

# 2017 Summary of Changes

## 2017 Prior Authorization List and Utilization Guidelines

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Community Health Plan of Washington is accountable for our members' safety and ensures appropriate care. Based on semi-annual reviews of utilization data, changes to the PA list are made. It is important that both the provider and the health plan work in partnership to ensure appropriate care for those we serve.

Below is a summary of the changes to the Prior Authorization List and Utilization Guidelines from 2016 to 2017. Please refer to the complete 2017 Prior Authorization List and Utilization Guidelines for all the services that require prior authorization.

Added to Prior Authorization List	
Category:	Specific Service:
Injectable Drugs	Mepolizumab (Nucala)
Removed from Prior Authorization List	
Category:	Specific Service:
Home Health Services <b>Please note:</b> Services associated with Home Health Services still on the PA List would require a PA submission, e.g. medication.	Home Health Home Infusion Services Hospice Services
Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics & Medical Supplies	Communication Devices Insulin Pumps TENS
Outpatient Specialty Services	Cardiac Rehabilitation Sleep Studies (greater than 1 per calendar year)
Inpatient Specialty Services	Hospice Services
Imaging/Radiology	CT- Angiography PET SPECT
Injectable Drugs	Afibercept (Eylea) Bevacizumab (Avastin) Naltrexone (Vivitrol)
Surgical Procedures	Blepharoplasty Breast prostheses/implants
Updates To Existing Requirements	
Category:	Specific Service:
PT/OT Therapy	Providers must submit a Benefit Limit Extension form (located on the Forms & Tools Page) <b>after 6 hours</b> for Apple Health individuals who are 21 and over.
ST Therapy	Providers must submit a Benefit Limit Extension form (located on the Forms & Tools Page) <b>after 6 visits</b> for Apple Health individuals who are 21 and over.
Injectable Drugs	Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate (Makena) <b>Medicaid:</b> Pharmacy Benefit - Please direct prescription to Accredo Specialty Pharmacy, phone 1-800-903-8224. <b>Medicare:</b> Prior Authorization is required.