



PROVIDER ALERT

Provider Type 54 SUD Residential Services

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This alert clarifies authorization requirements for PT 54 SUD Residential services for residential service codes W7310, W7330, W7350, W7370 and W7375.

Important points to remember when requesting an authorization for SUD Residential treatment:

- The authorization must be for the **location** where the service will be provided,
- That location must be **licensed to provide the particular level of care** being requested, and
- that licensure must be **on file in the Medicaid MMIS system**.

To successfully obtain authorization for each level of care, the location where the care is provided must be licensed under COMAR 10.63 and enrolled in MMIS **for that care level**, as shown in the table below.

Billing Code	Level of Care	Specialty Code (entered by Medicaid)
W7310	ASAM Level 3.1	specialty 331
W7330	ASAM Level 3.3	specialty 330
W7350	ASAM Level 3.5	specialty 350
W7370	ASAM Level 3.7	specialty 370
W7375	ASAM Level 3.7WM	specialty 375

Previously, requests to authorize services not allowed at the location were denied with the reason “*Invalid rate profile for provider.*” Going forward, **W-codes will no longer appear for selection on authorization plans for those locations and services not licensed in MMIS.**

If you receive a denial for the authorization, or the W-codes do not appear:

- Verify the NPI entered on the authorization
 - If the wrong NPI was entered for the desired code, re-enter the authorization request with the correct NPI.
 - When the case was previously denied, the information on the Clinical form does not need to be re-entered.
 - The provider can attach the original Clinical Form submitted to the new service request.

 - If the correct NPI/location was entered, and you receive a denial or the W-code is not available, the NPI/location is not approved to provide the level of care being requested.
 - If you believe that the location is licensed for the requested level of care, please reach out to the Medicaid Behavioral Health Unit at mdh.bhenrollment@maryland.gov with your NPI number and the specific level of care that your program is licensed to provide.
 - If the location is not licensed for the level of care provided, but the location meets the requirements, you will need to obtain a COMAR 10.63 license through the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA).

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

Thank you,

Optum Maryland Team