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Important Prior Authorization Updates (Effective October 1, 2026)

As part of our ongoing work to improve the prior authorization (PA) process for both Providers and Participants/Enrollees, PA Health & Wellness (PHW) wants to share some important updates to our PA requirements. Our goal is to reduce administrative burden, simplify submission and approval processes, and facilitate timely access to appropriate, high-quality care. This authorization update impacts processes for both Community HealthChoices and CHIP, WellKids by PA Health & Wellness.

Code change details are noted in the table below. The changes may include:

- Removing PA requirements based on criticality of review and clinical need.
- Creating a more uniform set of prior authorization requirements across our markets and lines of businesses, including adding and changing some PA requirements, to simplify processes, reduce confusion for providers, and support future efforts to expand real-time responses to requests.

Service Category	PA Rule	Services	Procedure codes
Behavioral Health	No PA Required	Behavioral Assessment	96121
Diagnostic Services	PA Required	Therapy Services	92526
DME Services	No PA Required	Mobility Services	E0630
		Orthotic and Prosthetic	L1932, L5000, L5631, L5704, L5920, L5950
Genetic Analysis	PA Required	Genetic Testing	0211U, 81519
	No PA Required	Genetic Testing	81161, 81200, 81206, 81207, 81219, 81240, 81241, 81242, 81243, 81250, 81251, 81255, 81256, 81260, 81279, 81297, 81304, 81319, 81338, 81339, 81370, 81371, 81372, 81373, 81374, 81375, 81376, 81378, 81379, 81380, 81381, 81382, 81383, 81400, 81401, 88230, 88280, 88291
Genitourinary Procedures	PA Required	Surgery - Male Genitalia	55899



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Service Category	PA Rule	Services	Procedure codes
Home Services	PA Required	Home Visit	S9122
	No PA Required	Home Visit	S9211, S9213
Physician Services	PA Required	Diagnostic Testing	91299
	No PA Required	Diagnostic Testing	91110, 91111, 91112, 91113
Sleep Medicine	No PA Required	Sleep Studies	95805
Surgery Procedures	No PA Required	Tonsil and Adenoid Procedures	42820, 42825, 42830, 42835, 42836
		Eye and Ocular Adnexa	67904
Transportation Services	PA Required	Medical Transportation	A0130

For questions about specific prior authorization codes or how these changes affect your practice, please reach out to your Provider Representative or contact Provider Relations at PHWproviderrelations@pahealthwellness.com.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our Participants and Enrollees throughout Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,
PA Health & Wellness