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RSPMI Providers:

Effective Friday, October 7, 2016, Group Psychotherapy (90853) will now have a daily maximum of 4 units and a maximum of 100 units per state fiscal year. Please note the following regarding this process for prior authorizations and extension of benefits with a start date of October 7, 2016 and onward.

- The Division of Medical Services (DMS) and Beacon will honor existing prior authorizations and extension of benefits authorized prior to October 7, 2016.
- The established processes for requesting prior authorization and extension of benefits remain the same. Providers should continue to follow the current established process for making requests.
- Prior authorization and extension of benefit requests for Group Psychotherapy will be reviewed for medical necessity and in accordance with the corresponding treatment plan or treatment plan review.
- Justification of medical necessity to exceed the daily or yearly unit limit must be documented in the request for prior authorization and extension of benefits.
- Beacon is in the process of establishing an expedited review process for prior authorization/extension of benefits requests for beneficiaries who are ordered to treatment per Act 911. These reviews will be initiated within one business day of receipt of the request.
- RSPMI certification requires a provider to give written notice immediately to beneficiaries, DBHS, DMS, the Medicaid fiscal agent and the accrediting organization should a provider decide to close a site either temporarily or permanently. If a provider chooses to discontinue services to a beneficiary who was ordered to treatment per Act 911, the provider must engage with DBHS and DMS to effectuate a 90 day transition plan prior to discharging the individual from care.
- Beacon will coordinate with DHS and OMIG to monitor and adjust review processing based upon volume of requests for additional services beyond usual and customary standards.

The presentation from the webinars held on October 5 and 6, 2016 as well as FAQs are available here: <http://arkansas.beaconhealthoptions.com/provider/prv-training.html>.

If you have additional questions, please contact us as we are committed to providing necessary information and education on this process.

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