



Physical Medicine Services Outpatient Physical, Occupational & Speech Therapy Prior Authorization Requirements – Effective June 1, 2019

As a result of feedback from our provider network, Home State Health is changing our therapy management process. **Effective with dates of service beginning June 1, 2019**, outpatient physical medicine services (physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy) will no longer be managed through a post-service review process.

Home State Health remains committed to ensuring that physical medicine services provided to our members are consistent with nationally recognized clinical guidelines. Therefore, beginning with dates of service June 1, 2019, Home State Health will implement **prior authorization** for outpatient physical medicine services. This prior authorization program will be managed by National Imaging Associates (NIA). As the nation's leading specialty health care management company, NIA delivers comprehensive and innovative solutions to improve quality outcomes and optimize cost of care. Under terms of the agreement between Home State Health and NIA, Home State Health will oversee the NIA Physical Medicine Prior Authorization program and continue to be responsible for claims adjudication.

Beginning May 28, 2019, providers may obtain prior authorization for dates of services June 1, 2019 and after via NIA's website, www.RadMD.com, or by calling Home State Health at 855-694-4663, between 8am and 5pm, Monday through Friday.

For additional details and information please visit our website at www.HomeStateHealth.com as indicated below:

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Documents- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), Quick Reference Guide (QRG) and Physical Medicine Tip Sheet/Checklist will be posted March 15, 2019.

Provider Webinars- NIA will be hosting provider webinars in May, 2019 to review the new prior authorization process. Dates and registration details will be posted May 1, 2019.

For Providers, Pre-Auth Needed, Medicaid

Home State's Pre-Auth Needed tool will be updated May 1, 2019 to reflect codes included in this program and therefore requiring prior authorization for dates of service on or after June 1, 2019.

Please keep in mind you will need to ensure that the member's benefit has not been exhausted prior to providing services, even if an "Approved Authorization" has been obtained. The purpose of NIA is to verify medical necessity of physical medicine services, and not to manage the member's benefits.

We appreciate your support and look forward to your assistance in assuring that Home State Health members receive Physical, Occupational and Speech Medicine services delivered in a quality, clinically appropriate manner. If you have questions, please contact Home State Health's Provider Services team at 855-694-4663.

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