

Provider Notice

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

Outpatient Referral and Pre-authorization Guidelines Update

The Outpatient Referral and Pre-authorization Guidelines clearly outline the referral and pre-authorization requirements for many outpatient services for our EHP, Priority Partners and USFHP members. These guidelines are updated biannually and posted to the Johns Hopkins HealthCare website. To ensure that the most-up-to-date referral and pre-authorization guidelines for outpatient services are being followed, visit JHHC.com.

The following are changes for the January 2018 Outpatient Referral and Pre-authorization Guidelines update :

EHP

Pre-authorization is required for:

- MRI - Lumbar
- MRI - Cervical
- Observation after the first 24 hours
- Prenatal obstetrical ultrasound - beyond three
- 3D ultrasounds

Priority Partners

Pre-authorization is required for:

- Gastroenterology (some require pre-authorization)
- Ophthalmology (some require pre-authorization)
- MRI - Cervical
- MRI - Lumbar
- Prenatal obstetrical ultrasound - beyond three when performed in regulated space
- 3D ultrasounds

Observation 24 hours and greater is not covered

USFHP

Pre-authorization is required for:

- Inpatient alcohol and drug treatment
- MRI - Cervical
- MRI - Lumbar
- TMS - Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation

No referral or pre-authorization is required for:

- Partial hospital programs and IOP
- In-network provider office-based treatment for mental health, substance abuse counseling, and psychiatric services

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