

Provider Memorandum

Molina’s Prior Authorization (PA) Requirements—Fourth Quarter, 2023

The codes listed below will **require** Prior Authorization. These changes will be reflected on the Molina Healthcare of Illinois (Molina) Prior Authorization Codification List found on the [Molina provider website](#) on the [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 only addresses codes **added** to the Codification or Prior Authorization grid. Codes removed from the grid that no longer require Prior Authorization are **not** listed here. Providers are **strongly** encouraged to review all updates regularly and confirm whether a code requires PA.

New Updates to the PA Codes

These codes will require Prior Authorization effective **October 1, 2023**:

Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
E0486, A4238
Outpatient Hospital/Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Procedures
0402U, 0404U, 0406U, 0407U, 0409U, 0410U, 0411U, 0412U, 0413U, 0414U, 0415U, 0416U, 0417U, 0418U, 0419U, 0793T, 0795T, 0796T, 0797T, 0798T, 0799T, 0800T, 0801T, 0802T, 0803T, 0805T, 0806T, 0809T, C9784, C9785, C9787
Hyperbaric/Wound Therapy
Q4272, Q4273, Q4274, Q4275, Q4276, Q4277, Q4278, Q4280, Q4281, Q4282, Q4283, Q4284
Proprietary Lab Analyses
0387U, 0388U, 0389U, 0390U, 0391U, 0392U, 0393U, 0394U, 0395U, 0396U, 0397U, 0398U, 0399U, 0400U, 0401U, 0403U, 0405U
Experimental and Investigational
0794T
Health Care Administered Drugs
90679, 90678, J0174

Advanced Imaging Authorization Requests

Providers are **strongly encouraged** to submit 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 [Provider 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.

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 **must** follow standard Molina Utilization Management notification and review procedures.

Molina Clinical Policies

All of Molina's Clinical Policies (MCPs) are accessible at MolinaClinicalPolicy.com.

MCG for Cite Guideline Transparency

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

These guides will show you how to access the MCG feature:

[MCG Quick Reference Guide—Molina's Availity Provider Portal](#).

[MCG Quick Reference Guide—Molina Legacy Provider Portal](#).

Questions?

We're here to help. Contact your dedicated Provider Network Manager or email the Provider Network Management team at MHILProviderNetworkManagement@MolinaHealthcare.com. For help identifying your dedicated Provider Network Manager, visit [Molina's Service Area page](#) at MolinaHealthcare.com.

Provider Portal Alert

We are sunsetting the Molina Legacy Provider Portal this year. Ensure that you and your staff have access to streamlined claims management, authorizations, eligibility/benefit verification, and more. Get started with Availity Essentials Provider Portal today! [Click here](#).

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Note: Molina's website and documents are best viewed in Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge.