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Health Plan of San Mateo Hospital and SNF Provider Notice

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Subject: New CareAdvantage Authorization Requirement Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Admission

Effective on date of service March 1, 2011, all hospital and skilled nursing facilities are required to obtain authorization for reimbursement from HPSM, for CareAdvantage members. The requirement includes:

- Prior authorizations for elective admissions (as of April 5, 2010)
- Retro authorizations for emergency admissions
- Skilled nursing facility admissions

Hospital and skilled nursing facilities may continue to submit face sheets for emergency acute inpatient admissions and skilled nursing admissions; however, an authorization for reimbursement will be required.

Inpatient Authorization Form

All facilities should request authorization using the CareAdvantage inpatient authorization form on page two of this notification.

Facilities should present their acute inpatient authorization or skilled nursing facility requests to their HPSM On-Site CareAdvantage Review Nurse. Facilities that do not have an HPSM CareAdvantage On-Site Review Nurse should fax their authorization requests to 650-829-2079.

If you have any questions, please contact HPSM's Provider Services Department at 650-616-2106 or Health Services at 650-616-2070.

