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Alaska Medicaid Provider Update

Suspension of Service Authorizations for 1115 Waiver Services August 23, 2023

DBH Provider –

Attached is SFY24 DBH Guidance Document #2 pertaining to the suspension of Service Authorizations 1115 Waiver Services effective May 12, 2023.

Optum is updating provider express, their websites, and claims system as soon as possible.

Any questions regarding this guidance may be directed to mpassunit@alaska.gov in the Subject Line please note: 1115 Waiver Services Suspended SA guidance.



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SFY 2024 – DBH Guidance Document # 2

Suspension of Service Authorizations for 1115 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and 1115 Behavioral Health (BH) Waiver Services

Background

On July 31, 2023 the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) issued SFY 2024 DBH Guidance Document #1 – Guidance Document for Suspension of Service Authorizations for Specific Services. This document announced the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved a State Plan Amendment which suspended service authorizations for certain state plan services through May 11, 2024.

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to announce CMS approval to expand the service authorization suspension to 1115 SUD and 1115 BH services.

Guidance

Effective May 12, 2023 providers are not required to submit service authorization requests for any 1115 SUD or 1115 BH services. This suspension of service authorizations is effective May 12, 2023 through adoption of the current 1115 services waiver regulation package **or** May 11, 2024, whichever is sooner.