



Behavioral Health National Medical Necessity Criteria

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Background:

As of September 1, 2016, the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services will require all managed care organizations to adopt National Medical Necessity Criteria. Passport Health Plan will use [MCG Care Guidelines](#) (formerly Milliman) as its behavioral health level of care criteria. If a behavioral health level of care is not covered by MCG, then tools listed below will be used to establish medical necessity:

- Level of Care Utilization System (LOCUS);
- Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument (CASII); and
- Early Childhood Service Intensity Instrument (ECSII).

When a level of care requested is not included in one of the tools above, Passport will apply its own proprietary level of care, to be approved by Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services.

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria will continue to be used as part of the review process for determining the appropriate level of care for individuals with substance use disorders.

Please be aware that through this transition, reviews may take longer initially.

Provider Action Needed:

No action is required at this time. Providers will not be required to complete any trainings or certifications for this new instrument. Only the structure of the reviews will change to accommodate the specific information needed to complete the tool.

Questions:

If you have any questions, please contact Passport's Behavioral Health, 855-834-5651 or your [provider relations specialist](#).