

CHANGES TO MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEW CRITERIA FOR GENDER AFFIRMING SERVICES

Applies to: Commercial - HMO POS PPO Medicare Advantage

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Effective April 1, 2026, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington Options, Inc. (Kaiser Permanente) are updating the Gender Affirming Services medical necessity criteria.

Explanation of the change:

Kaiser Permanente has updated the Gender Affirming Surgery policy to require enrollment in the KPWA Gender Health Case Management Program for surgical referrals and to establish a multidisciplinary review for members under age 18.

To review the Gender Affirming Surgeries clinical review criteria, please visit the Kaiser Permanente provider website at:

https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/static/pdf/hosting/clinical/criteria/pdf/gender_reassignment_surgery.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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