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Prior Authorization Requirements

Below is a list of updated changes to the prior authorization list found in your provider manual and on the Texas Children's Health Plan website. These medical services require prior authorization. A check mark indicates the medical service is a covered benefit if medical necessity criteria are met and with prior authorization. All services will be subject to benefit limitations.

Please be sure to update your material by printing this memo and placing it in the appropriate section.

Medical Services Perinate		CHIP	STAR	STAR Kids STAR Kids MDCP		
Adaptive Aids					✓	
Adult Day Care/ Day Activity and Health Services (more than 1 unit per day)				✓	√	
Augmentative Communication Device and accessories	✓		✓	✓	√	
Bariatric Surgery	✓		√	✓	✓	
Case by Case Added Services (Codes not listed in the TMHP Fee Schedule)	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Circumcision (members one year of age and older)	✓		✓	✓	√	
Clinician Administered Drugs that Require Authorization	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	
Cosmetic Surgery	✓		✓	✓	√	
Cranial Molding Orthosis	✓		✓	✓	✓	
DME/Equipment/Supplies (In excess of benefit limitations for members 20 years of age and under)	✓		✓	✓	✓	
DME Repair (K0739) when greater than 35 units	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Employment Assistance					✓	
Emergency Response Services (Community First Choice)				✓	√	
Flexible Family Support Services					✓	
Financial Management Services				✓	√	
Gait Trainers and Standers	✓		√	✓	√	
General Anesthesia for Dental Procedures (Facility and Physician) 6 years and under			√	✓	√	
Genetic Testing	✓	√	√	✓	√	
Habilitation (Community First Choice)				✓	√	
Home Health Care	✓		√	✓	√	
Home Modifications Maintenance					✓	
Home Telemonitoring Services	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Hospital grade Blood Pressure Monitors for home use	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Hospital Beds and accessories	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Hospital Inpatient care	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Implantable Hearing Device (excluding batteries)	✓		√	✓	√	
Magnetoencephalography (MEG)	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Minor Home Modifications					✓	
Miscellaneous DME (E1399) for billed amount >\$500	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Mobility Aids	✓		√	✓	✓	
Non-Emergency Ambulance Transport	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Nutritional Supplements for oral nutrition and adults	✓		✓	✓	✓	



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Oral Surgery and Medically Necessary Dental Procedures	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Out of Network Services (excluding emergency services, family planning for STAR/STAR Kids only, and well child exams for all plans)	✓	✓	✓	√	√	
Personal Care Services or Personal Assistance (Community First Choice)				✓	✓	
PET Scans	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Positive Airway Pressure Device (CPAP/BiPAP)	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers			✓	✓	✓	
Private Duty Nursing in Home	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Prosthetics	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Respite Care					✓	
Skilled Nursing facility	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Sleep Studies in Children (under 18 years old)	✓		✓	✓	✓	
SPECT Scans	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Supported Employment					✓	
Therapy-Occupational (excluding Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Programs, Reevaluations, and Initial Evaluations for in network providers)	✓		✓	√	√	
Therapy-Physical (excluding Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Programs, Reevaluations, and Initial Evaluations for in network providers)	✓		✓	√	✓	
Therapy-Speech (excluding Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Programs, Reevaluations and Initial Evaluations for in network providers)	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Therapeutic and Reconstructive Breast Procedures (including breast prosthesis)	✓		✓	✓	✓	
TMJ diagnosis and treatment	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Transition Assistance Services					✓	
Transplants including Solid Organ and Bone Marrow	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Wheelchairs and accessories	✓		✓	√	✓	
Behavioral Health Services Perinate	CHIP	CHIP	STAR	STAR Kids	STAR Kids MDCP	
Inpatient Care	✓		✓	✓	√	
Intensive Outpatient Treatment (Chemical Dependency Treatment Facility)	✓		√	✓	✓	
Mental Health Rehabilitation Services and Targeted Case Management			√	✓	✓	
Neuropsychological Testing (when billed outside of the allowable hours per day or per year)	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Out of Network Services	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Outpatient Psychotherapy Visits Greater than 30 (Per Calendar Year)	√		✓	✓	✓	
Partial Hospitalization (Mental Health)	√		✓	✓	✓	
Psychological Testing (when billed outside of the allowable hours per day or per year) (excluding initial evaluation)	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Residential Treatment Facility	√		✓	✓	✓	
Skills Training and Development	√		✓	✓	√	