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TO: All Providers Participating in MassHealth
FROM: Daniel Tsai, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

RE: MassHealth Third Party Prior Authorization Administrator Temporary Suspension

Prior Authorization Requirements for Certain Advanced Imaging Services, Non-Obstetric Ultrasounds, Polysomnography, and Cardiology Services: Temporary Suspension

Through Transmittal Letters AOH-45, CHC-113, PHY-157, and IDTF-20, MassHealth introduced new prior authorization (PA) requirements on certain advanced imaging services, non-obstetric ultrasounds, polysomnography, and cardiology services. Additionally, through those Transmittal Letters, MassHealth directed providers seeking PA for those services to submit those requests to eviCore healthcare (eviCore), in accordance with instructions set forth in each Transmittal Letter. Providers were instructed to begin submitting prior authorization requests to eviCore starting in March 2020, and claims denials related to these prior authorization requirements were scheduled to begin in June 2020.

As a result of the pandemic caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), MassHealth has not begun claims denials related to these PA requirements. Some providers have continued to submit PA requests during this period and have received responses for informational purposes.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, through this bulletin, MassHealth has suspended the PA policy set forth in Transmittal Letters AOH-45, CHC-113, PHY-157, and IDTF-20.

Specifically, through this bulletin:

- MassHealth will not require PA for the advanced imaging services, non-obstetric ultrasounds, polysomnography, and cardiology services identified in Transmittal Letters AOH-45, CHC-113, PHY-157, and IDTF-20 (each of the codes is reprinted below for reference); and
- Providers should not submit requests for PA for such services to eviCore.

MassHealth anticipates that it will implement PA requirements for some or all of these services at a later date, and will issue further guidance with advance notice before such policies go into effect.

Advanced Imaging CPT Codes No Longer Requiring PA

70336	70488	70544	70554	72125
70450	70490	70545	70555	72126
70460	70491	70546	71250	72127
70470	70492	70547	71260	72128
70480	70496	70548	71270	72129
70481	70498	70549	71275	72130
70482	70540	70551	71550	72131
70486	70542	70552	71551	72132
70487	70543	70553	71555	72133

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72141	73202	73725	75559	77078
72142	73206	74150	75561	77084
72146	73218	74160	75563	78451
72147	73219	74170	75565	78452
72148	73220	74174	75572	78491
72149	73221	74175	75573	78492
72156	73222	74176	75574	78494
72157	73223	74177	75635	78608
72158	73700	74178	76376	78609
72191	73701	74181	76377	78811
72192	73702	74182	76380	78812
72193	73706	74183	76391	78813
72194	73718	74185	77021	78814
72195	73719	74261	77022	78815
72196	73720	74262	77046	78816
72197	73721	74712	77047	G0297
73200	73722	74713	77048	
73201	73723	75557	77049	

Non-obstetric Ultrasound CPT Codes No Longer Requiring PA

78453	78459	78469	78473	78483
78454	78466	78472	78481	78496

Polysomnography (Sleep) Studies CPT Codes No Longer Requiring PA

95782	95800	95806	95808	95811
95783	95805	95807	95810	G0399

Cardiac Stress Tests CPT Codes No Longer Requiring PA

78451	78453	78491	78459	93351
78452	78454	78492	93350	

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