



Community Behavioral Health: Provider Notification Billing for Tricyclic Antidepressants (TCA) Urine Screening October 12, 2018

On April 23, 2018, CBH issued Provider Bulletin #18-03, TCA Urine Screening Prior Authorization, related to the authorization and billing for urine screening for tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs). The Bulletin outlined changes to the authorization requirements of TCA screens. Prior authorization from CBH Medical Affairs has been required for the billing of TCA screens since May 23, 2018.

CBH Compliance recently reviewed paid claims for these lab services and noted that billing continues for TCA screens without prior authorization. CBH Compliance will be recouping payments made, to the labs involved, for these services that have not been appropriately authorized. In addition, CBH will be modifying the provider agency Schedule A to require an authorization number for successful claim submission.

Prior to ordering TCA screen(s), physicians must complete the TCA request form, which can be found in the "Bulletin" section of the DBHIDS website at: [DBHIDS | CBH Provider Bulletins](#), posted under Bulletin 18-03 as "TCA Request Form."