

PROVIDER ALERT

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES
General Assistance Behavioral Health Program (GABHP)

PROGRAM UPDATE

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Change in Authorization Requirements for SA II.1 (Substance Abuse IOP)

Beginning on Monday, January 4, 2010, all requests for authorization for episodes of Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient (SA II.1) treatment extending beyond twelve (12) sessions will be reviewed telephonically by the DMHAS General Assistance Behavioral Health Program. This change is being made in order to better assess the individual's ongoing treatment needs and ensure that the individual is receiving care in the least restrictive, most appropriate level of care needed to facilitate the individual's progress in his/her recovery.

Providers using the ABH® Electronic Registration System (ERS) to obtain continued stay authorizations will be directed to contact the GA Behavioral Health Program if they attempt to seek more than twelve (12) sessions of IOP. Providers submitting registration and continued stay requests using the Outpatient Treatment Review (OTR) form will be contacted by ABH® staff if an OTR is submitted after authorization for a total of 12 sessions has already been granted. The provider will then be reminded of the need for telephonic review for additional authorization. Providers may initiate telephonic review to request additional sessions by contact their assigned ABH Clinical Care Manager or by calling 1-800-606-3677, Option 1.