



# PROVIDER NOTICE

Provider Relations Department: 888-895-4998 (Option 4)

## **Authorization Process for Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital (MWPH)**

**Effective Date:** Immediately

**Health Plan(s) Affected:** Advantage MD, Employer Health Programs (EHP), Priority Partners, and US Family Health Plan (USFHP)

**Type of Change:** Process change

### **Explanation of Change:**

Effective immediately, when a pediatric patient in an acute care hospital needs to be transferred to Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital (MWPH), a prior authorization **will not** have to be obtained prior to the transfer, provided the member meets the medical necessity criteria for transfer from the acute care hospital to MWPH.

The acute care hospital should contact MWPH to request a transfer and provide clinical information. MWPH will advise if the transfer can be accepted, and if so, will notify Johns Hopkins Health Plans, eviCore or Progeny as appropriate.

Additionally, Johns Hopkins Health Plans is allowing transfers from MWPH to an acute care facility for stays less than 24 hours, and back to MWPH, to occur without requiring an authorization.