

# PROVIDER Update



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## Know What Changes are Coming for Prior Authorization

### Drugs that require prior authorization and other changes that start July 1, 2023

Prior authorization (PA) is a condition of payment for many services. It is a process initiated by the physician to verify medical necessity of a treatment before it is given to the patient.

The ordering/prescribing physician is responsible for determining which codes require PA. Then initiating a PA request and submitting it for approval.

#### PA changes for other services and Part B Drugs

Medicare Prior Authorization Change Summary – Effective July 1, 2023: This list shows the service categories and services with their related codes that require or don't require an authorization.

Appendix A – Medicare Part B Drug List: There is a separate list for Part B Drugs that has columns with the procedure code and description. The third column shows if a specific code is part of step therapy.

To view the prior authorization change summary or Appendix A for Part B drugs that are effective July 1, 2023, go to [www.wellcare.com/California/Providers/Bulletins](http://www.wellcare.com/California/Providers/Bulletins) toward the top of the page.

#### Verify eligibility and benefits

Be sure to verify eligibility and benefits prior to giving services for all members. Payment, regardless of authorization, depends on the member's eligibility at the time service is rendered. You can check eligibility through the provider portal at [provider.wellcare.com/California](http://provider.wellcare.com/California).

#### Additional information

If you have questions regarding the information contained in this update, contact 866-999-3945.

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