

## **15-day Initial Authorization for 3B**

**This Bulletin supersedes *Bulletin 18-08 Prior Authorization Requirement Waived for Medically Monitored Residential Care (Level 3B)*, which was originally published June 1, 2018 to waive the prior authorization requirement for Medically Monitored Residential Treatment (3B). Per Bulletin 18-08, providers admitting members to 3B would receive an initial authorization for 7 days. **The purpose of this Bulletin is to change the initial authorization for 3B to 15 days, effective November 21, 2018.****

Providers admitting CBH members to 3B should notify the CBH Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) line (215-413-7171) at the time the member is admitted, and an initial authorization for **15 days** will be provided. Concurrent reviews will begin on day 15, and subsequent reviews will occur as necessary.

As historically required, providers admitting members to 3B units must complete an assessment within 72 hours of admission, including Pennsylvania Client Placement Criteria (PCPC) (and American Society of Addiction Medicine [ASAM] once providers have transitioned to this criteria), documenting that the member meets medical necessity for this level of care.

CBH reminds providers that discharge planning must begin upon intake; if it is determined upon the initial concurrent review that the individual does not meet medical necessity criteria for 3B, the member must be sufficiently ready for discharge. Additionally, when questions regarding medical necessity arise during concurrent review, retrospective chart reviews may occur through the CBH Compliance Department.

CBH will continue to evaluate the impact of this change to determine modifications needed, including resuming the prior authorization requirement for 3B. Changes will be communicated by subsequent bulletins. Questions regarding this Bulletin can be directed to your assigned Provider Representative.