



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.

Gastroenterology 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 gastroenterology 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:

43200	43244	43251	45335	45381
43236	43246	44380	45337	45382
43239	43247	45330	45338	45384
43241	43248	45332	45378	45399
43243	43250	45333	45380	45388

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.