

Provider Memorandum

Temporary PA Suspension of Surgical Procedures Appropriate for an ASC

Molina Healthcare of Illinois (Molina) announced in October 2020 a plan to align our processes with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and industry criteria standards. Effective January 1, 2021, Molina enacted a new policy to safely steer appropriate procedures away from the hospital to certified Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASC). Much of the planning for this transition occurred in 2019 and 2020.

We could not have predicted that in 2021 we would still be under a public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic, or that COVID waivers would still be in effect. Although it is surprising and spectacular news that vaccines were developed in such a short time, production, storage, and distribution are still a major issue.

Molina is committed to the highest quality of treatment for our members, as well as member and provider satisfaction. Given the current state of affairs, **we feel it would be beneficial to providers and members if we were to suspend this policy for the remainder of the year.** We will provide you with ample notification before it is reinstated in 2022. Thank you for your service to our members.

Questions?

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