

PROVIDER ALERT

PT23 Authorization Plans for Mental Health Re-Added to Incedo Portal

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Target Audience: Nurse Practitioners (PT23)

Providers requesting authorizations for a PT23 (Nurse Practitioner) are advised that the Mental Health Outpatient authorization plans have been re-added to the Incedo Provider Portal, for use when mental health treatment is being rendered by a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner.

- Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners (possession of Mental Health Certification) are eligible for reimbursement for services listed under CRNP-PMH listed on the [Mental Health](#) fee schedule;
- Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners are eligible for reimbursement for individual practitioner services listed on the [Substance Use Disorder](#) (SUD) fee schedule.
- Nurse Practitioners **without** PMH but with a DEA registration that includes Schedule 3 authority can only render Medication Management using the individual practitioner [SUD fee schedule](#).

Please note:

- If a PT27 (Group) obtains a MH authorization, but the provider rendering the treatment is not a psychiatric nurse practitioner (NP with PMH certification) claims submitted against this authorization will be denied.

As communicated in a [provider alert](#) dated April 4, 2023, please refer to the appropriate fee schedule for the rendering provider's credentialing:

- Covered services for PT23's with a PMH are detailed on the [PBHS fee schedule](#)
- Covered services for PT23's with a Data Waiver ("X") or a Schedule 3 Authority are detailed on the [SUD fee schedule](#)
- [After referring to the fee schedules, providers should use the appropriate authorization plan\(s\) based on billable services](#)

If you have questions about the information contained in this alert, please contact Optum Maryland customer service at 1-800-888-1965.

Thank you,

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