

*******Provider Alert*******

TO NorthSTAR Outpatient Providers

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SUBJECT: Changes to Initial Diagnostic Interview 90801 authorization requirements

The purpose of this alert is to inform providers of changes to the authorization process for **Initial Diagnostic Interview Services (90801)**

Currently, NorthSTAR members have **one annual** pass though unit available for 90801 per provider.

Effective October 1, 2009, members will have **one lifetime** pass though unit available for 90801 per provider.

What does this mean for providers?

- Effective October 1, 2009, if you provide a 90801 service to a member to whom you have already provided a 90801 service (due to a need to re-assess), the service will require pre-authorization. Providers can obtain authorization telephonically by calling 888-800-6799.
- Effective October 1, 2009, if you provide a 90801 service to a member to whom you have not previously provided a 90801 service, you will have one pass through unit available that will not require pre-authorization.
- Effective October 1, 2009, if you provide a 90801 service to a member who you have already provided a 90801 service and you do not obtain pre-authorization, the claim will not be paid.

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