Provider Memorandum

Important Updates to Molina's Prior Authorization (PA) Requirements

The codes listed in the table below will **require** Prior Authorization. These changes will be reflected on the Molina Healthcare of Illinois (Molina) Prior Authorization Codification List found on the Molina website for providers on the Frequently Used Forms page, under Authorization Requests. The downloadable document lists the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) codes that require PA.

Important: This memo only addresses codes **added** to the Codification or Prior Authorization grid. Codes removed from the grid that no longer require Prior Authorization are **not** listed here. Providers are **strongly** encouraged to review all updates regularly and confirm whether a code requires PA.

For any PA changes due to regulatory guidance related to COVID-19, please see provider notifications and the most current information on the Molina Provider Portal.

New Updates to the PA Codes

These tables list codes that will require Prior Authorization effective **July 1, 2021**:

Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
K1014, K1016, K1017, K1018, K1019, K1020

Health Care Administered Drugs
J1427, J1554, J7402, J9037, J9317*, J9349

 * This code is not new for third quarter. It was inadvertently omitted from a prior memo.

OP Hosp/Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Procedures
33999

Experimental & Investigational
0640T, 0641T, 0642T, 0643T, 0644T, 0645T, 0646T, 0647T, 0648T, 0649T, 0650T, 0651T, 0652T, 0653T, 0654T, 0655T, 0656T, 0657T, 0658T, 0660T, 0661T, 0662T, 0663T, 0664T, 0665T, 0666T, 0667T, 0668T, 0669T, 0670T, Q4226

Transplants/Gene Therapy
Q2053

Unlisted/Miscellaneous Codes
C1849

Updated Messaging for Existing PA Code

This table shows a code that already requires Prior Authorization. The comment associated with it will be changed to read as follows.

Health Care Administered Drugs
J9035**

** No PA required for ocular Dx with billable units one (1) and under for a single date of service.
See Dx Codes tab for qualifying ICD-10 codes.

Convenient Tool for PA Codes

As introduced in this October 2020 provider memorandum, Molina has launched a PA LookUp Tool to help you find the correct codes. It is intended for **searches only** and should **not** be used to make determinations about coverage.

The PA Tool is for outpatient services **only**. All elective inpatient admissions to acute hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF), rehabilitation facilities, or long-term acute care hospitals must follow standard Molina Utilization Management notification and review procedures.

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