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**Memorandum**

**TO:** LME Enhanced Benefits Providers

**From:** Alicia Graham, LPC  
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**Date:** April 5, 2006

**RE:** Communication Bulletin # 9  
Authorization for Services

As we transition from the old service definitions to the new ones, we know things have been confusing and frustrating at times. In an effort to clear up confusion, we have provided some guidelines below on what to anticipate when receiving an initial or continuation authorization for Medicaid and state funded consumers presumably receiving **enhanced benefits**.

FUNDING SOURCE	COMMUNITY SUPPORT TARGETED CS MANAGEMENT	OUTPATIENT CODE	DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT T1023	ENHANCED BENEFIT
MEDICAID- INITIAL authorization	X 40 Units-10 Hours 30 days		X 1 Event 2 month period	
STATE FUNDED INITIAL		X 90801, H0001, OR H0031 6 Units or 1 Event 30 Days		
MEDICAID CONTINUATION				X (Unit, Event, etc...) Typically 90 DAYS
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MEDICAID clients receiving enhanced benefits prior to 3/20/06 and continue to need the service			X (1 Event) 2 months Given at time of reauthorization request	X (Unit, Event, etc...) Typically 90 Days

Please remember that this addresses **enhanced benefits**. Clients can still receive **just** basic benefits, such as outpatient therapy and medication checks, or they may receive basic benefit services while receiving an enhanced benefit. Please always [\*refer back to your service definitions\*](#) for service limitations and authorization criteria. Clients must meet authorization criteria for the service to be authorized. When a client has been screened by the LME and referred to your agency, you will receive a copy of the authorization prior to providing service. An exception to this would be for Substance Abuse clients. Once a release is received from your agency, the authorization will be faxed to you.

As we continue to move forward we will keep you informed of any changes in the authorization process. Please feel free to call the UR/STR unit with any questions or concerns.