



**Louisiana Department of Health
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Completion of Assessment for Certain Specialized Mental Health Services Available Only Through 1915(i) Program Prior to 12/1/15

Managed Care Plan Requirements

Aetna

- Aetna will accept assessments conducted by providers; will apply details of this assessment for authorization for services in the appropriate setting and duration as medically necessary.
- Additional information will be made available before Nov. 1.

Amerigroup

- Currently finalizing requirements for completion of required assessments.
- Any possible conflicts of interest will be addressed as part of utilization management policies and procedures.

AmeriHealth Caritas

- Accepts completed assessment and LOCUS screening from treating providers. Prior authorization for assessments and LOCUS are not required.
- The provider will need to fax the completed assessment, LOCUS and the Adult Mental Health (MH) Rehab Services Treatment Request form to Utilization Management (UM) to receive prior authorization for the behavioral health (BH) services (such as CPST/PSR/Crisis Intervention, ACT, etc.) being requested. The assessment, LOCUS and Adult MH Rehab Services Treatment Request form will assist the UM department in determining medical necessity for the behavioral health services.
- Behavioral Health UM fax: 1-855-301-5356; Behavioral Health UM phone: 1-855-285-7466.

Louisiana Healthcare Connections (Cenpatico)

- Contracting with rehabilitation service providers/treating providers to complete the required assessments; prior authorization is not required.
- Provider will submit completed assessment to LHC along with LOCUS score and proposed Plan of Care.

- LHC will then apply LOCUS MNC and the community rehab MNC to the Plan of Care and assessment and provide authorization based on MNC.
- Additional information will be available no later than 11/1/15.

United Healthcare Community Plan (Optum)

- Still working to determine how required assessment will be performed.
- Currently meeting and working with network providers regarding the assessment completion.