

**Seattle Children’s Hospital perspective on acute hospital admissions
BHO and Inpatient Psychiatry Admission Standards – Current State**

BHO	Counties Covered	Admission Process
Great Rivers	Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Pacific Wahkiakum	One initial day of admission is allowed without authorization; then authorization is required for any additional days. Frequently continued stay past the initial 1 day is denied.
Greater Columbia	Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Kittitas, Klickitat, Walla Walla, Whitman, Yakima	Prior authorization is required. They are allowing SCH to call in within 24 hours of admission to request auth. Usually gives initial authorization of 7 days.
King County	King	Prior authorization is required; they are trialing a pilot with SCH to allow the authorization to be requested within 24 hours of admission, but still are denying if they don’t agree medical necessity has been met.
North Sound	Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom	One initial day of admission is allowed without authorization; then authorization is required for any additional days. Occasionally continued stay past the initial 1 day is denied.
Optum/Pierce	Pierce	Using the New Contract Language as of September 2018!! No authorization required for emergent admission and as long as patient meets emergent criteria. Once patient is stable, request authorization for continued stay/post-stabilization services.
Salish	Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap	They are allowing SCH to call in within 24 hours of admission to request auth.
Spokane	Adams, Ferry, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens	They are allowing SCH to call in within 24 hours of admission to request auth. Usually gives initial authorization of 7 days.
Thurston-Mason	Thurston, Mason	They are allowing SCH to call in within 24 hours of admission to request auth.

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Integrated Managed Care Admission Standards – Current State**

Payer	Counties Covered	Admission Process
Molina	Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Clark, Skamania	Fax next business day for admission notification/authorization request.
Coordinated Care	Chelan, Douglas, Grant	
CHPW	Clark, Skamania	Call in notification on next business day for and fax clinical.
Amerigroup	Chelan, Douglas, Grant	Call or fax next business day.
United Health Care Comm. Plan	n/a	