

# **SB43 County Funded Inpatient Hospitalization Authorization Requests**

## SB43 Inpatient (IP) Psychiatric BHU Requests

1. Hospital ruled out co-occurring Mental Health (MH) & confirmed:

**Standalone severe SUD + GD + Legal Hold**

1a. If co-occurring, STOP SB43 workflow and request MH authorization per usual “San Diego IP Concurrent Review Authorization Process”

2. Call Optum (800-798-2254, option 3 then 1) and **fax** request (866-220-4495) using Inpatient Auth Request Fax Cover Sheet **marked “SB43/IP BHU”** with required documents (include plan for SUD recovery services)

3. If during admission or at **first** continuation request, it's identified the client is co-occurring, hospital may instead request authorization per usual MH pathways (MH authorization to begin date of admission)

4. Optum makes SB43/IP BHU admission determination within 24 hours and continuation determination within 1 business day

5. **Admission requests-up to 3 acute IP BHU days** authorized

6. **Continuation requests**

6a. Before submitting continuation, hospital calls API to check Chemical Dependency Recovery Hospitalization (CDRH) bed availability; if available coordinate transfer\*

6b. If CDRH bed not available, continuation may be submitted before end of previous authorization & **up to 4 acute days** authorized

6c. Administrative days may be authorized on a case-by-case basis

7. If modified/denied: hospital may request expedited/informal appeal review

8. Upon discharge, hospital faxes to Optum IP Auth Request Fax Cover Sheet **marked SB43/IP BHU** with required documents

9. UB04 facility claim submitted to Optum; **retroactive requests mark SB43 IP/BHU**

\*<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/BHIN-24-011.pdf>

\*<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/SB-43-FAQs.pdf>

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**MEDI-CAL FFS PROVIDER LINE  
(800) 798-2254  
HOURS OF OPERATION: MON. - FRI.  
8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

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