

Site-of Service Medical Policy Updates For Priority Partners and USFHP Effective May 1, 2023

Effective Date: May 1, 2023

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

Type of Change: Medical Policy

Explanation of Change:

The Johns Hopkins HealthCare Medical Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) has approved changes, deletions and additions to its Site-of-Service Medical Policies for Priority Partners and Johns Hopkins US Family Health Plan (USFHP). This requirement affects members of all ages.

Please see [Updates to the Site of Service Code List for Priority Partners and USFHP*](#) to view the changes effective May 1, 2023.

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 prior authorization 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).

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 (Option 4).

Prior Authorization Process

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

- **Priority Partners:**
 - Non-urgent Outpatient: 410-762-5205
 - Urgent Outpatient: 410-424-2707

- **Johns Hopkins USFHP:**
 - Outpatient: 410-424-2603

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