

2019 Summary of Changes



COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN
of Washington™

Community **HealthFirst**™
Medicare Advantage Plans

2019 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 2018 to 2019. Please refer to the Prior Authorization List and Utilization Guidelines on the website (<https://www.chpw.org/for-providers/prior-authorization-and-medical-review>) for all the services that require prior authorization.

Added to Prior Authorization List	
Category: HOME HEALTH / PRIVATE DUTY NURSING	Specific Code(s):
MEDICAID AND MEDICARE Private Duty Nursing & Home Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T1000 • T1030 • T1031 • 99507 • G0151 • G0152 • G0153 • G0155 • G0156 • G0222
Category: SURGICAL PROCEDURES	Specific Code(s):
MEDICAID ONLY Surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27447 • 27130 • 27134 • 27132 • 21242 • 29881 • 29880
MEDICAID AND MEDICARE Surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17106 • 43881 • 64590
Removed from Prior Authorization List	
Category: IMAGING/RADIOLOGY	Specific Code(s):
MEDICAID AND MEDICARE Bone and Joint Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 77080 • 77081 • 77085
Category: GENETIC TESTING/COUNSELING	Specific Code(s):
MEDICAID AND MEDICARE Genetic Counseling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 96040
Updates To Existing Requirements	
Specific Update(s):	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the Medical PA Code Lookup tool, under outpatient therapy codes, removing the below reference: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. "ICD 10 codes, R94.113, F81 (complete series), H49-H53 (complete series) will require a PA before services can be performed." 2. Added a PROSTHETICS AND ORTHOTICS category to the Medical PA Code Lookup Tool 3. Updated the Medical PA Code Lookup tool with the following codes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. DME codes: E2510, E1007, E2510, E1007, E1002, E2300, E1008, E8001, E1161, E2325, E1010, E2373 b. Genetic Testing/Counseling codes: 81252, 81302, 81304, 81519 c. Reconstructive/Plastic Surgery codes: 15823, 15830, 67904, 67908, 67901, 67903, 67900 4. For BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: High Intensity Outpatient Programs (IOP, PHP, WISE, PACT, COMET) we updated the below language: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. "Notification only required for initial 6 month of services. Followed by ongoing concurrent review and authorization to extend past the 6 months." 	