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Re: Change in IME Timeline

Dear IME Affiliated Provider Agency:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is announcing a change to the timeline for implementation of Administrative Prior Authorizations (PA) for Medicaid members entering Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment through the Interim Managing Entity (IME).

At recent provider trainings DHS announced that Administrative PAs would begin on January 19, 2016. In response to provider concerns regarding the current structure of the PAs, DHS will delay the requirement for PAs for Medicaid members. This delay will allow the DHS to explore alternatives to the current PA structure.

Please note that the delay in Administrative Prior Authorizations schedule will not impact the NJSAMS updates scheduled for January 19, 2016.

Again, DHS will not be requiring administrative PA numbers on January 19, 2016 for Medicaid members seeking SUD treatment. Details will be provided on the revised implementation timeline in future correspondence.

Thank you,

The DHS IME Implementation Team

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