

Provider Memorandum

Surgical Procedure Prior Authorizations Update: December 1, 2020

Effective December 1, 2020, Prior Authorization (PA) will only cover the surgery or procedure that is requested and will **not** approve inpatient (IP) level of care at the same time. For surgeries or procedures that may require an IP admission, the traditional notification of IP admission within one (1) business day must be followed.

Utilization Management (UM) concurrent review will determine the medical necessity of the admission and length of stay. Prior Authorization will no longer approve IP admissions in advance. All IP admissions must go thru the usual UM notification route as detailed in the Molina Provider Manual/Contract. Failure to notify Molina may result in denial of claims payment.

Note: Please refer to the list of procedures that can be performed at an Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) as outlined in [this provider memorandum](#). Most of these procedures can be performed without Prior Authorization if done at a certified ASC.

Notification of admission can be completed via the [Provider Portal](#), which is the preferred method. If you are unable to submit notification through the Portal, you may send a fax to Molina at (866) 617-4971.

Questions?

Providers who have questions, concerns, or would like additional training—including how to use the Molina Provider Portal—may contact their Provider Network Manager or email the Provider Network Management team MHILProviderNetworkManagement@MolinaHealthcare.com.

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