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Attention Provider Type 63 (Residential Treatment Center (RTC)/Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF)):

Reminder Regarding Therapeutic Home Pass Policy Requirements

Consistent with Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 400 (Mental Health and Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services), it is the responsibility of the Residential Treatment Center (RTC)/Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) provider to ensure they are following the proper procedures for Therapeutic Home Passes.

Therapeutic Home Passes are to be utilized to facilitate a recipient's discharge back to their home or less restrictive setting. A total of three Therapeutic Home Passes are allowed per calendar year. The duration per pass is no greater than 72 hours unless a documented medically necessary reason exists for a longer-term pass. Nevada Medicaid must be notified by the RTC/PRTF of all therapeutic home passes at least 14 days prior to the pass being issued to the recipient via the [RTC Absence Form \(FA-13A\)](#).

If the recipient leaves without issuance of a Therapeutic Home Pass, the recipient will be considered discharged. Nevada Medicaid must be notified of the discharge and date the recipient left the facility by utilizing the [Prior Authorization Data Correction Form \(FA-29\)](#).

Prior to the recipient returning to the RTC/PRTF, a new initial prior authorization request will need to be submitted utilizing the [Residential Treatment Center Prior Authorization form \(FA-15\)](#).

As with any new initial prior authorization request, a Certificate of Need (CON) and current (within 6 months) psychiatric evaluation will need to be submitted, signed and dated. It is recommended providers perform psychiatric evaluations every 6 months to ensure a current psychiatric evaluation is always available.

Please reference [Medicaid Services Manual \(MSM\) Chapter 400](#), Section 403.8A(6) for more information about this policy, along with the [Provider Type 63 Billing Guide](#).

For more information regarding policy requirements or for any other questions, please send an email to: BehavioralHealth@dncfp.nv.gov