

## Medicaid Mental Health Substance Use Disorder Authorization and Payment Responsibility Grid

### Introduction:

The attached grid is designed to be used as a guide to assist Medicaid Health Plans and Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans in determining the responsible entity for authorization and payment of services. These are general guidelines and all entities should follow Medicaid policy as delineated in the Medicaid Provider Manual and in the agency's contract with the State.

### Acronyms:

- I/DD - Intellectual/Developmental Disability
- MHA - Mental Health Assessment
- MHP - Medicaid Health Plan
- PAR - Pre-Admission Review
- PIHP - Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (mental health and substance use disorder); in Wayne County, this includes the responsible Managed Care Provider Networks
- SMI - Serious Mental Illness
- SUD - Substance Use Disorder

### Definitions:

Mental Health Assessment (MHA): Examination by a qualified mental health professional, typically in an in-patient acute care setting, to determine if a Pre-Admission Review or other mental health services are needed.

Pre-Admission Review (PAR): MDCH requires a PAR for all individuals who may need inpatient mental health admission. A qualified mental health care professional screens the individual to determine if inpatient mental health care is appropriate and necessary. The PAR may be conducted telephonically or face-to-face by the PIHP.

### Notes:

- Diagnosis may be **one** of the factors considered in determining the responsible entity but **is not** the only factor.
- Individuals with chronic mental illness who are stable may be appropriately treated within the 20-visit MHP outpatient mental health benefit.
- Post-psychiatric hospitalization crisis intervention is the responsibility of the PIHP.
- Specialty supports and services provided to individuals with an Intellectual/Developmental Disability (as outlined in the Medicaid Provider Manual) are the responsibility of the PIHP; mental health, physical health and substance use disorder services for these individuals are handled by the appropriate agency as designated below.

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Type of Service Provided	Place of Service — Setting in Which Service is Provided					
	Mental Health Crisis Center - Access and Screening Center	Psychiatrist Social Worker/ Psychologist Outpatient Office	Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital Center	Inpatient Medical Acute Care Hospital	Medical Emergency Department	Outpatient Substance Abuse Office, Residential Substance Abuse Center or Sub-Acute Detox Center
<p>Mental health services for individuals who have "mild to moderate" mental illness.</p> <p>NOTE: The authorization and payment responsibilities delineated for these individuals hold true regardless of whether the individual has concurrent I/DD or SUD.</p>	<p>Crisis intervention is the responsibility of the PIHP even if the individual is currently categorized as having "mild to moderate" mental illness.</p> <p>The PIHP is responsible for treating the individual until the individual is stabilized and no longer meets the criteria for serious mental illness treatment as outlined in Medicaid policy.</p>	<p>The MHP is responsible for a maximum of 20 mental health visits per calendar year; this service may or may not require authorization from the MHP.</p> <p>Typically, if the annual maximum 20-visit benefit has been exhausted, the beneficiary must wait until the next benefit renewal period in order to receive additional, routine outpatient mental health treatment. **</p>	<p>The PIHP's designated screening unit determines the need for inpatient mental health services.</p> <p>The PIHP provides the authorization for mental health inpatient admission and is responsible for mental health inpatient admission costs, including psychiatrist-fees.</p>	<p>Mental health assessment while the individual is in an inpatient medical acute care hospital is the responsibility of the MHP; the MHP may require prior authorization.</p> <p>If the mental health assessment finds that screening for inpatient psychiatric hospital services is indicated, the PIHP should be contacted for PAR. Authorization and payment of the PAR is the responsibility of the PIHP.</p>	<p>After medical screening and stabilization, if a medical health professional believes that pre-screening for inpatient psychiatric hospital services is indicated, the ED should contact the PIHP for a PAR.</p> <p>The PAR may be conducted telephonically or face-to-face in the ED by the PIHP. Authorization and payment for PAR are the responsibility of the PIHP.</p> <p>Once the patient has been medically cleared, the medical health professional must contact the appropriate agency prior to any further mental health services. Contact the PIHP for PAR if the need for inpatient psychiatric services is suspected. If need for outpatient services is suspected, contact the PIHP.</p>	<p>The PIHP is responsible for payment.</p> <p>Mental health and SUD services should be coordinated with the MHP—this is especially true if the individual has co-occurring disorders (mental health and SUD).</p> <p>Refer to the document "Medicaid Mental Health Substance Use Disorder Inpatient Medical Acute Detoxification" for information regarding acute care hospital inpatient medical detoxification.</p>
<p>** THIS IS NOT AN MDCH REQUIREMENT. However, some MHPs and PIHPs have chosen to use the following method: On a case-by-case basis, through discussion between the MHP and PIHP, mental health consultants concur that either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. additional treatment through the PIHP is medically necessary and can reasonably be expected to achieve the intended purpose (i.e., improvement in the beneficiary's condition); or</li> <li>2. additional treatment through the MHP may be provided to maintain the patient's mental health status until the next benefit year.</li> </ol>						

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Treatment for Substance Use Disorder	PIHP	PIHP	N/A	<p>Refer to the document "Medicaid Mental Health Substance Use Disorder Inpatient Medical Acute Detoxification" for information regarding acute care hospital inpatient medical detoxification.</p>	<p>If necessary, ED staff may refer the patient to the PIHP for follow-up treatment.</p> <p>The MHP is responsible for hospital and professional services in the ED prior to medical stabilization.</p> <p>If the patient is admitted for acute medical detoxification, the ED costs are rolled into the inpatient DRG.</p> <p>Refer to the document "Medicaid Mental Health Substance Use Disorder Inpatient Medical Acute Detoxification" for information regarding acute care hospital inpatient medical detoxification.</p>	The PIHP is responsible for payment.

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Medical services to individuals enrolled with an MHP—Professional and Facility Services	N/A	N/A	MHP (may require authorization for non-emergent care)	MHP (may require authorization for non-emergent care)	MHP (may require authorization for post-stabilization treatment)	MHP (may require authorization for non-emergent care)
Diagnostic Tests (e.g., CT Scan, X-ray, Lab)	N/A	N/A	MHP (may require authorization for non-emergent care)	MHP (may require authorization for non-emergent care)	MHP (may require authorization for post-stabilization treatment)	MHP (may require authorization for non-emergent care)