



**Medical Necessity w/o Insurance? (7.28.16)** (Trouble viewing this email? [Click here](#))

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### **If I Don't Take Insurance...Do I Still Need to Document Medical Necessity?**

This is such a hot topic that a documentation question comes across my in-box almost weekly. The answer is **yes!** Documentation is a standard in our profession and there are some good reasons why.

#### **The Lowdown**

- 1.** Even if you are not on insurance panels, if you see a client who has out-of-network benefits and uses a PPO, you can still be audited. This means you still have to justify medical necessity or risk claw backs. This doesn't happen often, but it has been happening more in recent years.
- 2.** Your records could be subpoenaed, so you want to make sure they are HIPAA-compliant to protect you and your client.
- 3.** You may have a client who goes out on Workman's Comp or requests Disability. These entities can request your records. It's much better to have already written your notes when they are fresh than to have to write them when they are stale.
- 4.** If the client is ever a danger to him/herself or others, you need to document your assessments and what you did in response.

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