

UPDATES TO PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES Effective October 1, 2015

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Dear Care1st and ONECare Providers and Staff:

Effective October 1, 2015, Care1st is responsible for coordinating care and acting as the secondary insurance for *general mental health and substance abuse services* for Medicaid members that also qualify for Medicare, i.e. dual eligible. The updated Guidelines include a new **Behavioral Health Covered Services** category (page 4):

Behavioral Health Covered Services	Special Comments	Prior Authorization Requirement	
		Care1st AHCCCS & DDD Children & Adult Non Dual-Eligible	ONECare & Care1st AHCCCS Adult Dual-Eligible
INPATIENT SERVICES			
Inpatient Behavioral Health (IPBH) Inpatient Detox (IP Detox) Residential Treatment Center (RTC)		Responsibility of the RBHA	Yes
OUTPATIENT SERVICES (FACILITY BASED)			
Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) Electro Conductive Therapy (ECT)		Responsibility of the RBHA	Yes
OUTPATIENT SERVICES (NON-FACILITY BASED)			
Neuropsych Evaluation and Testing Psychological Testing		Responsibility of the RBHA	Yes
Behavioral Health Counseling/ Medication Management		Responsibility of the RBHA	No
Substance Abuse Counseling/ Medication Management		Responsibility of the RBHA	No

Additionally, we have removed the Prior Authorization requirement for the YAG Laser Ophthalmology procedure; please see Specialists category (page 3).

The updated Guidelines are available at www.care1st.com/az in the following location:
Care1st > Providers > Prior Authorization Guidelines and Criteria

If you have any questions or do not have internet access and would like us to send you a hard copy of the Prior Authorization Guidelines please call Provider Network Operations at the numbers below.

Thank you!

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