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### Provider Notice

**To:** HealthChoices Family Based Mental Health Services Providers  
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We are now able to utilize a new “frequency functionality” in the eCura authorization system for FBMHS. This change will eliminate the manual review and audits performed by Corporate Compliance to assess for members utilizing more than 172 units in a month when not approved for a unit increase. Due to the way in which the system defines a month and FBMHS typically being authorized in weeks we had to adjust our formula calculation for units to execute these changes.

Effective **February 1, 2013**, providers requesting Family Based Mental Health Services will see a change in their authorization. Rather than receiving an authorization for 1,376 units in an initial 32 week treatment span, the authorization will reflect a maximum of 1,280 units. The calculation is based on 10 hours a week of service and is equal to 40 units per week.

As always, the monthly limit of rendering no more than 172 units a month will remain in effect. In the event that more than 172 units are required in the month, it will be necessary to submit a separate request for additional units per Policy and Procedure CM-CAS-044. PerformCare will review for Medical Necessity and, if approved, a separate authorization number will be issued and required when submitting for payment.

Please feel free to contact your assigned Account Executive with questions or concerns regarding the change in authorized units.