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Re: Prior Authorizations Suspension for Hospital to Nursing Extension till February 4th

Dear Rhode Island Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs):

Effective December 31, 2021 – January 12, 2022 Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) are suspending prior authorization requirements for clients transitioning from a hospital to a nursing facility. This effective date is now extended of MCOs till February 4, 2022. Prior authorizations suspensions are short term and will be reevaluated by EOHHS. PASSR requirement shall remain in effect. There is no change to the prior authorization requirements for behavioral health facilities.

Yours in Health,

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