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# All Provider Bulletin 368

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**TO**: All Providers Participating in MassHealth

**FROM**: Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth [signature of Mike Levine]

RE: Ending Prior Authorization Requirements for Certain Services

## Background

Effective June 30, 2023, MassHealth is ending the prior authorization (PA) requirements set forth in Transmittal Letters [AOH-45](https://www.mass.gov/doc/aoh-45-new-masshealth-third-party-administrator-for-prior-authorization-new-prior-2/download), [CHC-113](https://www.mass.gov/doc/chc-113-new-masshealth-third-party-administrator-for-prior-authorization-new-prior-2/download?_ga=2.9643248.476935745.1684161671-1548918150.1681235227), [PHY-157](https://www.mass.gov/doc/phy-157-new-masshealth-third-party-administrator-for-prior-authorization-new-prior-2/download?_ga=2.9643248.476935745.1684161671-1548918150.1681235227), and [IDTF-20](https://www.mass.gov/doc/idtf-20-new-masshealth-third-party-administrator-for-prior-authorization-new-prior-2/download?_ga=2.56405102.476935745.1684161671-1548918150.1681235227). Through these transmittal letters, MassHealth introduced new PA requirements on certain advanced imaging services, non-obstetric ultrasounds, polysomnography, and cardiology services. MassHealth directed providers seeking PA for such services to submit requests to eviCore healthcare (eviCore), in accordance with instructions set forth in each transmittal letter. Providers were instructed to begin submitting PA requests to eviCore starting in March 2020. Claims denials related to these PA requirements were scheduled to begin in June 2020.

As a result of the pandemic caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and through [All Provider Bulletin 308](https://www.mass.gov/doc/all-provider-bulletin-308-masshealth-third-party-prior-authorization-administrator-temporary-0/download?_ga=2.211946833.476935745.1684161671-1548918150.1681235227), MassHealth suspended the PA requirements set forth in Transmittal Letters AOH-45, CHC-113, PHY-157, and IDTF-20. This bulletin effectively ends those requirements. The affected CPT codes are reprinted below for reference. Providers should not submit PA requests for such services.

## Advanced Imaging CPT Codes No Longer Requiring PA

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## Non-obstetric Ultrasound CPT Codes No Longer Requiring PA

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## Polysomnography (Sleep) Studies CPT Codes No Longer Requiring PA

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## Cardiac Stress Tests CPT Codes No Longer Requiring PA

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