

PROVIDER ALERT

Updates to Medical Necessity Criteria for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Programs for Minors (PRP-M)

March 1, 2021

Effective **April 1, 2021**, there will be updates to the medical necessity criteria (MNC) and a combination of services rules for child/youth and transition-age youth (TAY) participants.

From this date forward, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program (PRP) services may not routinely be provided in conjunction with:

- Mobile Treatment Services (MTS)/Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
- Targeted Case Management (TCM)
- Inpatient Psychiatric Services
- Crisis Residential Services
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF)/ Residential Treatment Center (RTC)
- Mental Health- Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP)
- Mental Health- Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP)
- Respite
- Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS)
- Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Level 3.3 or higher
- Substance Use Disorder-Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP)
- Substance Use Disorder- Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP)

This update is being made because rarely is there clinical justification for these services offered in combination with PRP-M. However, specific exceptions may be made based on clinical rationale. The forms completed with each service request within the Incedo Provider Portal have been updated with this list of conflicting services and offer an opportunity to provide justification if both services are clinically appropriate.

If you have any questions about the information in this alert, please contact Customer Services on 1-800-888-1965.

Many thanks,
Optum Maryland Team