

Behavioral Health Oversight Council

Overview of ValueOptions Performance Standards

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Performance Standards

- Call Management
- Utilization Management
- Quality Management



Call Management

- Average Speed of Answer
- Call Abandonment Rate
- Calls Answered within 30 Seconds
- Average Length of Hold Time



Average Speed of Answer



- Performance Standard =
 - 30 seconds for provider and member calls
 - 15 seconds for crisis calls



Call Abandonment Rate



 Performance Standard = Less than or equal to 5% of calls abandoned



Calls Answered within 30 Seconds



 Performance Standard = great than or equal to 90% of calls must be answered within 30 seconds
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Average Length of Hold Time



• Performance Standard = 5 minutes for provider calls, 3 minutes for member calls, 1 minute for crisis calls

Standard measured during Customer Service contact; wait time within clinical queues is not counted against this measure

Utilization Management

- Timeliness for Initial Reviews
 - Higher level of care
 - Lower level of care
- Timeliness for Concurrent Reviews
 - Higher level of care
 - Lower level of care
- Timeliness of UM Decision Written Letter Notification
- Timeliness of Sending Notices of Action and Denial Letters



Timeframe Standards for Initial Reviews

| Initial Reviews | Timeframe Standards | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Higher Level of Care (HLOC) | Without Peer Review | With Peer Review |
| Inpatient Psychiatric and General Hospital | Communication w/in 60 min | Communication w/in 120 min |
| Inpatient and Residential Detox | Communication w/in 60 min | Communication w/in 180 min |
| Partial Hospital Programs, Intermediate Duration Acute Psychiatric Care, Psychiatric Residential Treatment | Communication w/in 60 min | Communication w/in 1 business day |
| Lower Level of Care (LLOC) | | |
| All other levels of care | Communication w/in 1 business day | Communication w/in 1 business day |



Timeliness for Initial Reviews



 Performance Standard = 95% of decisions must be communicated with providers within designated timeframe



Timeframe Standards for Concurrent Reviews

| Concurrent Reviews | Timeframe Standards | |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Higher Level of Care (HLOC) | Without Peer Review | With Peer Review |
| Inpatient Psychiatric and General Hospital | Communication w/in 60 min | Communication w/in 120 min |
| Inpatient and Residential Detox | Communication w/in 60 min | Communication w/in 180 min |
| Partial Hospital Programs, Intermediate Duration Acute Psychiatric Care, Psychiatric Residential Treatment | Communication w/in 60 min | Communication w/in 1 business day |
| Lower Level of Care (LLOC) | | |
| All other levels of care | Communication w/in 2 business days | Communication w/in 2 business days |



Timeliness for Concurrent Reviews



 Performance Standard = 95% of decisions must be communicated with providers within designated timeframe



Timeliness of UM Decision Written Letter Notification



- Performance Standard = 98% of all authorization decisions result in a notification being included in the extract that within required timeframe
- Authorization letter is generated or authorization is viewable within 2 business days



Timeliness of Sending Notices of Action and Denial Letters



• Performance Standard = 98% of all Notices of Action and denial letters must be sent within three (3) business days



Quality Management

- Timeliness of Resolving Complaints
- Timeliness of Resolving Provider Appeal Requests
- Timeliness of Resolving Member Appeal Requests
- Timeliness of Resolving Administrative Appeal Requests



Timeliness of Resolving Complaints



 Performance Standard – greater than or equal to 90% of all complaints must be resolved within 30 calendar days or 45 calendar days with an extension request granted



Timeliness of Resolving Provider Appeal Requests



- Performance Standard = 90% of all provider appeals must be resolved timely. Level I Appeals within 1 business day and Level II Appeals within 5 business days.
- Although there were 10 medical necessity denials issued in 2006, there were no provider appeals during this timeframe.



Timeliness of Resolving Member Appeal Requests



- Performance Standard = 98% of member appeal requests must be resolved timely. Routine requests are resolved at the earliest point but no later than 30 calendar days and expedited no more than 3 business days.
- Although there were 10 medical necessity denials issued in 2006, there were no member appeals during this timeframe.



Timeliness of Resolving Administrative Appeal Requests



• Performance Standard = 98% of administrative appeal requests must be resolved within seven (7) business days.



Questions/Comments

