



PROVIDER ALERT

PURCHASE OF CARE (POC) PROCESS CHANGE

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A POC admission is defined as an uninsured consumer admitted to an inpatient psychiatry unit in an acute care general hospital who was accepted as a transfer from another hospital's Emergency Department.

In order to establish a better linkage between a hospital and the treating psychiatrist(s) for Purchase of Care ("POC") for professional fees only, MHA has approved a new procedure.

Effective 07/01/11: All POC hospitals will be required to obtain an administrative authorization on behalf of the physician group(s) that will be billing for professional fees associated with any inpatient stay that is categorized as POC (i.e. an uninsured admission accepted from a different hospital's ED). This must be done whether or not the hospital requests a Courtesy Review for the admission. Courtesy Reviews continue to be recommended.

These professional fee administrative authorizations will not require a medical necessity review. To secure an authorization for the professional fees associated with POC admissions, the facility needs to call the Clinical Customer Service line at (800) 888-1965 or fax the patient's identifying information ("M" number if available, name, and date of birth), Provider information (name, contact information, and ID#), and dates of service to (877) 502-1044.