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IHCP corrects information published about residential SUD treatment PA criteria

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) published responses to frequently asked questions (FAQs) about residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment in *IHCP Bulletin* [BT201821](#) on May 22, 2018. The bulletin incorrectly indicated that Cooperative Managed Care Services (CMCS) applies Milliman Care Guidelines when evaluating residential SUD treatment PA requests for fee-for-service (FFS) members. The bulletin should have indicated that CMCS will apply the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria to evaluate prior authorization (PA) requests and supporting documentation for residential SUD treatment. The original question and response are reprinted below with this correction bolded for emphasis.



How can facilities improve their success with PA requests?

Facilities need to include all necessary documentation to demonstrate medical necessity for the SUD level of care being requested. This documentation should include diagnoses, clinical presentation, treatment history, treatment goals, prescriber contact following admission and weekly thereafter, and other relevant information to provide a complete picture of an individual's needs. Providers should incorporate documentation supporting the ASAM six dimensions of multidimensional assessment. When submitting an initial PA request, it is helpful to include documentation of the psychosocial assessment. The State, as well as each of the MCEs, is available to review and discuss what documentation is necessary for each level of service. **Cooperative Managed Care Services (CMCS) applies the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria to evaluate PA requests for residential SUD treatment through the fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system.** Providers can use the following links to learn more about each health plan's PA process and requirements:

- [Anthem](#)
- [CareSource](#)
- [MDwise](#)
- [MHS](#)

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