

# MHIL Provider Memo

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## Upcoming Changes to Medicaid PA Code List: Second Quarter 2026

The codes listed in the Molina Healthcare of Illinois (Molina) Prior Authorization (PA) Codification List **require** Prior Authorization. The additions 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.

**Important:** This memo primarily addresses codes being added to the Codification List. Codes removed from the grid that no longer require Prior Authorization are not necessarily listed here. 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.

### Additions to the PA code list

These codes will **require** Prior Authorization effective **April 1, 2026**:

Health Care Administered Drugs
J1572
Hyperbaric and Wound Care
Q4415, Q4416, Q4417, Q4402, Q4403, Q4404, Q4405, Q4406, Q4407, Q4408, Q4410, Q4398, Q4399, Q4414, Q4412, Q4411, Q4409, Q4413, Q4400, Q4401
Imaging & Special Tests
70472, 70473, 75577

### Removals from the PA code list

Effective **April 1, 2026**, these codes will **not** require Prior Authorization when associated with breast reconstruction related to breast cancer diagnosis:

Hyperbaric and Wound Care
Q4116, Q4122, Q4128

### Digital-only PA process

The process for obtaining Prior Authorization has changed. Molina has transitioned to a digital PA model to expedite the review process in compliance with CMS-0057. Please use the [Availity Essentials Portal](#) to submit **all** Prior Authorization Requests, including **all** pertinent information **and** clinical records. Exceptions are pharmacy requests, including pharmacy drugs and medical benefit buy-and-bill drugs; and delegated UM vendors including Evolent, Healthmap, and ProgenyHealth.

## 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 use with 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 notification and review procedures.

**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.

## Molina Clinical Policies

Molina's Clinical Policies (MCPs) are accessible at [MolinaClinicalPolicy.com](#). Some that are specific to Illinois are found on the [Molina Clinical Policy](#) page in the Illinois Provider section of the Molina website.

## MCG Cite for Guideline Transparency

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 Cite for Guideline Transparency, Molina can share clinical indications with providers. The tool operates as a secure extension of Molina's existing MCG investment, helping to meet regulations regarding transparency in care delivery.

## Questions?

We're here to help! Contact your dedicated provider relations manager or email the Provider Relations team at [MHILProviderNetworkManagement@MolinaHealthcare.com](mailto:MHILProviderNetworkManagement@MolinaHealthcare.com). To help identify your dedicated provider relations manager, visit [Molina's Service Area page](#).

## Digital-only PA

[Availity Essentials](#) is the exclusive provider portal for Molina Healthcare—and the **only** way to submit authorization requests, with the exception of Pharmacy requests. Clinical supporting documents must accompany **all** authorization requests. Log in today to access claims management, eligibility/benefit verification, Digital Correspondence Hub, and more.

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