



Provider Newsflash



A fax bulletin for the Molina Healthcare of Washington Provider Network

Prior Authorization Changes – August 13, 2018 -

Effective August 13, 2018, prior authorization requirements for entry into the Bariatric Surgery program for Medicaid will change. We are sending this notice to provide you information about these changes.

What is changing?

Medicaid Managed Care Organizations will only be reimbursed for services by the Health Care Authority that are in compliance with the bariatric surgery WAC 182-531-1600.

Key features of this WAC:

1. Indications for bariatric surgery according to WAC 182-531-1600 include BMI 35 or greater with one of the following: diabetes mellitus, other rare comorbid condition, or degenerative joint disease of a major weight bearing joint or a request under the EPSDT program for members 21 and under.
2. Phase two requirements include 12 registered dietician visits, monthly provider visits, psychosocial evaluation, surgical evaluation and member journal of active participation in weight loss regimen.
3. For more details please see WAC 182-531-1600 <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=182-531-1600>

For the most current list of CPT/HCPC codes that require prior authorization, please visit our Provider Portal at <https://eportal.molinahealthcare.com/Provider/login> and view the Prior Authorization by CPT Code Guide.

You can submit a prior authorization request via Molina's secure online provider web portal. By using the web portal for authorization submission, you can upload clinical notes and see the status of your request at any time.

You can also fax your prior authorization request. As always, clinical notes are required for review and approval of your authorization request. Submitting clinical notes is recommended to receive a timely and accurate decision. Please fax your prior authorization request to:

- Medical/Behavioral Health Service: (800) 767-7188

As always, our goal is to provide you with excellent customer service and support. If you have any questions, please call Healthcare Services at (855) 322-4082, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Thank you for your continued service to Molina Healthcare members.