

Provider Memorandum

Updated Molina Policy Regarding Mental Health Inpatient Stays

Effective June 1, 2019, Molina Healthcare of Illinois (Molina) will change its policy regarding minimum patient visits in inpatient mental health settings. Molina's new policy will require that patients in inpatient mental health settings be seen by a psychiatrist or Advanced Practitioner Nurse (APN) on a daily basis.

Current Illinois policy requires that Medicaid and Medicare patients in inpatient mental health settings be seen by a psychiatrist or advanced practice nurse at least five out of seven days per week (with not two or more consecutive days without a psychiatrist OR APN visit).

The update in policy aims to help improve quality of care and help serve patients more effectively.

Current Illinois Policy	Molina Policy Effective June 1, 2019
Patients in inpatient mental health settings must be seen by a psychiatrist or APN at least five out of seven days per week (with not more than two consecutive days without a psychiatrist <u>or</u> APN visit).	Patients in inpatient mental health settings must be seen by a psychiatrist or APN seven days per week.

Questions

Providers who have questions or would like more information may contact Provider Services at (855) 866-5462.