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## PROVIDER ALERT

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Issued: **November 14, 2018**

To: **CT BHP Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) Providers**

Subject: **CT BHP Modifications to Authorization Parameters for Intensive Outpatient Program Services**

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Dear Provider,

This alert serves as advanced notice to upcoming changes to the authorization parameters for **new initial authorizations effective 11/19/18 and forward**, for intensive outpatient program services (CPT/HCPC S9480 Mental Health / H0015 Substance Use).

**Prior to 11/19/18**, initial requests for authorization for IOP services were authorized with the following parameters:

- Adult (18+) IOP initial authorization requests - **15** units/days over a **42** date span.
- Youth (0-17) IOP initial authorization requests - **10** units/days over a **14** date span.

**Effective 11/19/18**, initial requests for authorization for IOP services will be authorized with the following parameters:

- Adult (18+) IOP initial authorization requests - **16** units/days over a **42** date span.
- Youth (0-17) IOP initial authorization requests - **35** units/days over a **49** date span.

We hope these changes will decrease some of the administrative burden for providers. Requests will continue to be monitored for medical necessity.

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

Sincerely,

Provider Relations Department  
CT Behavioral Health Partnership