



Provider Update

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

Johns Hopkins HealthCare Updates

As we strive to provide you timely updates during this unprecedented time, we have a new process for delivering information. We will send updates every Tuesday and Thursday, as necessary. Here are today's updates:

- COVID-19 Updates
- Temporary Suspension of Medicare Sequestration for Advantage MD Plans
- Medical Policy Updates Effective May 1
- Outpatient Referral and Preauthorization Guidelines Effective May 1
- Priority Partners to Deny Claims to Individual Providers/Provider Groups Not Enrolled in ePREP Starting May 1

COVID-19 UPDATES

As the COVID-19 pandemic rapidly evolves, so will our procedures and coverage for Johns Hopkins Advantage MD, Johns Hopkins EHP, Priority Partners and Johns Hopkins US Family Health Plan. We will send you all pertinent information we have to support your care for your patients in these health plans.

Recent updates include:

- [March 31, 2020: Temporary Suspension of Medicare Sequestration for Advantage MD Plans](#)
- [March 27, 2020: USFHP Telemedicine Coverage Further Clarified](#)

[Visit our COVID-19 update page](#) for additional details on COVID-19 testing and treatment, prescriptions, and telemedicine coverage.

Temporary Suspension of Medicare Sequestration for Advantage MD Plans

Effective Dates: May 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

Line(s) of Business Affected: Johns Hopkins Advantage MD

Type of Change (Process, Material, Benefit, Site of Service): Payment

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



Explanation of Change(s):

Due to the recent passage of the federal stimulus act, Medicare Sequestration (the two percent cut to payments for Medicare fee-for-service claims, enacted in 2013) will be temporarily lifted beginning on May 1, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2020. This change applies to all Maryland Johns Hopkins Advantage MD plans.

[View more information about Medicare Sequestration](#)

Medical Policy Updates Effective May 1

The JHHC Medical Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) has approved changes and additions to our medical policies. These changes will go into effect on May 1, 2020.

[View the Medical Policy Updates](#)

To view the full descriptions of these policies, please visit the [Medical Policies](#) section of the JHHC website or call Provider Relations at 888-895-4998.

**Outpatient Referral and Preauthorization Guidelines
Effective May 1**

The latest updates to the OPRGs include changes to requirements for bone marrow and stem cell transplantation, oxygen and oxygen supplies, prostate surgery, panniculectomy, and more.

[View the Outpatient Referral and Preauthorization Guidelines Update](#)

The Outpatient Referral and Preauthorization Guidelines are updated every quarter and posted to the [Johns Hopkins HealthCare website](#).

**Priority Partners to Deny Claims to Individual Providers/Provider
Groups Not Enrolled in ePREP Starting May 1**

Beginning May 1, Priority Partners will not reimburse claims payments to providers unregistered in ePREP, Maryland's provider enrollment portal. Please be aware that the claims denial only applies to providers not yet enrolled in ePREP; if you and your group are registered, claims will be processed as usual.

[View more information about ePREP](#)

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