Prior Authorization and Billing Tips for Behavioral Health Providers Re-Enrolling in Nevada Medicaid

Re-enrollment for Behavioral Health provider types 14 (Behavioral Health Outpatient Treatment) and 82 (Behavioral Health Rehabilitative Treatment) is now in full swing.

The following prior authorization (PA) and billing tips will assist providers who are in the process of re-enrolling:

- For QMHA (specialty 301) and QBA (specialty 302) services only, you may continue to request PAs using the appropriate Atypical Provider Identifier (API) until you have completed the entire re-enrollment process.

- When you re-enroll, you must ensure that all of the servicing providers (QMHP (specialty 300), QMHA and QBA) are linked to the group/billing National Provider Identifier (NPI).

- During your re-enrollment process, how you bill for services depends upon how you obtained the PA for those services. If you obtained your PA using your API, then bill with your API. If you obtained your PA using your group/billing NPI (specialty 000), then bill with the servicing provider’s individual NPI in Field 24J (Rendering Provider ID) AND the group/billing NPI in Field 33a (Billing Provider Info) of the CMS-1500 paper claim form.

- When you have completed the re-enrollment process, please begin using your group/billing NPI to request PA for QMHP, QMHA and QBA services.

- PAs may be requested using an API through July 31, 2011. Beginning Aug. 1, 2011, all PAs must be requested using the group/billing NPI.

- PAs obtained with an API before Aug. 1, 2011, will remain valid through the end date on the PA. Do not submit data corrections on these authorizations.

Failure to follow the tips listed above may result in the need for prior authorization data corrections, which could delay claim adjudications.

Note: Submission of a re-enrollment application does not guarantee the provider’s current enrollment will continue. If it is found that providers/groups do not meet the criteria for their provider type and specialty, their re-enrollment will be denied and their current enrollment will be terminated.