Provider News





MEDICARE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

LIST EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Wellcare and Wellcare by Allwell require prior authorization (PA) as a condition of payment for many services. This Notice contains information regarding such prior authorization requirements and is applicable to all Medicare products offered by Wellcare and Wellcare by Allwell.

Wellcare and Wellcare by Allwell are committed to delivering cost effective quality care to our members. This effort requires us to ensure that our members receive only treatment that is medically necessary according to current standards of practice. Prior authorization is a process initiated by the physician in which we verify the medical necessity of a treatment in advance using independent objective medical criteria and/or in network utilization, where applicable.

It is the ordering/prescribing provider's responsibility to determine which specific codes require prior authorization.

Please verify eligibility and benefits prior to rendering services for all members. Payment, regardless of authorization, is contingent on the member's eligibility at the time service is rendered. NON-PAR PROVIDERS & FACILITIES REQUIRE AUTHORIZATION FOR ALL HMO SERVICES EXCEPT WHERE INDICATED.

For complete CPT/HCPCS code listing, please see Online Prior Authorization Tool on our website

at: https://www.wellcare.com/en/Missouri/Providers/Bulletins and https://www.homestatehealth.com/providers/allwell-provider-materials.html

EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2023, THE FOLLOWING ARE CHANGES TO PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS:

SERVICE CATEGORY	PA RULE	SERVICES	PROCEDURE CODES
Observation	No PA required	Observation services	Rev Code: 762
Surgical Procedures	No PA required	Subcutaneous hormone pellet implantation	11980
Injectable Medications	Step Therapy	Injectables	J0587, J0588, J1437, J1439, J1443, J1444, J1445, J1449, J1460, J1560, Q0138, Q0139, Q5126, Q5127, Q5128, Q5129, Q5130
Injectable Medications	PA required-No Step Therapy	Injection, onabotulinumotxinA, 1 unit	J0585
Injectable Medications	No PA required	Injectables	J0897, J1750, J1756, J2916, Q0221

Contact Provider Partnership:

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Ambetter.HomeStateHealth.com	Ambetter: 1-855-650-3789 TTY: 1-877-250-6113
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