

Medicare Advantage Provider Bulletin



News and Information

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2023 Medicare Advantage Authorization & Notification Requirements

Aspirus Health Plan's 2023 Medicare Advantage authorization and notification requirements are now available on the [Prior Authorization & Notification Requirements and Referrals webpage](#) with subsections for Medical Services, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services and Medical Injectable Drugs. Please ensure the information below is shared with your staff who handle authorizations and notifications.

The following changes were made to the authorization and notification requirements for Aspirus Health Plan's Medicare Advantage plans:

Medical Services

- **Inpatient Hospital, Acute:** In addition to *Notification required within 24 hours of admission* now includes requirements for admission history and discharge summary.
- **Wheelchair DME:** Added *No auth required for repair of purchased wheelchair accessories under \$1000.*
- **Acupuncture:** *Authorization required beyond threshold of 20 units per calendar year (previously "visits").*
- **Transplants:** Added *Notification at the time of consult/evaluation and at the time of listing.*
- **Cosmetic or Reconstructive Procedures:** Added HCPC code 19371 for a complete capsulectomy and includes the removal of all intra-capsular contents.

Medical Drugs

Care Continuum will continue to perform medical drug prior authorization reviews on behalf of Aspirus Health Plan.

- Requests can be initiated at Care Continuum via the following methods:
 - Online – via the Express Path Portal at <https://www.express-path.com/>
 - Fax – by faxing 1-877-266-1871
 - Phone – by calling 1-800-818-6747

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- The grid of medical drugs requiring prior authorization, their corresponding criteria and the authorization form for requesting medical drug authorization can be found on our provider website at <https://medicare.aspirushealthplan.com/providers/authorizations>.

Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services

- **Partial Hospitalization Program:** Removed authorization requirements.
- **Diagnostic Assessment:** Removed authorization requirements.
- **Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing:** Removed authorization requirements.
- **Inpatient Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment:** *Aspirus Health Plan reserves the right to require a concurrent review for any inpatient hospital stay. (Previously: Concurrent Review for additional days. Upon Discharge send discharge summary.)*

Please contact the Provider Assistance Center with any questions at 715-631-7412 or 1-855-931-4851 (toll free), Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm.

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