

Authorization Guidelines

The funding source has discretion as to when continue stay reviews may be required. The following is the guidelines set up by the Blair County SCA. Authorizations are also limited by fiscal year. No authorization will be provided beyond June 30th of the current fiscal year. Open treatment charts will require to be reauthorized in the next fiscal year. The SCA will instruct providers on obtaining these authorizations as it occurs. This chart is a guideline. Limitation in funding can alter these parameters throughout the fiscal year.

Screening/Assessments	Facility based screening/assessments: Up to a maximum of 6 quarter hour units Adults 8 quarter hour units Adolescents SAP - 1 screening/episode of service Assessment: Up to 8 quarter units
1.0 Outpatient	6-month authorization. Numbers of Units are required on the Admission Form. This authorization can be in the form of individual sessions, group sessions and family/marital counseling. Initial Authorization will be: OP-Individuals (48 quarter hour units) OP-Groups (72 quarter hour units) Family (as needed) Providers may ask for additional units and extend time frames. COA admissions: The SCA will determine LOS and units for this service
2.1 Intensive Outpatient	Adolescents: PYRAMID Healthcare –SCA will determine when groups are utilized LaRocco Counseling-SCA will determine when groups are utilized Adults: 250 quarter hour group units and 32 quarter hour individual units for a 10-week period (can change due to funding issues) HNA Pyramid Healthcare, Inc. LaRocco Counseling PATHs CenClear. PA Treatment and Healing: In Prison Program-LaRocco Counseling - 20 units/4 weeks
2.5 Partial Hospitalization	Adolescents: None Adults: WDR-Cove Forge: Units determined based on work statement Brandywine-Units determined based on work statement Pre authorization is required except for the In prison Program
3.1 Halfway House-Clinically Managed Low-Intensity Residential Services	Every 30 days Pre authorization is required
3.7WM Medically Monitored Inpatient WM	3 days with 1-day reauthorization Pre authorization is required
3.5 Clinically Managed High-Intensity Residential Adult and Clinically Managed Medium Intensity Residential Adolescent	14 days, if continued stay approved, 7-day reauthorization Pre authorization is required
3.7 Clinically Monitored Intensive Inpatient –Adult and Medically Monitored High-Intensity Inpatient - Adolescent	14 days, if continued stay approved, 7-day reauthorization Pre authorization is required
4WM Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient Withdrawal Management	3 days with 1-day reauthorization Pre authorization is required
4 Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient Services	Every 7 days Pre authorization is required
Transitional Living (Shelter)	30-day authorization Pre authorization is required
Methadone Maintenance	6-month authorization timeframe 26 units per authorization Pre authorization is required
ICM/RC Services	Authorizations will begin the date of admission and end the last day of the fiscal year. Units will be prorated at a rate of 10 units per month for ICM and 7 units a month for RC
Suboxone –Vivitrol Medicated Assisted Treatment	Authorization will be determined by the SCA on a case by case basis Refer to the Suboxone and Vivitrol Protocols for forms