



# PROVIDER NOTICE

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## Recent Code and Prior Authorization Changes

**Effective Dates:** Various

**Health Plans Affected:** Advantage MD, Employer Health Programs (EHP), Priority Partners, US Family Health Plan (USFHP)

**Type of Change:** Prior Authorization

### Explanation of Change:

Please note the following Prior Authorization (PA) and No Prior Authorization Required (NPA) changes for the Johns Hopkins Health Plans codes below.

**Advantage MD Diabetes Prevention Program:** Change from PA to **NPA** (effective Jan. 1, 2024):

- **G9886:** Behavioral counseling for diabetes prevention, in-person, group, 60 minutes. Up to 22 visits combined in a 12-month period allowed. NPA/ NC > 22 visits.
- **G9887:** Behavioral counseling for diabetes prevention, distance learning, 60 minutes. Up to 22 visits combined in a 12-month period allowed. NPA/ NC > 22 visits.
- **G9888:** Maintenance 5% WL from baseline weight in months 7-12. Up to 6 visits allowed. NPA/NC > 6 visits.
- **G9880 & G9881:** NPA/NC > 1 visit.
- **G9890 - Bridge Payment:** A one-time payment for the first Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) core session, core maintenance session, or ongoing maintenance session furnished by an MDPP supplier to an MDPP beneficiary during months 1-24 of the MDPP Expanded Model (EM) who has previously received MDPP services from a different MDPP supplier under the MDPP Expanded Model. A supplier may only receive one bridge payment per MDPP beneficiary. Visit limit added: NPA/NC > 1 visit.

**USFHP J-Codes for Pharmacy:** Change from PA to **NPA** (effective May 15, 2024):

- Please see the [list of pertinent codes](#).

**Code Changes for All Lines of Business:** Change to **PA** (effective June 11, 2024):

- **69705:** Nasopharyngoscopy, surgical, with dilation of eustachian tube (ie, balloon dilation); unilateral
- **69706:** Nasopharyngoscopy, surgical, with dilation of eustachian tube (ie, balloon dilation); bilateral