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Provider Notice

Prior Authorization No Longer Required for Pediatric Nebulizers

Effective March 1, 2009

Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) members who are **under age 12** can now receive nebulizers without obtaining prior authorization. This applies to pediatric members under all HPSM programs.

Contracted DME providers can provide nebulizers to HPSM pediatric members without prior authorization and subsequently submit a claim to HPSM. DME code **E0570** for nebulizers is covered by this notice.

Required provider documentation for HPSM claims

- Physician or health practitioner prescription order
- Completed claim form with date of service and appropriate ICD 9 code

ICD-9 codes that can be used for nebulizers that do not require HPSM authorization:

- 493.xx (asthma)
- 786.07 (wheezing)
- 786.09 (respiratory distress)

If you have any question about this notice, please contact HPSM Provider Services at 650-616-2106.