

Provider Update

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

Updates to Site-of-Service Preauthorization Requirements

Effective Date: April 15, 2021

Health Plans Affected: Priority Partners and Johns Hopkins US Family Health Plan (USFHP)

Explanation of Change(s):

As of April 15, 2021, Johns Hopkins HealthCare (JHHC) is adding new procedures to its list of procedures requiring preauthorization and site-of-service review when performed in an outpatient hospital setting. The additions include certain Respiratory, Auditory (including ENT), Urinary, Male Genital and Female Genital (GYN) procedures. This requirement affects Priority Partners and Johns Hopkins USFHP members of all ages for select planned surgical procedures in Maryland hospitals.

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 detailed listing of affected procedure (CPT®) codes.

The CMS23.05 Site-of-Service-Outpatient Surgical Procedures 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.

Preauthorization Process

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

- **Priority Partners** 410-762-5205 or 410-424-4603
- **USFHP** 410-424-2603

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

More Information

The JHHC Medical Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) approved these new changes and additions to CMS23.05 Site-of-Service-Outpatient Surgical Procedures Medical Policy. To view the full description of the CMS23.05 Site-of-Service-Outpatient Surgical Procedures 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.

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