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Web Announcement 368

Newly Enrolled Behavioral Health Providers (PTs 14 and 82) Must Use NPI to Request Prior Authorizations

Effective Sept. 1, 2010, new enrollment procedures were implemented for Behavioral Health provider types 14 and 82. Behavioral Health providers who enrolled prior to Sept. 1, 2010, will be required to re-enroll beginning Jan. 1, 2011, but may start the process immediately if they choose to do so. The re-enrollment requirement does not apply to providers who enrolled on or after Sept. 1, 2010. (See [Web Announcement 363](#).)

Prior Authorization Tip: When a facility/group/agency has enrolled per the new Behavioral Health enrollment procedures that went into effect Sept. 1, 2010, new prior authorizations (PAs) must be requested with the group/billing National Provider Identifier (NPI) regardless of the service being requested.

See the attached [Prior Authorization Information Sheet](#) for additional information regarding PAs submitted by provider types 14 and 82 who have enrolled on or after Sept. 1, 2010.

The attached [User Administration Console Information Sheet](#) will assist newly enrolled and current providers who are interested in registering to use the FirstHCM/Online Prior Authorization System (OPAS) and the Electronic Verification System (EVS).