



Dear Molina Health Care Partner:

Effective **April 12, 2021**, Molina Health Care of New York, Inc. will continue to follow CMS Guidelines by removing some procedure codes from the Inpatient Only List (IPO).

Knee Replacement Surgery (Arthroplasty) Total and Partial performed during a hospital outpatient stay is one of them (**the Principal Codes CPT 27446 and 27447**). If needed, an observation stay will be authorized. This applies to all products - Medicaid Managed Care, Child Health Plus, the Essential Plan and HARP.

Ambulatory surgery is defined in the regulations of Article 28 of the Public Health Law as those surgical procedures which need to be performed for safety reasons in an operating room on anesthetized patients requiring a stay of less than a 24-hour duration.

There will be occasions when hospital outpatient procedures are not appropriate for varied reasons, including comorbid conditions. Molina will continue to reimburse providers for Knee Replacement Surgery (Arthroplasty) Total and Partial as an **inpatient procedure** if the patient's admission spans at least two midnights. These exceptions should follow the current Prior Authorization Process and each case will be reviewed by a Molina Medical Director.

For additional information please see 2019, 2020 and 2021 CMS Inpatient Only List (IPO) and NY State Article 28 of the Public Health Law.

Please direct any questions to Molina's Provider Services Department at **(877) 872-4716**.

Sincerely,

Molina Healthcare of New York, Inc.