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Memorandum

To: Gold Coast Health Plan Network Providers

From: Vicki Wrighster
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Re: Updates to GCHP Medi-Cal Prior Authorization (PA) List

Date: November 16, 2026

Gold Coast Health Plan's (GCHP) Chief Medical Officer and Utilization Management Team have completed a comprehensive review of Medi-Cal services requiring prior authorization (PA). The resulting revisions are designed to better meet member needs, support provider partners, and align requirements with those of comparable health plans.

The updated PA list takes effect Dec. 1, 2026. Key revisions include, but are not limited to:

- Removal of PA requirements for services with a low likelihood of inappropriate ordering.
- Updates to codes requiring prior authorization.
- Revised service descriptions to clarify applicable eligibility criteria and limitations.

GCHP continues to review Medi-Cal services requiring prior authorization and plans to further reduce the prior authorization list in the first quarter of 2027.

For the most current GCHP Medi-Cal prior authorization requirements, indications, and restrictions, please visit the Provider Resources page on the GCHP website.

The current PA list will remain on the GCHP website until Nov. 30, 2026, with a notation *effective through 11/30/2026*. The PA list effective Dec. 1, 2026 will be noted as *effective 12/1/2026*.

Providers can access valuable information, forms, and other documents through this page.

If you have any questions, please email ProviderRelations@goldchp.org. Thank you.