



MEMORANDUM

TO: All Behavioral Health Providers

FROM: El Paso Health

DATE: 12/30/2019

RE: UPDATE to Outpatient Behavioral Health Benefits No Longer Require Prior

This is an update to previous fax blast sent out to include CPT 90847 as one that does not require a prior authorization.

Effective January 1, 2020, El Paso Health will no longer require prior authorizations for Outpatient Behavioral Health Benefits under the **CHIP** and **STAR** programs only. The codes no longer requiring prior authorization are:

Psychotherapy	Substance Use	Psychological Testing
90832	H0004	96130
90833	H0005	96131
90834	H0020	96132
90836	H0020 (UA)	96133
90837	T1007	96136
90838	S9445	96137
90846		96116
90847		
90853		

Please continue to submit authorization requests for, Partial Hospital Hospitalization (PHP) and Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP). A notification is needed for Mental Health Rehabilitation and Targeted Case Management services.

For billing purposes on STAR or CHIP, any claims prior to January 1, 2020 will require an authorization to be submitted on the claim. Claims for dates of service on or after January 1, 2020 will not require authorizations.

If you have questions or concerns about the Outpatient Behavioral Health Benefits, please contact Member Services at 1-877-532-3778.