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## PROVIDER BULLETIN #9

February 17, 2009

**TO: All Facilities Providing Alaska Medicaid Acute Inpatient Psychiatric Services**

**FROM: Qualis Health, Alaska State Medicaid Inpatient Psychiatric Review**

**RE: Updated Acute Inpatient Psychiatric Review Criteria**

Effective April 15, 2009, the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Behavioral Health will require the application of updated criteria during the review process for all acute inpatient psychiatric admissions and continued stays. The criteria set currently in use has been updated by the State in keeping with both the regulatory and clinical requirements for acute inpatient psychiatric hospitalization. The *Acute Care Medical Necessity Criteria* (effective April 15, 2009) is provided with this communication for you to review in advance.

In preparation for continuing our utilization review work together using the updated criteria, we have scheduled several sessions for provider education and training to inform you about the changes in the updated criteria.

### PROVIDER EDUCATION WEBINAR SESSIONS

**Tuesday, March 17, 2009**                      **10:00–11:30 AM Alaska Time, or  
2:00–3:30 PM Alaska Time**

**Tuesday, April 7, 2009**                      **10:00–11:30 AM Alaska Time, or  
2:00–3:30 PM Alaska Time**

We hope you will plan to join us. Please complete the attached registration form and return to us via fax at (877) 200-9047.

**Instructions for webinar participation and all accompanying materials are available on our website at [www.qualishealth.org](http://www.qualishealth.org).** Please feel free to contact us at (877) 200-9046 or (907) 562-5645 if you have any questions about this material.