

## **Prior Authorization and Covered Services Updates – Q3 2019**

### **Changes effective October 1, 2019**

Dear Provider, this notice is a courtesy notification regarding upcoming changes to HPSM's Prior Authorization Requirements. Please visit our website for the most current requirements:

<https://www.hpsm.org/Home/provider/authorizations>. These changes are effective 10/1/2019:

#### **Prior authorization is no longer required for:**

- **Hospital to Nursing Facility NEMT** (Non Emergency Medical Transport) rides, i.e., rides with an HN modifier, no longer require prior authorization as of Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Other ride types still require prior auth. Please review our website for detail on NEMT authorization requirements: <https://www.hpsm.org/provider/authorizations/specialty-provider#nemt>
- **11 codes no longer require prior authorization** as of Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>: A4281, A4282, A4283, A4284, A4285, A4286, J9355, L0180, L1830, J1453, J0881
- **8 new codes have been added to our list which do NOT require prior authorization:** 00811, 00813, 93289, 0296T, 0298T, 93282, 93284, 93289

#### **17 codes now require prior authorization (10 are new codes):**

- 5 existing codes now require prior auth: J0570, A9606, J0129, 19499, 99152
- 2 existing codes have changed from "Conditional" to always requiring prior auth: 81215 and 81217
- 10 new codes have been added which require prior auth: C9044, C9045, J2326, J9036, Q5115, J9023, 95012, J1428, 27441, Q2041

#### **Changes to covered benefits:**

- **2 codes are no longer covered under Medi-Cal :** 90586, J0604
- **J7170:** Blood factors are now carved out from Medi-Cal Managed care and should be billed to Medi-Cal Fee for Service rather than to HPSM. Prior authorization required.

## **REMINDER: CHANGE TO MEDI-CAL FORMULARY FOR M.A.T.**

As of 8/12/2019, the following drugs used for alcohol and heroin/opioid detoxification are now covered by Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service with no TAR required:

- Acamprosate tablets
- Buprenorphine oral

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- Buprenorphine transdermal patch
  - (Indicated for pain – brand Butrans covered by Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service)
- Buprenorphine/naloxone oral
- Disulfiram tablets
- Naloxone injection
- Naltrexone tablets
- Narcan nasal spray
- Sublocade injection
- Vivitrol injection

## **Starting this month, HPSM no longer covers these drugs for our Medi-Cal members. Pharmacies please bill the drugs above to Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service(FFS)**

**These changes DO NOT apply to members who are enrolled in CareAdvantage or HealthWorx.**

Pharmacies can bill Medi-Cal FFS using the information contained on a member's Medi-Cal BIC card (Benefits Identification Card – see example below). This card contains information such as the patient's ID number along with the following information: BIN number 610442, PCN number 042555. If you or the pharmacy have questions on how to bill Medi-Cal FFS, you can contact the Medi-Cal FFS help desk at 1-800-541-5555.



If you have questions or concerns, call the HPSM Pharmacy Services at 650-616-2088.