

Behavioral health — authorization requirement changes

Amerigroup STAR+PLUS MMP (Medicare-Medicaid Plan) recently updated our Precertification Lookup Tool (PLUTO) to more accurately reflect the current behavioral health authorization process. Effective since October 1, 2015, the codes listed below have been updated in PLUTO to show that authorization is required for the service.

Procedure code	Service description
S9480	Intensive outpatient psychiatric services, per diem
H2035	Alcohol and/or other drug treatment program, per hour

Psychological and neuropsychological testing

Historically, we have not required authorization for psychological and neuropsychological testing for medical purposes. Effective since October 1, 2015, authorization will be required, regardless of the submitted diagnosis, for the testing procedures noted below.

Procedure code	Service description
96101	Psychological testing
96102	Psychological testing by technician
96103	Psychological testing by computer
96118	Neuropsychological testing
96119	Neuropsychological testing by technician
96120	Neuropsychological testing by computer

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