



Important update Regarding Prior Authorization for ASAM 3.7 Code H0010 Effective Immediately

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To support compliance with NH Law 420-J:17, NH Healthy Families has removed the prior authorization (PA) requirement for the first day of admission for Medically Monitored Inpatient/Residential Withdrawal Management (ASAM 3.7 WM, Code H0010).

Providers must still include the first day on the PA request after the initial 24 hours. Although it's auto approved, it must be submitted to ensure proper claims processing and payment. Some confusion may have resulted from the earlier communication that the PA was "waived."

Key Points:

- We are aware that there are significant challenges in operationalizing the PA waiver for the first day of detox, resulting in unintended denials.
- PA is still required for any additional days needed following the initial 24-hour auto approval. To more effectively and efficiently reimburse the care provided, we are asking you please ensure you include the first day of detox in your prior auth request.
- The first day will be auto approved and will not be factored in when issuing administrative denials for timely notification.
- This will allow claims to process systematically against the authorization and minimize disruption from denials.

We appreciate your attention to this update and your continued commitment to delivering quality care.

Sincerely,
NH Healthy Families

