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North Sound BH-ASO Memorandum 2022-02

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TO: North Sound BH-ASO Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Provider Network

FROM: Michael McAuley, Clinical Director

RE: Prior Authorization Requirements for SUD Withdrawal Management or Residential Services

Prior authorization for SUD withdrawal management or residential services in a licensed Behavioral Health Agency (BHA) is not required for admittance. HB 2642 outlined automatically covered days:

- For residential SUD treatment, the first two business days, excluding weekends and WA State holidays, are automatically covered, therefore a prior authorization would authorize the period after that.
- For withdrawal management, the first three calendar days are automatically covered, therefore a prior authorization would authorize the period after that.
- The behavioral health agency must notify the ASO as soon as practicable after admitting the enrollee, but not later than twenty-four hours after admitting the enrollee.

BHA's are not required to obtain Prior Authorization from North Sound BH-ASO when transferring care from Withdrawal Management to SUD residential. For individuals eligible for North Sound BH-ASO services, North Sound BH-ASO will provide an authorization to include automatically covered days outlined in HB 2642.

BHA's are required to check Provider One status and then coordinate with the appropriate ASO or MCO. It is imperative that providers always check a client's eligibility to determine the appropriate payor and avoid any delays receiving funding.

Prior Authorization are not required for:

Withdrawal Management – Emergent or Unplanned Admissions

- Subacute withdrawal management-clinically managed residential facility (ASAM 3.2)
- Acute Withdrawal Management – Medically Monitored (non-ITA) (ASAM 3.7)

- Secure Withdrawal Management Medically Monitored (ITA) (ASAM 3.7)
- Non-secure Withdrawal Management Medically Monitored (ASAM 3.7)
- Opioid use disorder

Residential Treatment

- ASAM 3.5, 3.3, 3.1

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Attachment: