

CHANGES TO MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEW CRITERIA FOR BASIVERTEBRAL NERVE ABLATION

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 October 1, 2021, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington Options, Inc. (Kaiser Permanente) will implement clinical review criteria for basivertebral nerve ablation.

Explanation of the change:

There is insufficient evidence in the published medical literature to show that this therapy provides better long-term outcomes than current standard services/therapies.

Clinical review criteria can be found on the Kaiser Permanente provider website at: <https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/static/pdf/hosting/clinical/criteria/pdf/basivertebral-nerve-ablation.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 not required.
- Medicare Advantage: Prior authorization is required.

Questions: Please 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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