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TO: BPA SUD Provider Network
FROM: BPA Provider Network Management
RE: ATR Client Authorizations

ATR clients will not be added to the WITS system until the ATR WITS Module is implemented. Target implementation for the ATR WITS Module is 11/1/13.

To accommodate the ATR WITS implementation timeline all information on ATR clients will remain in the BPA system until 10/31/13. As of 9/17/13 providers started to receive authorizations for ATR clients extended as applicable for the specific service (ex. Currently, if an ATR client had a 30 day assessment authorization issued on 9/15/13 the authorization is set to expire on 9/30/13. This authorization will now be extended the additional 15 days to expire on 10/15/13). Continued Stay Review (CSR) processes should be followed for providers wishing to extend authorizations for ATR clients expiring prior to 9/30/13 or 10/31/13 (ex. if the authorization, as in the above example, was shortened to 9/30/13 it will be automatically extended as described above; however if an authorization was set to the full 30 days and expired on 9/28/13, a provider would have to submit a CSR). The updated authorizations that providers receive will not go past 10/31/13 due to the 11/1/13 ATR WITS implementation date. Claims for all ATR clients should be submitted using your normal billing processes outside of WITS. Providers may continue to enter notes for ATR clients in WITS but will not be able to complete a Release to Billing on ATR clients.

All non-ATR clients will be authorized in the WITS system as of 10/1/13. Additional details about client authorizations in the WITS system will be shared in a separate communication.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Your Regional Field staff is always available to answer your questions:

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