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Alaska Medicaid Provider Update

Clarification for Service Authorization Process March 23, 2023

Service Authorizations will continue to be issued in 90-day increments, however, if the State Fiscal Year Limits (SFY) are not sufficient to last the 90 days of the service authorization, providers are able to submit an additional authorization (continued stay) requesting more units. Optum utilizes medical necessity to render a decision.

Example:

Outpatient Psychotherapy, service code 90834, State Fiscal Year Limits (SFY) is 30 hours.

Participant uses all 30 hours and provider submits an initial (1st) service authorization request for 30 hours.

Service authorization dates are 01/01/2023 through 03/31/2023.

Participant needs continued services and has utilized 30 hours to the end date of current service authorization.

Provider submits a continued services authorization request with a start date of 02/05/2023 with an end date of 03/31/2023 and requests 30 hours.

The 30 hours will be added to the current service authorization and maintain the same end date.

Questions? Please contact Provider Relations at akmedicaid@optum.com