



# Provider Notice

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*This update contains pertinent information about changes that will impact the Johns Hopkins HealthCare provider network.*

## **Procedures in Ambulatory Surgery Centers Prior Authorization Initiative**

Effective January 1, 2018, Priority Partners and US Family Health Plan will require members, ages 18 and older, to receive outpatient gastroenterology, ophthalmology or urology diagnostic or surgical procedures in an ambulatory surgery center (ASC). A diagnostic or surgical procedure performed in a Maryland hospital or other regulated setting<sup>1</sup> will require a prior authorization and must meet medical necessity.

### **Prior Authorization**

Providers seeking to perform services in a Maryland hospital or regulated setting will need to submit a prior authorization request to Johns Hopkins HealthCare (JHHC) via the HealthLINK@Hopkins portal or by fax at (410) 424-4603. The prior authorization request should include all pertinent clinical information to support the medical necessity. If there are no medical reasons to have the procedure in a Maryland hospital or regulated setting, the member should be referred to a specialist with privileges at a participating ASC.

For services already scheduled to be performed in a Maryland hospital or regulated setting in 2018, please submit the prior authorization request to JHHC via the HealthLINK@Hopkins portal or by fax as soon as possible. Failure to obtain a prior authorization may result in a denial of payment.

A list of participating ASCs is available at:

[https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/johns\\_hopkins\\_healthcare/provider\\_search.html](https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/johns_hopkins_healthcare/provider_search.html).

Johns Hopkins HealthCare medical policies can be found at:

[https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/johns\\_hopkins\\_healthcare/providers\\_physicians/medicalpolicies\\_disclaimer.html](https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/johns_hopkins_healthcare/providers_physicians/medicalpolicies_disclaimer.html)

To request an ASC addition to our participating network, please call the Provider Relations department at (888) 895-4998.

<sup>1</sup> Regulated setting is considered any health care setting whose rates are regulated by the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC).

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*Please contact the JHHC Provider Relations department at 1-888-895-4998 with any questions or concerns.*