

CHANGES TO MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEW CRITERIA FOR MONITORED ANESTHESIA CARE (MAC) FOR GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPIC PROCEDURES

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 March 1, 2023, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington Options, Inc. (Kaiser Permanente) is updating medical necessity criteria for Monitored Anesthesia Care (MAC).

Explanation of the change:

Clinical review criteria for Monitored Anesthesia Care (MAC) for Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Procedures has been revised to require an American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) risk-stratification of class III or higher and to include coverage to members on suboxone.

Clinical review criteria can be found on the Kaiser Permanente provider website at: https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/static/pdf/hosting/clinical/criteria/pdf/monitored_anesthesia_care.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 1-888-767-4670, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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