



ParityManager™ Report

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Parity Flags

Executive Summary

The table below displays a count of parity flags for each Standard.

	Parity Flag
Standard 4	0
Standard 5	0
Standard 6	0
Standard 7	0
Standard 8	8
Standard 9	0
Standard 10	0

The table below displays a count of Standards missing information and need additional input.

	Missing Information
Standard 4	Yes
Standard 5	-
Standard 6	Yes
Standard 7	Yes
Standard 8	-
Standard 9	-
Standard 10	Yes

The URAC ParityManager™ facilitates the processes that a modern parity compliance program needs to have but, as a document management and communications software solution, ParityManager™ does not in and of itself automatically result in parity compliant operations.

Standard 4

Any parity flags are reported in the table below.

	Parity Flag
Lifetime Dollar Limits	0
Annual Dollar Limits	0

If either section is considered incomplete, it is reported in the table below.

	Missing Information
Lifetime Dollar Limits	Y
Annual Dollar Limits	Y

Standard 5

Any parity flags are reported in the table below.

Parity Flag			
	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Inpatient	-	-	-
Outpatient - Other	-	-	-
Outpatient - Office Based	-	-	-
Emergency Benefits	-	-	-
Prescription Drugs	-	-	-

Any classification/category combination considered incomplete is reported in the table below.

Missing Information			
	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Inpatient	-	-	-
Outpatient - Other	-	-	-
Outpatient - Office Based	-	-	-
Emergency Benefits	-	-	-
Prescription Drugs	-	-	-

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Standard 5

Which of the following benefits does this plan cover?

	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Inpatient	Acute Care Services	Inpatient Detoxification--hospital	Does not apply
	Ancillary Services	Inpatient Detoxification-IMD (Licensed Intermediate Care Facilities for Addictions in Maryland)	Nursing Facility: Nursing services
	Anesthesia--Inpatient	Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.1	Nursing Facility: Dietary services
	Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)--inpatient	Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.3	Nursing Facility: Physician services
	Patient Consultation	Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.5	Nursing Facility: Specialized rehabilitation
	Psychological or neuropsychological testing and evaluation--inpatient	Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.7	Nursing Facility: Social work
	Individual therapy--inpatient	Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.7WM (Licensed ASAM 3.7D in Maryland)	Nursing Facility: Activities
	Group therapy--inpatient	Inpatient ASAM 4.0	Nursing Facility: Pharmaceutical services
	Family therapy--inpatient	Does not apply	Nursing Facility: Laboratory, radiology and other diagnostic testing
	Special Psychiatric Hospital	Nursing Facility: SUD services	Nursing Facility: Dental services
	Residential Treatment Centers	Individual therapy—SUD inpatient	Hospice: Short-term inpatient care
	Does not apply	Group therapy—SUD inpatient	Acute Care Services (Births/Deliveries)
	Nursing Facility MH Services	Family therapy—SUD inpatient	Acute Care Services (Medical/Surgical)
		Discharge Day	Amputations--inpatient
		Ancillary Services-SUD	Ancillary Services
			Anesthesia--Inpatient
			Bariatric Surgery
			Bypass surgery--inpatient
			Cardiac Procedures (non-emergent)--inpatient
			Chemotherapy--inpatient
			Corrective Surgery--inpatient

Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
		Cosmetic Procedures--Inpatient
		Diagnostic and X-ray services: CT--inpatient
		Diagnostic and X-ray services: MRI--inpatient
		Diagnostic and X-ray services: PET--inpatient
		Diagnostic and X-ray services: Radiography--inpatient
		Dialysis--Inpatient
		Erectile Dysfunction Procedures
		Eye Procedures--Inpatient
		Gender affirmation surgery
		Grafts/Implants
		Occupational Therapy--inpatient
		Physical Therapy--inpatient
		Speech Therapy--inpatient
		Hospice Care--Inpatient
		Hospital Care--inpatient
		Hysterectomy
		Institutional Long Term Care/Skilled Nursing Facility (first 90 days)
		Investigational Surgeries/Clinical Trials--inpatient
		Neurostimulators
		Neurosurgical procedures--inpatient
		NICU/Sick baby/Detained baby
		Oncology Services--inpatient
		Plastic and Restorative Surgery--inpatient
		Post-Stabilization Services-inpatient
		Rehabilitation Services (Acute)
		Room and Board
		Spinal Cord Stimulator
		Surgery (nonurgent)--inpatient
		Surgery (urgent)--inpatient

	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
			Transplants
			Transplants Pre and Post Transplant Services
			Transportation between hospitals
			Sterilization services--inpatient
Outpatient - Other	Laboratory Services	Drug Testing	Applied Behavior Analysis (autism services)--primarily in-home
	Mobile treatment-Assertive community treatment (ACT)	Laboratory Services	Does not apply
	Mobile treatment-non-ACT	Does not apply	HIV/AIDS laboratory services
	Targeted Case Management		Augmentive communication devices
	Does not apply		Durable Medical Equipment (DME)/Disposable Medical Supplies (DMS)
			Oxygen
			HH: registered Nurse
			HH: Home Health Aide
			HH: physical therapy
			HH: Occupational therapy
			HH: Speech therapy
			Hospice: nursing services
			Hospice: Medical social services
			Hospice: Medical appliances and supplies
			Hospice: home health and aide services
			PACE: Day health care
			PACE: In-home care
			PACE: Nursing care
			PACE: Personal care
			PACE: Meals
			PACE: Recreation
			PACE: Social work
			PACE: Transportation
			CPAS and CFC: Nurse monitoring
			CPAS and CFC: Personal assistance services

Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
		CFC: Personal emergency response system
		CFC: Transition services
		CFC: Consumer training
		CFC: home delivered meals
		CFC: assistive technology
		CFC: Accessibility adaptations
		CFC: environmental assessments
		ICS: case management
		ICS: Medical Day Care
		ICS: Nutritionist/Dietician
		ICS: Family training
		ICS: behavioral consultation
		ICS: Assisted living
		ICS: senior Center Plus
		1915c: case management
		1915c: certified Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide
		1915c: nursing (private duty) (21+ years of age)
		1915c: medical Day Care
		Autism: Family leave (retainer day)
		Autism: Residential habilitation (regular and intensive)
		Autism: Intensive individual support services
		Autism: Therapeutic integration (regular and intensive)
		Autism: adult life planning
		Autism: Respite care
		Autism: family training
		Autism: Environmental accessibility adaption
		Brain Injury: Residential habilitation
		Brain Injury: Day habilitation
		Brain injury: Supported employment

Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
		Brain injury: Individual support services
		Brain injury: medical Day Care
		HCBS: case management
		HCBS: Medical Day Care
		HCBS: Nutritionist/Dietician
		HCBS: family training
		HCBS: Behavioral consultation
		HCBS: Assisted living
		HCBS: senior Center Plus
		Medical Day Care Waiver with associated services
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Assistive technology and services
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Behavioral support services
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Career exploration
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Community development
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Day habilitation
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Employment discovery and customization
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Employment services
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Environmental assessment
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Environmental modification
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Family and peer mentoring supports
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Family caregiver training and empowerment
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Housing support services

Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Individual and family directed goods and services
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Medical Day Care
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Nurse case management and delegation
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Nurse consultation
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Nurse health case management
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Participant education, training and advocacy
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Personal supports
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Respite care services
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Support broker services
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Supported employment
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Transportation
		Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Vehicle modification
		Community Pathways only: community living
		Community Pathways only: live-in caregiver supports
		Community Pathways only: Remote support services
		Community Pathways only: Shared living
		Community Pathways only: Support living
		Community Pathways only: transition services
		Family Supports: Assistive technology and services
		Family Supports: Behavioral support services

Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
		Family Supports: Environmental assessment
		Family Supports: Environmental modification
		Family Supports: Family and peer mentoring supports
		Family Supports: Family caregiver training and empowerment
		Family Supports: Housing support services
		Family Supports: Individual and family directed goods and services
		Family Supports: Nurse case management and delegation
		Family Supports: Nurse consultation
		Family Supports: Participant education, training and advocacy
		Family Supports: Personal supports
		Family Supports: Respite care services
		Family Supports: Support broker services
		Family Supports: Transportation
		Family Supports: Vehicle modification
		HH: Registered Nurse
		Health-related services and targeted case management services provided to children when the services are specified in the child's Individualized Education Plan or Individualized Family Service Plan
		EPSDT: Nursing services (Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Certified Nursing Assistant-Certified Medication Technician)
		Medical Day Care waiver with associated services(16+ years of age):
		(2) Preventive services (semiannual cleanings, fluoride, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
		(4) Diagnostic services (oral exams, x-rays, sealants, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
		(6) Restorative services (filings, crowns, etc) - OP OR/ASC;
		(8) Endodontic services (root canals, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
		(10) Periodontal services (scaling, full mouth debridement, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;

Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
		(12)Prosthodontics (dentures, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
		(14) Oral and Maxillofacial surgery services (extractions, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
		(17) Anesthesia - OP OR/ASC.
		Care Management
		Targeted Case Management
		Diabetic Education
		National Diabetes Prevention Program
		DME/DMS Alternative Approach--Full category; need to identify any NQTLs that apply to any DME/DMS under the broad category. Description of NQTL factors should be more detailed.
		Genetic Testing
		Hepatitis C Virus Genotyping
		Home Health Services: medical supplies used for home health visit
		Home Health Services: occupational therapy
		Home Health Services: physical therapy
		Home Health Services: skilled nursing services
		Home Health Services: speech pathology services
		Hospice Care--Outpatient
		Laboratory Services
		Molecular Pathology Labs
		Neuro-Psychological Testing/Developmental Delay Programs
		Personal Care Services
		Private Duty Nursing
		Remote Patient Monitoring
		Applied Behavior Analysis (autism services)--primarily in-home
		HH: Registered Nurse (> 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate)
		HH: Registered Nurse (≤ 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)

	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
			HH: Home Health Aide (> 1 visit per day; > 4 hours of service per day; visit w/o skilled nursing)
			HH: Home Health Aide (≤ 1 visit per day; ≤ 4 hours of service per day; visit w/ skilled nursing; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)
			HH: Physical therapy (> 1 visit per day; ; services rendered during a 30-day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate)
			HH: Physical therapy (≤ 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)
			HH: Occupational therapy (> 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate))
			HH: Occupational therapy (≤ 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)
			HH: Speech therapy (> 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate)
			HH: Speech therapy (≤ 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)
			Disposable Medical Supplies (> \$500.00)
			Disposable Medical Supplies (≤ \$500.00)
			Durable Medical Equipment (> \$1,000.00)
			Durable Medical Equipment (≤ \$1,000.00)
			Durable Medical Equipment rental (≤ 3 months)
			Durable Medical Equipment rental (> 3 months)
			Disposable Medical Equipment (w/o HCPCS)
			Durable Medical Equipment (w/o HCPCS)
			Oxygen (w/o HCPCS)
Outpatient - Office Based	Biofeedback	Alcohol and/or drug assessment	Does not apply
	Educational Therapy	Ambulatory detoxification	HH: Physical therapy
	Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)--outpatient	Group therapy--outpatient	HH: Occupational therapy

Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Family Psycho-Educational Therapy	Individual therapy--outpatient	HH: Speech therapy
Family Therapy--outpatient	Intensive Outpatient (IOP)-ASAM 2.1	Hospice: Physician services
Group therapy--outpatient	MAT Initial Induction: Alcohol/Drug Services; Medical/Somatic (Medical Intervention in Ambulatory Setting)	Hospice: Counseling services (including dietary, spiritual and bereavement)
Health Behavior Assessment	MAT Initial Intake (Evaluation and Management, Including Rx)	Hospice: Physical therapy
Health Behavior Reassessment	MAT Ongoing (Evaluation and Management, including Rx)	Hospice: Occupational therapy
Individual Psycho-Educational Therapy	Partial Hospitalization (PHP)--ASAM 2.5	Hospice: Speech therapy
Individual therapy--outpatient	Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) services - including med management	PACE: Medical specialty services (podiatry, psychiatry, dentistry, optometry and audiology)
Intensive outpatient (IOP)	Buprenorphine guest dosing	PACE: Rehabilitation
Mental health assessment	Methadone guest dosing	ICS: Nutritionist/Dietician
Mental health reassessment	Methadone Maintenance	ICS: Behavioral consultation
Multiple family group therapy	Ongoing services (Buprenorphine/Naloxone): Alcohol/Other Drug Abuse Services, Not Otherwise Specified	1915c: Physician participation in plan of care meeting
Partial hospitalization (PHP)	Does not apply	Home and Community Based Options waiver:
Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services	SBIRT	HCBS: nutritionist/Dietician
Psychological or neuropsychological testing and evaluation	primary SUD Services (assessment, clinical evaluation, referral to ASO)	HCBS: behavioral consultation
Therapeutic Behavioral Services	health home services for SUD (opioid addiction) - opioid treatment program	HH: physical therapy
Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)		1915c: physician participation in plan of care meeting
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Day Habilitation		(1) Preventive services (semiannual cleanings, fluoride, etc.) - Clinic;
Evaluation and Management-Outpatient		(3) Diagnostic services (oral exams, x-rays, sealants, etc.) - Clinic;
Anesthesia - Outpatient		(5) Restorative services (fillings, crowns, etc) - Clinic;

Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Does not apply		(7) Endodontic services (root canals, etc.) - Clinic;
health home services for MH reasons (serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI) - services by mobile treatment services (MTS) or psychological rehabilitation programs		(9) Periodontal services (scaling, full mouth debridement, etc.) - Clinic;
primary mental health services (assessment, clinical evaluation, referral to ASO)		(11) Prosthodontics (dentures, etc.) - Clinic;
		(13) Oral and Maxillofacial surgery services (extractions, etc.) - Clinic;
		(15) Orthodontic services - Clinic;
		(16) Anesthesia - Clinic; and
		(1) Preventive services (cleanings, fluoride, etc.) - Clinic;
		(2) Diagnostic services (oral exams, x-rays, etc.) - Clinic;
		(3) Restorative services (filings, crowns, etc) - Clinic;
		(4) Endodontic services (root canals, etc.) - Clinic;
		(5) Periodontal services (scaling, full mouth debridement, etc.) - Clinic;
		(6) Prosthodontics (adjustment of dentures, etc.) - Clinic;
		(7) Oral and Maxillofacial surgery services (extractions, etc.) - Clinic; and
		(8) Anesthesia - Clinic.
		Acne Services
		Acupuncture
		Amputations--outpatient
		Audiology Services (hearing loss assessment and treatment)
		Blood/Blood Products
		Bypass surgery--outpatient
		Capsule Endoscopy
		Cardiac Procedures (non-emergent)--outpatient
		Cardiac Rehabilitation
		Chemotherapy--outpatient

Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
		Chiropractic Services
		Circumcision
		Clinic Services--FQHC
		Clinic Services--Coumadin Clinic
		Clinic Services--SBHC
		Clinic Services--Other
		Clinic Services--Heart Failure Clinic
		Clinic Services--Wound Clinic
		Corrective Surgery--outpatient
		Cosmetic Procedures/Surgeries--outpatient
		Dermatology Procedures
		Diagnostic and X-ray services: CT--outpatient
		Diagnostic and X-ray services: MRI--outpatient
		Diagnostic and X-ray services: PET--outpatient
		Diagnostic and X-ray services: Radiography--outpatient
		Dialysis--outpatient
		Foster Care Evaluation/Check-up for children entering State custody
		Genetic Counseling
		Grafts/Implants--outpatient
		Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy
		Infusion/Maintenance Drug Infusion
		Investigational Surgeries/Clinical Trials--outpatient
		National Diabetes Prevention Program Services
		Nerve Stimulator--outpatient
		Neuro-Psychological Testing/Developmental Delay Programs
		Neurosurgical procedures--outpatient
		Newborn Office Services
		Nutritional Counseling

Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
		OB Ultrasound
		Occupational Therapy
		Oncology Treatment
		Oral Surgery Adult
		Oral Surgery Child
		Outpatient hospital care (emergent)
		Outpatient hospital care (non-emergent)
		Outpatient Rehabilitative services
		Outpatient Surgery (Ambulatory Surgery Center)
		Pain Management Procedures
		Pain Management Visits
		Physical Therapy
		Plastic and Restorative Surgery--outpatient
		Podiatry Services
		Post-Stabilization Services
		Pregnancy-related Services (OB Care)
		Primary Care
		Proton Therapy Treatment
		Pulmonary Rehab
		Sleep Studies /Sleep Apnea Studies
		Somatic services related to gender dysphoria
		Specialty Care
		Speech Therapy--outpatient
		Sterlization Services--outpatient
		Transplants Pre and Post Transplant Services--outpatient
		Urgent Care
		Vision Services
		Wound Vacuum-assisted closure (VAC)
		Post-Stabilization Services-outpatient

	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Emergency Benefits	Emergency Room- All inclusive ancillary services	Emergency Room- All inclusive ancillary services	Emergency Services billed with CDT codes
	Emergency Room- Medications	Emergency Room- Medications	Emergency Transportation (Ambulance)
	Emergency Room--Beyond EMTALA Screening	Emergency Room--Beyond EMTALA Screening	Observation Stay up to 24 h
	Emergency Room--EMTALA Screening	Emergency Room--EMTALA Screening	Air Ambulance
	Emergency Room--Post Stabilization Services	Emergency Room--Post Stabilization Services	Emergency Transport--Basic Life Support
	Emergency Room--Stabilization Services	Emergency Room--Stabilization Services	Emergency Transport--Advanced Life Support (ALS)
	Emergency Room-Clinical Laboratory	Emergency Room-Clinical Laboratory	Emergency Room--EMTALA Screening
	Emergency Room-General Services	Emergency Room-General Services	Emergency Room--Beyond EMTALA Screening
	Observation Stay--24 h	Observation Stay--24 h	Emergency Room- All inclusive ancillary services
	Does not apply	Does not apply	Emergency Room-General Services
	emergency transportation ambulance	emergency transportation (ambulance)	Emergency Room-Clinical Laboratory
			Emergency Room- Medications
			Emergency Room-Radiology
			Emergency Room- Dental Services
			Emergency Room-Post-Stabilization Services
			Emergency Room--Stabilization Services
Prescription Drugs	FFS MH Drug	FFS SUD Drug	MCO administered prescription drug
			FFS M/S Drug

Standard 6

Any parity flags found in Standard 6 are reported below. The number of flags per classification and limit type combination is shown.

	Parity Flag			
	Deductible	Copay	Coinsurance	Out-of-pocket maximum
Inpatient	-	-	-	-
Outpatient - Other	-	-	-	-
Outpatient - Office Based	-	-	-	-
Emergency Benefits	-	-	-	-
Prescription Drugs	-	-	-	-

Any classification/limit type combination considered incomplete is reported in the table below.

	Missing Information			
	Deductible	Copay	Coinsurance	Out-of-pocket maximum
Inpatient	Y	Y	Y	Y
Outpatient - Other	Y	Y	Y	Y
Outpatient - Office Based	Y	Y	Y	Y
Emergency Benefits	Y	Y	Y	Y
Prescription Drugs	Y	Y	Y	Y

Standard 7

Any parity flags found in Standard 7 are reported below. The number of flags per classification and limit type combination is shown.

Parity Flag			
	Day limits	Hour limits	Visit limits
Inpatient	-	-	-
Outpatient - Other	-	-	-
Outpatient - Office Based	-	-	-
Emergency Benefits	-	-	-
Prescription Drugs	-	-	-

Any classification/limit type combination considered incomplete is reported in the table below.

Missing Information			
	Day limits	Hour limits	Visit limits
Inpatient	Y	Y	Y
Outpatient - Other	Y	Y	Y
Outpatient - Office Based	Y	Y	Y
Emergency Benefits	Y	Y	Y
Prescription Drugs	Y	Y	Y

Standard 8

Any parity flags found in Standard 8 are reported below. The number of flags per classification and limit type combination is shown.

Parity Flag			
	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Inpatient	1	1	-
Outpatient - Other	1	1	-
Outpatient - Office Based	1	1	-
Emergency Benefits	1	1	-
Prescription Drugs	-	-	-

Any classification/category/NQTL combination considered incomplete is reported in the table below.

Missing Information			
	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Inpatient	-	-	-
Outpatient - Other	-	-	-
Outpatient - Office Based	-	-	-
Emergency Benefits	-	-	-
Prescription Drugs	-	-	-

Standard 8

Which of the following NQTL types are currently in use?

Red NQTLs should be considered a parity flag.

	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Emergency Benefits	data collection	Outlier Management	Outlier Management
	medical necessity	data collection	medical necessity
		medical necessity	prior authorization/pre authorization
		prior authorization/pre authorization	
Inpatient	Outlier Management	Outlier Management	Outlier Management
	concurrent review	Service Limitations	Service Limitations
	data collection	concurrent review	concurrent review
	fail first requirements/step therapy	data collection	fail first requirements/step therapy
	medical necessity	fail first requirements/step therapy	medical necessity
	prior authorization/pre authorization	medical necessity	prior authorization/pre authorization
		prior authorization/pre authorization	
Outpatient - Other	Outlier Management	Outlier Management	Outlier Management
	Service Limitations	Service Limitations	Service Limitations
	concurrent review	concurrent review	concurrent review
	data collection	data collection	fail first requirements/step therapy
	fail first requirements/step therapy	fail first requirements/step therapy	medical necessity
	medical necessity	medical necessity	prior authorization/pre authorization
	prior authorization/pre authorization	prior authorization/pre authorization	
Outpatient - Office Based	Outlier Management	Outlier Management	Outlier Management
	Service Limitations	Service Limitations	Service Limitations
	concurrent review	concurrent review	concurrent review
	data collection	data collection	fail first requirements/step therapy
	fail first requirements/step therapy	fail first requirements/step therapy	medical necessity
	medical necessity	medical necessity	prior authorization/pre authorization
	prior authorization/pre authorization	prior authorization/pre authorization	
Prescription Drugs	fail first requirements/step therapy	fail first requirements/step therapy	fail first requirements/step therapy
	medical necessity	medical necessity	medical necessity
	prior authorization/pre authorization	prior authorization/pre authorization	prior authorization/pre authorization
	tiered drug formulary	tiered drug formulary	tiered drug formulary

Standard 8

Classification: Emergency Benefits

Category: Medical/Surgical

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Outlier Management

- Maryland Medicaid_Parity Analysis Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

medical necessity

- Maryland Medicaid_Parity Analysis Definitions_9.10.20.pdf

prior authorization/pre authorization

- Maryland Medicaid_Parity Analysis Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

Standard 8

Classification: Emergency Benefits

Category: Mental Health

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

medical necessity

- Maryland Medicaid_Parity Analysis Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

data collection

- Maryland Medicaid_Parity Analysis Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

Standard 8

Classification: Emergency Benefits

Category: Substance Use Disorder

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Outlier Management

- Maryland
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medical necessity

- Maryland
Medicaid_Parity Analysis
Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

prior authorization/pre authorization

- Maryland
Medicaid_Parity Analysis
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data collection

- Maryland
Medicaid_Parity Analysis
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Standard 8

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Medical/Surgical

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Outlier Management

- Maryland
Medicaid_Parity Analysis
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Service Limitations

- Maryland
Medicaid_Parity Analysis
Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

concurrent review

- 1.Maryland
Medicaid_Parity Analysis
Definitions_9.10.20.pdf

fail first requirements/step therapy

- Maryland
Medicaid_Parity Analysis
Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

medical necessity

- Maryland Medicaid_Parity Analysis Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

prior authorization/pre authorization

- Maryland Medicaid_Parity Analysis Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

Standard 8

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Mental Health

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Outlier Management

- Maryland
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concurrent review

- Maryland
Medicaid_Parity Analysis
Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

**fail first
requirements/step therapy**

- Maryland
Medicaid_Parity Analysis
Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

medical necessity

- Maryland
Medicaid_Parity Analysis
Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

prior authorization/pre authorization

- Maryland Medicaid_Parity Analysis Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

data collection

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Classification: Inpatient

Category: Substance Use Disorder

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Outlier Management

- Maryland
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Service Limitations

- Maryland
Medicaid_Parity Analysis
Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

concurrent review

- Maryland
Medicaid_Parity Analysis
Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

fail first requirements/step therapy

- Maryland
Medicaid_Parity Analysis
Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

medical necessity

- Maryland Medicaid_Parity Analysis
Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

prior authorization/pre authorization

- Maryland Medicaid_Parity Analysis
Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

data collection

- Maryland Medicaid_Parity Analysis
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Standard 8

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Medical/Surgical

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

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fail first requirements/step therapy

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medical necessity

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prior authorization/pre authorization

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Standard 8

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Mental Health

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

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Service Limitations

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concurrent review

- Maryland
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**fail first
requirements/step therapy**

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medical necessity

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prior authorization/pre authorization

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data collection

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Standard 8

Classification: Outpatient - Other
Category: Substance Use Disorder

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Outlier Management

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Service Limitations

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concurrent review

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fail first requirements/step therapy

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medical necessity

- Maryland Medicaid_Parity Analysis
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prior authorization/pre authorization

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data collection

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Standard 8

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Medical/Surgical

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Outlier Management

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Service Limitations

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concurrent review

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fail first requirements/step therapy

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medical necessity

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prior authorization/pre authorization

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Standard 8

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Mental Health

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Outlier Management

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Service Limitations

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concurrent review

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fail first requirements/step therapy

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medical necessity

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prior authorization/pre authorization

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data collection

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Standard 8

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Substance Use Disorder

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Outlier Management

- Maryland
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Service Limitations

- Maryland
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concurrent review

- Maryland
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fail first requirements/step therapy

- Maryland
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medical necessity

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prior authorization/pre authorization

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data collection

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Standard 8

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Category: Medical/Surgical

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

fail first requirements/step therapy

- Maryland
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medical necessity

- Maryland
Medicaid_Parity Analysis
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prior authorization/pre authorization

- Maryland
Medicaid_Parity Analysis
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tiered drug formulary

- Maryland
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Standard 8

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Category: Mental Health

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

fail first requirements/step therapy

- Maryland
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medical necessity

- Maryland
Medicaid_Parity Analysis
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prior authorization/pre authorization

- Maryland
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tiered drug formulary

- Maryland
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Standard 8

Classification: Prescription Drugs
Category: Substance Use Disorder

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

fail first requirements/step therapy

- Maryland
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medical necessity

- Maryland
Medicaid_Parity Analysis
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prior authorization/pre authorization

- Maryland
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tiered drug formulary

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Standard 8

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Emergency Benefits

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

- Does not apply

Medical/Surgical

- Emergency Room- All inclusive ancillary services
- Emergency Room- Dental Services
- Emergency Room- Medications
- Emergency Room--Beyond EMTALA Screening
- Emergency Room--Stabilization Services
- Emergency Room-Clinical Laboratory
- Emergency Room-General Services
- Emergency Room-Post-Stabilization Services
- Emergency Room-Radiology
- Emergency Transport--Advanced Life Support (ALS)
- Emergency Transport--Basic Life Support

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NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Inpatient

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Acute Care Services
- Nursing Facility MH Services
- Residential Treatment Centers
- Special Psychiatric Hospital

Substance Use Disorder

- Inpatient ASAM 4.0
- Inpatient Detoxification--hospital
- Inpatient Detoxification-IMD (Licensed Intermediate Care Facilities for Addictions in Maryland)
- Nursing Facility: SUD services
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.1
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.3
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.5
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.7
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.7WM (Licensed ASAM 3.7D in Maryland)

Medical/Surgical

- Acute Care Services (Births/Deliveries)
- Acute Care Services (Medical/Surgical)
- Amputations--inpatient
- Bariatric Surgery
- Bypass surgery--inpatient
- Chemotherapy--inpatient
- Corrective Surgery--inpatient
- Cosmetic Procedures--Inpatient
- Diagnostic and X-ray services: Radiography--inpatient
- Eye Procedures--Inpatient
- Gender affirmation surgery
- Hospice Care--inpatient
- Hospital Care--inpatient
- Institutional Long Term Care/Skilled Nursing Facility (first 90 days)
- Investigational Surgeries/Clinical Trials--inpatient
- NICU/Sick baby/Detained baby
- Neurosurgical procedures--inpatient
- Plastic and Restorative Surgery--inpatient
- Rehabilitation Services (Acute)
- Surgery (nonurgent)--inpatient
- Surgery (urgent)--inpatient
- Transplants
- Transportation between hospitals

Standard 8

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Laboratory Services
- Mobile treatment-Assertive community treatment (ACT)
- Mobile treatment-non-ACT
- Targeted Case Management

Substance Use Disorder

- Drug Testing
- Laboratory Services

Medical/Surgical

- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Participant education, training and advocacy
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Personal supports
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Respite care services
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Support broker services
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Supported employment
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Transportation
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Vehicle modification
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Behavioral support services
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Career exploration
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Community development
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Day habilitation
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Employment discovery and customization
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Employment services
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Environmental assessment
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Environmental modification
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers:

- Family and peer mentoring supports
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Family caregiver training and empowerment
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Housing support services
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Individual and family directed goods and services
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Medical Day Care
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Nurse case management and delegation
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Nurse consultation
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Nurse health case management
- Family Supports: Environmental assessment
- Family Supports: Environmental modification
- Family Supports: Family and peer mentoring supports
- Family Supports: Family caregiver training and empowerment
- Family Supports: Housing support services
- Family Supports: Individual and family directed goods and services
- Family Supports: Nurse case management and delegation
- Family Supports: Participant education, training and advocacy
- Family Supports: Personal supports
- Family Supports: Support broker services
- Family Supports: Transportation
- Family Supports: Vehicle modification
- Autism: Family leave (retainer day)
- Autism: Intensive individual support services
- Autism: Residential habilitation (regular and intensive)
- Autism: Respite care
- Autism: Therapeutic integration (regular and intensive)
- Autism: adult life planning
- Autism: family training
- Brain Injury: Day habilitation
- Brain Injury: Residential habilitation
- Brain injury: Supported employment
- Brain injury: medical Day Care

- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Assistive technology and services
- Family Supports: Assistive technology and services
- Family Supports: Behavioral support services
- Family Supports: Nurse consultation
- Family Supports: Respite care services
- (10) Periodontal services (scaling, full mouth debridement, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (12) Prosthodontics (dentures, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (14) Oral and Maxillofacial surgery services (extractions, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (17) Anesthesia - OP OR/ASC.
- (2) Preventive services (semiannual cleanings, fluoride, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (4) Diagnostic services (oral exams, x-rays, sealants, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (6) Restorative services (filings, crowns, etc) - OP OR/ASC;
- (8) Endodontic services (root canals, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- Applied Behavior Analysis (autism services)--primarily in-home
- Autism: Environmental accessibility adaption
- Brain injury: Individual support services
- CFC: home delivered meals
- CPAS and CFC: Personal assistance services
- Community Pathways only: Remote support services
- Community Pathways only: Shared living
- Community Pathways only: Support living
- Community Pathways only: community living
- Community Pathways only: live-in caregiver supports
- Community Pathways only: transition services
- DME/DMS Alternative Approach--Full category; need to identify any NQTLs that apply to any DME/DMS under the broad category. Description of NQTL factors should be more detailed.
- Disposable Medical Equipment (w/o HCPCS)
- Disposable Medical Supplies (> \$500.00)

- Disposable Medical Supplies (\leq \$500.00)
- Durable Medical Equipment ($>$ \$1,000.00)
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME)/Disposable Medical Supplies (DMS)
- Durable Medical Equipment (w/o HCPCS)
- Durable Medical Equipment (\leq \$1,000.00)
- Durable Medical Equipment rental ($>$ 3 months)
- Durable Medical Equipment rental (\leq 3 months)
- EPSDT: Nursing services (Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Certified Nursing Assistant-Certified Medication Technician)
- Genetic Testing
- HCBS: case management
- HH: Home Health Aide
- HH: Home Health Aide ($>$ 1 visit per day; $>$ 4 hours of service per day; visit w/o skilled nursing)
- HH: Home Health Aide (\leq 1 visit per day; \leq 4 hours of service per day; visit w/ skilled nursing; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Occupational therapy
- HH: Occupational therapy ($>$ 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate))
- HH: Occupational therapy (\leq 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Physical therapy ($>$ 1 visit per day; ; services rendered during a 30-day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Physical therapy (\leq 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Registered Nurse
- HH: Registered Nurse ($>$ 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Registered Nurse (\leq 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Speech therapy
- HH: Speech therapy ($>$ 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-

day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate)

- HH: Speech therapy (≤ 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: physical therapy
- HH: registered Nurse
- Hepatitis C Virus Genotyping
- Home Health Services: medical supplies used for home health visit
- Home Health Services: occupational therapy
- Home Health Services: physical therapy
- Home Health Services: skilled nursing services
- Home Health Services: speech pathology services
- Hospice Care--Outpatient
- ICS: case management
- Laboratory Services
- Medical Day Care waiver with associated services(16+ years of age):
- Molecular Pathology Labs
- Neuro-Psychological Testing/Developmental Delay Programs
- Oxygen
- Oxygen (w/o HCPCS)
- PACE: Day health care
- PACE: In-home care
- PACE: Meals
- PACE: Nursing care
- PACE: Personal care
- PACE: Recreation
- PACE: Social work
- PACE: Transportation
- Personal Care Services
- Private Duty Nursing
- Remote Patient Monitoring

Standard 8

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Biofeedback
- Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)--outpatient
- Evaluation and Management--Outpatient
- Family Psycho-Educational Therapy
- Family Therapy--outpatient
- Group therapy--outpatient
- Health Behavior Assessment
- Health Behavior Reassessment
- Individual Psycho-Educational Therapy
- Individual therapy--outpatient
- Intensive outpatient (IOP)
- Mental health assessment
- Mental health reassessment
- Multiple family group therapy
- Partial hospitalization (PHP)
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services
- Psychological or neuropsychological testing and evaluation
- Therapeutic Behavioral Services
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Day Habilitation

Substance Use Disorder

- Alcohol and/or drug assessment
- Ambulatory detoxification
- Group therapy--outpatient
- Individual therapy--outpatient
- Intensive Outpatient (IOP)--ASAM 2.1
- MAT Initial Induction: Alcohol/Drug Services; Medical/Somatic (Medical Intervention in Ambulatory Setting)
- MAT Initial Intake (Evaluation and Management, Including Rx)
- MAT Ongoing (Evaluation and Management, including Rx)
- Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) services - including med management
- Partial Hospitalization (PHP)--ASAM 2.5

Medical/Surgical

- (15) Orthodontic services - Clinic;
- (1) Preventive services (cleanings, fluoride, etc.) - Clinic;
- (1) Preventive services (semiannual cleanings, fluoride, etc.) - Clinic;
- (11) Prosthodontics (dentures, etc.) - Clinic;
- (13) Oral and Maxillofacial surgery services (extractions, etc.) - Clinic;
- (16) Anesthesia - Clinic; and
- (2) Diagnostic services (oral exams, x-rays, etc.) - Clinic;
- (3) Diagnostic services (oral exams, x-rays, sealants, etc.) - Clinic;
- (3) Restorative services (filings, crowns, etc) - Clinic;
- (4) Endodontic services (root canals, etc.) - Clinic;
- (5) Periodontal services (scaling, full mouth debridement, etc.) - Clinic;
- (5) Restorative services (filings, crowns, etc) - Clinic;
- (6) Prosthodontics (adjustment of dentures, etc.) - Clinic;
- (7) Endodontic services (root canals, etc.) - Clinic;
- (7) Oral and Maxillofacial surgery services (extractions, etc.) - Clinic; and
- (8) Anesthesia - Clinic.
- (9) Periodontal services (scaling, full mouth debridement, etc.) - Clinic;
- Acne Services
- Acupuncture
- Amputations--outpatient
- Audiology Services (hearing loss assessment and treatment)
- Blood/Blood Products
- Bypass surgery--outpatient
- Capsule Endoscopy
- Cardiac Procedures (non-emergent)--outpatient
- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Chemotherapy--outpatient
- Chiropractic Services
- Circumcision
- Clinic Services--Coumadin Clinic
- Clinic Services--FQHC
- Clinic Services--Heart Failure Clinic

- Clinic Services--Other
- Clinic Services--SBHC
- Clinic Services--Wound Clinic
- Corrective Surgery--outpatient
- Cosmetic Procedures/Surgeries--outpatient
- Dermatology Procedures
- Diagnostic and X-ray services: CT--outpatient
- Diagnostic and X-ray services: MRI--outpatient
- Diagnostic and X-ray services: PET--outpatient
- Diagnostic and X-ray services: Radiography--outpatient
- Dialysis--outpatient
- Foster Care Evaluation/Check-up for children entering State custody
- Genetic Counseling
- Grafts/Implants--outpatient
- HH: Occupational therapy
- HH: Physical therapy
- HH: Speech therapy
- HH: physical therapy
- Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy
- Infusion/Maintenance Drug Infusion
- Investigational Surgeries/Clinical Trials--outpatient
- National Diabetes Prevention Program Services
- Nerve Stimulator--outpatient
- Neuro-Psychological Testing/Developmental Delay Programs
- Neurosurgical procedures--outpatient
- Newborn Office Services
- Nutritional Counseling
- OB Ultrasound
- Occupational Therapy
- Oncology Treatment
- Oral Surgery Adult
- Oral Surgery Child
- Outpatient Rehabilitative services
- Outpatient Surgery (Ambulatory Surgery Center)
- Outpatient hospital care (emergent)
- Outpatient hospital care (non-emergent)
- PACE: Medical specialty services (podiatry, psychiatry, dentistry, optometry and audiology)
- PACE: Rehabilitation
- Pain Management Procedures
- Pain Management Visits
- Physical Therapy
- Plastic and Restorative Surgery--outpatient
- Podiatry Services
- Post-Stabilization Services

- Post-Stabilization Services-outpatient
- Pregnancy-related Services (OB Care)
- Primary Care
- Proton Therapy Treatment
- Pulmonary Rehab
- Sleep Studies /Sleep Apnea Studies
- Somatic services related to gender dysphoria
- Specialty Care
- Speech Therapy--outpatient
- Sterlization Services--outpatient
- Transplants Pre and Post Transplant Services--outpatient
- Urgent Care
- Vision Services
- Wound Vacuum-assisted closure (VAC)

Standard 8

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Emergency Benefits

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Does not apply

Substance Use Disorder

- Does not apply

Medical/Surgical

- Air Ambulance
- Emergency Room- All inclusive ancillary services
- Emergency Room- Dental Services
- Emergency Room- Medications
- Emergency Room--Beyond EMTALA Screening
- Emergency Room--EMTALA Screening
- Emergency Room--Stabilization Services
- Emergency Room-Clinical Laboratory
- Emergency Room-General Services
- Emergency Room-Post-Stabilization Services
- Emergency Room-Radiology
- Emergency Services billed with CDT codes
- Emergency Transport--Advanced Life Support (ALS)
- Emergency Transport--Basic Life Support
- Emergency Transportation (Ambulance)
- Observation Stay up to 24 h

Standard 8

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Inpatient

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Acute Care Services
- Ancillary Services
- Anesthesia--Inpatient
- Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)--inpatient
- Family therapy--inpatient
- Group therapy--inpatient
- Individual therapy--inpatient
- Nursing Facility MH Services
- Patient Consultation
- Psychological or neuropsychological testing and evaluation--inpatient
- Residential Treatment Centers
- Special Psychiatric Hospital

Substance Use Disorder

- Ancillary Services-SUD
- Discharge Day
- Family therapy—SUD inpatient
- Group therapy—SUD inpatient
- Individual therapy—SUD inpatient
- Inpatient ASAM 4.0
- Inpatient Detoxification--hospital
- Inpatient Detoxification-IMD (Licensed Intermediate Care Facilities for Addictions in Maryland)
- Nursing Facility: SUD services
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.1
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.3
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.5
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.7
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.7WM (Licensed ASAM 3.7D in Maryland)

Medical/Surgical

- Acute Care Services (Births/Deliveries)
- Acute Care Services (Medical/Surgical)
- Amputations--inpatient
- Ancillary Services
- Anesthesia--Inpatient
- Bariatric Surgery
- Bypass surgery--inpatient
- Cardiac Procedures (non-emergent)--inpatient
- Chemotherapy--inpatient
- Corrective Surgery--inpatient
- Cosmetic Procedures--Inpatient
- Diagnostic and X-ray services: CT--inpatient
- Diagnostic and X-ray services: MRI--inpatient
- Diagnostic and X-ray services: PET--inpatient
- Diagnostic and X-ray services: Radiography--inpatient
- Dialysis--Inpatient
- Erectile Dysfunction Procedures
- Eye Procedures--Inpatient
- Gender affirmation surgery
- Grafts/Implants
- Hospice Care--Inpatient
- Hospice: Short-term inpatient care
- Hospital Care--inpatient
- Hysterectomy
- Institutional Long Term Care/Skilled Nursing Facility (first 90 days)
- Investigational Surgeries/Clinical Trials--inpatient
- NICU/Sick baby/Detained baby
- Neurostimulators
- Neurosurgical procedures--inpatient
- Nursing Facility: Activities
- Nursing Facility: Dental services
- Nursing Facility: Dietary services
- Nursing Facility: Laboratory, radiology and other diagnostic testing
- Nursing Facility: Nursing services
- Nursing Facility: Pharmaceutical services
- Nursing Facility: Physician services
- Nursing Facility: Social work

- Nursing Facility: Specialized rehabilitation
- Occupational Therapy--inpatient
- Oncology Services--inpatient
- Physical Therapy--inpatient
- Plastic and Restorative Surgery--inpatient
- Post-Stabilization Services-inpatient
- Rehabilitation Services (Acute)
- Room and Board
- Speech Therapy--inpatient
- Spinal Cord Stimulator
- Sterlization services--inpatient
- Surgery (nonurgent)--inpatient
- Surgery (urgent)--inpatient
- Transplants
- Transplants Pre and Post Transplant Services
- Transportation between hospitals

Standard 8

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Laboratory Services
- Mobile treatment-Assertive community treatment (ACT)
- Mobile treatment-non-ACT
- Targeted Case Management

Substance Use Disorder

- Does not apply

Medical/Surgical

- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Participant education, training and advocacy
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Personal supports
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Respite care services
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Support broker services
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Supported employment
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Transportation
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Vehicle modification
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Behavioral support services
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Career exploration
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Community development
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Day habilitation
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Employment discovery and customization
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Employment services
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Environmental assessment
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Environmental modification
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers:

- Family and peer mentoring supports
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Family caregiver training and empowerment
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Housing support services
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Individual and family directed goods and services
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Medical Day Care
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Nurse case management and delegation
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Nurse consultation
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Nurse health case management
- Family Supports: Environmental assessment
- Family Supports: Environmental modification
- Family Supports: Family and peer mentoring supports
- Family Supports: Family caregiver training and empowerment
- Family Supports: Housing support services
- Family Supports: Individual and family directed goods and services
- Family Supports: Nurse case management and delegation
- Family Supports: Participant education, training and advocacy
- Family Supports: Personal supports
- Family Supports: Support broker services
- Family Supports: Transportation
- Family Supports: Vehicle modification
- Autism: Family leave (retainer day)
- Autism: Intensive individual support services
- Autism: Residential habilitation (regular and intensive)
- Autism: Respite care
- Autism: Therapeutic integration (regular and intensive)
- Autism: adult life planning
- Autism: family training
- Brain Injury: Day habilitation
- Brain Injury: Residential habilitation
- Brain injury: Supported employment
- Brain injury: medical Day Care

- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Assistive technology and services
- Family Supports: Assistive technology and services
- Family Supports: Behavioral support services
- Family Supports: Nurse consultation
- Family Supports: Respite care services
- (10) Periodontal services (scaling, full mouth debridement, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (12) Prosthodontics (dentures, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (14) Oral and Maxillofacial surgery services (extractions, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (17) Anesthesia - OP OR/ASC.
- (2) Preventive services (semiannual cleanings, fluoride, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (4) Diagnostic services (oral exams, x-rays, sealants, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (6) Restorative services (filings, crowns, etc) - OP OR/ASC;
- (8) Endodontic services (root canals, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- 1915c: case management
- 1915c: certified Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide
- 1915c: medical Day Care
- 1915c: nursing (private duty) (21+ years of age)
- Applied Behavior Analysis (autism services)--primarily in-home
- Applied Behavior Analysis (autism services)--primarily in-home
- Augmentive communication devices
- Autism: Environmental accessibility adaption
- Brain injury: Individual support services
- CFC: Accessibility adaptations
- CFC: Consumer training
- CFC: Personal emergency response system
- CFC: Transition services
- CFC: assistive technology
- CFC: environmental assessments
- CFC: home delivered meals
- CPAS and CFC: Nurse monitoring
- CPAS and CFC: Personal assistance services
- Care Management
- Community Pathways only: Remote support services
- Community Pathways only: Shared living

- Community Pathways only: Support living
- Community Pathways only: community living
- Community Pathways only: live-in caregiver supports
- Community Pathways only: transition services
- DME/DMS Alternative Approach--Full category; need to identify any NQTLs that apply to any DME/DMS under the broad category. Description of NQTL factors should be more detailed.
- Diabetic Education
- Disposable Medical Equipment (w/o HCPCS)
- Disposable Medical Supplies (> \$500.00)
- Disposable Medical Supplies (≤ \$500.00)
- Durable Medical Equipment (> \$1,000.00)
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME)/Disposable Medical Supplies (DMS)
- Durable Medical Equipment (w/o HCPCS)
- Durable Medical Equipment (≤ \$1,000.00)
- Durable Medical Equipment rental (> 3 months)
- Durable Medical Equipment rental (≤ 3 months)
- EPSDT: Nursing services (Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Certified Nursing Assistant-Certified Medication Technician)
- Genetic Testing
- HCBS: Assisted living
- HCBS: Behavioral consultation
- HCBS: Medical Day Care
- HCBS: Nutritionist/Dietician
- HCBS: case management
- HCBS: family training
- HCBS: senior Center Plus
- HH: Home Health Aide
- HH: Home Health Aide (> 1 visit per day; > 4 hours of service per day; visit w/o skilled nursing)
- HH: Home Health Aide (≤ 1 visit per day; ≤ 4 hours of service per day; visit w/ skilled nursing; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Occupational therapy
- HH: Occupational therapy (> 1 visit per day; services rendered during a

- 30-day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate))
- HH: Occupational therapy (≤ 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Physical therapy (> 1 visit per day; ; services rendered during a 30-day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Physical therapy (≤ 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Registered Nurse
- HH: Registered Nurse (> 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Registered Nurse (≤ 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Speech therapy
- HH: Speech therapy (> 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Speech therapy (≤ 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: physical therapy
- HH: registered Nurse
- HIV/AIDS laboratory services
- Health-related services and targeted case management services provided to children when the services are specified in the child's Individualized Education Plan or Individualized Family Service Plan
- Hepatitis C Virus Genotyping
- Home Health Services: medical supplies used for home health visit
- Home Health Services: occupational therapy
- Home Health Services: physical therapy
- Home Health Services: skilled nursing services
- Home Health Services: speech pathology services
- Hospice Care--Outpatient
- Hospice: Medical appliances and supplies
- Hospice: Medical social services
- Hospice: home health and aide services
- Hospice: nursing services
- ICS: Assisted living

- ICS: Family training
- ICS: Medical Day Care
- ICS: Nutritionist/Dietician
- ICS: behavioral consultation
- ICS: case management
- ICS: senior Center Plus
- Laboratory Services
- Medical Day Care Waiver with associated services
- Medical Day Care waiver with associated services(16+ years of age):
- Molecular Pathology Labs
- National Diabetes Prevention Program
- Neuro-Psychological Testing/Developmental Delay Programs
- Oxygen
- Oxygen (w/o HCPCS)
- PACE: Day health care
- PACE: In-home care
- PACE: Meals
- PACE: Nursing care
- PACE: Personal care
- PACE: Recreation
- PACE: Social work
- PACE: Transportation
- Personal Care Services
- Private Duty Nursing
- Remote Patient Monitoring
- Targeted Case Management

Standard 8

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Anesthesia - Outpatient
- Biofeedback
- Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)--outpatient
- Evaluation and Management--Outpatient
- Family Psycho-Educational Therapy
- Family Therapy--outpatient
- Group therapy--outpatient
- Health Behavior Assessment
- Health Behavior Reassessment
- Individual Psycho-Educational Therapy
- Individual therapy--outpatient
- Intensive outpatient (IOP)
- Mental health assessment
- Mental health reassessment
- Multiple family group therapy
- Partial hospitalization (PHP)
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services
- Psychological or neuropsychological testing and evaluation
- Therapeutic Behavioral Services
- Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Day Habilitation
- health home services for MH reasons (serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI) - services by mobile treatment services (MTS) or psychological rehabilitation programs
- primary mental health services (assessment, clinical evaluation, referral to ASO)

Substance Use Disorder

- Alcohol and/or drug assessment
- Ambulatory detoxification
- Buprenorphine guest dosing
- Group therapy--outpatient
- Individual therapy--outpatient
- Intensive Outpatient (IOP)--ASAM 2.1
- MAT Initial Induction: Alcohol/Drug Services; Medical/Somatic (Medical Intervention in Ambulatory Setting)
- MAT Initial Intake (Evaluation and Management, Including Rx)
- MAT Ongoing (Evaluation and Management, including Rx)
- Methadone Maintenance
- Methadone guest dosing
- Ongoing services (Buprenorphine/Naloxone): Alcohol/Other Drug Abuse Services, Not Otherwise Specified
- Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) services - including med management
- Partial Hospitalization (PHP)--ASAM 2.5
- SBIRT
- health home services for SUD (opioid addiction) - opioid treatment program
- primary SUD Services (assessment, clinical evaluation, referral to ASO)

Medical/Surgical

- (15) Orthodontic services - Clinic;
- (1) Preventive services (cleanings, fluoride, etc.) - Clinic;
- (1) Preventive services (semiannual cleanings, fluoride, etc.) - Clinic;
- (11) Prosthodontics (dentures, etc.) - Clinic;
- (13) Oral and Maxillofacial surgery services (extractions, etc.) - Clinic;
- (16) Anesthesia - Clinic; and
- (2) Diagnostic services (oral exams, x-rays, etc.) - Clinic;
- (3) Diagnostic services (oral exams, x-rays, sealants, etc.) - Clinic;
- (3) Restorative services (filings, crowns, etc) - Clinic;
- (4) Endodontic services (root canals, etc.) - Clinic;
- (5) Periodontal services (scaling, full mouth debridement, etc.) - Clinic;
- (5) Restorative services (filings, crowns, etc) - Clinic;
- (6) Prosthodontics (adjustment of dentures, etc.) - Clinic;
- (7) Endodontic services (root canals, etc.) - Clinic;
- (7) Oral and Maxillofacial surgery services (extractions, etc.) - Clinic; and
- (8) Anesthesia - Clinic.
- (9) Periodontal services (scaling, full mouth debridement, etc.) - Clinic;
- 1915c: Physician participation in plan of care meeting
- 1915c: physician participation in plan of care meeting
- Acne Services
- Acupuncture
- Amputations--outpatient
- Audiology Services (hearing loss assessment and treatment)
- Blood/Blood Products
- Bypass surgery--outpatient
- Capsule Endoscopy
- Cardiac Procedures (non-emergent)--outpatient
- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Chemotherapy--outpatient
- Chiropractic Services

- Circumcision
- Clinic Services--Coumadin Clinic
- Clinic Services--FQHC
- Clinic Services--Heart Failure Clinic
- Clinic Services--Other
- Clinic Services--SBHC
- Clinic Services--Wound Clinic
- Corrective Surgery--outpatient
- Cosmetic Procedures/Surgeries--outpatient
- Dermatology Procedures
- Diagnostic and X-ray services: CT--outpatient
- Diagnostic and X-ray services: MRI--outpatient
- Diagnostic and X-ray services: PET--outpatient
- Diagnostic and X-ray services: Radiography--outpatient
- Dialysis--outpatient
- Foster Care Evaluation/Check-up for children entering State custody
- Genetic Counseling
- Grafts/Implants--outpatient
- HCBS: behavioral consultation
- HCBS: nutritionist/Dietician
- HH: Occupational therapy
- HH: Physical therapy
- HH: Speech therapy
- HH: physical therapy
- Home and Community Based Options waiver:
- Hospice: Counseling services (including dietary, spiritual and bereavement)
- Hospice: Occupational therapy
- Hospice: Physical therapy
- Hospice: Physician services
- Hospice: Speech therapy
- Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy
- ICS: Behavioral consultation
- ICS: Nutritionist/Dietician
- Infusion/Maintenance Drug Infusion
- Investigational Surgeries/Clinical Trials--outpatient
- National Diabetes Prevention Program Services
- Nerve Stimulator--outpatient
- Neuro-Psychological Testing/Developmental Delay Programs
- Neurosurgical procedures--outpatient
- Newborn Office Services
- Nutritional Counseling
- OB Ultrasound
- Occupational Therapy
- Oncology Treatment
- Oral Surgery Adult
- Oral Surgery Child

- Outpatient Rehabilitative services
- Outpatient Surgery (Ambulatory Surgery Center)
- Outpatient hospital care (emergent)
- Outpatient hospital care (non-emergent)
- PACE: Medical specialty services (podiatry, psychiatry, dentistry, optometry and audiology)
- PACE: Rehabilitation
- Pain Management Procedures
- Pain Management Visits
- Physical Therapy
- Plastic and Restorative Surgery--outpatient
- Podiatry Services
- Post-Stabilization Services
- Post-Stabilization Services-outpatient
- Pregnancy-related Services (OB Care)
- Primary Care
- Proton Therapy Treatment
- Pulmonary Rehab
- Sleep Studies /Sleep Apnea Studies
- Somatic services related to gender dysphoria
- Specialty Care
- Speech Therapy--outpatient
- Sterlization Services--outpatient
- Transplants Pre and Post Transplant Services--outpatient
- Urgent Care
- Vision Services
- Wound Vacuum-assisted closure (VAC)

Standard 8

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- FFS MH Drug

Substance Use Disorder

- FFS SUD Drug

Medical/Surgical

- MCO administered prescription drug

Standard 8

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Emergency Benefits

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

- Does not apply

Medical/Surgical

- Air Ambulance

Standard 8

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Inpatient

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Acute Care Services
- Nursing Facility MH Services
- Residential Treatment Centers
- Special Psychiatric Hospital

Substance Use Disorder

- Inpatient ASAM 4.0
- Inpatient Detoxification--hospital
- Inpatient Detoxification-IMD (Licensed Intermediate Care Facilities for Addictions in Maryland)
- Nursing Facility: SUD services
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.1
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.3
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.5
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.7
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.7WM (Licensed ASAM 3.7D in Maryland)

Medical/Surgical

- Acute Care Services (Medical/Surgical)
- Amputations--inpatient
- Bariatric Surgery
- Bypass surgery--inpatient
- Cardiac Procedures (non-emergent)--inpatient
- Chemotherapy--inpatient
- Cosmetic Procedures--Inpatient
- Erectile Dysfunction Procedures
- Eye Procedures--Inpatient
- Gender affirmation surgery
- Grafts/Implants
- Hospice Care--Inpatient
- Hospital Care--inpatient
- Hysterectomy
- Institutional Long Term Care/Skilled Nursing Facility (first 90 days)
- Investigational Surgeries/Clinical Trials--inpatient
- NICU/Sick baby/Detained baby
- Neurostimulators
- Neurosurgical procedures--inpatient
- Oncology Services--inpatient
- Plastic and Restorative Surgery--inpatient
- Rehabilitation Services (Acute)
- Spinal Cord Stimulator
- Sterilization services--inpatient
- Surgery (nonurgent)--inpatient
- Transplants
- Transportation between hospitals

Standard 8

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Mobile treatment-Assertive community treatment (ACT)
- Mobile treatment-non-ACT
- Targeted Case Management

Substance Use Disorder

- Does not apply

Medical/Surgical

- Autism: Family leave (retainer day)
- Autism: Intensive individual support services
- Autism: Residential habilitation (regular and intensive)
- Autism: Respite care
- Autism: Therapeutic integration (regular and intensive)
- Autism: adult life planning
- Autism: family training
- Brain Injury: Day habilitation
- Brain Injury: Residential habilitation
- Brain injury: Supported employment
- Brain injury: medical Day Care
- (10) Periodontal services (scaling, full mouth debridement, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (12) Prosthodontics (dentures, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (14) Oral and Maxillofacial surgery services (extractions, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (17) Anesthesia - OP OR/ASC.
- (2) Preventive services (semiannual cleanings, fluoride, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (4) Diagnostic services (oral exams, x-rays, sealants, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (6) Restorative services (filings, crowns, etc) - OP OR/ASC;
- (8) Endodontic services (root canals, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- Applied Behavior Analysis (autism services)--primarily in-home
- Autism: Environmental accessibility adaption
- Brain injury: Individual support services
- CFC: Accessibility adaptations
- CFC: Consumer training
- CFC: Personal emergency response system
- CFC: Transition services
- CFC: assistive technology
- CFC: environmental assessments
- CFC: home delivered meals
- CPAS and CFC: Nurse monitoring
- CPAS and CFC: Personal assistance services

- DME/DMS Alternative Approach--Full category; need to identify any NQTLs that apply to any DME/DMS under the broad category. Description of NQTL factors should be more detailed.
- Disposable Medical Equipment (w/o HCPCS)
- Disposable Medical Supplies (> \$500.00)
- Disposable Medical Supplies (≤ \$500.00)
- Durable Medical Equipment (> \$1,000.00)
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME)/Disposable Medical Supplies (DMS)
- Durable Medical Equipment (w/o HCPCS)
- Durable Medical Equipment (≤ \$1,000.00)
- Durable Medical Equipment rental (> 3 months)
- Durable Medical Equipment rental (≤ 3 months)
- EPSDT: Nursing services (Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Certified Nursing Assistant-Certified Medication Technician)
- Genetic Testing
- HCBS: Assisted living
- HCBS: Behavioral consultation
- HCBS: Medical Day Care
- HCBS: Nutritionist/Dietician
- HCBS: family training
- HCBS: senior Center Plus
- HH: Home Health Aide
- HH: Home Health Aide (> 1 visit per day; > 4 hours of service per day; visit w/o skilled nursing)
- HH: Occupational therapy
- HH: Occupational therapy (> 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate))
- HH: Physical therapy (> 1 visit per day; ; services rendered during a 30-day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Registered Nurse (> 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Speech therapy
- HH: Speech therapy (> 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Speech therapy (≤ 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-

day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)

- HH: physical therapy
- HH: registered Nurse
- Hepatitis C Virus Genotyping
- Home Health Services: medical supplies used for home health visit
- Home Health Services: occupational therapy
- Home Health Services: physical therapy
- Home Health Services: skilled nursing services
- Home Health Services: speech pathology services
- Hospice Care--Outpatient
- ICS: Assisted living
- ICS: Family training
- ICS: Medical Day Care
- ICS: Nutritionist/Dietician
- ICS: behavioral consultation
- ICS: senior Center Plus
- Laboratory Services
- Molecular Pathology Labs
- Neuro-Psychological Testing/Developmental Delay Programs
- Oxygen (w/o HCPCS)
- PACE: Day health care
- PACE: In-home care
- PACE: Meals
- PACE: Nursing care
- PACE: Personal care
- PACE: Recreation
- PACE: Social work
- PACE: Transportation
- Private Duty Nursing
- Remote Patient Monitoring

Standard 8

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Biofeedback
- Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)--outpatient
- Evaluation and Management--Outpatient
- Family Therapy--outpatient
- Group therapy--outpatient
- Individual therapy--outpatient
- Intensive outpatient (IOP)
- Multiple family group therapy
- Partial hospitalization (PHP)
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services
- Psychological or neuropsychological testing and evaluation
- Therapeutic Behavioral Services
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Day Habilitation

Substance Use Disorder

- Ambulatory detoxification
- Group therapy--outpatient
- Individual therapy--outpatient
- Intensive Outpatient (IOP)--ASAM 2.1
- MAT Initial Induction: Alcohol/Drug Services; Medical/Somatic (Medical Intervention in Ambulatory Setting)
- MAT Initial Intake (Evaluation and Management, Including Rx)
- MAT Ongoing (Evaluation and Management, including Rx)
- Methadone Maintenance
- Ongoing services (Buprenorphine/Naloxone): Alcohol/Other Drug Abuse Services, Not Otherwise Specified
- Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) services - including med management
- Partial Hospitalization (PHP)--ASAM 2.5

Medical/Surgical

- Acne Services
- Acupuncture
- Amputations--outpatient
- Audiology Services (hearing loss assessment and treatment)
- Capsule Endoscopy
- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Chemotherapy--outpatient
- Chiropractic Services
- Circumcision
- Clinic Services--Wound Clinic
- Corrective Surgery--outpatient
- Cosmetic Procedures/Surgeries--outpatient
- Dermatology Procedures
- Diagnostic and X-ray services: CT--outpatient
- Diagnostic and X-ray services: MRI--outpatient
- Diagnostic and X-ray services: PET--outpatient
- Grafts/Implants--outpatient
- Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy
- Infusion/Maintenance Drug Infusion
- Investigational Surgeries/Clinical Trials--outpatient
- Nerve Stimulator--outpatient
- Neuro-Psychological Testing/Developmental Delay Programs
- Neurosurgical procedures--outpatient
- Nutritional Counseling
- OB Ultrasound
- Occupational Therapy
- Oncology Treatment
- Outpatient Rehabilitative services
- Outpatient Surgery (Ambulatory Surgery Center)
- Outpatient hospital care (non-emergent)
- Pain Management Visits
- Physical Therapy
- Plastic and Restorative Surgery--outpatient
- Podiatry Services
- Proton Therapy Treatment
- Pulmonary Rehab
- Sleep Studies /Sleep Apnea Studies

- Speech Therapy--outpatient
- Wound Vacuum-assisted closure (VAC)

Standard 8

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- FFS MH Drug

Substance Use Disorder

- FFS SUD Drug

Medical/Surgical

- MCO administered prescription drug

Standard 8

NQTL Type: data collection

Classification: Emergency Benefits

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Does not apply

Substance Use Disorder

- Does not apply

Medical/Surgical

Standard 8

NQTL Type: data collection

Classification: Inpatient

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Does not apply

Substance Use Disorder

- Does not apply

Medical/Surgical

Standard 8

NQTL Type: data collection

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Does not apply

Substance Use Disorder

- Does not apply

Medical/Surgical

Standard 8

NQTL Type: data collection

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Does not apply

Substance Use Disorder

- Does not apply

Medical/Surgical

Standard 8

NQTL Type: Service Limitations

Classification: Inpatient

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

- Does not apply

Medical/Surgical

- Institutional Long Term Care/Skilled Nursing Facility (first 90 days)

Standard 8

NQTL Type: Service Limitations

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Mobile treatment-Assertive community treatment (ACT)
- Mobile treatment-non-ACT
- Targeted Case Management

Substance Use Disorder

- Does not apply

Medical/Surgical

- Autism: Family leave (retainer day)
- Autism: Intensive individual support services
- Autism: Residential habilitation (regular and intensive)
- Autism: Respite care
- Autism: Therapeutic integration (regular and intensive)
- Autism: adult life planning
- (10) Periodontal services (scaling, full mouth debridement, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (12)Prosthodontics (dentures, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (14) Oral and Maxillofacial surgery services (extractions, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (17) Anesthesia - OP OR/ASC.
- (2) Preventive services (semiannual cleanings, fluoride, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (4) Diagnostic services (oral exams, x-rays, sealants, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- (6) Restorative services (filings, crowns, etc) - OP OR/ASC;
- (8) Endodontic services (root canals, etc.) - OP OR/ASC;
- Applied Behavior Analysis (autism services)--primarily in-home
- CFC: Transition services
- CFC: home delivered meals
- CPAS and CFC: Personal assistance services
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME)/Disposable Medical Supplies (DMS)
- EPSDT: Nursing services (Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Certified Nursing Assistant-Certified Medication Technician)
- HCBS: Assisted living
- HCBS: Nutritionist/Dietician
- HCBS: case management
- HCBS: family training
- HH: Home Health Aide
- HH: Occupational therapy
- HH: Speech therapy
- HH: physical therapy

- Home Health Services: medical supplies used for home health visit
- Home Health Services: occupational therapy
- Home Health Services: physical therapy
- Home Health Services: skilled nursing services
- Home Health Services: speech pathology services
- Hospice: Medical appliances and supplies
- Hospice: Medical social services
- Hospice: home health and aide services
- Hospice: nursing services
- ICS: Assisted living
- ICS: Family training
- ICS: Nutritionist/Dietician
- ICS: case management
- Oxygen
- PACE: Day health care
- PACE: In-home care
- PACE: Meals
- PACE: Nursing care
- PACE: Personal care
- PACE: Recreation
- PACE: Social work
- PACE: Transportation

Standard 8

NQTL Type: Service Limitations

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Biofeedback
- Evaluation and Management-Outpatient
- Family Psycho-Educational Therapy
- Family Therapy--outpatient
- Group therapy--outpatient
- Health Behavior Assessment
- Health Behavior Reassessment
- Individual therapy--outpatient
- Intensive outpatient (IOP)
- Mental health assessment
- Mental health reassessment
- Multiple family group therapy
- Partial hospitalization (PHP)
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services
- Psychological or neuropsychological testing and evaluation
- Therapeutic Behavioral Services

Substance Use Disorder

- Alcohol and/or drug assessment
- Ambulatory detoxification
- Group therapy--outpatient
- Individual therapy--outpatient
- Intensive Outpatient (IOP)--ASAM 2.1
- MAT Initial Induction: Alcohol/Drug Services; Medical/Somatic (Medical Intervention in Ambulatory Setting)
- MAT Initial Intake (Evaluation and Management, Including Rx)
- MAT Ongoing (Evaluation and Management, including Rx)
- Methadone Maintenance
- Ongoing services (Buprenorphine/Naloxone): Alcohol/Other Drug Abuse Services, Not Otherwise Specified
- Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) services - including med management
- Partial Hospitalization (PHP)--ASAM 2.5
- health home services for SUD (opioid addiction) - opioid treatment program

Medical/Surgical

- Acne Services
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech Therapy--outpatient

Standard 8

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Inpatient

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Acute Care Services
- Nursing Facility MH Services
- Residential Treatment Centers
- Special Psychiatric Hospital

Substance Use Disorder

- Inpatient ASAM 4.0
- Inpatient Detoxification--hospital
- Inpatient Detoxification-IMD (Licensed Intermediate Care Facilities for Addictions in Maryland)
- Nursing Facility: SUD services
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.1
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.3
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.5
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.7
- Residential SUD Treatment--ASAM 3.7WM (Licensed ASAM 3.7D in Maryland)

Medical/Surgical

- Acute Care Services (Medical/Surgical)
- Hospice Care--Inpatient
- Hospice: Short-term inpatient care
- Hospital Care--inpatient
- Institutional Long Term Care/Skilled Nursing Facility (first 90 days)
- NICU/Sick baby/Detained baby
- Nursing Facility: Activities
- Nursing Facility: Dental services
- Nursing Facility: Dietary services
- Nursing Facility: Laboratory, radiology and other diagnostic testing
- Nursing Facility: Nursing services
- Nursing Facility: Pharmaceutical services
- Nursing Facility: Physician services
- Nursing Facility: Social work
- Nursing Facility: Specialized rehabilitation
- Rehabilitation Services (Acute)

Standard 8

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Mobile treatment-Assertive community treatment (ACT)
- Mobile treatment-non-ACT
- Targeted Case Management

Substance Use Disorder

- Does not apply

Medical/Surgical

- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Participant education, training and advocacy
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Personal supports
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Respite care services
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Support broker services
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Supported employment
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Transportation
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Vehicle modification
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Behavioral support services
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Career exploration
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Community development
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Day habilitation
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Employment discovery and customization
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Employment services
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Environmental assessment
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Environmental modification
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers:

- Family and peer mentoring supports
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Family caregiver training and empowerment
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Housing support services
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Individual and family directed goods and services
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Medical Day Care
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Nurse case management and delegation
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Nurse consultation
- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Nurse health case management
- Family Supports: Environmental assessment
- Family Supports: Environmental modification
- Family Supports: Family and peer mentoring supports
- Family Supports: Family caregiver training and empowerment
- Family Supports: Housing support services
- Family Supports: Individual and family directed goods and services
- Family Supports: Nurse case management and delegation
- Family Supports: Participant education, training and advocacy
- Family Supports: Personal supports
- Family Supports: Support broker services
- Family Supports: Transportation
- Family Supports: Vehicle modification
- Autism: Family leave (retainer day)
- Autism: Intensive individual support services
- Autism: Residential habilitation (regular and intensive)
- Autism: Respite care
- Autism: Therapeutic integration (regular and intensive)
- Autism: adult life planning
- Autism: family training
- Brain Injury: Day habilitation
- Brain Injury: Residential habilitation
- Brain injury: Supported employment
- Brain injury: medical Day Care

- Community Pathways and Community Supports waivers: Assistive technology and services
- Family Supports: Assistive technology and services
- Family Supports: Behavioral support services
- Family Supports: Nurse consultation
- Family Supports: Respite care services
- Applied Behavior Analysis (autism services)--primarily in-home
- Autism: Environmental accessibility adaption
- Brain injury: Individual support services
- CFC: Accessibility adaptations
- CFC: Consumer training
- CFC: Personal emergency response system
- CFC: Transition services
- CFC: assistive technology
- CFC: environmental assessments
- CFC: home delivered meals
- CPAS and CFC: Nurse monitoring
- CPAS and CFC: Personal assistance services
- Community Pathways only: Remote support services
- Community Pathways only: Shared living
- Community Pathways only: Support living
- Community Pathways only: community living
- Community Pathways only: live-in caregiver supports
- Community Pathways only: transition services
- DME/DMS Alternative Approach--Full category; need to identify any NQTLs that apply to any DME/DMS under the broad category. Description of NQTL factors should be more detailed.
- Disposable Medical Equipment (w/o HCPCS)
- Disposable Medical Supplies (> \$500.00)
- Durable Medical Equipment (> \$1,000.00)
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME)/Disposable Medical Supplies (DMS)
- Durable Medical Equipment (w/o HCPCS)
- Durable Medical Equipment rental (\leq 3 months)
- EPSDT: Nursing services (Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse,

Certified Nursing Assistant-Certified Medication Technician)

- HCBS: Assisted living
- HCBS: Behavioral consultation
- HCBS: Medical Day Care
- HCBS: Nutritionist/Dietician
- HCBS: case management
- HCBS: family training
- HCBS: senior Center Plus
- HH: Home Health Aide
- HH: Home Health Aide (> 1 visit per day; > 4 hours of service per day; visit w/o skilled nursing)
- HH: Home Health Aide (≤ 1 visit per day; ≤ 4 hours of service per day; visit w/ skilled nursing; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Occupational therapy
- HH: Occupational therapy (> 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate))
- HH: Occupational therapy (≤ 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Physical therapy (> 1 visit per day; ; services rendered during a 30-day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Physical therapy (≤ 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Registered Nurse
- HH: Registered Nurse (> 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Registered Nurse (≤ 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Speech therapy
- HH: Speech therapy (> 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period in excess of the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: Speech therapy (≤ 1 visit per day; services rendered during a 30-day period that do not exceed the Medicaid NF rate)
- HH: physical therapy
- Home Health Services: medical supplies used for home health visit
- Home Health Services: occupational therapy

- Home Health Services: physical therapy
- Home Health Services: skilled nursing services
- Home Health Services: speech pathology services
- Hospice: Medical appliances and supplies
- Hospice: Medical social services
- Hospice: home health and aide services
- Hospice: nursing services
- ICS: Assisted living
- ICS: Family training
- ICS: Medical Day Care
- ICS: Nutritionist/Dietician
- ICS: behavioral consultation
- ICS: case management
- ICS: senior Center Plus
- Medical Day Care waiver with associated services(16+ years of age):
- Oxygen (w/o HCPCS)
- PACE: Day health care
- PACE: In-home care
- PACE: Meals
- PACE: Nursing care
- PACE: Personal care
- PACE: Recreation
- PACE: Social work
- PACE: Transportation
- Private Duty Nursing

Standard 8

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Biofeedback
- Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)--outpatient
- Evaluation and Management-Outpatient
- Family Therapy--outpatient
- Group therapy--outpatient
- Individual therapy--outpatient
- Intensive outpatient (IOP)
- Multiple family group therapy
- Partial hospitalization (PHP)
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services
- Psychological or neuropsychological testing and evaluation
- Therapeutic Behavioral Services
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Day Habilitation

Substance Use Disorder

- Ambulatory detoxification
- Group therapy--outpatient
- Individual therapy--outpatient
- Intensive Outpatient (IOP)--ASAM 2.1
- MAT Ongoing (Evaluation and Management, including Rx)
- Methadone Maintenance
- Ongoing services (Buprenorphine/Naloxone): Alcohol/Other Drug Abuse Services, Not Otherwise Specified
- Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) services - including med management
- Partial Hospitalization (PHP)--ASAM 2.5

Medical/Surgical

- Acne Services
- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Chiropractic Services
- Clinic Services--Wound Clinic
- Dermatology Procedures
- Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy
- Nutritional Counseling
- Occupational Therapy
- Outpatient Rehabilitative services
- Physical Therapy
- Proton Therapy Treatment
- Pulmonary Rehab
- Speech Therapy--outpatient
- Wound Vacuum-assisted closure (VAC)

Standard 8

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Inpatient

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Does not apply

Substance Use Disorder

- Does not apply

Medical/Surgical

- Does not apply

Standard 8

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Does not apply

Substance Use Disorder

- Does not apply

Medical/Surgical

- Does not apply

Standard 8

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- Does not apply

Substance Use Disorder

- Does not apply

Medical/Surgical

- Does not apply

Standard 8

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- FFS MH Drug

Substance Use Disorder

- FFS SUD Drug

Medical/Surgical

- FFS M/S Drug
- MCO administered prescription drug

Standard 8

NQTL Type: tiered drug formulary

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Select an NQTL type and then check off all benefits that are subject to that NQTL type within each classification.

Mental Health

- FFS MH Drug

Substance Use Disorder

- FFS SUD Drug

Medical/Surgical

- MCO administered prescription drug

Standard 9

Any parity flags found in Standard 9 are reported below. The number of flags per classification and category combination is shown.

Parity Flag			
	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Inpatient	-	-	-
Outpatient - Other	-	-	-
Outpatient - Office Based	-	-	-
Emergency Benefits	-	-	-
Prescription Drugs	-	-	-

Any classification/category/NQTL combination considered incomplete is reported in the table below.

Missing Information			
	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Inpatient	-	-	-
Outpatient - Other	-	-	-
Outpatient - Office Based	-	-	-
Emergency Benefits	-	-	-
Prescription Drugs	-	-	-

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Emergency Benefits
Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Emergency Benefits
Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Emergency Benefits
Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Emergency Benefits
Factor: Industry Standards

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Universal operational process, methods, or tools that are applicable in most companies within a specific industry.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Emergency Benefits
Factor: Appropriateness of utilization

Definitions

Mental Health: Universal operational process, methods, or tools that are applicable in most companies within a specific industry.
Substance Use Disorder:
Medical/Surgical: Utilization based on medical necessity, and efficient use of healthcare services and facilities as directed by the Plan benefits

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Variability in quality
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- Variability in quality

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Variability in quality
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- Variability in quality

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- High variability in cost per episode of care
- Service type
- Relative reimbursement rates
- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Excessive utilization

Definitions

- Mental Health:** Overuse of a service based on industry standards
- Substance Use Disorder:** Overuse of a service based on industry standards
- Medical/Surgical:** Overuse of a service based on industry standards

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Internal claims analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Utilization is two standard deviations above average utilization per episode of care.
- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Utilization is two standard deviations above average utilization per episode of care.
- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

- Mental Health:**
- Substance Use Disorder:**
- Medical/Surgical:**

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: High levels of variation in length of stay

Definitions

Mental Health: Individuals with the same illness having different courses of improvement.

Substance Use Disorder: Individuals with the same illness having different courses of improvement.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Variability in quality

Definitions

Mental Health: is individual improving, or is there a need for a change in the treatment plan, monitoring appropriateness and efficacy of treatment.

Substance Use Disorder: is individual improving, or is there a need for a change in the treatment plan, monitoring appropriateness and efficacy of treatment.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Utilization is two standard deviations above average utilization per episode of care.
- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Utilization is two standard deviations above average utilization per episode of care.
- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Severity or chronicity of an illness

Definitions

- Mental Health:** Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.
Substance Use Disorder: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.
Medical/Surgical:

Sources

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| Mental Health <ul style="list-style-type: none">Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits | Substance Use Disorder <ul style="list-style-type: none">Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits | Medical/Surgical |
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Evidentiary Standards

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| Mental Health <ul style="list-style-type: none">Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines. | Substance Use Disorder <ul style="list-style-type: none">Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines. | Medical/Surgical |
|--|---|-------------------------|

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO skipped this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Service type

Definitions

- Mental Health:** Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;
Substance Use Disorder: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;
Medical/Surgical: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO skipped this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Definitions

Mental Health: Lowest level of care the individual can be safely and effectively treated.

Substance Use Disorder: Lowest level of care the individual can be safely and effectively treated.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: High variability in cost per episode of care

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: High cost of care relative to similar therapies. This is the cost relative to cost of care with similar drugs used for the same diagnosis and condition based on scientific evidence, standards of practice, and relevant findings of government agencies, medical associations, national commissions, peer-reviewed journals, and authoritative compendia.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Internal claims analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Relative reimbursement rates

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: reimbursement rates that vary based on parameters such as place of service

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Internal claims analysis
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Industry Standards

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Universal operational process, methods, or tools that are applicable in most companies within a specific industry.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Appropriateness of utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Utilization based on medical necessity, and efficient use of healthcare services and facilities as directed by the Plan benefits

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Not Applicable

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Variability in quality
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- Variability in quality

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Variability in quality
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- Variability in quality

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- Service type
- Safety risks
- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Excessive utilization

Definitions

Mental Health: Overuse of a service based on industry standards

Substance Use Disorder: Overuse of a service based on industry standards

Medical/Surgical: Overuse of a service based on industry standards

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Internal claims analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Utilization is two standard deviations above average utilization per episode of care.
- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Utilization is two standard deviations above average utilization per episode of care.
- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: High levels of variation in length of stay

Definitions

Mental Health: Individuals with the same illness having different courses of improvement.

Substance Use Disorder: Individuals with the same illness having different courses of improvement.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Variability in quality

Definitions

Mental Health: is individual improving, or is there a need for a change in the treatment plan, monitoring appropriateness and efficacy of treatment.

Substance Use Disorder: is individual improving, or is there a need for a change in the treatment plan, monitoring appropriateness and efficacy of treatment.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Internal claims analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Utilization is two standard deviations above average utilization per episode of care.
- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Utilization is two standard deviations above average utilization per episode of care.
- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Severity or chronicity of an illness

Definitions

Mental Health: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Substance Use Disorder: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Medical/Surgical: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO skipped this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Service type

Definitions

Mental Health: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Substance Use Disorder: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Medical/Surgical: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Internal market and competitive analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO skipped this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Definitions

Mental Health: Lowest level of care the individual can be safely and effectively treated.

Substance Use Disorder: Lowest level of care the individual can be safely and effectively treated.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Safety risks

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: risk of PA drug compared to other drugs considered

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Industry Standards

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Universal operational process, methods, or tools that are applicable in most companies within a specific industry.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Appropriateness of utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Utilization based on medical necessity, and efficient use of healthcare services and facilities as directed by the Plan benefits

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- Variability in quality

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- Variability in quality

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: Y

Please upload documentation demonstrating that the NQTL type is applied to 100% of benefits in this classification.

Supporting Documents

- Optum Benefits Mapping_MDH Revisions_7.17.20.xlsx

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

- Excessive utilization
- Variability in quality

Considered

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- Variability in quality
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Safety risks
- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- Variability in quality
- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Factor: Excessive utilization

Definitions

- Mental Health:** Overuse of a service based on industry standards
- Substance Use Disorder:** Overuse of a service based on industry standards
- Medical/Surgical:** Overuse of a service based on industry standards

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Utilization is two standard deviations above average utilization per episode of care.
- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Utilization is two standard deviations above average utilization per episode of care.
- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Explain

- Mental Health:**
- Substance Use Disorder:**
- Medical/Surgical:**

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Variability in quality

Definitions

Mental Health: is individual improving, or is there a need for a change in the treatment plan, monitoring appropriateness and efficacy of treatment.

Substance Use Disorder: is individual improving, or is there a need for a change in the treatment plan, monitoring appropriateness and efficacy of treatment.

Medical/Surgical: is individual improving, or is there a need for a change in the treatment plan, monitoring appropriateness and efficacy of treatment.

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Utilization is two standard deviations above average utilization per episode of care.
- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Utilization is two standard deviations above average utilization per episode of care.
- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Explain

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Factor: Severity or chronicity of an illness

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Factor: Service type

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Factor: Safety risks

Definitions

Mental Health:

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Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

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Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Factor: Industry Standards

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Universal operational process, methods, or tools that are applicable in most companies within a specific industry.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Factor: Appropriateness of utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Utilization based on medical necessity, and efficient use of healthcare services and facilities as directed by the Plan benefits

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Service Limitations

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Service type

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Service type

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Service Limitations

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Service Limitations

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Service Limitations
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

- Not Applicable

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

- Not Applicable

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Service Limitations
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Service type

Definitions

Mental Health: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;
Substance Use Disorder:
Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Service Limitations

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Service type

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Service type

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Service Limitations

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Service type

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Service Limitations

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Service Limitations

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

- Not Applicable

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

- Not Applicable

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Service Limitations

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Service type

Definitions

Mental Health: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Substance Use Disorder: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Mental Health:

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Service Limitations

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Service Limitations

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: Service Limitations

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

- Not Applicable

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

- Not Applicable

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Variability in quality
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Variability in quality
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Service type

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: High levels of variation in length of stay

Definitions

Mental Health: Individuals with the same illness having different courses of improvement.

Substance Use Disorder: Individuals with the same illness having different courses of improvement.

Medical/Surgical: Individuals with the same illness having different courses of improvement.

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Internal market and competitive analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Variability in quality

Definitions

Mental Health: is individual improving, or is there a need for a change in the treatment plan, monitoring appropriateness and efficacy of treatment.

Substance Use Disorder: is individual improving, or is there a need for a change in the treatment plan, monitoring appropriateness and efficacy of treatment.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Severity or chronicity of an illness

Definitions

Mental Health: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Substance Use Disorder: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Service type

Definitions

Mental Health: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Substance Use Disorder: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Medical/Surgical: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Definitions

Mental Health: Lowest level of care the individual can be safely and effectively treated.

Substance Use Disorder: Lowest level of care the individual can be safely and effectively treated.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Excessive utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Overuse of a service based on industry standards

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Internal claims analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Utilization is two standard deviations above average utilization per episode of care.
- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Industry Standards

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Universal operational process, methods, or tools that are applicable in most companies within a specific industry.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Internal market and competitive analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Appropriateness of utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Utilization based on medical necessity, and efficient use of healthcare services and facilities as directed by the Plan benefits

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Variability in quality
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care
- Clinical indications and/or evidence

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Variability in quality
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care
- Clinical indications and/or evidence

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care
- Clinical indications and/or evidence

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: High levels of variation in length of stay

Definitions

Mental Health: Individuals with the same illness having different courses of improvement.

Substance Use Disorder: Individuals with the same illness having different courses of improvement.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Variability in quality

Definitions

Mental Health: is individual improving, or is there a need for a change in the treatment plan, monitoring appropriateness and efficacy of treatment.

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Severity or chronicity of an illness

Definitions

- Mental Health:** Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.
- Substance Use Disorder:** Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.
- Medical/Surgical:** Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Explain

- Substance Use Disorder:**
- Medical/Surgical:** MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Service type

Definitions

Mental Health: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;
Substance Use Disorder: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;
Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Definitions

Mental Health: Lowest level of care the individual can be safely and effectively treated.

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: Clinical indications and/or evidence

Definitions

Mental Health: Professional standards and protocols - defined as comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials

Substance Use Disorder: Professional standards and protocols - defined as comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Industry Standards

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Universal operational process, methods, or tools that are applicable in most companies within a specific industry.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Appropriateness of utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Utilization based on medical necessity, and efficient use of healthcare services and facilities as directed by the Plan benefits

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder: lowest level of care the individual can be safely and effectively treated.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care
- Clinical indications and/or evidence

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care
- Clinical indications and/or evidence

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Not Applicable
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care
- Clinical indications and/or evidence

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- Health plan accreditation standards for quality assurance
- Medicare/Medicaid program participation eligibility
- Service type
- Separate payments for managing a patient's care outside of face-to-face contact (e.g., care management)
- Quality and performance measures (including customer feedback)
- Safety risks
- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: High levels of variation in length of stay

Definitions

Mental Health: Individuals with the same illness having different courses of improvement.

Substance Use Disorder: Individuals with the same illness having different courses of improvement.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Severity or chronicity of an illness

Definitions

Mental Health: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Substance Use Disorder: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Factor: Service type

Definitions

- Mental Health:** Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;
- Substance Use Disorder:** Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;
- Medical/Surgical:** Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

- Mental Health:**
- Substance Use Disorder:**
- Medical/Surgical:**

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Definitions

Mental Health: Lowest level of care the individual can be safely and effectively treated.

Substance Use Disorder: Lowest level of care the individual can be safely and effectively treated.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Factor: Clinical indications and/or evidence

Definitions

Mental Health: Professional standards and protocols - defined as comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials

Substance Use Disorder: Professional standards and protocols - defined as comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Factor: Excessive utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:
Substance Use Disorder:
Medical/Surgical: Overuse of a service based on industry standards

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Internal claims analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Health plan accreditation standards for quality assurance

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: state and or federal standards that must be met by the health plan in order to obtain and maintain accreditation

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Medicare/Medicaid program participation eligibility

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Federal and State requirements for participation in the Medicare/Medicaid program, including those pertaining to medical, technical and financial eligibility.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- State and Federal requirements

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Separate payments for managing a patient's care outside of face-to-face contact (e.g., care management)

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: reimbursement to providers to ensure case management activities are completed in accordance with state and federal requirements

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Quality and performance measures (including customer feedback)

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Measures intended to evaluate and improve the quality of services, including, but not limited to: performance measures associated with waiver assurances, State regulations, national quality standards and pay for performance efforts.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Factor: Safety risks

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: risk of PA drug compared to other drugs considered

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Factor: Industry Standards

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Universal operational process, methods, or tools that are applicable in most companies within a specific industry.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Factor: Appropriateness of utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Utilization based on medical necessity, and efficient use of healthcare services and facilities as directed by the Plan benefits

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: concurrent review
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder
Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder
Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: data collection

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: data collection

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: data collection

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Sources

Mental Health

- Not Applicable

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Not Applicable

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: data collection

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: data collection

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: data collection

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Sources

Mental Health

- Not Applicable

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Not Applicable

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: data collection

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: data collection

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: data collection
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

- Mental Health:** NQTL does not apply for this classification
- Substance Use Disorder:** NQTL does not apply for this classification
- Medical/Surgical:** NQTL does not apply for this classification

Sources

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| Mental Health | Substance Use Disorder | Medical/Surgical |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not Applicable | <i>Question Skipped</i> | |

Evidentiary Standards

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|--|-------------------------|------------------|
| Mental Health | Substance Use Disorder | Medical/Surgical |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not Applicable | <i>Question Skipped</i> | |

Explain

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: data collection

Classification: Emergency Benefits

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: data collection

Classification: Emergency Benefits

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: data collection

Classification: Emergency Benefits

Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Sources

Mental Health

- Not Applicable

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Not Applicable

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Sources

Mental Health

- Not Applicable

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Not Applicable

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Service type

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Service type

Standard 9

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Question Skipped

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Question Skipped

Explain

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: Service type

Definitions

Mental Health: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- fail first protocol

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- fail first protocol

Standard 9

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- fail first protocol

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- fail first protocol
- High cost of care relative to similar therapies

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: fail first protocol

Definitions

Mental Health: fail first protocol

Substance Use Disorder: fail first protocol

Medical/Surgical: fail first protocol

Sources

Mental Health

- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Question Skipped

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.
- A certain number/type of recognized medical literature and professional standards (including comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials), and published research studies.
- FDA Prescribing information & official compendium
- process review(s) for auditing claims data to ensure compliance of a participant's treatment and service plan in conjunction with their prior authorization

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Mental Health:

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: High cost of care relative to similar therapies

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: A requirement that a patient try a less expensive drug therapy first before they can be approved for the higher cost drug therapy ordered by their provider.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Medical/Surgical: The MCO skipped this question.

Standard 9

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

- Not Applicable

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

- Not Applicable

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Sources

Mental Health

Question Skipped

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Question Skipped

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: Y

Please upload documentation demonstrating that the NQTL type is applied to 100% of benefits in this classification.

Supporting Documents

- [Optum Benefits Mapping_MDH Revisions_7.17.20.xlsx](#)

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Variability in quality
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: Y

Please upload documentation demonstrating that the NQTL type is applied to 100% of benefits in this classification.

Supporting Documents

- Optum Benefits Mapping_MDH Revisions_7.17.20.xlsx

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Lack of clinical efficiency of treatment or service
- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: Y

Please upload documentation demonstrating that the NQTL type is applied to 100% of benefits in this classification.

Supporting Documents

- Maryland Medicaid_Parity Analysis Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

- Excessive utilization
- Lack of clinical efficiency of treatment or service
- High variability in cost per episode of care
- Lack of adherence to quality standards
- Service type
- Relative reimbursement rates
- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization

Considered

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Excessive utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:
Substance Use Disorder:
Medical/Surgical: Overuse of a service based on industry standards

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Internal claims analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: Lack of clinical efficiency of treatment or service

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder: PAs used to approve drugs for participants after failing trials of other drugs or services

Medical/Surgical: PAs used to approve drugs for participants after failing trials of other drugs or services

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: High variability in cost per episode of care

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: High cost of care relative to similar therapies. This is the cost relative to cost of care with similar drugs used for the same diagnosis and condition based on scientific evidence, standards of practice, and relevant findings of government agencies, medical associations, national commissions, peer-reviewed journals, and authoritative compendia.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Internal claims analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: Lack of adherence to quality standards

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Provider deviations from the accepted protocols when providing treatment

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Service type

Definitions

- Mental Health:** Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;
Substance Use Disorder: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;
Medical/Surgical: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Relative reimbursement rates

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: reimbursement rates that vary based on parameters such as place of service

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Industry Standards

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Universal operational process, methods, or tools that are applicable in most companies within a specific industry.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Appropriateness of utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Utilization based on medical necessity, and efficient use of healthcare services and facilities as directed by the Plan benefits

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: High levels of variation in length of stay

Definitions

Mental Health: Individuals with the same illness having different courses of improvement.

Substance Use Disorder: Individuals with the same illness having different courses of improvement.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Severity or chronicity of an illness

Definitions

- Mental Health:** Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.
Substance Use Disorder: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.
Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Factor: Variability in quality

Definitions

Mental Health: is individual improving, or is there a need for a change in the treatment plan, monitoring appropriateness and efficacy of treatment.

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Definitions

Mental Health: Lowest level of care the individual can be safely and effectively treated.

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: Y

Please upload documentation demonstrating that the NQTL type is applied to 100% of benefits in this classification.

Supporting Documents

- Optum Benefits Mapping_MDH Revisions_7.17.20.xlsx

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Variability in quality
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Considered

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: Y

Please upload documentation demonstrating that the NQTL type is applied to 100% of benefits in this classification.

Supporting Documents

- Optum Benefits Mapping_MDH Revisions_7.17.20.xlsx

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Variability in quality
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Not Applicable
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Considered

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: Y

Please upload documentation demonstrating that the NQTL type is applied to 100% of benefits in this classification.

Supporting Documents

- Maryland Medicaid_Parity Analysis Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

- Excessive utilization
- Lack of clinical efficiency of treatment or service
- Service type
- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization

Considered

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: High levels of variation in length of stay

Definitions

Mental Health: Individuals with the same illness having different courses of improvement.

Substance Use Disorder: Individuals with the same illness having different courses of improvement.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Utilization is two standard deviations above average utilization per episode of care.
- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Variability in quality

Definitions

Mental Health: is individual improving, or is there a need for a change in the treatment plan, monitoring appropriateness and efficacy of treatment.

Substance Use Disorder: is individual improving, or is there a need for a change in the treatment plan, monitoring appropriateness and efficacy of treatment.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Severity or chronicity of an illness

Definitions

Mental Health: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Substance Use Disorder: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Service type

Definitions

Mental Health: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Substance Use Disorder: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Medical/Surgical: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Definitions

Mental Health: Lowest level of care the individual can be safely and effectively treated.

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Excessive utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Overuse of a service based on industry standards

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Internal claims analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Utilization is two standard deviations above average utilization per episode of care.
- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Lack of clinical efficiency of treatment or service

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: PAs used to approve drugs for participants after failing trials of other drugs or services

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Industry Standards

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Universal operational process, methods, or tools that are applicable in most companies within a specific industry.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Appropriateness of utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Utilization based on medical necessity, and efficient use of healthcare services and facilities as directed by the Plan benefits

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder: lowest level of care the individual can be safely and effectively treated.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: Y

Please upload documentation demonstrating that the NQTL type is applied to 100% of benefits in this classification.

Supporting Documents

- Maryland_PDL_7.1.20.pdf

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- medication status on preferred drug list (PDL) as determined by the preferred drug program via recommendations by the P&T committee
- clinical appropriateness/medical necessity
- fiscal responsibility/cost effectiveness

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Prescription Drugs
Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: Y

Please upload documentation demonstrating that the NQTL type is applied to 100% of benefits in this classification.

Supporting Documents

- Maryland_PDL_7.1.20.pdf

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- medication status on preferred drug list (PDL) as determined by the preferred drug program via recommendations by the P&T committee
- clinical appropriateness/medical necessity
- fiscal responsibility/cost effectiveness

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: Y

Please upload documentation demonstrating that the NQTL type is applied to 100% of benefits in this classification.

Supporting Documents

- Maryland_PDL_7.1.20.pdf

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Lack of clinical efficiency of treatment or service
- High variability in cost per episode of care
- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization
- Efficacy demonstrated in rare conditions only
- Medical necessity is lacking or is not clearly evident
- Pervasive use of non-FDA approved diagnosis
- medication status on preferred drug list (PDL) as determined by the preferred drug program via recommendations by the P&T committee
- clinical appropriateness/medical necessity
- fiscal responsibility/cost effectiveness

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: medication status on preferred drug list (PDL) as determined by the preferred drug program via recommendations by the P&T committee

Definitions

Mental Health: a drug's classification within the PDL which is a list of the dept's preferred and non preferred drugs developed by the departments preferred drug program via recommendations made by the P&T committee

Substance Use Disorder: a drug's classification within the PDL which is a list of the dept's preferred and non preferred drugs developed by the departments preferred drug program via recommendations made by the P&T committee

Medical/Surgical: a drug's classification within the PDL which is a list of the dept's preferred and non preferred drugs developed by the departments preferred drug program via recommendations made by the P&T committee

Sources

Mental Health

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.
- A certain number/type of recognized medical literature and professional standards (including comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials), and published research studies.
- FDA Prescribing information & official compendium

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.
- A certain number/type of recognized medical literature and professional standards (including comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials), and published research studies.
- FDA Prescribing information & official compendium

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: clinical appropriateness/medical necessity

Definitions

Mental Health: identified measures in place to determine the most appropriate treatment option for participants based on the participant's medical status, the placement of the treatment option on the PDL and the treatment option's clinical criteria

Substance Use Disorder: identified measures in place to determine the most appropriate treatment option for participants based on the participant's medical status, the placement of the treatment option on the PDL and the treatment option's clinical criteria

Medical/Surgical: identified measures in place to determine the most appropriate treatment option for participants based on the participant's medical status, the placement of the treatment option on the PDL and the treatment option's clinical criteria

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.
- A certain number/type of recognized medical literature and professional standards (including comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials), and published research studies.
- FDA Prescribing information & official compendium

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.
- A certain number/type of recognized medical literature and professional standards (including comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials), and published research studies.
- FDA Prescribing information & official compendium

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: fiscal responsibility/cost effectiveness

Definitions

Mental Health: examination of a drug's actual cost and rebateable status for the State with an emphasis on cost conservation and reduction of waste for the department while still maintaining the accessibility of care to participants

Substance Use Disorder: examination of a drug's actual cost and rebateable status for the State with an emphasis on cost conservation and reduction of waste for the department while still maintaining the accessibility of care to participants

Medical/Surgical: examination of a drug's actual cost and rebateable status for the State with an emphasis on cost conservation and reduction of waste for the department while still maintaining the accessibility of care to participants

Sources

Mental Health

- Internal claims analysis
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Internal claims analysis
- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Internal claims analysis
- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.
- A certain number/type of recognized medical literature and professional standards (including comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials), and published research studies.
- FDA Prescribing information & official compendium
- process review(s) for auditing claims data to ensure compliance of a participant's treatment and service plan in conjunction with their prior authorization

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.
- A certain number/type of recognized medical literature and professional standards (including comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials), and published research studies.
- FDA Prescribing information & official compendium

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: Lack of clinical efficiency of treatment or service

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: PAs used to approve drugs for participants after failing trials of other drugs or services

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: High variability in cost per episode of care

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: High cost of care relative to similar therapies. This is the cost relative to cost of care with similar drugs used for the same diagnosis and condition based on scientific evidence, standards of practice, and relevant findings of government agencies, medical associations, national commissions, peer-reviewed journals, and authoritative compendia.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: The MCO skipped this question.

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Prescription Drugs
Factor: Industry Standards

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Universal operational process, methods, or tools that are applicable in most companies within a specific industry.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: The MCO skipped this question.

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Prescription Drugs
Factor: Appropriateness of utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Utilization based on medical necessity, and efficient use of healthcare services and facilities as directed by the Plan benefits

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: The MCO skipped this question.

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: Efficacy demonstrated in rare conditions only

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Drugs that are approved for specific rare conditions and specific diagnostic testing is required

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: The MCO skipped this question.

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: Medical necessity is lacking or is not clearly evident

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Clinical evidence for use of drug is not clearly stated in national compendia such as American Hospital Formulary Service drug information (AHFS-DI), National Cancer Network (NCCN) Drugs and Biologics Compendium, and DrugDex.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: The MCO skipped this question.

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: Pervasive use of non-FDA approved diagnosis

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Drugs that have high propensity for being used for conditions not reflected in FDA-approved package labeling and comparative clinical studies that demonstrate efficacy and safety of the pharmaceutical product or therapy class.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: The MCO skipped this question.

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: Y

Please upload documentation demonstrating that the NQTL type is applied to 100% of benefits in this classification.

Supporting Documents

- [Optum Benefits Mapping_MDH Revisions_7.17.20.xlsx](#)

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Variability in quality
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Considered

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: Y

Please upload documentation demonstrating that the NQTL type is applied to 100% of benefits in this classification.

Supporting Documents

- Optum Benefits Mapping_MDH Revisions_7.17.20.xlsx

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Variability in quality
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Considered

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: Y

Please upload documentation demonstrating that the NQTL type is applied to 100% of benefits in this classification.

Supporting Documents

- Maryland Medicaid_Parity Analysis Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- Lack of clinical efficiency of treatment or service
- Current and projected demand for services
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Medicare/Medicaid program participation eligibility
- Service type
- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: High levels of variation in length of stay

Definitions

Mental Health: Individuals with the same illness having different courses of improvement.

Substance Use Disorder: Individuals with the same illness having different courses of improvement.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Factor: Variability in quality

Definitions

Mental Health: is individual improving, or is there a need for a change in the treatment plan, monitoring appropriateness and efficacy of treatment.

Substance Use Disorder: is individual improving, or is there a need for a change in the treatment plan, monitoring appropriateness and efficacy of treatment.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Severity or chronicity of an illness

Definitions

Mental Health: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Substance Use Disorder: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Medical/Surgical: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Factor: Service type

Definitions

- Mental Health:** Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;
- Substance Use Disorder:** Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;
- Medical/Surgical:** Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

- Mental Health:**
- Substance Use Disorder:**
- Medical/Surgical:**

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder: Lowest level of care the individual can be safely and effectively treated.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Definitions

Mental Health: lowest level of care the individual can be safely and effectively treated.

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Mental Health:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Factor: Excessive utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:
Substance Use Disorder:
Medical/Surgical: Overuse of a service based on industry standards

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Internal claims analysis
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Lack of clinical efficiency of treatment or service

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: PAs used to approve drugs for participants after failing trials of other drugs or services

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Current and projected demand for services

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Current service utilization and anticipated utilization based on prior trends in utilization and population growth.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Internal claims analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Medicare/Medicaid program participation eligibility

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Federal and State requirements for participation in the Medicare/Medicaid program, including those pertaining to medical, technical and financial eligibility.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- State and Federal requirements

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Factor: Industry Standards

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Universal operational process, methods, or tools that are applicable in most companies within a specific industry.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Factor: Appropriateness of utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Utilization based on medical necessity, and efficient use of healthcare services and facilities as directed by the Plan benefits

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Emergency Benefits
Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Emergency Benefits
Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Emergency Benefits

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: Y

Please upload documentation demonstrating that the NQTL type is applied to 100% of benefits in this classification.

Supporting Documents

- Maryland Medicaid_Parity Analysis Definitions_7.16.20.pdf

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Lack of clinical efficiency of treatment or service
- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Emergency Benefits
Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health: NQTL does not apply for this classification
Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification
Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
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Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not Applicable	<i>Question Skipped</i>	

Explain

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity

Classification: Emergency Benefits

Factor: Lack of clinical efficiency of treatment or service

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: PAs used to approve drugs for participants after failing trials of other drugs or services

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Emergency Benefits
Factor: Industry Standards

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Universal operational process, methods, or tools that are applicable in most companies within a specific industry.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: medical necessity
Classification: Emergency Benefits
Factor: Appropriateness of utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Utilization based on medical necessity, and efficient use of healthcare services and facilities as directed by the Plan benefits

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- Medicare/Medicaid program participation eligibility
- Service type
- Appropriateness of utilization

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Severity or chronicity of an illness

Definitions

Mental Health: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Substance Use Disorder: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Definitions

Mental Health: Lowest level of care the individual can be safely and effectively treated.

Substance Use Disorder: Lowest level of care the individual can be safely and effectively treated.

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Excessive utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Overuse of a service based on industry standards

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Internal claims analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Medicare/Medicaid program participation eligibility

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Federal and State requirements for participation in the Medicare/Medicaid program, including those pertaining to medical, technical and financial eligibility.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- State and Federal requirements

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Service type

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Appropriateness of utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Utilization based on medical necessity, and efficient use of healthcare services and facilities as directed by the Plan benefits

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question.

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Industry Standards

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Universal operational process, methods, or tools that are applicable in most companies within a specific industry.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question.

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Inpatient

Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Variability in quality
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- High levels of variation in length of stay
- Variability in quality
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type
- Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Service type

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- High variability in cost per episode of care
- Service type
- Relative reimbursement rates
- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: High levels of variation in length of stay

Definitions

Mental Health: Individuals with the same illness having different courses of improvement.

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: Variability in quality

Definitions

Mental Health: is individual improving, or is there a need for a change in the treatment plan, monitoring appropriateness and efficacy of treatment.

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: Severity or chronicity of an illness

Definitions

Mental Health: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: Service type

Definitions

Mental Health: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Substance Use Disorder: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Medical/Surgical: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: Least restrictive appropriate level of care

Definitions

Mental Health: Lowest level of care the individual can be safely and effectively treated.

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: Excessive utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Overuse of a service based on industry standards

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Internal claims analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: High variability in cost per episode of care

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: High cost of care relative to similar therapies. This is the cost relative to cost of care with similar drugs used for the same diagnosis and condition based on scientific evidence, standards of practice, and relevant findings of government agencies, medical associations, national commissions, peer-reviewed journals, and authoritative compendia.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Internal claims analysis
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: Relative reimbursement rates

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: reimbursement rates that vary based on parameters such as place of service

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Internal claims analysis
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: Industry Standards

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Universal operational process, methods, or tools that are applicable in most companies within a specific industry.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: Appropriateness of utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Utilization based on medical necessity, and efficient use of healthcare services and facilities as directed by the Plan benefits

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

- Not Applicable

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

- Not Applicable

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Lack of clinical efficiency of treatment or service
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- fail first protocol
- medication status on preferred drug list (PDL) as determined by the preferred drug program via recommendations by the P&T committee
- clinical appropriateness/medical necessity

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Lack of clinical efficiency of treatment or service
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- medication status on preferred drug list (PDL) as determined by the preferred drug program via recommendations by the P&T committee
- clinical appropriateness/medical necessity

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Lack of clinical efficiency of treatment or service
- High variability in cost per episode of care
- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- fail first protocol
- Industry Standards
- Appropriateness of utilization
- Efficacy demonstrated in rare conditions only
- Medical necessity is lacking or is not clearly evident
- Pervasive use of non-FDA approved diagnosis
- Two Tiered Formulary Design
- medication status on preferred drug list (PDL) as determined by the preferred drug program via recommendations by the P&T committee
- clinical appropriateness/medical necessity

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: Lack of clinical efficiency of treatment or service

Definitions

Mental Health: PAs used to approve drugs for participants after failing trials of other drugs or services

Substance Use Disorder: PAs used to approve drugs for participants after failing trials of other drugs or services

Medical/Surgical: PAs used to approve drugs for participants after failing trials of other drugs or services

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Question Skipped

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.
- A certain number/type of recognized medical literature and professional standards (including comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials), and published research studies.
- FDA Prescribing information & official compendium

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Mental Health:

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: Severity or chronicity of an illness

Definitions

Mental Health: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Substance Use Disorder: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Medical/Surgical: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Sources

Mental Health

- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Question Skipped

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.
- A certain number/type of recognized medical literature and professional standards (including comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials), and published research studies.
- FDA Prescribing information & official compendium

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Mental Health:

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: fail first protocol

Definitions

Mental Health: fail first protocol

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: fail first protocol

Sources

Mental Health

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Question Skipped

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Mental Health:

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: medication status on preferred drug list (PDL) as determined by the preferred drug program via recommendations by the P&T committee

Definitions

Mental Health: a drug's classification within the PDL which is a list of the dept's preferred and non preferred drugs developed by the departments preferred drug program via recommendations made by the P&T committee

Substance Use Disorder: a drug's classification within the PDL which is a list of the dept's preferred and non preferred drugs developed by the departments preferred drug program via recommendations made by the P&T committee

Medical/Surgical: a drug's classification within the PDL which is a list of the dept's preferred and non preferred drugs developed by the departments preferred drug program via recommendations made by the P&T committee

Sources

Mental Health

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Question Skipped

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.
- A certain number/type of recognized medical literature and professional standards (including comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials), and published research studies.
- FDA Prescribing information & official compendium

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Mental Health:

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: clinical appropriateness/medical necessity

Definitions

Mental Health: identified measures in place to determine the most appropriate treatment option for participants based on the participant's medical status, the placement of the treatment option on the PDL and the treatment option's clinical criteria

Substance Use Disorder: identified measures in place to determine the most appropriate treatment option for participants based on the participant's medical status, the placement of the treatment option on the PDL and the treatment option's clinical criteria

Medical/Surgical: identified measures in place to determine the most appropriate treatment option for participants based on the participant's medical status, the placement of the treatment option on the PDL and the treatment option's clinical criteria

Sources

Mental Health

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Question Skipped

Substance Use Disorder

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.
- A certain number/type of recognized medical literature and professional standards (including comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials), and published research studies.
- FDA Prescribing information & official compendium

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Mental Health:

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: High variability in cost per episode of care

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: High cost of care relative to similar therapies. This is the cost relative to cost of care with similar drugs used for the same diagnosis and condition based on scientific evidence, standards of practice, and relevant findings of government agencies, medical associations, national commissions, peer-reviewed journals, and authoritative compendia.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Internal claims analysis
- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Medical/Surgical: The MCO skipped this question.

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: Industry Standards

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Universal operational process, methods, or tools that are applicable in most companies within a specific industry.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Medical/Surgical: The MCO skipped this question.

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: Appropriateness of utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Utilization based on medical necessity, and efficient use of healthcare services and facilities as directed by the Plan benefits

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Medical/Surgical: The MCO skipped this question.

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: Efficacy demonstrated in rare conditions only

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Drugs that are approved for specific rare conditions and specific diagnostic testing is required

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Medical/Surgical: The MCO skipped this question.

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: Medical necessity is lacking or is not clearly evident

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Clinical evidence for use of drug is not clearly stated in national compendia such as American Hospital Formulary Service drug information (AHFS-DI), National Cancer Network (NCCN) Drugs and Biologics Compendium, and DrugDex.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Medical/Surgical: The MCO skipped this question.

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: Pervasive use of non-FDA approved diagnosis

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Drugs that have high propensity for being used for conditions not reflected in FDA-approved package labeling and comparative clinical studies that demonstrate efficacy and safety of the pharmaceutical product or therapy class.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Medical/Surgical: The MCO skipped this question.

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: Two Tiered Formulary Design

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Two tiered formulary design where prior authorization and Step therapy applies to some formulary drugs and prior authorization applies to all non-formulary drugs.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Medical/Surgical: The MCO skipped this question.

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Sources

Mental Health

- Not Applicable

Substance Use Disorder

- Not Applicable

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

- Not Applicable

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Severity or chronicity of an illness
- Service type

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Service type

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Excessive utilization
- Elasticity of demand
- Medicare/Medicaid program participation eligibility
- Service type
- Quality and performance measures (including customer feedback)
- Appropriateness of utilization

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Excessive utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Overuse of a service based on industry standards

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Internal claims analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Elasticity of demand

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: The change in demand, ostensibly referring to the demand for services, based on other factors

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Internal claims analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Medicare/Medicaid program participation eligibility

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Federal and State requirements for participation in the Medicare/Medicaid program, including those pertaining to medical, technical and financial eligibility.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- State and Federal requirements

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Service type

Definitions

Mental Health: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Substance Use Disorder: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Medical/Surgical: Services with various levels of intensity, including frequency and expected duration;

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Quality and performance measures (including customer feedback)

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Measures intended to evaluate and improve the quality of services, including, but not limited to: performance measures associated with waiver assurances, State regulations, national quality standards and pay for performance efforts.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Appropriateness of utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Utilization based on medical necessity, and efficient use of healthcare services and facilities as directed by the Plan benefits

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Severity or chronicity of an illness

Definitions

Mental Health: Level of current symptoms and presence of symptoms over time.

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Explain

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

- Not Applicable

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

Question Skipped

Explain

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Emergency Benefits

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Not Applicable

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Emergency Benefits

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: N

No Documents Attached

P1Q2: Identify all of the factors considered in the decision of whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Appropriateness of utilization

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Industry Standards

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Emergency Benefits

Factor: Not Applicable

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder: NQTL does not apply for this classification

Medical/Surgical:

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Explain

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Emergency Benefits

Factor: Appropriateness of utilization

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Utilization based on medical necessity, and efficient use of healthcare services and facilities as directed by the Plan benefits

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: prior authorization/pre authorization

Classification: Emergency Benefits

Factor: Industry Standards

Definitions

Mental Health: Utilization based on medical necessity, and efficient use of healthcare services and facilities as directed by the Plan benefits

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Universal operational process, methods, or tools that are applicable in most companies within a specific industry.

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- State and Federal requirements
- National accreditation standards
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: MCO opted to skip this question

Standard 9

NQTL Type: tiered drug formulary

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Category: Mental Health

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: Y

Please upload documentation demonstrating that the NQTL type is applied to 100% of benefits in this classification.

Supporting Documents

- Maryland_PDL_7.1.20.pdf
- PRP Clinical Criteria Jan 9 2018 final.pdf

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- medication status on preferred drug list (PDL) as determined by the preferred drug program via recommendations by the P&T committee
- clinical appropriateness/medical necessity
- fiscal responsibility/cost effectiveness

Standard 9

NQTL Type: tiered drug formulary

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Category: Substance Use Disorder

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: Y

Please upload documentation demonstrating that the NQTL type is applied to 100% of benefits in this classification.

Supporting Documents

- Maryland_PDL_7.1.20.pdf

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- medication status on preferred drug list (PDL) as determined by the preferred drug program via recommendations by the P&T committee
- clinical appropriateness/medical necessity
- fiscal responsibility/cost effectiveness

Standard 9

NQTL Type: tiered drug formulary

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Category: Medical/Surgical

P1Q1: Is this NQTL type applied to 100% of benefits in this classification? If yes, the Parity Manager™ will not require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in whether or not to apply this NQTL type to a particular benefit. Please note that the Parity Manager™ will require the maintenance of information about the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies.

Answer: Y

Please upload documentation demonstrating that the NQTL type is applied to 100% of benefits in this classification.

Supporting Documents

- Maryland Medicaid_Parity Analysis Definitions_9.10.20.pdf

P1Q3: Identify all of the factors considered in the design of how this NQTL type applies to a particular benefit. Identify all the factors, including if different factors are used for different benefits within the same classification.

Relied Upon

Considered

- Tiered drug formulary involves groupings of drugs subject to different level of cost share based on generic or brand designation
- medication status on preferred drug list (PDL) as determined by the preferred drug program via recommendations by the P&T committee
- clinical appropriateness/medical necessity
- fiscal responsibility/cost effectiveness

Standard 9

NQTL Type: tiered drug formulary

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: medication status on preferred drug list (PDL) as determined by the preferred drug program via recommendations by the P&T committee

Definitions

Mental Health: a drug's classification within the PDL which is a list of the dept's preferred and non preferred drugs developed by the departments preferred drug program via recommendations made by the P&T committee

Substance Use Disorder: a drug's classification within the PDL which is a list of the dept's preferred and non preferred drugs developed by the departments preferred drug program via recommendations made by the P&T committee

Medical/Surgical: a drug's classification within the PDL which is a list of the dept's preferred and non preferred drugs developed by the departments preferred drug program via recommendations made by the P&T committee

Sources

Mental Health

- Internal claims analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.
- A certain number/type of recognized medical literature and professional standards (including comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials), and published research studies.
- FDA Prescribing information & official compendium

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.
- A certain number/type of recognized medical literature and professional standards (including comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials), and published research studies.
- FDA Prescribing information & official compendium

Explain

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: tiered drug formulary

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: clinical appropriateness/medical necessity

Definitions

Mental Health: identified measures in place to determine the most appropriate treatment option for participants based on the participant's medical status, the placement of the treatment option on the PDL and the treatment option's clinical criteria

Substance Use Disorder: identified measures in place to determine the most appropriate treatment option for participants based on the participant's medical status, the placement of the treatment option on the PDL and the treatment option's clinical criteria

Medical/Surgical: identified measures in place to determine the most appropriate treatment option for participants based on the participant's medical status, the placement of the treatment option on the PDL and the treatment option's clinical criteria

Sources

Mental Health

- Internal claims analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Medical expert reviews
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.
- A certain number/type of recognized medical literature and professional standards (including comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials), and published research studies.
- FDA Prescribing information & official compendium
- process review(s) for auditing claims data to ensure compliance of a participant's treatment and service plan in conjunction with their prior authorization

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.
- A certain number/type of recognized medical literature and professional standards (including comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials), and published research studies.
- FDA Prescribing information & official compendium

Explain

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: tiered drug formulary

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: fiscal responsibility/cost effectiveness

Definitions

Mental Health: examination of a drug's actual cost and rebateable status for the State with an emphasis on cost conservation and reduction of waste for the department while still maintaining the accessibility of care to participants

Substance Use Disorder: examination of a drug's actual cost and rebateable status for the State with an emphasis on cost conservation and reduction of waste for the department while still maintaining the accessibility of care to participants

Medical/Surgical: examination of a drug's actual cost and rebateable status for the State with an emphasis on cost conservation and reduction of waste for the department while still maintaining the accessibility of care to participants

Sources

Mental Health

- Internal claims analysis
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Substance Use Disorder

- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Medical/Surgical

- Internal claims analysis
- State and Federal requirements
- Evidentiary standards, including any published standards as well as internal plan or issuer standards, relied upon to define the factors triggering the application of an NQTL to benefits

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.
- A certain number/type of recognized medical literature and professional standards (including comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials), and published research studies.
- FDA Prescribing information & official compendium
- process review(s) for auditing claims data to ensure compliance of a participant's treatment and service plan in conjunction with their prior authorization

Substance Use Disorder

Question Skipped

Medical/Surgical

- Compliance with professionally recognized treatment guidelines used to define clinically appropriate standards of care such as ASAM criteria or APA treatment guidelines.
- A certain number/type of recognized medical literature and professional standards (including comparative effectiveness studies and clinical trials), and published research studies.
- FDA Prescribing information & official compendium

Explain

Substance Use Disorder:

Standard 9

NQTL Type: tiered drug formulary

Classification: Prescription Drugs

Factor: Tiered drug formulary involves groupings of drugs subject to different level of cost share based on generic or brand designation

Definitions

Mental Health:

Substance Use Disorder:

Medical/Surgical: Tiered formulary based on generic or brand designation

Sources

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- State and Federal requirements

Evidentiary Standards

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Medical/Surgical

- Not Applicable

Explain

Medical/Surgical: he MCO skipped this question.

Standard 10

Any parity flags found in Standard 10 are reported below. The number of flags per classification and limit type combination is shown.

Parity Flag			
	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Inpatient	-	-	-
Outpatient - Other	-	-	-
Outpatient - Office Based	-	-	-
Emergency Benefits	-	-	-
Prescription Drugs	-	-	-

Any classification/category/NQTL combination considered incomplete is reported in the table below.

Missing Information			
	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Inpatient	Y	Y	Y
Outpatient - Other	Y	Y	Y
Outpatient - Office Based	Y	Y	Y
Emergency Benefits	Y	Y	Y
Prescription Drugs	Y	Y	Y

Standard 10

NQTL: Outlier Management

P1Q1: Identify all of the Operations Measures the Organization regularly collects and analyzes for the purposes of ensuring that this NQTL is applied in compliance with MHPAEA.

	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Inpatient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD • Outlier Management Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD • Outlier Management Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency with which reviews are conducted • Degree of discretion exercised by utilization review staff • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Frequency that authorization requirements are waived • Number of days or visits authorized per review • Utilization trends • Exception processes available for each NQTL requirement and when they may be applied.
Outpatient - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD • Outlier Management Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD • Outlier Management Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency with which reviews are conducted • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Utilization trends • Exception processes available for each NQTL requirement and when they may be applied.
Outpatient - Office Based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD • Outlier Management Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD • Outlier Management Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Utilization trends • Exception processes available for each NQTL requirement and when they may be applied. • provider financial analysis (monthly) • audits tracker (monthly) • duplicate records (monthly)
Emergency Benefits	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Utilization trends • Exception processes available for each NQTL requirement and when they may be applied.

Mental Health**Substance Use Disorder****Medical/Surgical**

**Prescription
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Standard 10

NQTL: Service Limitations

P1Q1: Identify all of the Operations Measures the Organization regularly collects and analyzes for the purposes of ensuring that this NQTL is applied in compliance with MHPAEA.

	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Inpatient	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification
Outpatient - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification
Outpatient - Office Based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification
Emergency Benefits	-	-	-
Prescription Drugs	-	-	-

Standard 10

NQTL: concurrent review

P1Q1: Identify all of the Operations Measures the Organization regularly collects and analyzes for the purposes of ensuring that this NQTL is applied in compliance with MHPAEA.

	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Inpatient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency with which reviews are conducted • Degree of discretion exercised by utilization review staff • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Frequency that authorization requirements are waived • Number of days or visits authorized per review • Exception processes available for each NQTL requirement and when they may be applied.
Outpatient - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency with which reviews are conducted • Degree of discretion exercised by utilization review staff • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Number of days or visits authorized per review • Exception processes available for each NQTL requirement and when they may be applied. • evaluation of annual concurrent reviews and prior authorization reviews completed on a quarterly basis
Outpatient - Office Based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Number of days or visits authorized per review • Exception processes available for each NQTL requirement and when they may be applied.
Emergency Benefits	-	-	-
Prescription Drugs	-	-	-

Standard 10

NQTL: data collection

P1Q1: Identify all of the Operations Measures the Organization regularly collects and analyzes for the purposes of ensuring that this NQTL is applied in compliance with MHPAEA.

	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Inpatient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	-
Outpatient - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	-
Outpatient - Office Based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	-
Emergency Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	-
Prescription Drugs	-	-	-

Standard 10

NQTL: fail first requirements/step therapy

P1Q1: Identify all of the Operations Measures the Organization regularly collects and analyzes for the purposes of ensuring that this NQTL is applied in compliance with MHPAEA.

	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Inpatient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification
Outpatient - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Degree of discretion exercised by utilization review staff
Outpatient - Office Based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification
Emergency Benefits	-	-	-
Prescription Drugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type and level of documentation (e.g., chart notes, lab results, treatment plans, etc.) the health plan requires from providers during reviews Utilization trends Clinical Criteria applied based on FDA labeling and requirements and Official Compendium Internal monitoring of prior authorizations to determine compliance of treatment/service plans for drug efficacy based on concurrent review of treatment plans, service usage, and drug utilization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type and level of documentation (e.g., chart notes, lab results, treatment plans, etc.) the health plan requires from providers during reviews Utilization trends Clinical Criteria applied based on FDA labeling and requirements and Official Compendium Internal monitoring of prior authorizations to determine compliance of treatment/service plans for drug efficacy based on concurrent review of treatment plans, service usage, and drug utilization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type and level of documentation (e.g., chart notes, lab results, treatment plans, etc.) the health plan requires from providers during reviews Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers Utilization trends Exception processes available for each NQTL requirement and when they may be applied. clinical criteria applied based on FDA labeling and requirements official compendium internal monitoring of prior authorizations to determine compliance of treatment/service plans for drug efficacy based on concurrent review of treatment plans, service usage and drug utilization

Standard 10

NQTL: medical necessity

P1Q1: Identify all of the Operations Measures the Organization regularly collects and analyzes for the purposes of ensuring that this NQTL is applied in compliance with MHPAEA.

	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Inpatient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency with which reviews are conducted • Type and level of documentation (e.g., chart notes, lab results, treatment plans, etc.) the health plan requires from providers during reviews • Degree of discretion exercised by utilization review staff • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Frequency that authorization requirements are waived • Number of days or visits authorized per review • Exception processes available for each NQTL requirement and when they may be applied.
Outpatient - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type and level of documentation (e.g., chart notes, lab results, treatment plans, etc.) the health plan requires from providers during reviews • Degree of discretion exercised by utilization review staff • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Exception processes available for each NQTL requirement and when they may be applied. • tracking of denial of plans of service that do not meet medical necessity

	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Outpatient - Office Based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type and level of documentation (e.g., chart notes, lab results, treatment plans, etc.) the health plan requires from providers during reviews • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Exception processes available for each NQTL requirement and when they may be applied. • duplicate restorations (quarterly)
Emergency Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Exception processes available for each NQTL requirement and when they may be applied.
Prescription Drugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type and level of documentation (e.g., chart notes, lab results, treatment plans, etc.) the health plan requires from providers during reviews • Utilization trends • Clinical Criteria applied based on FDA labeling and requirements and Official • Compendium Internal monitoring of prior authorizations to determine compliance of treatment/service plans for drug efficacy based on concurrent review of treatment plans, service usage, and drug utilization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type and level of documentation (e.g., chart notes, lab results, treatment plans, etc.) the health plan requires from providers during reviews • Utilization trends • Clinical Criteria applied based on FDA labeling and requirements and Official • Compendium Internal monitoring of prior authorizations to determine compliance of treatment/service plans for drug efficacy based on concurrent review of treatment plans, service usage, and drug utilization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type and level of documentation (e.g., chart notes, lab results, treatment plans, etc.) the health plan requires from providers during reviews • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Utilization trends • Exception processes available for each NQTL requirement and when they may be applied. • clinical criteria applied based on FDA labeling and requirements • official compendium internal monitoring of prior authorizations to determine compliance of treatment/service plans for drug efficacy based on concurrent review of treatment plans, service usage and drug utilization

Standard 10

NQTL: prior authorization/pre authorization

P1Q1: Identify all of the Operations Measures the Organization regularly collects and analyzes for the purposes of ensuring that this NQTL is applied in compliance with MHPAEA.

	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Inpatient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency with which reviews are conducted • Degree of discretion exercised by utilization review staff • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Frequency that authorization requirements are waived • Number of days or visits authorized per review • Exception processes available for each NQTL requirement and when they may be applied.
Outpatient - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency with which reviews are conducted • Degree of discretion exercised by utilization review staff • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Number of days or visits authorized per review • Exception processes available for each NQTL requirement and when they may be applied. • evaluation of annual concurrent reviews and prior authorization reviews completed on a quarterly basis
Outpatient - Office Based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Internal audit findings related to coverage determination consistency with the plan's medical necessity criteria • Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Exception processes available for each NQTL requirement and when they may be applied. • services preauthorized not received (monthly)
Emergency Benefits	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers • Exception processes available for each NQTL requirement and when they may be applied.

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- Type and level of documentation (e.g., chart notes, lab results, treatment plans, etc.) the health plan requires from providers during reviews
- Utilization trends
- Clinical Criteria applied based on FDA labeling and requirements and Official
- Compendium Internal monitoring of prior authorizations to determine compliance of treatment/service plans for drug efficacy based on concurrent review of treatment plans, service usage, and drug utilization

- Type and level of documentation (e.g., chart notes, lab results, treatment plans, etc.) the health plan requires from providers during reviews
- Utilization trends
- Clinical Criteria applied based on FDA labeling and requirements and Official
- Compendium Internal monitoring of prior authorizations to determine compliance of treatment/service plans for drug efficacy based on concurrent review of treatment plans, service usage, and drug utilization

- Type and level of documentation (e.g., chart notes, lab results, treatment plans, etc.) the health plan requires from providers during reviews
- Inter-rater reliability surveys for medical/surgical, mental health and substance use disorder reviewers
- Utilization trends
- Exception processes available for each NQTL requirement and when they may be applied.
- clinical criteria applied based on FDA labeling and requirements
- official compendium internal monitoring of prior authorizations to determine compliance of treatment/service plans for drug efficacy based on concurrent review of treatment plans, service usage and drug utilization

Standard 10

NQTL: tiered drug formulary

P1Q1: Identify all of the Operations Measures the Organization regularly collects and analyzes for the purposes of ensuring that this NQTL is applied in compliance with MHPAEA.

	Mental Health	Substance Use Disorder	Medical/Surgical
Inpatient	-	-	-
Outpatient - Other	-	-	-
Outpatient - Office Based	-	-	-
Emergency Benefits	-	-	-
Prescription Drugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type and level of documentation (e.g., chart notes, lab results, treatment plans, etc.) the health plan requires from providers during reviews Utilization trends Clinical Criteria applied based on FDA labeling and requirements and Official Compendium Internal monitoring of prior authorizations to determine compliance of treatment/service plans for drug efficacy based on concurrent review of treatment plans, service usage, and drug utilization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type and level of documentation (e.g., chart notes, lab results, treatment plans, etc.) the health plan requires from providers during reviews Utilization trends Clinical Criteria applied based on FDA labeling and requirements and Official Compendium Internal monitoring of prior authorizations to determine compliance of treatment/service plans for drug efficacy based on concurrent review of treatment plans, service usage, and drug utilization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type and level of documentation (e.g., chart notes, lab results, treatment plans, etc.) the health plan requires from providers during reviews Utilization trends Review of Claims Activity per formulary design clinical criteria applied based on FDA labeling and requirements official compendium internal monitoring of prior authorizations to determine compliance of treatment/service plans for drug efficacy based on concurrent review of treatment plans, service usage and drug utilization

Standard 10

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Emergency Benefits
Category: Substance Use Disorder

Upload data or other documents defining or illustrating the Operations Measures. For Accreditation Applicants, upload documents defining the Operations Measures and the most recent minutes from a compliance or operations meeting in which the listed Operations Measure was reviewed and discussed.

NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification

Supporting Documents

- We DO NOT apply any NQTLs to the Emergency and Pharmacy Benefits.docx

Standard 10

NQTL Type: Outlier Management

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Mental Health

Upload data or other documents defining or illustrating the Operations Measures. For Accreditation Applicants, upload documents defining the Operations Measures and the most recent minutes from a compliance or operations meeting in which the listed Operations Measure was reviewed and discussed.

Outlier Management Data

Supporting Documents

- 1.Sample monthly FWA report - Standard Template - MD.xlsx

Standard 10

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Other
Category: Substance Use Disorder

Upload data or other documents defining or illustrating the Operations Measures. For Accreditation Applicants, upload documents defining the Operations Measures and the most recent minutes from a compliance or operations meeting in which the listed Operations Measure was reviewed and discussed.

Outlier Management Data

Supporting Documents

- 1.Sample monthly FWA report - Standard Template - MD.xlsx

Standard 10

NQTL Type: Outlier Management
Classification: Outpatient - Office Based
Category: Substance Use Disorder

Upload data or other documents defining or illustrating the Operations Measures. For Accreditation Applicants, upload documents defining the Operations Measures and the most recent minutes from a compliance or operations meeting in which the listed Operations Measure was reviewed and discussed.

Outlier Management Data

Supporting Documents

- 1.Sample monthly FWA report - Standard Template - MD.xlsx

Standard 10

NQTL Type: Service Limitations

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Medical/Surgical

Upload data or other documents defining or illustrating the Operations Measures. For Accreditation Applicants, upload documents defining the Operations Measures and the most recent minutes from a compliance or operations meeting in which the listed Operations Measure was reviewed and discussed.

NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification

Supporting Documents

- Maryland Medicaid_Parity Analysis Definitions_9.10.20.pdf

Standard 10

NQTL Type: Service Limitations

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Medical/Surgical

Upload data or other documents defining or illustrating the Operations Measures. For Accreditation Applicants, upload documents defining the Operations Measures and the most recent minutes from a compliance or operations meeting in which the listed Operations Measure was reviewed and discussed.

NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification

Supporting Documents

- Maryland Medicaid_Parity Analysis Definitions_9.10.20.pdf

Standard 10

NQTL Type: Service Limitations

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Mental Health

Upload data or other documents defining or illustrating the Operations Measures. For Accreditation Applicants, upload documents defining the Operations Measures and the most recent minutes from a compliance or operations meeting in which the listed Operations Measure was reviewed and discussed.

Authorization Denial Rates for MH/SUD

Supporting Documents

- Auth Stats for June 2020.xlsx

Standard 10

NQTL Type: Service Limitations

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Substance Use Disorder

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NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification

Supporting Documents

- DO NOT APPLY NQTLS to OP -Other SUD v2.0.docx

Standard 10

NQTL Type: Service Limitations

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Medical/Surgical

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NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification

Supporting Documents

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Standard 10

NQTL Type: data collection

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Mental Health

Upload data or other documents defining or illustrating the Operations Measures. For Accreditation Applicants, upload documents defining the Operations Measures and the most recent minutes from a compliance or operations meeting in which the listed Operations Measure was reviewed and discussed.

NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification

Supporting Documents

- Optum Benefits Mapping_MDH Revisions_7.17.20.xlsx

Standard 10

NQTL Type: data collection

Classification: Outpatient - Other

Category: Mental Health

Upload data or other documents defining or illustrating the Operations Measures. For Accreditation Applicants, upload documents defining the Operations Measures and the most recent minutes from a compliance or operations meeting in which the listed Operations Measure was reviewed and discussed.

NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification

Supporting Documents

- Optum Benefits Mapping_MDH Revisions_7.17.20.xlsx

Standard 10

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Medical/Surgical

Upload data or other documents defining or illustrating the Operations Measures. For Accreditation Applicants, upload documents defining the Operations Measures and the most recent minutes from a compliance or operations meeting in which the listed Operations Measure was reviewed and discussed.

NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification

Supporting Documents

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Standard 10

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Inpatient

Category: Mental Health

Upload data or other documents defining or illustrating the Operations Measures. For Accreditation Applicants, upload documents defining the Operations Measures and the most recent minutes from a compliance or operations meeting in which the listed Operations Measure was reviewed and discussed.

NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification

Supporting Documents

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Standard 10

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Medical/Surgical

Upload data or other documents defining or illustrating the Operations Measures. For Accreditation Applicants, upload documents defining the Operations Measures and the most recent minutes from a compliance or operations meeting in which the listed Operations Measure was reviewed and discussed.

NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification

Supporting Documents

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Standard 10

NQTL Type: fail first requirements/step therapy

Classification: Outpatient - Office Based

Category: Substance Use Disorder

Upload data or other documents defining or illustrating the Operations Measures. For Accreditation Applicants, upload documents defining the Operations Measures and the most recent minutes from a compliance or operations meeting in which the listed Operations Measure was reviewed and discussed.

NQTL does not apply to any services in this classification

Supporting Documents

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