

CHANGES TO MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEW CRITERIA FOR TREATMENTS FOR RENAL SYMPATHETIC NERVE ABLATION

Applies to: Commercial - HMO POS PPO Medicare Advantage

Network list: <https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/communications/letters>

Effective August 1, 2024, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington Options, Inc. (Kaiser Permanente) are updating the criteria for Renal Sympathetic Nerve Ablation.

Explanation of the change:

Explicit clinical review criteria for Renal Sympathetic Nerve Ablation are being archived. However, this service will still be reviewed for general medical necessity.

To review the clinical review criteria please visit the Kaiser Permanente provider website at:

<https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/static/pdf/hosting/clinical/criteria/pdf/renal-sympathetic-nerve-ablation.pdf>

Is prior authorization required?

- 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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