



Provider Update

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

Site-of Service Preauthorization Requirements Update

Affects Priority Partners and Johns Hopkins USFHP

The JHHC Medical Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) has approved changes and additions to the Johns Hopkins HealthCare LLC (JHHC) Site-of-Service Medical Policies for Priority Partners and Johns Hopkins US Family Health Plan (USFHP). JHHC is implementing this policy using a staged approach, targeting specific procedures with each phase.

Effective date for changes:

- Priority Partners: Dec. 1, 2020
- USFHP: Jan. 1, 2021

As of these dates, JHHC will require preauthorization to include a site-of-service review for certain Musculoskeletal and Gastrointestinal procedures when performed in an outpatient hospital setting. This requirement affects Priority Partners and USFHP members of all ages. These Musculoskeletal and Gastrointestinal procedures are in addition to the services already requiring site of service review and preauthorization when performed in an outpatient hospital setting.

The site-of-service policy specifies that members receive certain outpatient diagnostic or surgical procedures in an ambulatory surgery center (ASC) when clinically appropriate. A surgical procedure performed in a hospital setting will require preauthorization and must meet medical necessity criteria for the hospital setting. The outpatient hospital setting, classified by Place of Service 22, is also known as "regulated space" within the state of Maryland.

Some procedures may also require medical necessity review using clinical review criteria specific to the procedure in ANY site of service (outpatient hospital setting, ambulatory surgery center or office). Please refer to [Updates to CMS23.05 Site of Service – Outpatient Surgical Procedures](#) for a summary of the criteria changes pertaining to the site-of-service medical policy, as well as a detailed listing of affected CPT codes.

To view the full description of the site-of-service policy and important appendices, please visit the [Medical Policies](#) section of the JHHC website after the policy effective date or call Provider Relations at 888-895-4998.

Preauthorization Process

Submit preauthorization requests to JHHC Utilization Department (UM) only via the fax numbers listed below:

- **Priority Partners** 410-762-5205 or 410-424-4603
- **USFHP** - 410-762-5205 or 410-424-4603

View a [listing of participating providers and freestanding ambulatory surgery centers](#)