2020 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 2019 to 2020. 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: PROFESSIONALLY ADMINISTERED MEDS	Specific Code(s):
MEDICAID AND MEDICARE Professionally Administered Medications	 J0221 J0596 J9202 J0717 J9301 J1744 J2793 J9395
Category: GENETIC TESTING/COUNSELING MEDICAID AND MEDICARE Aneuploidy Testing (Cell Free DNA Testing)	Specific Code(s): • 81420 • 81507
Removed from Prior Authorization List Category: DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	Specific Code(s):
MEDICAID AND MEDICARE Oxygen	 E0441 E0442 E1390 E0443 E1392
Category: GENETIC TESTING/COUNSELING	Specific Code(s):
MEDICAID AND MEDICARE HLA Genetic Testing	 81370 81377 81371 81378 81372 81379 81373 81380 81374 81381 81375 81382 81376 81383
Category: SURGICAL PROCEDURES	Specific Code(s):
MEDICAID Tympanostomy Tubes	• 69433 • 69436
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Specific Update(s):

- 1. Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics & Medical Supplies:
 - a. Old requirement: "All DME > \$500 allowed amount per line item or >\$1000 total allowed amount"
 - b. New 2020 update: "All DME > \$500"
- Unlisted Codes
 - a. Old requirement: "Unlisted codes with charge greater than \$500"
 - b. New 2020 update: "Unlisted codes with charge greater than \$250. Medical necessity documentation and pricing must be submitted with the request."

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