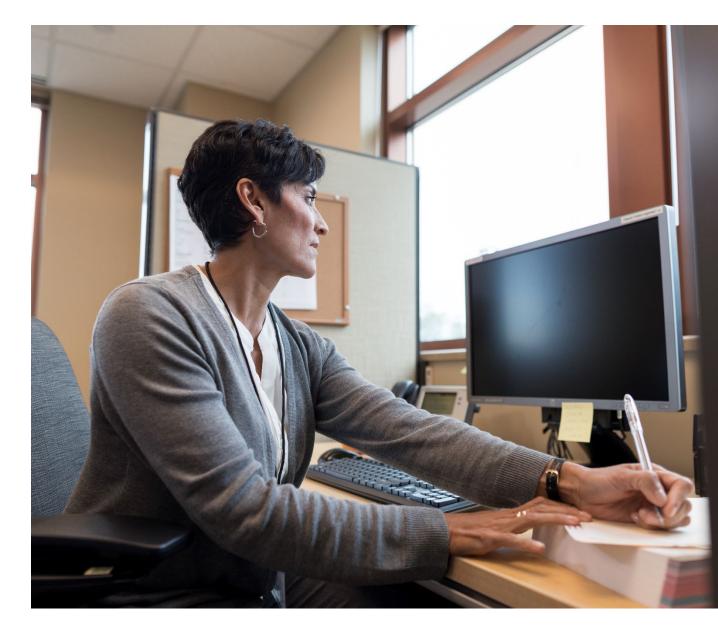
Service Authorization Submission 101

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What are Medical Necessity Criteria (MNC)?

- Objective criteria that create individualized level of care determinations
- Nonproprietary
- Optum uses MNC that are from professional organizations such as AACAP and AACP:
 - LOCUS
 - CALOCUS-CASII
 - ECSII
 - ASAM



Why are medical necessity evaluations required?

- Improve the Quality of Care:
 - Organize clinical observations
 - Objective frame for evaluating risks and resiliencies of the person being evaluated
- Audits/Compliance
- Financial Sustainability



The ASAM Criteria®: Dimensions



1: Acute Intoxication and/or Withdrawal Potential

- Current withdrawal symptoms
- Past history of serious, life-threatening withdrawal



2: Biomedical Conditions/Complications

- Current health problems
- Medication interaction, abnormal labs



3: Emotional/Behavioral/Cognitive Conditions and Complications

- Presence of other psychiatric diagnosis, symptoms or behaviors
- · Mental status and level of functioning



4: Readiness to Change

- · Coerced, mandated, required assessment/treatment
- Motivation factors for treatment



5: Relapse/Continued Use/Continued Problem Potential

- Potential relapse triggers/relapse plan
- Past treatment results



6: Recovery Environment

- Immediate threats to safety, well-being, sobriety
- Availability and utilization of support systems



Level of Care instruments for BH Medical Necessity Determination

Level of Care Utilization System – LOCUS[©]

- Adults, 18+
- American Association for Community Psychiatrist (AACP)

Early Childhood Service Intensity Instrument – ECSII[©]

- Birth to 6 years
- American Academy for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP)
- Published 2009

Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument – CALOCUS/CASII[©]

- 6 to 18 years
- American Academy for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP).
- Updated from CA-LOCUS, 2009
- Version 4.1, 2018



BH Medical Necessity Criteria (MNC) Functional Dimensions

I: Risk of Harm

- Suicidal, Homicidal, Self-Harming or Violent Ideation, Intent or Plan
- Past history of serious, high risk behavior posing risk to self or others

II: Functional Status

- Capacity for self-care
- · Ability to fulfill social responsibilities

III: Co-Occurring Conditions

- Presence and acuity of co-morbid conditions
- Impact of comorbid condition on presenting problem

IV: Recovery Environment

- Level of Stress: Presence of psychosocial stressors
- Level of Support: Availability and utilization of support systems

V: Treatment and Recovery History

- History of mental health challenges
- Response to prior treatment

VI: Response to Treatment and Recovery Status

- Understanding of mental health condition
- · Willingness to engage in treatment



Matching Risk to Level of Care - a high level crosswalk

NOTE: This slide is to illustrate examples and is NOT prescriptive

Risk Level

- Low Risk- Recovery and Health Maintenance
- Moderate Risk
- High Risk
- Very High Risk
- Secure Monitored

ASAM/SUD

- ASAM 1.0 Outpatient services
- ASAM 2.1 Intensive Outpatient; SUD Care coordination; ICM
- ASAM 2.5-PHP
- ASAM 3.1/3.3/3.5
- ASAM 3.7/4.0

Behavioral Health

- LOCUS/CASII 10-16; ESCII 9-17
 - Treatment plan and review; psychotherapy services; HBFT level 1 or 2
- LOCUS/CASII 17-19; ESCII 18-22
 - o BH IOP; HBFT level 3; ICM
- LOCUS/CASII 20-23; ESCII 23-26
 - o BH PHP, ACT, TTH
- LOCUS/CASII 23-17; ESCII 27-30
 - Adult/Children's MH Residential level 1 or 2
- LOCUS/CASII 28+
 - Locked residential vs acute inpatient
 - This level not available for ESCII



Special service authorization circumstances

Distance and availability of resources:

- The Optum team reviews special circumstances that may necessitate a higher level of care such as the lack of availability of SUD service options within a person's geographical region.
- You may need to request a higher LOC if the level you assess is not available. Ex: Person meets criteria for 3.1, but the only residential option available in the region is 3.5.
- It will be important to note special circumstances when writing the medical necessity essay on your Service Authorization Request.



How to complete the service authorization request form

1115 Behavioral Health Waiver Provider Service Authorization (SA) Request					
(*) Denotes required field					
*1. Provider Agency Name:	*2. Tax ID:				
*3. Recipient Name: *4. Recipient ID:					
*5. Request Date:	6. AK AIMS Client ID:				
Provider II	nformation				
*7a. Contact Name:	*7b. Address:				
*8. Phone No.:	*9. Fax No.:				
10. DSM Email Address:					
	nformation				
*11. Admission Date:	*12. Planned Discharge Date:				
*13. Gender: Male Female Other *14. Date of Birth:					
*15. Recipient eligibility (please select an applicable box):					
Child (age 0-17) Youth (age 18-2	11) Adult (age 21+)				
*16. Recommended level of care (please select an applicable box):					
Crisis Services	☐ Routine Outpatient Services				
☐ High Intensity Community Based- IOP ☐ Intensive Integrated w/out 24-hour psychiatrist - PHP					
☐ Residential or non-Secure 24-hour with Psych Monitoring ☐ Inpatient/Secure, 24-hour with psychiatric management					
*17. Concurrent Medicaid State Plan Services? Yes No					
*18. Is this a request for a new service authorization? Tyes No					
*19. Is this a request for an amendment of an already approved service authorization? Yes No					
*20. Treatment Plan Date: Enter the Treat	ment Plan date that supports this Service Authorization Request SA				
From: Through:	(May not exceed 90 days correlated to treatment plan date).				

1115 Substance Use Disorder Waiver Provider				
Service Authorization (SA) Request				
(*) Denotes required field				
*1. Provider Agency Name:	*2. Tax ID:			
*3. Recipient Name:	*4. Recipient ID:			
*5. Request Date:	6. AK AIMS Client ID:			
Provider	Information			
*7a. Contact Name:	*7b. Address:			
*8. Phone No.:	*9. Fax No.:			
10.DSM Email Address:				
Recipient	Information			
*11. Admission Date:	*12. Planned Discharge Date:			
*13. Gender: Male Female Other	*14. Date of Birth:			
*15. Recipient eligibility (please select an applicable box): A child (age 12-17) who may have a substance use disorder A youth (age 18-21) who may have a substance use disorder An adult with a substance use disorder *16. Recommended level of care (please select an applicable box):				
Outpatient	Alcohol and Drug Withdrawal Management Services			
☐ Intensive Outpatient	☐ Community Based Support Services			
Partial Hospitalization	☐ Crisis Services			
Residential and Inpatient SUD Treatment Services				
*17. Concurrent Medicaid State Plan Services? Yes No				
*18. Is this a request for a new service authorization? Yes No				
*19. Is this a request for an amendment of an already approved service authorization? Yes No				
*20. Treatment Plan Date:Enter the Treatment Plan date that supports this Service Authorization Request SA				
From: Through:	(May not exceed 90 days correlated to treatment plan date).			



*21. Diagnosis Codes							
(a) Behavioral ICD-10 Diagnosis Code(s) Mental, Behavioral, and Neurodevelopmental Disorders (F01-F99):							
	ICD-10 Code Description Comment						
(b)	Medical and othe	er ICD-10 Diagnosis Code(s):					
	ICD-10 Code	Description	Comment				
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	ICD-10 Code	Description	Comment				
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*Ple	ase include all rel	evant information since admission or most red	cent service authorization request.				
NOTE: A Reviewer may request additional information as necessary to determine this request under 7 AAC 105.130. Failure by the provider to submit requested information within 30 days will result in denial of this request.							
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List current prescribed medications (include psychotropic medications in this section):							
No Change Since Last Service Authorization Request							
Is there a current risk of harm to self or other? Tyes No No Change Since Last Authorization Request							
If yes, describe any current risk of harm to self or others. Specify if there is any active intent or plan to commit suicide or homicide. Note whether these thoughts are always present, or specific to a situation or event that has occurred recently:							

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Are there any deficiencies in the participants ability to (select all applicable):
☐ Fulfill obligations (home, work, school)
☐ Interact with others
Care for themselves (ADLs, health/medical, etc.)
Utilize support systems either through lack of or inability to engage (family, church, community supports, etc.)
Other
☐ No Change Since Last Service Authorization Request
Describe:
Are there comorbid medical issues? Yes No No No Change Since Last Service Authorization Request If yes, describe current comorbid medical issues:
Are there co-occurring issues of cognition (i.e. dementia, traumatic brain injury, FAS, developmental disabilities, etc.)? Yes No No No Change Since Last Service Authorization Request If yes, describe co-occurring issues of cognition:
Are there co-occurring substance abuse issues? Yes No No Change Since Last Service Authorization Request If yes, describe co-occurring substance abuse issues:
Are there any concerns related to home/living environment?

Dimension 3: Emotional, Behavioral or Cognitive Conditions and Complications
Risk Rating:
Clinical Details to support rating:
Dimension 4: Readiness to Change
Risk Rating:
Clinical Details to support rating:
Dimension 5: Relapse, Continued Use, or Continued Problem Potential
Risk Rating:
Clinical Details to support rating:
Dimension 6: Recovery/Living Environment
Risk Rating:
Clinical Details to support rating:
Additional Medical Necessity Information (include any relevant information not mentioned above):



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Is there a history with trauma/ACE? Tyes No No No Change Since Last Service Authorization Request
If yes, briefly describe any history of trauma (include for initial request only, or if new and relevant information has been revealed):
Has the participant had any recent treatment history, including psychiatric or substance abuse hospitalizations?
Yes No No Change Since Last Service Authorization Request
If yes, describe, include time periods, interventions that the participant has identified as successful or non-helpful treatment interventions:
Is the participant/Guardian willing to engage in services and/or motivated to change? Yes No No Change Since Last Service Authorization Request
Describe:
For continued services requests only, describe the level of participation in treatment and progress made on goals and objectives since last service authorization request:
Is the participant actively engaged in treatment? Yes No No Change Since Last Service Authorization Request
Describe:
Is there progress being made on goals and objectives since the last service authorization request? Yes No No No No
Describe:
Additional Medical Memoria, Information (include any polarity)
Additional Medical Necessity Information (include any relevant information not mentioned above):



Units Requested				
Treatment Plan Services	Code	Modifiers	Unit	*23. Units Requested
Treatment Plan Development/Review	T1007	V2	Per Assessment	
Treatment Plan Development/Review (Telehealth)	T1007	V2 GT	Per Assessment	
Mental Health Treatment 1115 Services	Code	Modifiers	Unit	*24. Units Requested
Intensive Outpatient - Individual	H0015	V2	15 mins	
Intensive Outpatient - Individual (Telehealth)	H0015	V2 GT	15 mins	
Intensive Outpatient - Group	H0015	HQ V2	15 mins	
Intensive Outpatient -Group (Telehealth)	H0015	HQ V2 GT	15 mins	
Partial Hospitalization	H0035	V2	Daily	
Intensive Case Management	H0023	V2	15 mins	
Intensive Case Management (Telehealth)	H0023	V2 GT	15 mins	
Community & Recovery Support Services - Individual	H2021	V2	15 mins	
Community & Recovery Support Services - Individual (Telehealth)	H2021	V2 GT	15 mins	
Community & Recovery Support Services - Group	H2021	HQ V2	15 mins	
Community & Recovery Support Services - Group (Telehealth)	H2021	HQ V2 GT	15 mins	
Assertive Community Treatment Services	H0039	V2	15 mins	
Outpatient Mental Health Treatment 1115 Services: Home Based	Code	Modifiers	Unit	*25. Units Requested
Home-based Family Treatment Level 1	H1011	V2	15 mins	
Home-based Family Treatment Level 2	H1011	TF V2	15 mins	
Home-based Family Treatment Level 3	H1011	TG V2	15 mins	
Therapeutic Treatment Homes - Daily	H2020	V2	Daily	
Residential BH Treatment Services	Code	Modifiers	Unit	*26 Units Requested
Adult Mental Health Residential Services Level 1	T2016	V2	Daily	
Adult Mental Health Residential Services Level 2	T2016	TG V2	Daily	
Children's Mental Health Residential Services Level 1	T2033	V2	Daily	
Children's Mental Health Residential Services Level 2	T2033	TF V2	Daily	

Units Requested				
Treatment Plan Services	Code	Modifiers	Unit	*23. Units Requested
Treatment Plan Development/Review	T1007	V1	Per Assessment	·
Treatment Plan Development/Review (Telehealth)	T1007	V1 GT	Per Assessment	
Outpatient SUD Services	Code	Modifiers	Unit	*24. Units Requested
Outpatient Services ASAM 1.0 - Individual	H0007	V1	15 mins	
Outpatient Services ASAM 1.0 - Individual (Telehealth)	H0007	V1 GT	15 mins	
Outpatient Services ASAM 1.0 - Group Adolescent	H0007	HQ, HA, V1	15 mins	
Outpatient Services ASAM 1.0 – Group Adolescent (Telehealth)	H0007	V1 GT HQ HA	15 mins	
Outpatient Services ASAM 1.0 - Group Adult	H0007	HQ, HB, V1	15 mins	
Outpatient Services ASAM 1.0 - Group Adult (Telehealth)	H0007	V1 GT HQ HB	15 mins	
Intensive Outpatient ASAM 2.1 - Individual	H0015	V1	15 mins	
Intensive Outpatient ASAM 2.1 - Individual (Telehealth)	H0015	V1 GT	15 mins	
Intensive Outpatient ASAM 2.1 - Group	H0015	HQ, V1	15 mins	
Intensive Outpatient ASAM 2.1 - Group (Telehealth)	H0015	V1 GT HQ	15 mins	
Partial Hospitalization ASAM 2.5	H0035	V1	Daily	
Residential SUD Treatment Services	Code	Modifiers	Unit	*25. Units Requested
SUD Residential 3.1 - Adolescent	H2036	HA, V1	Daily	
SUD Residential 3.1 - Adult	H2036	HF, V1	Daily	
SUD Residential 3.3	H0047	HF, V1	Daily	
SUD Residential 3.5 - Adolescent	H0047	HA, V1, TF	Daily	
SUD Residential 3.5 - Adult	H0047	TG, V1	Daily	
Inpatient SUD Treatment				*26. Units Requested
Med Monitored Intensive Inpatient Services 3.7	H0009	TF, V1	Daily	
Med Managed Intensive Inpatient Services 4.0	H0009	TG, V1	Daily	
Alcohol and Drug Withdrawal Management Services	Code	Modifiers	Unit	*27. Units Requested
Ambulatory Withdrawal Management	H0014	V1	15 MIN	
Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management	H0010	V1	Daily	
Med Monitored IP Withdrawal Management 3.7 WD	H0010	TG. V1	Daily	

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Please sign the attestation appropriate to your role (only one signature is necessary for submission):

As the Directing Clinician working for the above-named recipient, I hereby:

- Affirm the assessment of the recipient's symptomatology, current level of functionality is documented in the recipient's clinical
 record and the treatment plan services, units, and duration requested are medically necessary and consistent with the recipient's
 level of impairment.
- Affirm that, for a recipient who is a child, the clinical record documents the required participation and input of the child's treatment team
- Acknowledge the services are subject to post-payment review of medical necessity and completeness of documentation
 according to Medicaid/Denali Kid Care program rules and that the Department of Health & Social Services may recoup
 payment for any services that are not medically necessary, not properly documented, or not in compliance with Medicaid
 program rules; and
- Acknowledge that approval of this authorization request does not guarantee payment.

28a			
Directing Clinician	Credentials	Signature	Date

As the Assigned Administrator for the above-named recipient, I hereby:

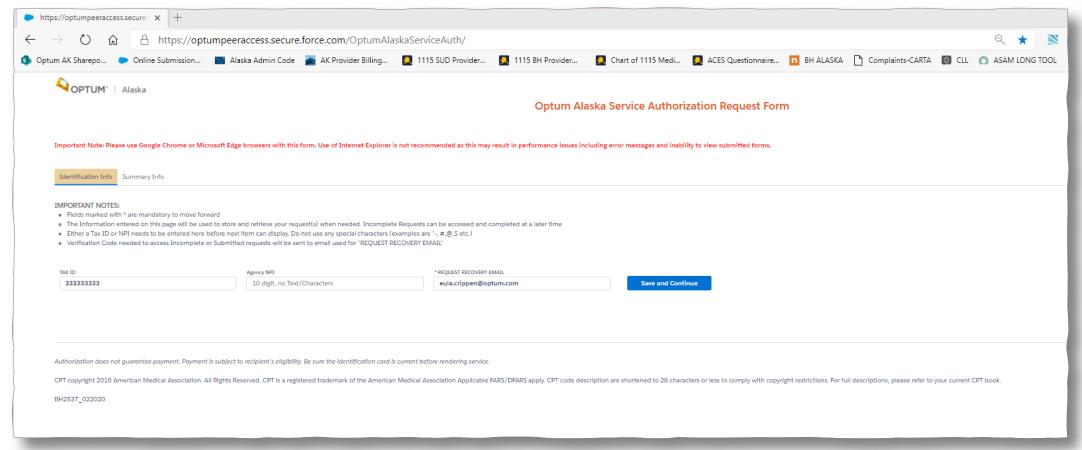
- · Affirm that the above described clinical information is true and accurate, as provided by the directing clinician.
- · Affirm that I am signing on behalf of the directing clinician with their knowledge and approval.
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28b.			
Administrative Assistant	Credentials	Signature	Date



How to get started with an Online Service Authorization request submission

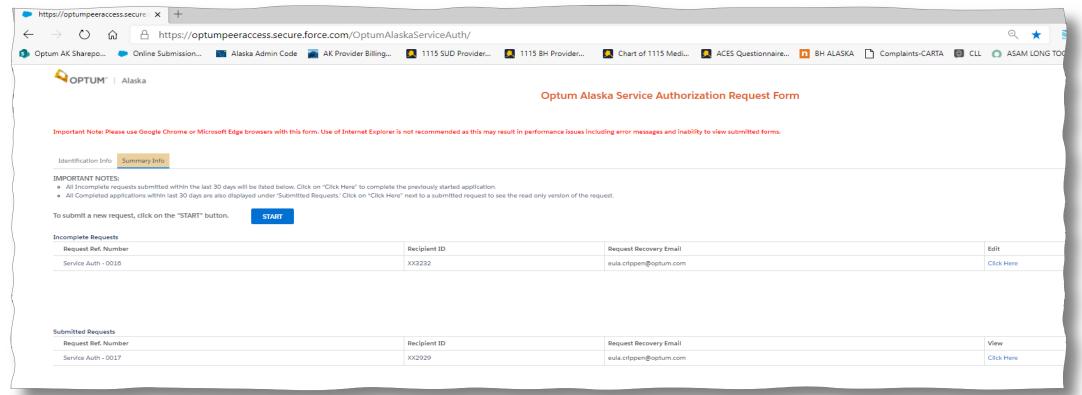
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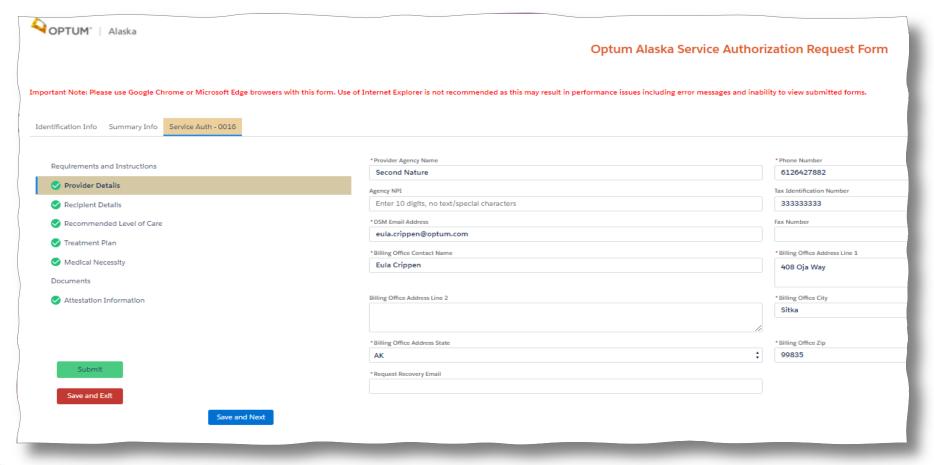
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Provider Details

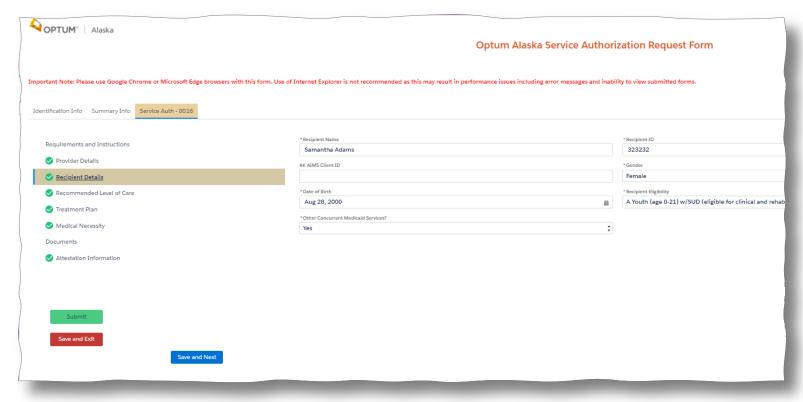
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Recipient Details

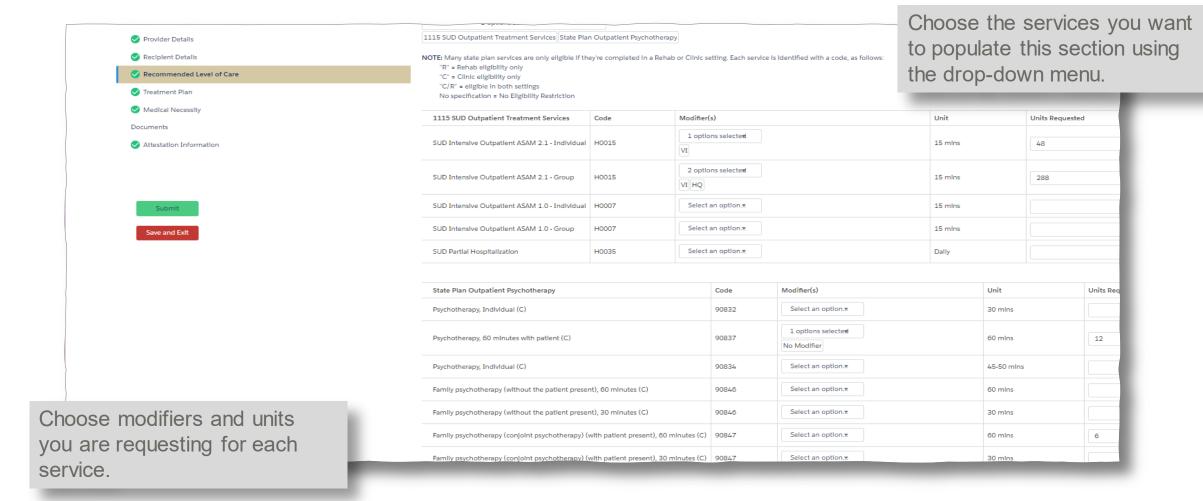
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Services requested by Level of Care

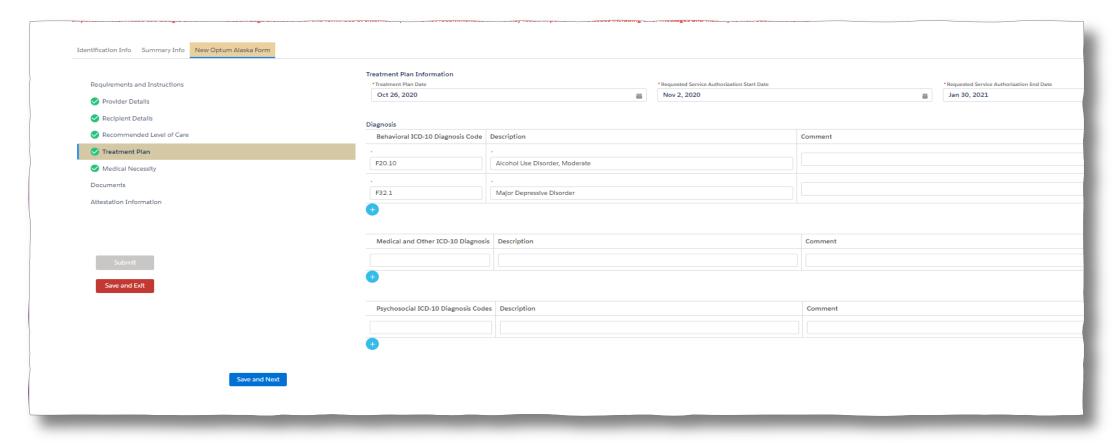




Diagnoses and Treatment Plan

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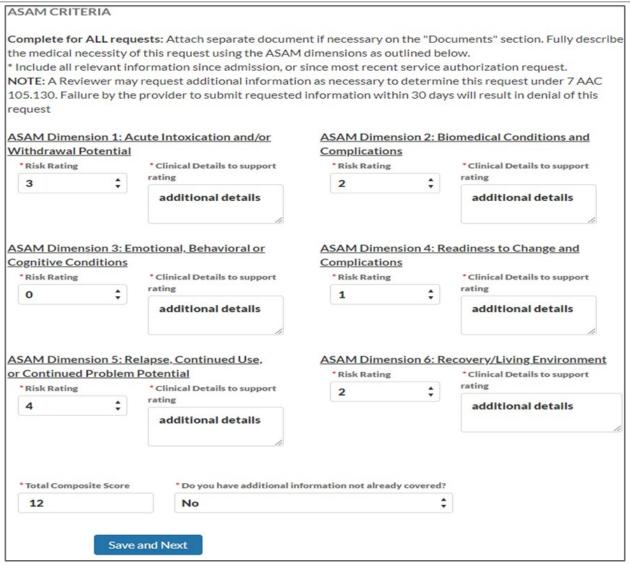
Provide the Treatment Plan dates, the date on which services will begin, and the date by which the services will end and all relevant diagnoses.





Online submission SUD clinical criteria

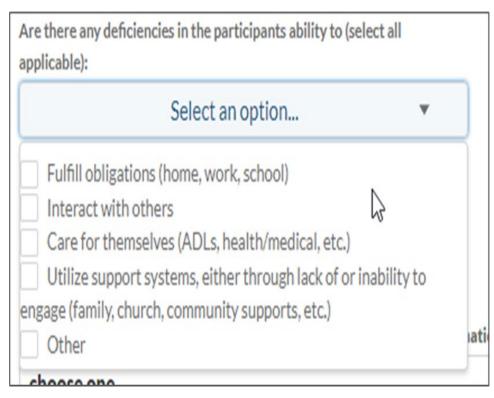
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Online submission BH clinical criteria

MENTAL HEALTH CRITERIA For BH requests, please complete only the BH section below. Additional attachments can be included as appropriate. Fully describe the medical necessity of this request using the behavioral health areas outlined below. * Please include all relevant information since admission or most recent service authorization request. NOTE: A Reviewer may request additional information as necessary to determine this request under 7 AAC 105.130. Failure by the provider to submit requested information within 30 days will result in denial of this request. List participant current medications: * Is there a current risk of harm to self or others? choose one... Are there any deficiencies in the participants ability to (select all applicable): Select an option... *Are there current comorbid medical issues? choose one... * Are there co-occurring issues of cognitive disability (i.e. dementia, traumatic brain injury, FAS, developmental disability, etc.)? choose one... * Are there co-occurring substance abuse issues? choose one...

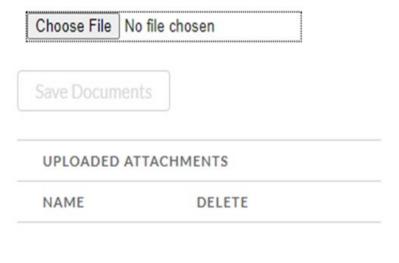




Uploading supporting documents

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOCUMENTS UPLOAD:

- Please click on the "choose file" button below to select and attach documents to this request.
- Include documentation supporting your request, for example: Most recent Individual Care/Service/Treatment Plan, doctor's notes, medication updates.
- You can use this feature multiple times to attach multiple documents.
- Saved documents will reflect under the "Uploaded Attachments" section.





Next

What happens next?

Two routes for next steps

*Authorization approved

- Verbal notification by Care Advocate
- Authorization letter mailed

*Not enough information to approve

- Case staffing with Chief Medical Officer (CMO) then,
- Request for additional information then,
- Peer to peer scheduled with CMO and provider/agency then,
- Denial letter issue with appeals rights provided



In summary:

- Service authorizations will be required at the end of the Federal Public Health Emergency
- Service authorizations are required when the participant's SFY limits are exhausted but can be requested if participant's SFY limit is unknown to avoid a claim denial
- There are two options of submitting service auth requests: paper or online
- Approved authorizations units will be tracked by participant and by provider within the claims system automatically. Authorization number is NOT needed on the claim submission



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