

PROVIDER ALERT

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To: **CT BHP Inpatient Psychiatric Providers**

Subject: **Changes to Review Process for CT BHP Bypass Programs**

Dear Provider,

The CT BHP is pleased to announce that we are in the final stages of developing new evaluation procedures for the CT BHP Inpatient Bypass Programs. The benefits of Bypass Programs are that they provide administrative relief to our inpatient providers by authorizing care for longer periods of time, thus decreasing the number of concurrent reviews required for a stay. Presently, there are two Bypass Programs that will be affected by these changes, specifically the Child/Adolescent and Adult Inpatient Bypass Programs.

Currently, Providers eligible for Bypass Programs are evaluated on a semi-annual basis to determine if they are performing within the stated requirements of the Bypass Programs. Decisions as to whether or not a Provider will be on the bypass program are made on an annual basis. As of the second quarter of 2012, the CT BHP will be evaluating Providers on a quarterly basis (every 3 months). Additionally, decisions to include or exclude Providers from the Inpatient Bypass Programs will be made on a semi-annual basis as well.*

The existing performance standards that Providers must meet are not changing at this time. Please review Provider Alerts 2010-09 and 2010-04 to view performance standards for the Adult and Child/Adolescent Bypass Programs, respectively.

***Please note: The CT BHP will issue letters to providers regarding their status in the Bypass program on or about August 15th and February 15th of each year based on data from the previous two quarters.**

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

Sincerely,
Provider Relations
Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership