

Memo

To: Our Valued Providers

From: El Paso First Health Plans

Date: 8/31/2015

Re: New Texas Standard Prior Authorization (PA) Form

Effective 9/1/2015 Texas Standard PA Request Form may be submitted for all Health Care Services.

El Paso First Behavioral Health Providers - In addition to the Texas Standard PA Request Form two additional forms are necessary in order to complete your request for Behavioral Health Services (see below attachments).

The new PA form(s) and instruction sheet is available on our website at http://www.epfirst.com/providers/provider-forms/#2



Texas Standard Prior Authorization Request Form for Health Care Services

In addition to commercial issuers, the following public issuers must accept the form: Medicaid, the Medicaid managed care program, the Children's Health insurance Program (CHIP), and plans covering employees of the state of Texas, most school districts, and The University of Texas and Texas A&M Systems.

Additional Information and Instructions:

Section I. An issuer may have already entered this information on the copy of this form posted on its website.

- Section IV.

 If the Requesting Provider or Facility will also be the Service Provider or Facility, enter "Same."

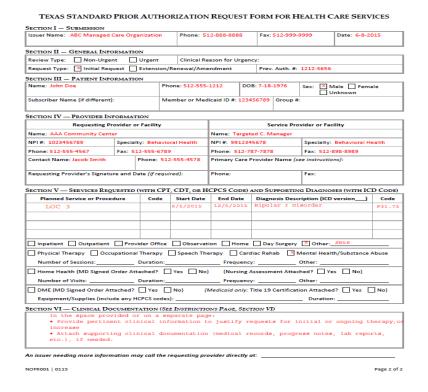
 If the requesting provider's signature is required, you may not use a signature stamp.

 If the issuer's plan requires the patient to have a primary care provider (PCP), enter the PCP's name and phone number. If the requesting provider is the patient's PCP, enter "Same."

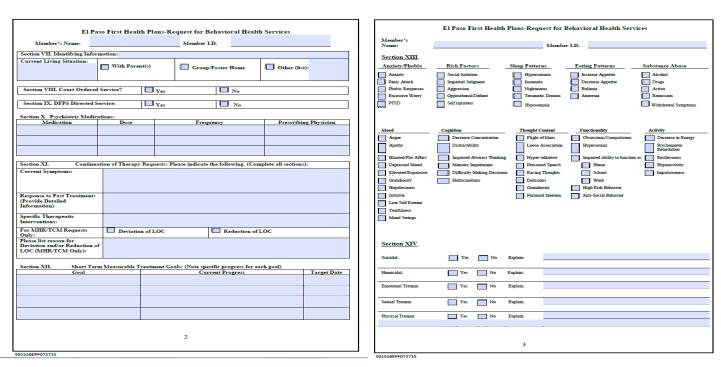
If the requesting provider wants to be called directly about missing information needed to process this request, you may include the rowider's direct phone number in the space given at the bottom of the request form. Such a phone call cannot be considered a peer-opeer discussion required by 28 TAC 291.7110. A peer-to-peer discussion must include, at a minimum, the clinical basis for the UAR's lecision and a description of documentation or evidence, if any, that can be submitted by the provider of record that, on appeal, might rad to a different utilization review decision.

Instruction Sheet

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If you have questions or concerns regarding the Prior Authorization Form please contact the following departments for assistance at 915-532-3778:

Health Services Department at x1500 or

Provider Relations at x1507.