



NETWORK *Notification*

Notice Date: January 5, 2023
To: West Virginia Marketplace Providers
From: CareSource
Subject: Episodes of Care Prior Authorization
Effective Date: January 1, 2023

Summary

Effective Jan. 1, 2023, in accordance with West Virginia Code §33-25A-8s, CareSource is allowing episodes of care prior authorization for the services outlined below.

Impact & Importance

An “episode of care” means a specific medical problem, condition or specific illness being managed including tests, procedures and rehabilitation initially requested by a health care practitioner. An episode of care is to be performed at the site of service, excluding out of network care: provided, that any additional testing or procedures related or unrelated to the specific medical problem, condition or specific illness being managed may require a separate prior authorization.

The outpatient prior authorization episodes of care include:

- Hip replacement (Procedure Codes: 27130, 27132)
- Knee replacement (Procedure Codes: 27446, 27447, 27486, 27487)
- Shoulder replacement (Procedure Codes: 23470, 23472, 23473, 23474)

Once benefit availability and criteria for medical necessity and appropriateness are approved for one of the outpatient trigger codes above, you will also be approved for the following services:

1. Two (2) occupational therapy (OT) visits
2. Ten (10) physical therapy (PT) visits

Therapies are subject to member benefit annual limitations.

To request an episode of care prior authorization, you must provide evidence of medical necessity for the services to be performed. Authorization is not a guarantee of payment. If a member does not require all services included in an episode of care, the standard authorization process must be followed to request authorization for the specific service required.

Questions?

For any questions, please contact Provider Services at **1-855-202-1091**.

New Training Available – Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)

The installment of the Provider Education Series offers information about SBIRT, an evidence-based practice model that seeks to identify patients who have risky patterns of use for alcohol and other drugs. Visit **CareSource.com** > Providers > Education > [Training and Events](#) to view these training videos.