

MHIA Provider Notice

Molina Healthcare of Iowa, Inc.

Molina's PA Requirements: April 1, 2026 Update

The codes listed in the Molina Healthcare of Iowa, Inc.'s (Molina) Prior Authorization (PA) Codification List **require** PA. The updates below will be reflected on the PA Codification List on the website's [Frequently Used Forms](#) page under Authorization Requests. The downloadable file lists the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) codes that require PA.

This is a notification only and does **not** determine if the benefit is covered by the member's plan. Providers are **strongly encouraged** to review all updates regularly and confirm whether a code requires PA.

Updates to the PA codes

Please see the below changes for Prior Authorization effective 4/1/2026:

Healthcare Administered Drugs
PA UPDATE J1073 - Services prohibited in HF 1049 will not be covered.
Transplants / Gene Therapy
PA REQUIRED 70472, 70473 - 70472 and 70473 are replacing 0042T which currently requires PA for Medicaid.
Imaging and Special Tests
PA REQUIRED J3404

Advanced imaging authorization requests

Providers are required to submit all requests in the [Availity Essentials Portal](#). If you are unable to do so, you may submit a request by fax to **(877) 731-7218**. Use the Availity Portal to quickly and easily check the status of a request.

Note: Obtaining authorization does not guarantee payment. Molina retains the right to review benefit limitations and exclusions, eligibility on the date of the service, correct coding, billing practices, and whether the service was provided in the most appropriate and cost-effective setting of care.

PA process

The process for obtaining PA has **not** changed. Please use the [Availity Essentials Portal](#) (preferred) or complete the Prior Authorization Request Form with all pertinent information and medical notes as applicable. Providers are encouraged to use the [Availity Essentials Portal](#) to submit authorization requests electronically. The standard PA form is also provided on the Molina web site for submission by fax.

Convenient tool for PA codes

Providers are encouraged to use Molina's online [PA LookUp Tool](#) to help find the correct codes. It is intended for searches only and should not be used to make determinations about coverage.

The PA Tool is for outpatient services only. All elective inpatient admissions to acute hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF), rehabilitation facilities, or Long-Term Acute Care Hospitals (LTACH) must follow standard Molina Utilization Management (UM) notification and review procedures.

Molina Clinical Policies

Molina's Clinical Policies (MCPs) are accessible at [MolinaClinicalPolicy.com](#). Some that are specific to Iowa are found on the [Molina Clinical Policy page](#) under [Provider Resources](#) on the [Molina Iowa provider website](#).

MCG for Cite Guideline Transparency

Reminder on **current process** for Advanced Imaging Authorizations: Molina has partnered with MCG Health to implement Cite for Care Guideline Transparency. **You can access this feature through the [Availity Essentials Portal](#)**. With MCG for Cite Guideline Transparency, Molina can share clinical indications with providers. The tool operates as a secure extension of Molina's existing MCG investment and helps meet regulations around transparency for care delivery.

Questions?

We're here to help. Contact your dedicated Provider Relations Rep or email the Provider Relations team at IAProviderRelations@MolinaHealthcare.com. To help identify your dedicated Provider Relations Manager, visit the [Contact Us](#) page for Iowa.

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