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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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