



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES  
Bureau for Medical Services

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MEMORANDUM

TO: WV Medicaid Substance Use Disorder Residential Adult Services  
(SUD RAS) Providers

FROM: Cynthia Beane, MSW, LCSW  
Commissioner

DATE: March 30, 2020

SUBJECT: Retaining Members in SUD RAS Settings

Due to the World Health Organization declaring Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) a pandemic, the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) is requiring that effective March 30, 2020, all new admissions will be on hold for the next fourteen (14) days for SUD Residential sites, unless a new admission is court ordered. In addition, all current admissions will be required to remain at the RAS facility for the fourteen (14) day period.

The Managed Care Organizations will be required to continue authorizations for Residential Adult Services to members for fourteen (14) days, even if medical necessity criteria are not met for continued stay. If the member has a stable home environment and is at lower risk of relapse, they can be discharged to home with appropriate follow up care in place.

These requirements are only in effect for SUD RAS services and do not apply to Community Psychiatric Support Services (CSU).

BMS will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with our state and federal partners gathering further information and directives and will provide further notification if an extension can be received.