

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Program Integrity (CPI)
Special Open Door Forum:
Prior Authorization Process and Requirements for Certain Outpatient Hospital Department
Services
Thursday, May 28th, 2020
1:30-3:00 PM Eastern Time
Conference Call Only

The CPI will host a Special Open Door Forum to invite hospital providers, physicians, and other Medicare practitioners or interested parties to discuss the Prior Authorization Process and Requirements for Certain Outpatient Hospital Department (OPD) Services.

As announced in the Calendar Year 2020 Outpatient Prospective Payment System/Ambulatory Surgical Center Final Rule ([CMS-1717-FC](#)), as published on November 12, 2019, CMS will require prior authorization for the following service categories: blepharoplasty, botulinum toxin injections, panniculectomy, rhinoplasty, and vein ablation. Prior authorization will be required nationwide for dates of service beginning on or after July 1, 2020.

We will outline the process for submitting a prior authorization request to the designated Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC), the timeframes for the MAC to render their prior authorization decisions, and the process for subsequent claim submissions. Participants will be encouraged to submit questions or provide feedback that may be incorporated into our supporting documents, such as the frequently asked questions document or the operational guide.

Here is the link to our website where slides will be posted in advance of this ODF:
<https://www.cms.gov/research-statistics-data-systems/medicare-fee-service-compliance-programs/prior-authorization-initiatives/prior-authorization-certain-hospital-outpatient-department-opd-services>

The final rule that establishes this program can be found on page 61446 using this link:
<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-11-12/pdf/2019-24138.pdf>

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Participation Instructions:
Participant Dial-In Number: 1-888-455-1397
Participant Passcode #: 9375124

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For automatic emails of Open Door Forum schedule updates (E-Mailing list subscriptions) and to view Frequently Asked Questions please visit our website at <http://www.cms.gov/opendoorforums/>.

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