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ALAN LEVINE, SECRETARY

June 14, 2006

Dear Community Behavioral Health Services Provider:

Beginning July 1, 2006, the Florida Medicaid Program will no longer require prior authorization of behavioral health services except as referenced below.

Due to this change, your facility's Medicaid behavioral health services claims submitted for procedure codes H2012, H2012-HF, H2017, H2019-HO, & H2019-HM services on or after July 1, 2006 will not be required to have a First Health issued prior authorization number on the claim form.

Please remember that the prior authorization exemption does not apply to individualized service plan (ISP) prior authorization requirements. If a recipient is identified as 'high-risk' the development of an ISP will continue to be required as will the requirement of prior authorization for services. While a prior authorization number will not be issued or required for billing, behavioral health claims for individuals who have an ISP will be subject to retrospective review processes.

Additionally, requests for exceptions to service limits may be made for recipients under age 21 through Medicaid's prior authorization process. The exceptions to service limit criteria can be obtained from the First Health Services, Inc. website at <http://Florida.fhsc.com>.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and participation in the Medicaid behavioral health services program. If you are in need of assistance or have additional questions please contact Michelle Comeaux, of my staff, at (850) 921-8288.

Sincerely,

Beth Kidder, Chief
Bureau of Medicaid Services

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cc: AHCA Area Offices
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