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TO: Nebraska Heritage Health Plans

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RE: Update to Outpatient Prior Authorizations and Reviews

Please share this information with administrative, clinical, and billing staff.

This Health Plan Advisory (HPA) is being issued to provide an update to HPA #17-08, "Authorization for Behavioral Health Outpatient Services".

HPA 17-08 stated the plans must suspend authorization of, or concurrent review for, individual, group and family therapy outpatient behavioral health services until MLTC completed the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act review.

The suspension of authorization or concurrent review on outpatient behavioral health services listed above is being implemented indefinitely. This guidance does not prevent the health plans from post payment review activities outlined in the Heritage Health contract.

At such a time further guidance becomes available, another HPA will be issued.

If you have questions regarding this advisory, please contact MLTC staff at DHHS.MedicaidMHSU@nebraska.gov. Health plans should also copy their contract manager.

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