Prior Authorization Requirements for Behavioral Health Services

The following table contains all of the behavioral health benefits covered under the capitated behavioral health benefit of the Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) Regional Accountable Entity contract and the CHP+ (HMO and SMCN) contracts and whether or not the benefit requires prior authorization before services are rendered.

Types of Service	Authorization Rules	Applicable Procedure Codes
Inpatient	Prior authorization required	Rev codes: 114, 124, 134, 144, 154, 204
Residential Treatment	Prior authorization required	HCPC codes: H0018, H0019
Acute Treatment Unit	Prior authorization required	HCPC codes: H0017
Day treatment	Prior authorization required	HCPC codes: H2012
Partial hospitalization	Prior authorization required	CPT codes: H0035 Rev codes: 912, 913
Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOP) for a mental health condition	Prior authorization required	HCPC codes: S9480 Rev codes: 905
Intensive Outpatient treatment (IOP) for a substance use disorder	Prior authorization required	HCPC codes: H0015 Rev Codes: 906
Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)	Prior authorization required	CPT codes: 90870, 90871 Rev code: 901
Psychological/Neurological Testing	Prior authorization required	CPT codes: 90887, 96101-96103, 96116, 96118-96120
Emergency Care	No prior authorization required	Rev codes: 450-459 POS code: 23
Observation	No prior authorization required	Rev codes: 762 POS 22
Crisis Stabilization Unit	No prior authorization required	HCPC codes: H0018 with ET modifier
Diagnostic Evaluation	No prior authorization required	CPT codes: 90791, 90792 HCPC codes: H0001, H0031, H2000
Individual Psychotherapy and Counseling	No prior authorization required	CPT codes: 90832-90840 HCPC codes: H0004
Family Psychotherapy	No prior authorization required	CPT codes: 90846, 90847
Group Psychotherapy	No prior authorization required	CPT codes: 90849, 90853 HCPC codes: H0005
Biofeedback	No prior authorization required	CPT codes: 90875, 90876
Telephone Assessment and Management	No prior authorization required	CPT codes: 98966-98968
Evaluation and Management	No prior authorization required	CPT codes: 99201-99205, 99211-99215, 99217-99226, 99231-99236, 99238-99239, 99241-99245, 99251-99255, 99218-99285, 99304-99310, 99315-99316, 99318, 99324-99328, 99334-99337, 99341-99345, 99347-99350, 99366-99368, 99441-99443
Prevention and Early Intervention	No prior authorization required	HCPC codes: H0002, H0023, H0025, S9453-S9454
Case Management	No prior authorization required	HCPC codes: H0006, T1017
Medication administration and training (including methadone)	No prior authorization required	HCPC codes: H0020, H0033, H0034
Wraparound services	No prior authorization required	HCPC codes: H0036-H0040, H2001, H2014-H2018, H2021-H2022
Supported Housing	No prior authorization required	HCPC codes: H0044-H0045
Supported Employment	No prior authorization required	HCPC codes: H2023-H2026
Crisis Services	No prior authorization required	HCPC codes: H2011, S9485
Clubhouse Services	No prior authorization required	HCPC codes: H2030-H2031
Social Detoxification Services	No prior authorization required	HCPC codes: S3005, T1007, T1019, T1023