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# UPDATE: Corrective Action Plan and Capitation Deductions for Prior Authorization: Screening Mammograms

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers regarding the misplacement of prior authorizations on preventative services.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has received notice of network providers failing to follow Medi-Cal requirements by placing inappropriate barriers on screening mammography (breast cancer screenings), and other preventive services. Per Department of Healthcare Services contracts with Managed Care Plans (MCPs), MCPs including their delegated partners and downstream entities cannot impose prior authorization on preventive services.

## What you need to do:

Effective immediately, MHC is requesting all Medi-Cal delegates to update communications, processes, and systems to remove screening mammography, breast cancer screenings, and other Medi-Cal preventive services from Prior Authorization lists. This includes system and manual auto-approval of these services.

#### When this is happening:

Beginning **June 1, 2023**, MHC Delegation Oversight will begin monthly monitoring of utilization management activity to ensure compliance to this request.

# What you need to know:

Non-compliance will result in a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and require immediate remediation by the delegate. If it is discovered that a Provider is misusing prior authorizations and creating barriers to preventive care for members, the Provider's capitation payments may be deducted.

For guidance with identifying Medi-Cal preventative services, please refer to the Preventive Services Section of the Medi-Cal Provider Manual at: <a href="https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/publications/masters-mtp/part2/prev.pdf">https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/publications/masters-mtp/part2/prev.pdf</a>.

Please note that the Medi-Cal Provider Manual may not be exhaustive and is subject to change, which may require future changes to Prior Authorization lists, Utilization Management processes, and systems to remain compliant.

### What if you need assistance?

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