

Blanket Authorization Numbers

In the coming months, Community Behavioral Health (CBH) will change how Blanket Authorization Numbers (BANs) will appear on Schedule As. The numbering sequence for new BANs associated with new levels of care will no longer be all numeric. To allow us to continue to create these numbers, they need to be alphanumeric. The first six digits will be numeric. The remaining three digits will be a combination of alphanumeric characters.

Please note that BANs on existing Schedule As will not be changed; these numbers will remain all numeric. However, if updates are made to a provider's Schedule A, requiring the creation of a new BAN number, it will be a combination of alphanumeric characters.

There is no action required on the provider's behalf; this only serves as a notification. The exact date of implementation of this change is to be determined but is projected to take place during calendar year 2021.

Please direct any questions about this Notice to Nil Gok, CBH Claims Manager, at nil.gok@phila.gov.