



## **Provider Newsbrief – Dec. 22, 2021**

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### **Authorizations for Admission to Behavioral Health Residential Facility (BHRFs), Therapeutic Foster Care (Child), Adult Behavioral Health Therapeutic Home (ABHTH) and Behavioral Health Inpatient Facility (BHIF)**

Effective Dec. 15, 2021, Banner University Health Plans will be authorizing the date range for admissions as indicated below:

1. Prior Authorization requests are required within 2 business days from the date of admission. Upon review, if the member meets medical necessity, the date range of the approval will include the date of admission and the subsequent days that services are provided.
2. If a member is admitted and does not meet medical necessity, the denial will be for the entire stay requested.
3. If a member is admitted and the prior authorization request is past the 2-business day period, and the member meets medical necessity, the authorization date range will start upon the date of the review and decision. The previous days will be considered an Administrative Denial because the notification was past the 2-business day notification requirement.
4. If a member is admitted and does not meet medical necessity, BUHP requests the provider notify BUHP of whether or not the provider intends to discharge the member due to lack of approval prior to the member leaving the facility. This will provide BUHP and the provider an opportunity to coordinate care at the time of discharge.

We appreciate your partnership to ensure Banner members receive quality and timely services.