

SPECIAL eBULLETIN

FOR FACILITY PROVIDERS

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AFTER-HOURS AND WEEKEND NOTIFICATION OF URGENT AND UNPLANNED ADMISSIONS

EFFECTIVE JUNE 24, 2022

To request an unplanned or urgent **medical** admission authorization after business hours or on the weekend, providers should use NaviNet[®] or fax Highmark at **800-416-9195**. Providers who choose to use the telephone will be directed to leave a confidential voicemail message with member information. Clinical information to support the **medical** admission should be faxed to **800-416-9195**.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

To request an urgent **behavioral** health admission after business hours or on the weekend, providers should use NaviNet[®] or fax Highmark at **877-650-6112**. Providers who choose to use the telephone will be directed to leave a confidential voicemail message with member information.

IMPORTANT: Observation stays do not require notification. Only contact Highmark if you are requesting an inpatient admission authorization.

HIGHMARK BUSINESS HOURS

Follow normal processes during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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