

CHANGES TO MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEW CRITERIA FOR INSULIN PUMP

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

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

Effective April 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 insulin pumps for non-Medicare members.

Explanation of the change:

On a case-by-case basis, pediatric patients under the age of 13 may have the requirement for six months' duration of Type 1 diabetes waived if patient monitoring is occurring per the diabetes management plan outlined by an endocrinologist.

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

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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