

MEDICAID PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Medicaid Institutions for Mental Diseases exclusion rule

Starting April 1, 2018, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Medicaid (Anthem) will begin authorizing coverage for medically necessary short-term inpatient stays at facilities enrolled with the Kentucky Medicaid program as an Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD) for members aged 21 to 64.

The Social Security Act (42 C.F.R. 435.1010) defines an IMD as “a hospital, nursing facility, or other institution of more than 16 beds that is primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment or care of persons with mental diseases, including medical attention, nursing care and related services.” A short-term stay is defined as no more than 15 total days per member per month, regardless of facility or number of admissions.

Anthem requires precertification for all inpatient treatment services. Please visit <https://mediproviders.anthem.com/ky/pages/precert.aspx> for more information on how to complete the precertification process.

Providers who meet the definition of an IMD and are not already enrolled in the Kentucky Medicaid program may visit <http://www.chfs.ky.gov/dms/provEnr> for details on enrollment. Providers can also contact their Anthem Provider Relations representative or the Provider Services department at **1-855-661-2028**.

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