



## Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Prior Authorization (PA) Update Effective July 15, 2026

May 4, 2026

Beginning July 15, 2026, NH Healthy Families will provide authorization for 5 calendar days upon initial notification for SUD care. This includes:

- Residential (ASAM 3.5, H0018 and ASAM 3.1, H2034)
- PHP (ASAM 2.5, H2036)
- IOP (ASAM 2.1, H0015)

After 5 days, for ongoing request of coverage, a concurrent review will be completed to determine ongoing approval past the initial 5 days. **For detox level of care (ASAM 3.7, H0010), please refer to Provider communication effective July 15, 2025, as this process remains unchanged.**

Providers must submit the PA form to include the first 5 days of treatment. Although it's auto approved, it must be submitted to ensure proper claims processing and payment. After the initial 5 days, please submit, along with supporting clinical documentation, an additional PA form for ongoing treatment needs.

The first 5 calendar days will be auto approved and will not be factored in when issuing administrative denials for timely notification.

The following does not apply to CMHC/CCBHC providing SUD services as PA is not required.

Should you have any questions or need further support please contact your Provider Engagement Account Manager with any questions.

Sincerely,

NH Healthy Families

