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Brattleboro Retreat Prior Authorization Pilot

Policy Summary:

The Agency of Human Services (AHS) started a pilot for an initial authorization of 5 days at the Brattleboro Retreat for all Medicaid beneficiaries who meet the acute level of care criteria. The current requirement for strong clinical documentation to justify admission and continued stay is within 24 hours. This 5-day authorization pilot practice allows time for the assessment and formulation of an individualized plan of care for each member admitted. This change also aligns Medicaid's initial authorization requirement more closely with commercial insurers. This pilot is effective July 1, 2017 and will continue through December 31, 2017 (180 days). An assessment of the pilot will be conducted to inform future utilization management practices.

Effective Date:

July 1, 2017

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.