



UPDATES TO THE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION LIST

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Dear Provider,

Kern Health Systems (KHS) maintains a Prior Authorization List, outlining CPT codes that require authorization. As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance operational efficiency and ensure optimal care for our members, KHS conducts an ongoing review of our Prior Authorization List.

Effective 10/1/2024, KHS has made changes to the CPT codes that require prior authorization. These changes will result in an overall reduction of authorizations across our network.

Our review of the Prior Authorization List included an evaluation of all existing CPT procedure codes. These changes led to a significant reduction in procedure codes that will require prior authorization. However, it did result in the addition of a small amount of procedure codes to the Prior Authorization List; additions are listed in the **Addendum** of the [Provider Bulletin](#) posted September 26, 2024.

Due to these changes, KHS will provide a one-month transition period. Any services that previously did not require an authorization will be paid without an authorization through October 31, 2024. ***Please note this only applies to CPT codes that were not previously listed on the PA List but will be effective 10/1/2024.***

The Prior Authorization List is posted on the KHS website and Portal, please see below:

- <https://www.kernfamilyhealthcare.com/providers/provider-resources/prior-authorization-list/>
- **Provider Portal Home Page > Quick Link > Prior Authorization List**

Ongoing, the Prior Authorization List is updated the first of each month as needed changes are identified. It is the provider/facilities responsibility to check for any updates prior to rendering services.