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Hysterectomy Prior Authorization Requirements

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program removed prior authorization requirements for hysterectomy surgical procedures not related to gender affirming surgery effective July 1, 2022 (see [Final GCR 21-068](#)). After careful consideration of public comments received on GCR 21-068 and in consultation with the Clinical Utilization Review Board (CURB), the Vermont Medicaid program is removing the prior authorization requirement for hysterectomy surgical procedures for all members age 18 and older, regardless of diagnosis. Prior authorization will only be required for hysterectomies for members under 18 years of age.

Effective Date:

August 1, 2023

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Additional Information:

With the exception of hysterectomies for members age 18 and older, prior authorization is still required for all gender affirming surgeries per [Health Care Administrative Rule \(HCAR\) 4.238 – Gender Affirmation Surgery for the Treatment of Gender Dysphoria](#).

Conditions for coverage of hysterectomies are also described in [HCAR 4.224.1\(b\)](#).

[Medicaid clinical forms and prior authorization forms](#) can be found on the Department of Vermont Health Access website.

Learn more about the [Clinical Utilization Review Board](#) on the Department of Vermont Health Access website.

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