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# Global Commitment Register

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## **Change to Hysterectomy Prior Authorization Requirements**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) no longer requires prior authorizations for hysterectomy surgical procedures not related to gender reaffirming surgery effective July 1, 2022. As a result of [Act 140 from the 2020 Vermont Legislative session](#) and a DVHA initiative to reduce administrative burden, DVHA identified hysterectomy surgical procedures as a procedure that is frequently approved and no longer necessary to require prior authorization.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2022

### **Authority/Legal Basis:**

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

### **Population Affected:**

All Medicaid

### **Fiscal Impact:**

This change is expected to be budget neutral.

### **Public Comment Period:**

The public comment period ended June 30, 2022. [Comments received can be viewed here](#). The [state response to comments received](#) can be viewed here.

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