

Provider Update

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

Preauthorization is No Longer Required for Observation

Effectively immediately, JHHC will no longer require **preauthorization for observation after the first 24 hours**. This update applies to Johns Hopkins Employer Health Programs, Johns Hopkins US Family Health Plan, Priority Partners, and Johns Hopkins Advantage MD.

It is expected that, for the vast majority of patients, disposition will occur within 24 hours of placement in observation status. Up to 48 hours of outpatient observation care may be required in certain circumstances.

Observation hours exceeding 48 hours (24 hours for Priority Partners members) will be denied.

Please refer to Policy Number [CMS11.03 - Observation](#) for more information on this medical policy.

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