



# Provider Notice

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

## **MRI of the Cervical and Lumbar Spine Prior Authorization Initiative**

Effective March 1, 2018, Johns Hopkins Advantage MD will require that prior authorization be obtained for MRIs of the Cervical and Lumbar Spine. These changes will affect the following Advantage MD plans:

- Johns Hopkins Advantage MD (PPO)
- Johns Hopkins Advantage MD Plus (PPO)
- Johns Hopkins Advantage MD Group (PPO)
- Johns Hopkins Advantage MD (HMO)

### **Prior Authorization**

Providers seeking to perform these services will need to submit a prior authorization request to Johns Hopkins HealthCare (JHHC) via fax at 855-704-5296. The prior authorization request should include all pertinent clinical information to support medical necessity.

### **Services Already Scheduled for 2018**

For services already scheduled after March 1, 2018, please submit the prior authorization request to JHHC by fax as soon as possible. Failure to obtain a prior authorization may result in a denial of payment.

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Disclaimer - If there is any discrepancy between this Provider Update and the medical policy of Johns Hopkins HealthCare, the medical policy shall prevail.

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