Important Prior Authorization Updates

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As part of our ongoing work to improve the prior authorization (PA) process for both providers and members, Home State Health and Ambetter from Home State Health want 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.

Code change details can be found below. These 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.

If you have questions about specific prior authorization codes or how these changes affect your practice, please reach out to your local Provider Engagement representative.

Ambetter Changes:

Service Category	PA Rule	Services	Procedure codes
DME Services	No PA Required	Wheelchairs	E1140, E1150, K0739
Drug Codes	No PA Required	Injections	J0640, J1720
Surgery Procedures	PA Required	Digestive System	43281, 43282, 49329
		Male Genitalia	55866
		Musculoskeletal System	28300, 28308
	No PA Required	Bariatric Surgery	95980
		Vascular	36476, 36483

Home State Health Changes:

Service Category	PA Rule	Services	Procedure codes
Cardiovascular	PA Required	Heart Surgery	93656
DME Services	PA Required	Neurostimulators	C1767
		Nutritional Services	B4158, B4159, B4160, B4161
	No PA Required	Wheelchairs	E2366, K0739
Genetic Analysis	No PA Required	Genetic Testing	81244, 81331
	No PA Required	Acupuncture	97810
		Other Services	97014, 97032, 97035
Physical Medicine	PA Required	Orthotic and Prosthetic	Q4101, Q4121, Q4160, Q4186, Q4195, Q4196
Skin Procedures	PA Required	Muscle Flap Procedures	15734
Surgery Procedures	PA Required	Abortion Procedures	59841

		Cardiovascular System	37221, 37243
		Digestive System	49329, 49505, 49591, 49593, 49595, 49650
		Female Genitalia	58661, 58662
		Integumentary System	19301, 19357
		Male Genitalia	54360
		Nervous System	64999
	No PA Required	Eye and Ocular Adnexa	66985
		Vascular	36471, 36479
		Wound Care	13100, 13101, 13102, 13120, 13121, 13122, 13151, 13152
Transportation Services	PA Required	Medical Transportation	A0428, A0436