



INFORMATION ALERT

Date: November 19, 2015

To: Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS) Providers

From: Steve Johnson, Clinical Director

RE: Updated BHIS review schedule

As of January 1, 2016, Magellan will not manage the Iowa Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS). For this reason, Magellan staff will use regularly scheduled review time with BHIS providers to review members who need continued authorization between now and the end of December in the following format:

High Need Members	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recent hospital or ED visits• Serious symptoms with current services not showing improvement	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Assure continued BHIS or other services identified.
Medium to Low Need Members	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members continuing in services• Members ready for discharge	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Magellan will extend current authorizations into February and March 2016 for continuity of service. This will NOT require clinical information from the provider.2. Providers will inform Magellan of discharges.

Less review time should be needed in light of the automatic extension of authorizations.

Authorization or other questions can be emailed to:

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For new members to BHIS, the online authorization option will allow up to 48 units of individual and 48 units of family over a 3-month period for quick access to these services. For group care, this can include up to 65 per diem units and 48 family units. **NOTE CHANGE:** Online authorizations will be available to those members who have previously received BHIS in the past year.