

PROVIDER ALERT

New Gambling Authorization Plans Effective March 21, 2022

March 16, 2022

Target Audience: Providers Servicing Participants for Gambling Treatment

Optum Maryland wishes to advise providers of changes to the process for requesting authorization for gambling treatment. Effective March 21, 2022, each level of care will have its own authorization plan. **Providers must select the specific authorization plan for the level of care they will be providing.**

For example, providers seeking authorization for Gambling-IOP, would select the “Gambling – SUD IOP Initial” authorization plan, as shown below:

Service	Proc Code
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambling - IOP - H0015-Intensive outpatient	H0015 (Primary)

When selected, each of the gambling authorization plans will trigger an updated Gambling Services Clinical Request Form that must be completed for all Gambling treatment. As shown below, providers must indicate the appropriate level of care being requested on the form and **all fields in red are required.**

Gambling Services Request v2

Provider Information

Provider Contact Name: *
 Provider Contact Phone #: *
 Provider Contact Phone Ext:

Provider Contact Email: *
 Participant Email:
 Participant Phone #:

Participant Phone Ext:

Is the participant an adult or a juvenile? **
 Adult Juvenile

Is this a telephonic request? (INTERNAL OPTUM USE ONLY) **
 Yes No

Clinical Information

Request Type: **
 Initial Concurrent

Level of Care Requested: **
 MH/SUD Outpatient MH-IOP SUD-IOP Initial SUD-IOP Concurrent SUD-ASAM Level 3.1- Halfway House SUD-ASAM Level 3.3- Medium Intensity SUD-ASAM Level 3.5- High Intensity

Those levels of care that require a clinical review will be saved and displayed as “in process” until reviewed by a Care Advocate to ensure medical necessity criteria is met. Other levels of care will be auto-approved as long as there are no issues with eligibility or provider status.

Below are the new **Authorization Plans for Gambling**, along with the provider types who may access each plan.

Provider Types	Available Authorization Plans
Psychologists (PT15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gambling-Outpatient
Physicians (PT20)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gambling-Outpatient
Nurse Practitioner, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (PT23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gambling-Outpatient
Mental Health Group Therapy Provider (PT27)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gambling-Outpatient

Clinic/Drug (PT32)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gambling-Outpatient
Substance Use Disorder Program Provider (PT50)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gambling-Outpatient · Gambling-SUD IOP Initial · Gambling-SUD IOP Concurrent
IMD Residential Substance Use Disorder (PT54)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gambling Residential ASAM 3.1 Initial · Gambling Residential ASAM 3.1 Concurrent · Gambling Residential ASAM 3.3 Initial · Gambling Residential ASAM 3.3 Concurrent · Gambling Residential ASAM 3.5 Initial · Gambling Residential ASAM 3.5 Concurrent
Physician Assistant (PT80)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gambling-Outpatient
Social Worker (LCSW-C) (PT94)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gambling-Outpatient

<p>Outpatient Mental Health Clinic (PTMC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gambling-Outpatient · Gambling-MH IOP Initial · Gambling-MH IOP Concurrent · Gambling Crisis
<p>Certified Professional Counselor (PTCC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gambling-Outpatient
<p>Gambling Provider (PTGA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gambling-Outpatient · Gambling-MH IOP Initial · Gambling-MH IOP Concurrent · Gambling-SUD IOP Initial · Gambling-SUD IOP Concurrent · Gambling Residential ASAM 3.1 Initial · Gambling Residential ASAM 3.1 Concurrent · Gambling Residential ASAM 3.3 Initial · Gambling Residential ASAM 3.3 Concurrent · Gambling Residential ASAM 3.5 Initial · Gambling Residential ASAM 3.5 Concurrent

Please note, for “Outpatient” levels of care, the recipient can be either the gambling patient themselves, or a concerned other. When providing care to a concerned other, select the relevant authorization plan that begins “Gambling – Concerned Other.”

If you have questions about the information contained in this alert, please contact customer services at 1-800-888-1965.

Thank you,

Optum Maryland Team