

CHANGES TO MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEW CRITERIA FOR CERTAIN ELECTIVE SURGICAL PROCEDURES

This notification applies to the following networks: *Commercial HMO, POS, PPO and Medicare Advantage*. A listing of all networks can be found on the provider website at <https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/communications/letters>

Effective April 1, 2023, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington Options, Inc. (Kaiser Permanente) will implement level of care review for certain elective surgical procedures.

Explanation of the change:

Kaiser Permanente has developed criteria to direct certain elective surgical procedures to an outpatient hospital setting when the hospital inpatient setting is not medically necessary.

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