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North Sound BH-ASO Memorandum 2026-02

DATE: March 10, 2026

TO: North Sound BH-ASO Provider Network – Fee For Service (FFS) & Program of Assertive Community Action (PACT)

FROM: Megan Drake, Clinical Manager

RE: Medical Necessity & Supplemental Clinical Review Supporting Documentation (Policy 1594.02) – Effective April 1, 2026

Dear North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (North Sound BH-ASO) FFS and PACT Contracted Providers:

North Sound BH-ASO is issuing this memorandum to notify provider network partners of the following update that will take effect on **April 1, 2026**. Please review the information below and share as appropriate with relevant clinical staff within your organization.

Demonstration of Medical Necessity

In order to assess and demonstrate that Medical Necessity has been met and services are being provided at the appropriate level of care, North Sound BH-ASO Clinical Reviewers will begin requesting clinical documentation as needed that supports the requested Diagnosis and Level of Care indicated in the Fee-For-Service or PACT Authorization Request. Supporting documentation to be requested will be ASAM assessment criteria and/or LOCUS/CALOCUS or equivalent leveling too.

Please reference Policy 1594.02 *Authorization Requirement Guide* for additional information (available [here](#)).

If you have questions regarding this memorandum or need additional clarification, please contact North Sound BH-ASO Clinical Manager, Megan Drake (megan_drake@nsbhaso.org).

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to serving individuals and families across the North Sound region.

Cc: North Sound BH-ASO Contracts; North Sound BH-ASO Staff