

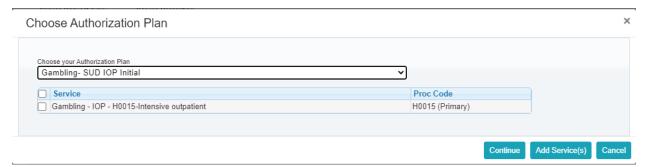
PROVIDER ALERT

New Gambling Authorization Plans Effective March 21, 2022 March 16, 2022

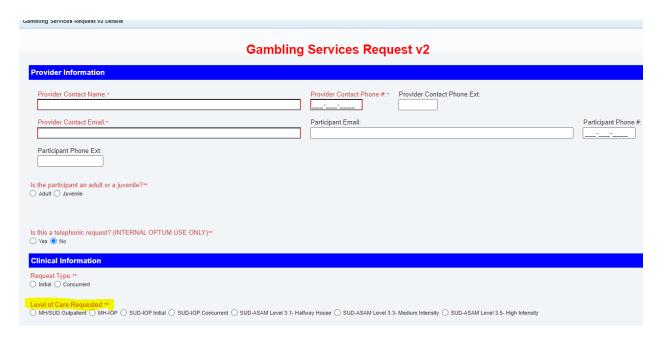
Target Audience: Providers Servicing Participants for Gambling Treatment

Optum Maryland wishes to advise providers of changes to the process for requesting authorization for gambling treatment. Effective March 21, 2022, each level of care will have its own authorization plan. **Providers must select the specific authorization plan for the level of care they will be providing.**

For example, providers seeking authorization for Gambling-IOP, would select the "Gambling – SUD IOP Initial" authorization plan, as shown below:



When selected, each of the gambling authorization plans will trigger an updated Gambling Services Clinical Request Form that must be completed for all Gambling treatment. As shown below, providers must indicate the appropriate level of care being requested on the form and all fields in red are required.



Those levels of care that require a clinical review will be saved and displayed as "in process" until reviewed by a Care Advocate to ensure medical necessity criteria is met. Other levels of care will be auto-approved as long as there are no issues with eligibility or provider status.

Below are the new **Authorization Plans for Gambling**, along with the provider types who may access each plan.

Provider Types	Available Authorization Plans
Psychologists (PT15)	· Gambling-Outpatient
Physicians (PT20)	· Gambling-Outpatient
Nurse Practitioner, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (PT23)	- Gambling-Outpatient
Mental Health Group Therapy Provider (PT27)	· Gambling-Outpatient

Clinic/Drug (PT32)	· Gambling-Outpatient
Substance Use Disorder Program Provider (PT50)	 Gambling-Outpatient Gambling-SUD IOP Initial Gambling-SUD IOP Concurrent
IMD Residential Substance Use Disorder (PT54)	 Gambling Residential ASAM 3.1 Initial Gambling Residential ASAM 3.1 Concurrent Gambling Residential ASAM 3.3 Initial Gambling Residential ASAM 3.3 Concurrent Gambling Residential ASAM 3.5 Initial Gambling Residential ASAM 3.5 Concurrent
Physician Assistant (PT80)	· Gambling-Outpatient
Social Worker (LCSW-C) (PT94)	· Gambling-Outpatient

Outpatient Mental Health Clinic (PTMC)	 Gambling-Outpatient Gambling-MH IOP Initial Gambling-MH IOP Concurrent Gambling Crisis
Certified Professional Counselor (PTCC)	· Gambling-Outpatient
Gambling Provider (PTGA)	 Gambling-Outpatient Gambling-MH IOP Initial Gambling-MH IOP Concurrent Gambling-SUD IOP Initial Gambling-SUD IOP Concurrent Gambling Residential ASAM 3.1 Initial Gambling Residential ASAM 3.1 Concurrent Gambling Residential ASAM 3.3 Initial Gambling Residential ASAM 3.3 Concurrent Gambling Residential ASAM 3.5 Initial Gambling Residential ASAM 3.5 Concurrent Gambling Residential ASAM 3.5 Concurrent

Please note, for "Outpatient" levels of care, the recipient can be either the gambling patient themselves, or a concerned other. When providing care to a concerned other, select the relevant authorization plan that begins "Gambling – Concerned Other."

If you have questions about the information contained in this alert, please contact customer services at 1-800-888-1965.

Thank you,

Optum Maryland Team