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**CHANGES TO MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEW CRITERIA FOR DRIVING SKILLS ASSESSMENTS**

Dear Provider,

**Effective August 1, 2020**, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington Options, Inc. (Kaiser Permanente) will discontinue coverage of driving skills assessments.

Rationale:

Treatments and/or therapies that are intended to specifically improve what are known as Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL) are not covered because they are not considered treatment of disease. This includes driving skills assessments.

Clinical review criteria can be found on the Kaiser Permanente provider website at <https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/static/pdf/hosting/clinical/criteria/pdf/driving-skills-assessment.pdf>

Please refer to the provisions of your agreement with Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington, including obtaining the member's prior written agreement to be financially responsible for the specific non-covered service, to determine when providers may bill a member for non-covered services.

A complete list of Kaiser Permanente Washington Clinical Review Criteria can be found on the Kaiser Permanente Provider website at <https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org> under the "Authorization & Clinical Review" section.

If you have any questions about this change, please contact the Provider Assistance Unit at 509-241-7206 or toll-free at 1-888-767-4670, Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Mora".

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