

## **CHANGES TO MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEW CRITERIA FOR VIRTUAL/CT COLONOGRAPHY**

This notification applies to the following networks: Medicare Advantage

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

**Effective January 1, 2022**, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington Options, Inc. (Kaiser Permanente) are updating the clinical review criteria for Virtual/CT Colonography for Medicare Advantage members.

### **Explanation of the change:**

Kaiser Permanente Medicare Advantage members who have had a positive fecal immunochemical (FIT) or fecal occult blood test (FOBT) may receive a virtual colonoscopy or CT colonography upon meeting medical necessity criteria.

Clinical review criteria can be found on the Kaiser Permanente provider website at: [https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/static/pdf/hosting/clinical/criteria/pdf/virtual\\_colonoscopy.pdf](https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/static/pdf/hosting/clinical/criteria/pdf/virtual_colonoscopy.pdf).

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

- 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.

**Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington**  
**Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington Options, Inc.**

<CONTRACT MANAGER NAME>

Provider Communications, RCB-C2W-02

PO Box 34262, Seattle, WA 98124-1262



FIRST CLASS MAIL  
PRESORTED  
US POSTAGE PAID  
SEATTLE, WA  
PERMIT NO. 5203

<SALUTATION><FIRST><MIDDLE><LAST><CREDENTIALS>  
<TITLE>  
<COMPANY>  
<ADDRESS LINE 1>  
<ADDRESS LINE 2>  
<CITY> <STATE> <ZIP>