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KETAMINE WILL REQUIRE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION APPROVAL

Dear Provider,

Effective December 1, 2022, Ketamine will be added to the list of office-administered drugs requiring prior authorization for both commercial and Medicare lines of business. **This letter is a notification of the upcoming change in prior authorization criteria required before administering this medication under the medical benefit.**

Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington, Options, Inc. (Kaiser Permanente) requires prior authorization for a select group of injectable drugs that may be administered under the medical benefit in a physician's office or by home infusion. These reviews are intended to ensure consistent benefit adjudication as well as appropriate utilization in accordance with the Kaiser Permanente Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee's evidence-based criteria for coverage.

Prior Authorization Criteria for Ketamine:

- **Not covered for non-FDA approved indications**

Additional Information

A complete list of office-administered injectable drugs requiring prior authorization can be found on the Kaiser Permanente provider website at <https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/provider-manual/clinical-review/officeinject>.

To request prior authorization review, please use the Referral Request online form located on the Kaiser Permanente provider website at <https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/provider-manual/clinical-review/preservice>. You can also fax your request to the Review Services department toll-free at 1-888-282-2685.

Thank you for the care you provide to our members, your patients. If you have any questions about this process, please call Review Services at 1-800-289-1363, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Barkett MD".

Peter Barkett, MD, Chair
Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee