

PROVIDER ALERT

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To: **CT BHP Outpatient Hospital Providers**
Subject: **Authorization Transition for Outpatient Hospital Modernization Reform**

Dear Outpatient Hospital Provider,

As previously stated in Provider Bulletins 2016-25 and 2016-35, the Department of Social Services (DSS) is modernizing its reimbursement methodology for outpatient hospital services under the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP). **Effective for dates of service beginning July 1, 2016 and moving forward, CMAP providers will transition to an Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS).** This approach will utilize a combination of revenue center codes (RCC), Healthcare Common Procedure Code System (HCPCS) codes, and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes to determine reimbursement levels that are directly influenced by the complexity of the service(s) being performed.

This transition impacts any authorizations that either span the July 1, 2016 effective date and/or any authorizations with an effective date of July 1, 2016 and going forward, for the following levels of care:

- Outpatient (OTP)
- Intensive Outpatient (IOP)
- Extended Day Treatment (EDT)
- Partial Hospitalization (PHP)
- Psychological Testing (TST)

The CT BHP is committed to facilitating this transition in a way that imparts as little administrative burden onto providers as possible and eliminating the need/requirement for hospital outpatient providers to re-enter existing authorizations for the above levels of care.

This project has been a large undertaking and we want to ensure that changes are thoroughly tested before being implemented so claims are not adversely impacted. For that reason, system programming and testing has been extended through the beginning of July. In addition to systematic changes, manual adjustment of several thousand authorizations by CT BHP staff is required.

During this extended testing time, providers should continue to bill their claims. The Department of Social Services (DSS) and Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) will suspend any claims with a date of service 7/1/2016 and forward, for the above level of care. Once CT BHP completes the necessary system updates, the claims that have been suspended will process accordingly without the need to resubmit the claim.

Our goal is to complete this task as accurately and as timely as possible and we apologize for any inconveniences that may occur.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the CT BHP Provider Relations Department at 1-877-552-8247, options 1, 3, and then 7.

Sincerely,
The Provider Relations Department
Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership