



DATE: APRIL 19, 2011
TO: STATE FUNDED SUD TREATMENT PROVIDERS
FROM: BUSINESS PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATES (BPA)
RE: INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS (IVDU's) ADMISSION AS PRIORITY POPULATION

The Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) has asked BPA to defer admissions for clients who meet eligibility requirements under the IVDU priority population. Effective April 21, 2011, BPA will utilize the following steps for clients who meet eligibility requirements:

1. BPA will provide referrals for interim services and community resources at the time of the telephone screening.
2. BPA will generate a "pending authorization letter" for an assessment only for clients with a start date of July 1, 2011 and an end date of July 31, 2011 (See attached example).
3. The authorization will not contain any units and providers cannot utilize this authorization for billing purposes.
4. Providers may schedule clients for an assessment to begin on or after July 1st to conduct the GAIN I and submit the GRRS to BPA for the normal review process and subsequent treatment authorization.
5. BPA will review the GRRS and create a new authorization voucher that will contain units for the assessment and/or subsequent treatment units based upon clinical review. Timely submission of the GRRS will expedite processing of the subsequent voucher. This voucher will provide the authorization number for billing purposes.
6. Providers are required to submit the GRRS for clients assessed between 7/1/11 – 7/31/11 on a pending authorization voucher no later than August 12, 2011.

BPA will continue to offer clients choice of providers at the time of the telephone screening. It is important to note that the pending authorization voucher is not an authorization for treatment.

It is imperative that all agencies pay close attention to the voucher start date, as any services provided prior to the start date are not covered and will not be reimbursed.

IVDU Clients Currently in Care

1. IVDU clients currently in treatment will not be eligible to transfer to a higher level of care. Transfer requests will be denied. The provider will receive notice of denial stating the benefit is not available.
2. IVDU clients currently in care may continue in RSS currently vouchered but will not be eligible to receive any new RSS services.

DHW and BPA would like to acknowledge and express our appreciation to the provider network for working diligently with us in this process.

Thank you,

Business Psychology Associates