

## **Changes to outpatient behavioral health prior authorization requirements**

Effective March 1, 2019, the following behavioral health outpatient services will no longer require prior authorization or notification: behavioral health medication training and support, behavioral health skills training and development, targeted case management for behavioral health, crisis intervention, psychosocial rehabilitation, day treatment, and training and education services related to mental health problems.

### **What is the impact of this change?**

For dates of service on or after March 1, 2019, prior authorization will no longer be required for the codes listed below for Amerigroup members participating in STAR, CHIP, STAR+PLUS and STAR Kids. Federal and state law, as well as state contract language and CMS guidelines, including definitions and specific contract provisions/exclusions, take precedence over these prior authorization rules and must be considered first when determining coverage.

### **Prior authorization requirements will be removed from the following codes:**

- T1017: Targeted case management
- H0034: Medication training and support per 15 minutes
- H2014: Skills training and development per 15 minutes
- H2011: Crisis intervention
- H2017: Psychosocial rehabilitation
- G0177: Training and education services related to mental health problems
- H2012: Day treatment

### **What if I need assistance?**

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.

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