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Brattleboro Retreat Prior Authorization Pilot - Extended

Policy Summary:

The Agency of Human Services (AHS) began a pilot on July 1, 2017 for an initial authorization of five days at the Brattleboro Retreat for all Medicaid beneficiaries who meet the acute level of care criteria. This was a change from the previous requirement for strong clinical documentation provided within 24 hours to justify admission and continued stay. This five-day authorization pilot allows time for the assessment and formulation of an individualized plan of care for each beneficiary admitted. This also aligns Medicaid's initial authorization requirement more closely with commercial insurers.

This pilot has been extended through July 1, 2019. An assessment of the pilot was conducted after the initial 180-day period and results show there was no significant change in the average length of stays. The data will continue to be monitored closely to inform future utilization management practices.

Effective Date:

July 1, 2017 – July 1, 2019

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Global Commitment to Health Waiver](#)

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact.

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period was 6/30/17 – 7/30/17. No comments were received.