

Medicare Advantage Provider Bulletin



News and Information

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2024 Authorization and Notification Requirement Grids Now Available

Aspirus Health Plan's 2024 authorization and notification requirements for medical services, mental health and substance use disorder services and medical drugs are now available on our website at <https://medicare.aspirushealthplan.com/providers/authorizations/> under "2024 Authorization Grids."

The 2024 Medical and Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Services authorization grids have been combined into one prior authorization and notification grid. 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 Medicare Advantage.

Medical Services

- **Cosmetic or reconstructive procedures:**
 - Removed prior authorization for both mastectomy and ear cartilage graft.
 - Removed CPT Code 19303 for all diagnosis and 21235 for ear cartilage graft.
 - The following codes no longer require prior authorization: 11920, 11921, 11922, 19330, 19340, 19342, 19350, 19371 and 19380.
- **Wheelchair rental:** Updated text to read "Prior authorization is required prior to delivery or dispensing power operated vehicles and power wheelchairs for items that require authorization. All months must be authorized."
- **Wheelchair purchase:** Updated text to read "Prior authorization required prior to purchase Manual Wheelchairs, Power Operated Vehicles, and Power Wheelchairs. Excludes K0001."
- **Wheelchair accessories – purchase & rental:**
 - Removed dollar amount.
 - Updated text to read "Prior authorization is required before delivering or dispensing accessories or items that require authorization, including new, replacement, or repaired accessories. All months must be authorized."

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- Added codes E0986, E1002, E1003, E1004, E1005, E1006, E1007, E1008, E1009, E1010, E1012, E2227, E2300, E2301, E2312, E2321, E2325, E2327, E2328, E2329, E2330, E2310, E2311, E2331, E2376, E2609 and E2617.
- **Acute inpatient rehabilitation:** Updated text to read “Notification within 24 hours of admission. Concurrent review required for additional days and discharge summary required to be sent upon discharge.”
- **Long-term acute care (LTAC):** Updated text to read “Notification within 24 hours of admission. Concurrent review required for additional days and discharge summary required to be sent upon discharge.”
- **Skilled nursing facility (SNF) or swing bed admission:** Updated text to read “Notification within 24 hours of admission. Concurrent review required for additional days and discharge summary required to be sent upon discharge.”

Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services

- **No changes**

Medical Drugs

In 2024, Care Continuum will perform medical drug prior authorization reviews on behalf of Aspirus Health Plan Medicare Advantage. This applies to all plans.

- Requests can be initiated at Care Continuum via the following methods:
 - Online: Express Path Portal at <https://www.express-path.com/>
 - Fax: 1.877.266.1871
 - Phone: 1.800.818.6747
- The grid of medical drugs that require prior authorization, the corresponding criteria and the form to request medical drug authorization can be found online at <https://medicare.aspirushealthplan.com/providers/pharmacy>.

Contact the Provider Assistance Center with questions at 715.631.7412 or 1.855.931.4851 toll-free, Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm.

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