

**CHANGES TO MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEW CRITERIA
FOR POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY (PET) SCAN**

This notification applies to the following networks: Commercial HMO, POS, PPO

A listing of all networks can be found on the provider website at <https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/communications/letters>

Effective November 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 PET scans for non-Medicare members.

Explanation of the change:

Kaiser Permanente endorses the recommendations for PET imaging of neuroendocrine tumors using somatostatin receptor (SSR)-PET from the National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN) Guideline for Neuroendocrine and Adrenal Tumors.

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

Questions: Contact 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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