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TO: All Hospital Providers
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SUBJECT: Appeals and Reconsideration of Departmental Determinations Regarding Hospital Inpatient and Outpatient Services, Utilization Review, and Psychiatric Pre-certification Review

Summary

This Hospital Handbook Transmittal Letter (HHTL) provides information pertaining to the revision to the policies on appeals and reconsideration of hospital services, utilization reviews for hospital services, and the pre-certification review process of inpatient psychiatric services.

OAC rule 5160-2-07.12, entitled **Appeals and reconsideration of departmental determinations regarding hospital inpatient, and outpatient services**, has been rescinded. This rule sets forth the process for appealing the results of a final fiscal audit and requesting reconsideration after a utilization review of inpatient or outpatient hospital services. The provisions of this rule have been incorporated into Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 5160-2-12.

OAC rule 5160-2-12, entitled **Appeals and reconsideration of departmental determinations regarding hospital inpatient, and outpatient services**, has been adopted. This rule sets forth the process for appealing the results of a final fiscal audit and requesting reconsideration of hospital payments after a utilization review of inpatient or outpatient hospital services by the department or its contracted medical review entity. This rule has been proposed as part of the five-year rule review process and replaced OAC rule 5160-2-07.12. This rule has been renumbered to align with the OAC Chapter 2 rule numbering system. The changes to this rule include updated language regarding outpatient hospital items that are not subject to the department's reconsideration process, updated references to the OAC and Code of Federal Regulations, and compliance with regulatory restriction language requirements in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 121.95.

OAC rule 5160-2-07.13, entitled **Utilization control**, has been rescinded. This rule sets forth the nature and timelines of utilization reviews conducted on inpatient and outpatient hospital services. The provisions of this rule have been incorporated into OAC rule 5160-2-13.

OAC rule 5160-2-13, entitled **Utilization review**, has been adopted. This rule sets forth the nature and timelines of utilization reviews conducted on inpatient and outpatient hospital services by the department or its contracted medical review entity. This rule has been proposed as part of the five-year rule review process and replaces OAC rule 5160-2-07.13. This rule has been renumbered to align with the OAC Chapter 2 rule numbering system. The changes in the new rule include removal of the paragraph regarding delegating psychiatric pre-certification to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (MHAS), updating policy language regarding the reimbursement for elective care subject to pre-certification review, removal of unnecessary language, and amending policy language to include practitioners of physician services. This rule also removed regulatory restrictions and contains updated references to the OAC and Code of Federal Regulations.

OAC rule 5160-2-40, entitled **Pre-certification review**, has been rescinded. This rule sets forth the pre-certification review program for inpatient services. It addresses guidelines for pre-certification, pre-certification of medical and surgical services provided in an inpatient or outpatient setting, pre-certification for psychiatric admissions, appeals and reconsiderations of pre-certification decisions, and reimbursement for elective care subject to pre-certification. The provisions of this rule describing psychiatric pre-certification review have been incorporated into the new OAC rule 5160-2-40.

OAC rule 5160-2-40, entitled **Psychiatric pre-certification review**, has been adopted. This rule sets forth the pre-certification review program for inpatient psychiatric admissions. This rule establishes guidelines and exclusions for pre-certification of psychiatric admissions, retrospective pre-certification, appeal of pre-certification decisions, and reimbursements subject to pre-certification review. This rule has been proposed as a result of the five-year rule review process and replaces the existing OAC rule 5160-2-40. Changes in the new rule include the removal of guidelines for pre-certification of elective medical and surgical services provided in an inpatient or outpatient setting, amending policy language throughout the rule inclusive of all professional providers allowed to provide services, and updating rule definitions and guidelines. This rule also removed regulatory restrictions and updated references to paragraphs within the rule and other rules in the OAC.

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