on “for providers” → “Level of Care Guidelines” → “Child BHP Level of Care Guidelines” and select the guideline of your choice.

This bulletin and other program information can be found at www.ctmedicalprogram.com. Questions regarding this bulletin may be directed to the EDS Provider Assistance Center - Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at:

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