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IHCP clarifies documentation requirements for psychiatric inpatient admissions

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) provides clarification of *IHCP Banner Page [BR202313](#)* article, *IHCP revises documentation requirements for psychiatric inpatient admissions*, published March 28, 2023.

The banner page article confirmed that the IHCP no longer requires the *Certification of the Need for Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital Services* form (State Form 44697/OMPP 1261A) be submitted for fee-for-service (FFS) inpatient psychiatric prior authorization. This change also applies to psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTFs), which were not clearly mentioned in *BR202313*.

For psychiatric facility admission dates on or after **April 10, 2023**, the member's plan of care (POC) serves as the source information formerly documented on the *Certification of the Need for Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital Services* form.



The POC must be submitted to the FFS PA contractor within 14 working days of admission and clearly demonstrate all the following:

- Ambulatory care resources available in the community do not meet the treatment needs of the beneficiary.
- Proper treatment of the beneficiary's psychiatric condition requires services on an inpatient basis under the direction of a physician.
- The services can reasonably be expected to improve the beneficiary's condition or prevent further regression so that the services will no longer be needed.

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