

CHANGES TO MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEW CRITERIA FOR FOCUSED ASPIRATION OF SCAR TISSUE

This notification applies to the following networks: Commercial HMO, POS, PPO and Medicare Advantage
A listing of all networks can be found on the provider website at <https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/communications/letters>

Effective May 1, 2021, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington Options, Inc. (Kaiser Permanente) are updating the clinical review criteria for Focused Aspiration of Scar Tissue (Tenex).

Explanation of the change:

Procedure codes for percutaneous tenotomy and fasciotomy procedures for surgical sites other than the elbow have been updated to require clinical review.

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

What will I need to do differently for my patients with the following Kaiser Permanente health plans?

- KFHPWA Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) members: Prior authorization is required.
- KFHPWAO Point of Service (POS) members: Prior authorization is required for in-network coverage.
- KFHPWAO Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) members: Prior authorization is required.
- Medicare Advantage: Prior authorization is required.

Questions: Contact the Provider Assistance Unit at 509-241-7206 or 1-888-767-4670, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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