North Sound BH-ASO Prior Authorization Requirement Guide

SERVICE TYPE AND DESCRIPTION	Prior Authorization Required?	Authorization Process	Policy
Acute Psychiatric Inpatient; Evaluation and Treatment Acute Psychiatric admission to Behavioral Health Unit or Freestanding Hospital * Members admitted on an ITA are reviewed for Change in Legal Status, Confirmation of Active Treatment and Transition of Care NEEDS.	No. ITA admissions require notification only within 24 hours followed by concurrent review within 1 business day. Yes. Voluntary Admission requires prior authorization. *Initial: 3-5 days, depending on medical necessity	 A. Involuntary ITA Certification: Initial: Submission of ITA placement Form. ITA certification limited to 20 days Concurrent Review: Hospital provides Clinical update, legal status and Discharge plan every 20 days. B. Mental Health Voluntary Prospective/Initial Review: Submission of Prior Authorization of Psychiatric Inpatient form a. Subject to Eligibility and medical necessity Concurrent Review: Submission of Authorization of Psychiatric Inpatient Length of Stay Extension. a. Subject to Eligibility and Medical Necessity Retrospective Review a. Hospital submits Request for Retrospective review and Clinical Records, request is limited to within 30 days of discharge. 	1571.00

CRISIS LINE AND CRISIS INTERVENTION	No.	N/A	1731.00
Evaluation and treatment of mental health crisis to all			
individuals experiencing a crisis. Crisis services shall be			
available on a 24-hour basis. Crisis services are intended to			
stabilize the person in crisis, prevent further deterioration and			
provide immediate treatment and intervention in a location			
best suited to meet the needs of the individual and in the least			
restrictive environment available.			
Services may be provided prior to intake evaluation.			
Services do not have to be provided face to face.			
Crisis Hotline services			
DETOXIFICATION	No, if Emergent –	North Sound BH-ASO: Review of financial	1592.00
(In a Residential setting)	requires notification only	eligibility, ASAM, and medical necessity	
·	within 24 hours followed		
• ASAM 3.7	by concurrent review		
• ASAM 3.2	within one business day.		
* Members admitted on an ITA are reviewed for change in legal	Yes, if planned – requires		
STATUS,	prior authorization and		
CONFIRMATION OF ACTIVE TREATMENT AND TRANSITION OF CARE	concurrent review to		
NEEDS.	determine continued stay.		
	*Initial: 3-5 days		

CRISIS STABILIZATION IN A CRISIS STABILIZATION OR TRIAGE FACILITY	No, if Emergent –	A. Crisis Stabilization Authorization	1701.00
 Services provided to non-Medicaid individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis. 24 hours per day/ 7 days per week availability. Services may be provided prior to intake evaluation. Service provided in the person's own home or another homelike setting, or a setting that provides for safety of the person and the mental health professional. Service is short term (less than 14 days per episode) and involves face-to-face assistance with life skills training and understanding of medication effects. Service provided as follow up to crisis services; and to other persons determined by mental health professional in need of additional stabilization services Additional mental health or substance use disorder services may also be reported the same days as stabilization when provided by a staff not assigned to provide stabilization services. 	requires notification only within 24 hours followed by concurrent review within one business day. Yes, if planned – requires prior authorization and concurrent review to determine continued stay. *Initial: 3-5 days depending on medical necessity	a. Service delivered prior to ASO Authorization are subject to Eligibility and Medical Necessity review. 2. Prospective/Planned Requests: Submission of Prior Authorization Request a. Subject to Eligibility and medical necessity 3. Concurrent Review Requests: Submission of Authorization of Stabilization length of stay form. a. Subject to Eligibility and Medical Necessity	
MH Residential	Yes – requires prior authorization and concurrent review to determine continued stay.	Prior authorization request submitted to North Sound BH-ASO to review financial eligibility, medical necessity, and level of care.	1591.00 1532.00
• ASAM 3.3	·		
• ASAM 3.5	*MH- 90 days for initial		
• ASAM 3.7	authorization depending on medical necessity.		
	*SUD- 15 days for initial authorization depending on		
	medical necessity.		

Intensive Outpatient Program	No, not for in network providers. Yes, if non network provider requests.	In network- N/A Out of network- Prior authorization request submitted to North Sound BH-ASO to review financial eligibility, medical necessity, and level of care.	5501.00
MEDICATION EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT	No, not for in network providers. Yes, if non network provider requests.	In network- N/A Out of network- Prior authorization request submitted to North Sound BH-ASO to review financial eligibility, medical necessity, and level of care.	5501.00
OPIATE TREATMENT PROGRAM/MEDICATION ASSISTED THERAPY	No, not for in network providers. Yes, if non network provider requests.	In network- N/A Out of network- Prior authorization request submitted to North Sound BH-ASO to review financial eligibility, medical necessity, and level of care.	5501.00
INITIAL ASSESSMENT (MH AND SUD) AND OUTPATIENT SERVICES	No, not for in network providers. Yes, if non network provider requests.	In network- N/A Out of network- Prior authorization request submitted to North Sound BH-ASO to review financial eligibility, medical necessity, and level of care.	5501.00
HIGH INTENSITY OUTPATIENT/COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)	Yes. Prior Authorization required. *Initial- 90 days for initial authorization depending on medical necessity.	Prior authorization request submitted to North Sound BH-ASO to review financial eligibility, medical necessity, and level of care.	1563.00

PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING	Yes. Prior Authorization required.	Prior authorization request submitted to North Sound BH-ASO to review financial eligibility, medical necessity, and level of care.	5501.00
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The requirements and processes for the authorization of North Sound BH-ASO contracted services are dependent on the individual meeting financial eligibility criteria, medical necessity criteria, and the availability of North Sound BH-ASO funds. North Sound BH-ASO reserves the right to reduce, suspend, or terminate an authorization due to changes in financial eligibility, changes in medical necessity, and availability of funding.