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Vermont Medicaid Next Generation (VMNG) Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Prior Authorization Waiver

Policy Summary:

The VMNG prior authorization waiver allows prior authorization requirements and service limits for ACO covered services to be waived.

The VMNG prior authorization waiver does not bypass federal MUEs/NCCI limits or DVHA's coverage policies. It also does not waive prior authorization for codes with safety concerns or codes not covered by Medicaid. Additionally, it does not change billing requirements, allow providers to supply medically unnecessary care, or forfeit the exception process for members or providers.

Services provided beyond the scope of Medicaid coverage will not be reimbursed by Medicaid or included in the ACO's total cost of care, even under the VMNG prior authorization waiver. For example:

1. Acupuncture is not covered by Medicaid nor included in the ACO's total cost of care. Delivery of service may occur, but no claim should be submitted to Medicaid and no payment will be made.
2. A physical therapist provides personal training to a Medicaid member that is not medically necessary. Delivery of services may occur, but no claim should be submitted to Medicaid and no payment will be made.

Some services outside of the ACO's total cost of care still require prior authorization, and do not qualify for this ACO Prior Authorization Waiver.

If claims are incorrectly submitted and processed, Program Integrity may audit and determine appropriate action.

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Global Commitment to Health Waiver](#): Waiver authority #5 [Section 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30)]; Special Term and Condition #29.

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

Population Affected: ACO-attributed Medicaid members