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To: Network Providers  
From: Beacon Health Options  
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The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) has previously required managed care plans to establish certain provider flexibilities to help respond to the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19). As the State commences with the reopening, the Agency will evaluate each flexibility that was enacted to determine the potential end date.

Consistent with Phase 2 of Governor Ron DeSantis' *Plan for Florida's Recovery*, plans may reinstate prior authorization requirements for Medicaid services that were previously waived in response to COVID-19. As stated in Policy Transmittal 2020-35 released on June 12<sup>th</sup>, these services do NOT include restoring prior authorization requirements and service limits (frequency and duration) for behavioral health services, inpatient behavioral health services, and targeted case management services. In addition, the requirements outlined in Agency Policy Transmittal: 2020-24 continue to apply for behavioral health services until further notice. As a subcontractor, Beacon Health Options will continue this flexibility until further notice.

Beacon sincerely appreciates your collaboration and partnership, as a network provider; in ensuring the highest quality of care is delivered to the members we serve.

Should you have any question, please reach out to your Provider Relations Representative.