



Provider Notice

Provider Relations Department 1-888-895-4998

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

Urology Outpatient Prior Authorization Initiative

Effective January 1, 2018, Priority Partners and US Family Health Plan will require members, ages 18 and older, to receive outpatient urology diagnostic or surgical procedures in an ambulatory surgery center (ASC). A diagnostic or surgical procedure performed in a Maryland hospital or other regulated setting¹ will require a prior authorization and must meet medical necessity.

Prior Authorization

Providers seeking to perform services in a Maryland hospital or regulated setting will need to submit a prior authorization request to Johns Hopkins HealthCare (JHHC) via the HealthLINK@Hopkins portal or by fax at (410) 424-4603. The prior authorization request should include all pertinent clinical information to support the medical necessity. If there are no medical reasons to have the procedure in a Maryland hospital or regulated setting, the member should be referred to a specialist with privileges at a participating ASC.

For services already scheduled to be performed in a Maryland hospital or regulated setting in 2018, please submit the prior authorization request to JHHC via the HealthLINK@Hopkins portal or by fax as soon as possible. Failure to obtain a prior authorization may result in a denial of payment.

Effective with dates of service January 1, 2018, the following list of procedure codes will require a prior authorization if performed in a Maryland hospital or regulated setting:

50590	51725	51784	52204	52260	52318	52353	53020	53500	54161	54520	54840	55250
51040	51726	51797	52214	52276	52320	52450	53200	53620	54162	54530	54860	55700
51102	51727	51798	52224	52281	52327	52500	53230	54000	54163	54550	54865	57288
51710	51728	52000	52234	52310	52332	52601	53260	54060	54164	54600	54900	
51715	51729	52001	52235	52315	52351	52640	53265	54100	54500	54700	55000	
51720	51741	52005	52240	52317	52352	52648	53275	54105	54505	54830	55040	

A list of participating ASCs is [available here](#).

Johns Hopkins HealthCare medical policies can be [found here](#).

To request an ASC addition to our participating network, please call the Provider Relations department at (888) 895-4998.

¹ Regulated setting is considered any health care setting whose rates are regulated by the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC).

Please contact the JHHC Provider Relations department at 1-888-895-4998 with any questions or concerns.