PROVIDER ALERT

1915(i) Authorization Requests

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Optum Maryland wishes to provide clarification to all 1915(i) providers related to the submission of 1915(i) associated authorization requests.

Authorization Plans

Under the previous ASO, initial 1915(i) authorization requests were "bundled," or grouped together. This meant that once a participant was referred to the 1915(i) program, the initial authorization was automatically built and included each of the following supporting 1915(i) services:

- Intensive In-Home Services
- Mobile Crisis Services
- Family Peer Support
- Respite Services

However, since transitioning to Optum some providers have encountered issues in accessing the 1915(i) Waiver authorization plan as plan selection is based on assigned Provider Type and Specialty Code. In order to ensure all 1915(i) providers can access the appropriate services, the current 1915(i) Waiver authorization plan has been broken down into the following new authorization plans:

1915i-Respite-Initial	Duration	Units
W5000-Respite Care In-Home/Community Based	60	96
W5001-Respite Care Residential/Out of Home	60	6
1915i-Respite-Concurrent		
W5000-Respite Care In-Home/Community Based	180	150
W5001-Respite Care Residential/Out of Home	180	12
1915i-Peer Support-Initial		
W5022-Face to face caregiver peer to peer support	365	88
W5023-Collateral (tele) caregiver peer-peer spt	365	132
1915i-Peer Support-Concurrent		
W5022-Face to face caregiver peer to peer support	180	264
W5023-Collateral (tele) caregiver peer-peer spt	180	384
1915i-Intensive In-Home Services-Initial		

W5062-Intensive In-Home Services (EBP)	60	8
W5063-Intensive In-Home Services	60	8
1915i-Intensive In-Home Services-Concurrent		
W5062-Intensive In-Home Services (EBP)	180	8
W5063-Intensive In-Home Services	180	8

Please note the array of services for 1915(i) changed effective October 1, 2020, and no longer includes Mobile Crisis Services or Customized Goods and Services. Additionally, requests for Expressive & Experiential services (e.g. art therapy, equine therapy, etc.) will continue to be submitted separately.

Certificate of Need (CON) Review Forms

On November 19, 2020, the Certificate of Need (CON) Review Form was revised to assist 1915(i) providers with the process of obtaining initial authorizations for the 1915(i) supported services as follows:

- The Care Coordination Organizations (CCOs) will be responsible for identifying all 1915(i) supported service providers when they submit a 1915(i) referral to the LBHA/CSA.
- The LBHAs/CSAs will then be able to identify which 1915(i) providers will be providing each of the supported services on the CON Review Form.

This process will allow Optum Maryland to enter all requested initial authorizations for 1915(i) associated services when the initial request for 1915(i) services is received.

Providers will continue to be responsible for requesting all concurrent services via the Provider Portal.

Thank you,

Optum Maryland Team