

Dear Provider,

Phase II of the IME launched on May 24, 2016. The state IME implementation team was at UBHC for the day. We were able to respond to questions and make immediate adjustments to NJSAMS when any issues arose. We received our first prior authorization request at 1:49 AM this morning and continued to issue authorizations all day.

As of this writing, only one issue has arisen that will require provider attention. The IME is receiving requests for a Medicaid prior authorization for individuals who are enrolled in Medicaid Plan A. Until July 1, 2016, clients enrolled in Plan A are not eligible for the full continuum of Substance Use Disorder treatment services that are currently available to individuals who are enrolled in the ABP plan. Because most services are not covered by Plan A, the IME will respond to these requests with a denial and the message that the level of care is approved (if appropriate) but a new payer source is needed. Providers are encouraged to enroll these clients in slots or fee for service initiatives, if eligible, and resend the request to the IME for any managed funding.

Effective June 30, 2016 NJSAMS will cancel authorizations for clients, enrolled in Plan A, for whom the IME has issued an authorization for a state initiative. The IME will also issue a Medicaid authorization on July 1, 2016 for those clients.

The IME Team would like to thank the providers who have participated in the training, the User Acceptance Testing, and the Open Testing. We appreciate your participation in this Phase of the IME.

Thank you,
Vicki Fresolone and the IME Implementation Team