



PROVIDER NOTICE

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Site-of-Service Medical Policy Updates For Priority Partners and USFHP Effective July 15, 2023

Effective Date: July 15, 2023

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

Type of Change: Site-of-Service

Explanation of Change:

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

The following two (2) codes have been removed from the Site-of-Service Policy CMS23.05, Site of Service-Outpatient Surgical Procedures:

- **38221**—Diagnostic bone marrow; biopsy(ies)
- **38222**—Diagnostic bone marrow; biopsy(ies) and aspiration(s)

Both codes will require **no prior authorization** for Priority Partners and USFHP as of July 15, 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 Johns Hopkins Health Plans website after the policy effective date or call Provider Relations at 888-895-4998 (Option 4).