



**PSYCHOTHERAPY BULLETIN**  
**PHYSICIAN (PSYCHIATRIST), PSYCHOLOGIST, PCNS, LCSW, LPC, FQHC, RHC**

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All psychology prior authorizations (PA) issued for adults during any calendar year will have an authorized through date of December 31<sup>st</sup> of that same year. For example, any psychology PA issued during 2007 will close effective December 31, 2007, regardless of any remaining unused units left on the PA. Any unused units will not be carried over to the new PA period beginning January 1, 2008.

Should a patient currently in treatment need ongoing services, a new PA period will begin on January 1, 2008. Providers may begin requesting a new authorization immediately under the guidelines outlined in Section 13.13.B of the Psychology/Counseling manual. The manual may be accessed online at [www.dss.mo.gov/mhd](http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd).

**REMINDER:** Providers who have been paid for services in excess of four (4) hours for a participant in the last rolling year (365 days) will not receive four (4) additional non-prior authorized hours for that participant.

**Provider Bulletins** are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) (Formerly the Division of Medical Services) Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin site.

**MO HealthNet News:** Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Website at <http://dss.missouri.gov/mhd/global/pages/mednewssubscribe.htm> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via e-mail.

**MO HealthNet Managed Care:** The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-635-8908 and using Option One.

**Provider Communications Hotline**  
**573-751-2896**