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Business Updates



Measurement-based mental health care

Kaiser Permanente Washington contracts with mental health providers who are committed to delivering high quality, evidence-based care. This includes using measurement-based care to track symptom improvement over time and adjust treatment when patients are not progressing, as well as graduating patients from treatment when they have achieved symptom reduction and met their treatment plan goals. We value providers who focus on meaningful outcomes and support patients in successfully completing their episode of care and sustaining their wellbeing. We seek contracted providers who align with this philosophy of care so that all members have equitable access to high quality, affordable care.

Kaiser Permanente Washington conducts clinical quality reviews using LOCUS and CALOCUS scoring to ensure the patient is receiving the clinically appropriate level of care. Providers may be asked to submit chart notes as part of this process. The goal is to ensure each patient is aligned with the right level of care at the right time.



Provider online resource guide now available on our provider website

If you are new to our network, or if you like reference guides that provide helpful links all in one place, please check out our new [Provider Online Resource Guide](#). This list describes the most frequently used pages on our website along with links to the information that we believe will answer most of your questions about interacting with us.

Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute (KPWHRI) News



[Blood test predicts dementia in women years before symptoms begin](#)

Researchers from the University of California San Diego and Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute (KPWHRI) have found that a novel blood-based biomarker can predict a woman's risk of developing dementia as many as 25 years before symptoms appear. The study, published in [JAMA Network Open](#), shows that higher levels of phosphorylated tau 217 (p-tau217) — a protein linked to the brain changes seen in Alzheimer's disease — were strongly associated with future mild cognitive impairment and dementia among older women who were cognitively healthy at the start of the study.

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[Closing the gap in recognizing cognitive impairment](#)

The Center for Accelerating Care Transformation (ACT Center) is excited to be launching a new [Learning Health System \(LHS\) Program](#) partnership that brings together researchers from Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute and care delivery leaders in Quality and Primary Care at Kaiser Permanente

Washington. Our goal is to improve cognitive care at Kaiser Permanente Washington by ensuring that all members who might have undiagnosed dementia or mild cognitive impairment are offered screening and, if appropriate, in-depth assessment and follow-up.

Provider Notices



Notices can be viewed on our [Provider Notices](#) page on the [Kaiser Permanente provider site](#). Please check our provider site on a regular basis for provider manual changes and updates.

We communicate changes to the [Provider Manual](#) in the [Provider eNews](#) for your convenience. However, it is your responsibility to remain updated on any changes by visiting our site regularly for updates on our policies and procedures.

- [MEDICARE PART B DRUGS REQUIRING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION](#)
- [DARATUMUMAB HYALURONIDASE \(DARZALEX FASPRO\) UPDATED PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA](#)
- [TILDRAKIZUMAB-ASMN \(ILUMYA\) UPDATED PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA](#)
- [MEDICARE PART B DRUGS REQUIRING STEP THERAPY](#)
- [INFLIXIMAB \(REMICADE\) UPDATED PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA](#)
- [CHANGES TO MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEW CRITERIA FOR BIOMARKER TESTING FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS](#)
- [CHANGES TO MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEW CRITERIA FOR LIPECTOMY FOR LIPEDEMA](#)
- [CHANGES TO MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEW CRITERIA FOR CARDIOVASCULAR RISK PANEL](#)
- [CHANGES TO MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEW CRITERIA FOR QUANTITATIVE BRAIN MAPPING \(QUANTITATIVE ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAM \(QEEG\)\)](#)
- [CHANGES TO MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEW CRITERIA FOR LOW DOSE RADIOTHERAPY](#)

Provider E-News

Provider Services Department



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EFT Deposit & Check Mailing Dates



2026 EFT Deposit & Check Mail Dates

Provider reimbursement checks are scheduled to be deposited ACH or mailed on the following dates. Mailed checks should arrive within approximately 3 business days.

January 2, 7, 8, 15, 23, 29

July 2, 8, 9, 16, 23, 30

February 5, 12, 20, 26

August 6, 13, 20, 27

March 5, 12, 19, 26

September 8, 11, 17, 24

April 2, 7, 9, 16, 23, 30

October 1, 7, 8, 15, 22, 29

May 7, 14, 21, 29

November 5, 13, 19, 27

June 4, 11, 18, 25

December 7, 10, 17, 24, 31

Holidays

New Year's Day

Monday, January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 19

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 16

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25

Independence Day

Friday, July 3 (observed)

Labor Day

Monday, September 7

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 26

Christmas

Friday, December 25

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