

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

## CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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## M E M O R A N D U M

**What's Inside:****Prior Authorizations  
for Behavioral  
Health Services**

TO: REGIONAL EXECUTIVE STAFF, CIRCUIT MANAGERS, AND  
CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

FROM: CANDACE A. SHIVELY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

DISCUSSION:

The Children's Division recently received correspondence from MO HealthNet Division regarding Prior Authorizations (PA) for Behavioral Health Services for children in Legal Status 1 (fund codes 01, 02, 12), and former foster care youth eligible for Medicaid under Senate Bill 577 (fund code 13). Effective December 31, 2012, all Prior Authorizations, regardless of any remaining unused units left on the PA, will close.

Should a child currently in treatment continue to need ongoing services, a new PA period will begin on January 1, 2013. Staff should contact the child's behavioral health providers to assure they are requesting new authorizations immediately so there will be no lapse in coverage.

Providers who have questions may refer to the guidelines outlined in MOPsychotherapy Bulletin Volume 30, Number 27, dated November 30, 2007 and Section 13.11 of the Behavioral Health Services provider manual. The bulletin and manual may be accessed online at [www.dss.mo.gov/mhd](http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd).

Also, providers who have been paid for services in excess of four (4) hours for a participant in the last rolling year will not receive four (4) additional non-prior authorized hours for that participant.

**NECESSARY ACTION**

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff.
2. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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<b>CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS</b> N/A	
<b>FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS</b> N/A	
<b>REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES</b> N/A	
<b>RELATED STATUTE</b> N/A	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE RULE</b> N/A	
<b>COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS</b> N/A	
<b>CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR)</b> N/A	
<b>PROTECTIVE FACTORS</b> N/A Parental Resilience Social Connections Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development Concrete Support in Times of Need Social and Emotional Competence of Children	
<b>FACES REQUIREMENTS</b> N/A	