

Provider Update

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

New Site-of-Service Preauthorization Requirements

Effective Date: Aug. 1, 2021

Health Plans Affected: Priority Partners and Johns Hopkins US Family Health Plan (USFHP)

Johns Hopkins HealthCare's Medical Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) has approved new changes and additions to its [CMS23.05 Site of Service-Outpatient Surgical Procedures](#) medical policy. These updates are effective Aug. 1, 2021 and apply to Priority Partners and Johns Hopkins USFHP members of all ages for select planned surgical procedures in Maryland hospitals.

The new preauthorization requirements include a site-of-service review for certain additional procedures when performed in an outpatient hospital setting for the following systems:

- Integumentary
- Cardiovascular
- Hemic and Lymphatic
- Nervous
- Eye/Ocular Adnexa

The [CMS23.05 Site-of-Service-Outpatient Surgical Procedures](#) policy specifies that members receive certain outpatient diagnostic or surgical procedures in an ambulatory surgery center (ASC) when clinically appropriate. A surgical procedure performed in a hospital setting will require preauthorization and must meet medical necessity criteria for the hospital setting. The outpatient hospital setting, classified by Place of Service 22, is also known as "regulated space" within the state of Maryland.

Some procedures may also require medical necessity review using clinical review criteria specific to the procedure in ANY site of service (outpatient hospital setting, ambulatory surgery center or office). Please refer to Updates to [CMS23.05 Site-of-Service-Outpatient Surgical Procedures](#) for a detailed listing of affected procedure (CPT®) codes.

To view the full description of the [CMS23.05 Site-of-Service-Outpatient Surgical Procedures](#) policy and important appendices, please visit the [Medical Policies](#) section of the JHHC website after the policy effective date.

Preauthorization Process

To submit preauthorization requests to JHHC Utilization Management (UM) via fax, use the numbers listed below:

- **Priority Partners:** 410-762-5205 or 410-424-4603
- **USFHP:** 410-424-2603

Please access the Priority Partners and USFHP provider directories to identify a [listing of participating providers and freestanding ambulatory surgery centers](#).

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