

## **CHANGES TO MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEW CRITERIA FOR CARDIAC DEFIBRILLATORS**

Applies to: Commercial - HMO ☒ POS ☒ PPO ☒ Medicare Advantage ☐

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

**Effective September 1, 2025**, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington Options, Inc. (Kaiser Permanente) are updating the medical necessity criteria for Cardiac Defibrillators.

### **Explanation of the change:**

Kaiser Permanente is updating the medical necessity criteria for cardiac defibrillator placements.

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

[https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/static/pdf/hosting/clinical/criteria/pdf/cardiac\\_defibrillators.pdf](https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/static/pdf/hosting/clinical/criteria/pdf/cardiac_defibrillators.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.

Questions: Contact Provider Assistance Unit at 1-888-767-4670, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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