

## Provider Alert

### Authorization Plans for SUD Residential Treatment

**October 14, 2020**

Starting tomorrow, October 15, providers will notice additional authorization plans and changes to some authorization parameters for SUD Residential Treatment in the Incedo Provider Portal.

To date, there have been only four related authorization plans that combined different levels of care: SUD-Residential-Adolescent-Initial; SUD-Residential-Adolescent-Concurrent; SUD-Residential-Adult-Initial; and SUD-Residential-Adult-Concurrent. The different date spans for the various levels of care in each authorization plan were causing some confusion for providers when authorizations were being requested.

As a result, Optum Maryland will be separating specific levels of care into separate authorization plans. Providers should ensure they are choosing the authorization plan that accurately matches the level of care provided.

The new authorization plans by specific level of care are as follows:

<b>Level of Care</b>	<b>Maximum number of days/units authorized:</b>
SUD-8507-ASAM Level 3.1-Initial	90
SUD-8507-ASAM Level 3.1-Concurrent	60
SUD-8507-ASAM Level 3.3-Initial or Concurrent	30
SUD-8507-ASAM Level 3.5-Initial or Concurrent	30
SUD-PWC-ASAM Level 3.1-Initial	90
SUD-PWC-ASAM Level 3.1-Concurrent	60
SUD-PWC-ASAM Level 3.3-Initial	60
SUD-PWC-ASAM Level 3.3-Concurrent	30
SUD-Residential-ASAM Level 3.1-Initial	90
SUD-Residential-ASAM Level 3.1-Concurrent	60
SUD-Residential-ASAM Level 3.3-Initial or Concurrent	30

SUD-Residential-ASAM Level 3.5-Initial or Concurrent	30
SUD-Residential-ASAM Level 3.7-Initial or Concurrent	15
SUD-Residential-ASAM Level 3.7 WM-Initial	7
SUD-Residential-ASAM Level 3.7 WM-Concurrent	3
SUD-Residential-Adolescent-Initial	14
SUD-Residential-Adolescent-Concurrent	7

Optum Maryland would also like to remind SUD-RTC providers of the process for requesting authorization as stated in the [Provider Alert](#), released on July 24, 2020. **All requests for SUD Residential should be made using State Insurance as the default insurance.** This process will allow providers to see and request Room and Board, as well as the Residential treatment code. Failure to choose State Insurance will result in providers not being able to request Room and Board, which may lead to claims denials.

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

Thank you,

Optum Maryland Team