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Behavioral health authorization requirement changes

Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus has recently updated its Precertification Lookup Tool (PLUTO) to more accurately reflect the current behavioral health authorization process for our Medicaid product. As a result of this update, effective October 1, 2016, the codes listed below have been updated in PLUTO to show that authorization is required for the service.

Procedure code	Service description
H0038	Peer Support
H0040	Assertive Community Treatment
H0045	Short-term Respite
H2001	Rehabilitation Program, per 1/2 day (Concurrent Authorization)
H2017	Psychosocial Rehab, 15 minutes
H2018	Psychosocial Rehab, per diem
H2019	Therapeutic behavioral services, per 15 minutes
H2023	Supported Employment
H2025	Ongoing Support to Maintain Employment
H2034	Alcohol and/or drug abuse halfway house services, per diem
S9484	Partial Hospitalization
T1015	Clinic Treatment
T2013	Habilitation, prevocational, per diem
T2015	Habilitation, prevocational, per hour
T2017	Habilitation, residential, per 15 minutes
T2019	Habilitation, supported employment, per 15 minutes

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