

Notice to Behavioral Health Providers Regarding Prior Authorization

Effective February 2, 2012, MDwise Behavioral Health will be utilizing InterQual Clinical Content for the evaluation of the medical necessity of behavioral health services. These criteria will be used by MDwise delivery systems to evaluate prior authorization requests for inpatient and outpatient behavioral health services for our members.

As always, upon receiving notification of a decision to reduce or not authorize services, you may request the clinical guideline that was used to make the decision by calling the Medical Management Department.

MDwise behavioral health providers will continue to verify eligibility, determine the MDwise delivery system the member belongs to and submit prior authorizations and claims to that delivery system. **There will be no change to this process.**

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