

PROVIDER ALERT

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RECOVERY PROGRAM (BHRP)

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**Substance Use Disorder Residential Care
Service Authorizations – “Banked” Capacity**

To: DMHAS Providers of:
SA III.1 - SA Transitional/Halfway House
SA III.3 - SA Long Term Care
SA III.5 - Intermediate Residential
SA III. 5 - SA Intermediate Residential- Women and Children's Programs
SA III.7 - SA Intensive Residential
SA III.7 RE - SA Intensive Residential Enhanced

From: Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)
Advanced Behavioral Health (ABH)

Re: Managing SA Residential Bed Capacities – FY18 Continuation

Date: April 27, 2017

This is a follow up to the November 2016 DMHAS memo which announced a pilot allowing providers to accumulate and access a “bank” of unused bed days accrued from July 1, 2016 forward. This “bank” allowed providers to go over their *daily* DMHAS contracted capacity (if their license allowed) once their accrued unused bed days met or exceeded their average length of stay for the specific program, based on paid claims. Each program at each level of care accrues its own bank of unused days. The pilot began on November 14, 2016.

DMHAS and ABH are pleased to announce that this initiative will be repeated in the new state fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2017. Beginning on July 1, 2017, providers will again begin to accrue a “bank” of unused days for each specific program based on FY18 paid claims.

Please note the bank is based on claims data using a two-month lag, not authorization data. All bank balances accrued during FY17 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017) will be eliminated on June 30, 2017 and new banks will be established. In other words, each bank balance is limited to the fiscal year in which it was accrued. Starting July 1, 2017, there will be a 2-month waiting period until banks accumulate “new” unused bed days.

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