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Children in Foster Care Behavioral Health Prior Authorization Closing Date

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- **2013 Children in Foster Care Behavioral Health Prior Authorization Close Date**

All Behavioral Health Services Prior Authorizations (PA) issued for children in Foster Care (ME Codes 07, 08, 37, and 38) will close effective December 31, 2013, regardless of any remaining unused units left on the PA.

Should a patient currently in treatment need ongoing services, a new PA period will begin on January 1, 2014. Providers may begin requesting a new authorization immediately under the guidelines outlined in Psychotherapy 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 <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/>.

REMINDER: 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.

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 page.

MO HealthNet News: Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at <http://dss.mo.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 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896