Dear Provider, this notice is a courtesy notification regarding upcoming changes to HPSM’s Prior Authorization Requirements. Please visit our website for the most current requirements: [https://www.hpsm.org/Home/provider/authorizations](https://www.hpsm.org/Home/provider/authorizations). These changes are effective 10/1/2019:

**Prior Authorization is no longer required for:**

- **Hospital to Nursing Facility NEMT** (Non Emergency Medical Transport) rides, i.e., rides with an HN modifier, no longer require prior authorization as of Oct. 1st. Other ride types still require prior auth. Please review our website for detail on NEMT authorizations requirements: [https://www.hpsm.org/provider/authorizations/specialty-provider#nemt](https://www.hpsm.org/provider/authorizations/specialty-provider#nemt)
- **11 codes no longer require prior authorization** as of Oct. 1st: A4281, A4282, A4283, A4284, A4285, A4286, J9355, L0180, L1830, J1453, J0881
- **8 new codes have been added to our list which do NOT require prior authorization:** 00811, 00813, 93289, 0296T, 0298T, 93282, 93284, 93289

**17 codes now require prior authorization (10 are new codes):**

- 5 existing codes now require prior auth: J0570, A9606, J0129, 19499, 99152
- 2 existing codes have changed from “Conditional” to always requiring prior auth: 81215 and 81217
- 10 new codes have been added which require prior auth: C9044, C9045, J2326, J9036, Q5115, J9023, 95012, J1428, 27441, Q2041

**Changes to covered benefits:**

- **2 codes are no longer covered under Medi-Cal**: 90586, J0604
- **J7170**: Blood factors are now carved out from Medi-Cal Managed care and should be billed to Medi-Cal Fee for Service rather than to HPSM. Prior authorization required.

**REMINDER: CHANGE TO MEDI-CAL FORMULARY FOR M.A.T.**

As of 8/12/2019, the following drugs used for alcohol and heroin/opioid detoxification are now covered by Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service with no TAR required:

- Acamprosate tablets
- Buprenorphine oral

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• Buprenorphine transdermal patch
  ➢ (Indicated for pain – brand Butrans covered by Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service)
• Buprenorphine/naloxone oral
• Disulfiram tablets
• Naloxone injection
• Naltrexone tablets
• Narcan nasal spray
• Sublocade injection
• Vivitrol injection

Starting this month, HPSM no longer covers these drugs for our Medi-Cal members. Pharmacies please bill the drugs above to Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service (FFS)

These changes DO NOT apply to members who are enrolled in CareAdvantage or HealthWorx.

Pharmacies can bill Medi-Cal FFS using the information contained on a member’s Medi-Cal BIC card (Benefits Identification Card – see example below). This card contains information such as the patient’s ID number along with the following information: BIN number 610442, PCN number 042555. If you or the pharmacy have questions on how to bill Medi-Cal FFS, you can contact the Medi-Cal FFS help desk at 1-800-541-5555.

If you have questions or concerns, call the HPSM Pharmacy Services at 650-616-2088.