

PROVIDER ALERT

Access to Peer Recovery Support Treatment Codes on Authorization Plans

July 27, 2023

Target Audience: Peer Recovery Support Services Providers

This alert is for Peer Recovery Support Services Program (Peer Services) providers who have been unable to obtain authorizations for peer services. Providers must submit a supplemental application in ePREP to have their provider file updated to be able to request authorization for Peer Services. Directions on the enrollment requirements for Peer Services were communicated in a [provider alert](#) issued 5/11/23.

Due to some initial challenges during the implementation, if a provider delivered Peer Services (at risk) without authorization, you may be eligible for a retroactive authorization back to the effective date your Medicaid provider file supplemental application was approved. Once approved, the 2 billable codes (H0038 and H0024) will be available in the following authorization plans:

SUD-Outpatient-Initial or Concurrent
FQHC
SUD-IOP Concurrent
SUD-Partial Hospitalization-Concurrent Request
SUD-Partial Hospitalization-Initial Request
SUD-IOP Initial
Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Coverage for Peer Services began June 1, 2023. **If the initial date of service of was less than 20-days prior**, please submit the authorization request as usual using the Peer Services Treatment codes on the appropriate authorization plan.

If the initial date of service was greater than 20-days prior, please submit a backdating authorization request and on the question that asks “Describe reason for request (check all that apply)” select “Other” and enter “Access to Peer Services treatment codes/authorization plans.”

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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