



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

March 21, 2023

All Providers

Effective May 12, 2023

End of Public Health Emergency (PHE)

Resumption of Prior Authorization Requirements

On February 9, 2023, the State of Montana received notice from the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) would be extended for 90 days. Additionally, the Secretary noted that based on current trends regarding COVID-19, HHS is planning for this to be the final renewal and that the PHE will end on May 11, 2023.

Effective May 12, 2023, previously suspended prior authorization (PA) requirements for Health Resources Division (HRD) will resume, including but not limited to:

- Out of State Inpatient Hospital Admissions
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Items Over \$1,000
- Select Medical / Surgical Procedures
- Select Durable Medical Equipment Items

Prior to March 31, 2023, an additional provider notice will be published detailing the specific medical/surgical procedures and DME items that will require a PA.

[To submit PA requests, see the Document Library tab on the Mountain-Pacific Quality Health Medicaid Portal.](#)

Contact Information

If you need assistance with access to the Qualitrac Portal, Prior Authorizations (PAs), or Continued Stay Requests (CSRs), please contact Mountain-Pacific Quality Health at (800) 219-7035.

If you have questions regarding this provider notice, please contact:

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For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email [Montana Provider Relations Helpdesk](#).

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