

2026 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. Changes to the Prior Authorization list are made based on semi-annual reviews of utilization data. 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 2026. Please refer to the Prior Authorization List and Utilization Guidelines on the website (<https://www.chpw.org/provider-center/prior-authorization/>) for all the services that require prior authorization.

Added to Prior Authorization List	
Category: Imaging/Radiology	Specific Code(s):
Apple Health, Medicare, and Cascade Select	
CT cervical spine with contrast	• 72126
CT cervical spine with/without contrast	• 72127
CT thoracic spine with contrast	• 72129
CT thoracic spine with/without contrast	• 72130
CT lumbar spine with contrast	• 72132
CT lumbar spine with/without contrast	• 72133
CT upper extremity with contrast	• 73201
CT upper extremity with/without contrast	• 73202
CT lower extremity with contrast	• 73701
lower extremity with/without contrast	• 73702
Category: Professionally Administered Medications	Specific Code(s):
Medicare, Apple Health, Apple Health Expansion, and Cascade Select	
Pasoreotide	• J2502