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To: Participating Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Providers

Re: DME Prior Authorization Changes

Prior Authorization Changes

Geisinger Health Plan (GHP) will remove the prior authorization requirement for certain DME supplies effective August 1, 2015. Enclosed is a list of DME items that will no longer require prior authorization through GHP Medical Management.

Please note that although the prior authorization requirement is being removed, not all DME items listed here are covered by all GHP plans. Please continue to verify your GHP patient's coverage through GHP's plan central page at www.NaviNet.net, or by calling the customer service number on the back of your patient's member identification card.

List of DME items that will not require prior authorization effective August 1, 2015:

- **Injection Supplies**
 - Sterile water/saline, 500 ml
 - Maint drug infus cath per wk
- **Incontinence Appliances & Supplies**
 - Insert tray w/o bag/cath
 - Cath w/drainage 2-way latex
 - Irrigation tray
 - Irrigation syringe
 - Extension drainage tubing
 - Indwelling catheter latex
 - Indwelling catheter special
 - Disposable male external cat
 - Bladder irrigation tubing
 - Bedside drainage bag
 - Urinary leg or abdomen bag
 - Bedside drain btl w/wo tube
 - Foam/fabric leg strap
 - Solid skin barrier 6x6
 - Appliance cleaner
 - Bedside drain btl w/wo tube
 - Foam/fabric leg strap
 - Solid skin barrier 6x6
 - Appliance cleaner
- **Ostomy Supplies**
 - Solid skin barrier
 - Ostomy clamp, replacement
 - Adhesive, liquid or equal
 - Ostomy belt
 - Skin barrier liquid per oz
 - Skin barrier powder per oz
 - Ost skin barrier sld ext wear
 - Urinary pouch w ex wear barr
 - Ostomy pouch liq deodorant
 - Peristomal hernia supprt blt
 - Irrigation supply sleeve
 - Ostomy irrigation set
 - Lubricant per ounce
 - Nonpectin based ostomy paste
 - Pectin based ostomy paste
 - Ext wear ost skn barr <=4sqin
 - Ost pouch drain high output
 - Ost pch for bar w flange/flt
 - Ost pch drain for barrier fl
 - Stoma cap
 - Pouch drainable w barrier at
 - Drain ostomy pouch w/flange
 - Urinary pouch on barr w/flng
 - Ostomy accessory convex insert

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- **Other Miscellaneous Supplies**
 - Lancets per box of 100
 - Non-waterproof tape
 - Waterproof tape
 - Adhesive remover per ounce
 - Adhesive remover, wipes
 - Surgicl dress hold non-reuse
 - Moisture exchanger
 - Electrodes, pair
 - Lead wires, pair
 - Slings
 - Tens suppl 2 lead per month
 - Tubing with heating element
- **Oxygen & Related Respiratory Equipment & Supplies**
 - Hand-held pefr meter
 - Breathing circuits
 - Variable concentration mask
 - Trach care kit for new trach
 - Oropharyngeal suction cath
 - Disposable canister for pump
 - Tubing used w suction pump
 - Nebulizer administration set
 - Disposable nebulizer sml vol
 - Non disposable nebulizer set
 - Lg vol nebulizer disposable
 - Disposable corrugated tubing
 - Nebulizer water collec devic
 - Disposable compressor filter
 - Aerosol mask used w nebulize
 - Repl oral cushion combo mask
 - Cpap full face mask
 - Replacement facemask interfa
 - Replacement nasal cushion
 - Replacement nasal pillows
 - Nasal application device
 - Pos airway press headgear
 - Pos airway press chinstrap
 - Pos airway pressure tubing
 - Pos airway pressure filter
 - Filter, non disposable w pap
 - Repl exhalation port for pap
 - Repl water chamber, pap dev
- **Replacement Supplies for DME**
 - Alternating pressure pad
- **Dialysis Supplies**
 - Sphyg/bp app w cuff and stet
 - Dialysis blood pressure cuff
 - Automatic bp monitor, dial
- **Diabetic Shoes**
 - Multi den insert custom mold
- **Dressings**
 - Alginate drsg wound filler
 - Contact layer >16<= 48 sq in
 - Non-sterile gauze<=16 sq in
 - Gauze >16 <=48 sq in w/bordr
 - Gauze >16<=48 no w/sal w/o b
 - Hydrocolld drg <=16 w/o bdr
 - Hydrocolld drg filler paste
 - Hydrogel drg >16<=48 in w/b
 - Absorpt drg <=16 sq in w/o b
 - Absorpt drg >16 <=48 w/o bdr
 - Absorpt drg >16<=48 in w/bdr
 - Transparent film <= 16 sq in
 - Sterile gauze <= 16 sq in
 - Sterile gauze>16 <= 48 sq in
 - Sterile gauze > 48 sq in
 - Conform band n/s
 - w>=3in<5in/yd
 - Lt compres band >=3in <5in/yd
 - Self-adher band w <3in/yd
 - Tubular dressing
- **Tracheostomy Supplies**
 - Trach/laryn tube non-cuffed
 - Trach/laryn tube cuffed
 - Trach/laryn tube stainless
 - Tracheostomy mask
 - Tracheostomy tube collar
 - Trach/laryn tube plug/stop
- **Protective Helmet**
 - Hard protect helmet prefab

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- **Canes & Crutches**
 - Cane adjust/fixed with tip
 - Cane adjust/fixed quad/3 pro
 - Crutch underarm pair no wood
 - Crutch underarm each no wood
 - Crutch substitute
- **Walkers & Attachments**
 - Walker folding adjust/fixed
 - Walker folding wheeled w/o s
 - Heavy duty wheeled walker
 - Walker platform attachment
 - Walker wheel attachment, pair
 - Walker seat attachment
- **Commodes & Toilet Aids**
 - Commode chair with fixed arm
 - Commode chair with detach arm
 - Toilet seat raised
- **Hospital Beds & Accessories**
 - Rails bed side half length
 - Rails bed side full length
 - Urinal male jug-type
 - Urinal female jug-type
- **Humidifiers, Compressors, & Nebulizers**
 - Humidifier nonheated w pap
 - Humidifier heated used w pap
 - Nebulizer ultrasonic
- **Monitoring Devices**
 - Blood glucose monitor home
- **Safety Equipment**
 - Transfer device
- **Nerve Stimulators & Devices**
 - Tens four lead
- **Infusion Supplies**
 - Iv pole
- **Traction Equipment**
 - Tract equip cervical tract
- **Orthopedic Devices**
 - Trapeze bar attached to bed
 - Hd trapeze bar attach to bed
 - Hd trapeze bar free standing
 - Belt/harness extremity
- **Wheelchairs & Wheelchair Accessories**
 - Loop heel
 - Toe loop/holder, each
 - Cushioned headrest
 - W/c shoulder harness/straps
 - Wheelchair brake extension
 - Wheelchair head rest extensi
 - Manual wc hand rim w project
 - Wheelchair anti-tipping devi
 - W/c acc,saf belt pelv strap
 - Seat upholstery, replacement
 - Back upholstery, replacement
 - Wheelchair solid seat insert
 - Wheelchair calf rest
 - Residual limb support system
 - Rollabout chair with casters
 - Transport chair pt wt<=300lb
 - Manual fully reclining back
 - Crutch and cane holder
 - Wheelchair bearings
 - Pneumatic propulsion tire
 - Pneumatic prop tire tube
 - Pneumatic prop tire insert
 - Foam caster tire any size ea
 - Solid caster tire each
 - Propulsion whl excludes tire
 - Caster fork replacement only
 - Solid seat support base
 - Special joystick handle
 - U1 sealed leadacid battery
 - Gen w/c cushion wdth < 22 in

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- Skin protect wc cus wd <22in
- Replace cover w/c seat cush
- Detach adjust armrest base
- Detach adjust armrst upper
- Arm pad each
- Leg strap each
- Standard size footplate each
- Ftrst lower extension tube
- Cam release assem ftrst/lgrst
- Seat ht <17 or >=21 ltwt wc
- Spoke protectors
- Elevating whlchair leg rests
- Temporary replacement eqpmnt
- 12-24hr sealed lead acid
- **Orthotic Devices**
 - Lo flex l1-below l5 pre ots
 - Who cock-up nonmolde pre ots
 - Ankle control ortho pre ots
 - Non-pneum walk boot pre cst
 - Mastectomy bra
 - Tracheostomy speaking valve

Billing for Rental Claims Reminder

GHP would like to remind you that additional DME authorization change forms DO NOT need to be submitted for claims with a date of service that falls within the original authorization span. You can check the status of your rental authorizations through the Authorization Inquiry function on the GHP plan central page at www.NaviNet.net.

Information contained in this Operations Bulletin amends the Participating Provider Guide. If you have any questions regarding DME precertification/prior authorization, please call you Provider Account Manager at (800) 876-5357.