



Molina Healthcare of Texas, Inc. Behavioral Healthcare Services



STAR and STAR + PLUS 2011

Outpatient Services

Service	Coverage Details	Prior Authorization (PA)	Limitations
Initial Psychiatric/Counseling Assessment	Refers to 90801 Service	PA required	One visit per provider per member year
Outpatient Psychotherapy	Psychotherapies: Individual, group, family, crisis intervention	PA required at initial visit; Outpatient Treatment Review required at 15 th visit. Crisis Intervention requires PA within 72 hours of visit	Per medical necessity
Psychological Testing	Covers Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing	No PA required	Per medical necessity
Medication Management	No PA required on 90862	PA required on 90805 and 90807	Per medical necessity
Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT)	Does not count against initial 30 visits	PA required	Per medical necessity
Injections	Psychotropic injections	PA required	Per medical necessity

Inpatient and other Hospital Step-down or Diversion Services

Service	Coverage Details	Prior Authorization (PA)	Limitations
Inpatient Care	STAR: All ages for Acute hospitals only Age 20 and under only for Acute, free standing, or state facility STAR+PLUS: all ages	PA required. Concurrent review every 3 days or as needed. After hours/weekend admissions reviewed on next business day	Per medical necessity
Partial Hospitalization, Intensive Outpatient, Intensive Case Management	STAR+PLUS Members Only	PA required with clinical review as needed	PHP 4.5-6 hrs per day; IOP greater than 1.5 hrs. per day and no more than 5 hrs. per day ICM 96 units (15 min. per svc. unit) per day

Substance Use Disorder Services

Service	Coverage Details	Prior Authorization (PA)	Limitations
Detoxification Services	Medical, Ambulatory Outpatient, Inpatient	PA required	Per medical necessity
Inpatient and Residential Treatment	STAR and STAR + PLUS	PA required	Per medical necessity
Outpatient Treatment	STAR and STAR + PLUS	No PA required; Notification requested	135 hours of group counseling per year; 26 hours individual counseling per year

Questions: Call the MHT Behavioral Health Hotline 1-800-818-5837 Fax to: 1-866-617-4967 Effective January 1, 2011

*STAR and STAR + PLUS benefits are based on calendar year (January 1 – December 31)

For Behavioral Health Services in Dallas Service Area (STAR or STAR+PLUS), please call NorthSTAR at (888) 800-6799.