

Florida Medicaid/Long-Term Care (LTC): COVID-19 State of Emergency: Prior Authorization Reinstatement

To help respond to the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) previously required managed care plans to establish certain provider flexibilities. As the State begins to reopen, the Agency is evaluating each enacted flexibility to determine potential end dates. The below details the reinstatement of prior authorization for certain Medicaid-covered services.

Effective for dates of service on or after **June 19, 2020** when prior authorization is required for the service, Humana will begin reinstating prior authorization requirements for the following Medicaid services that were previously waived in response to COVID-19 (see [Policy Transmittal: 2020-15](#)):

- Advanced practice registered nursing services
- Ambulance transportation
- Durable medical equipment and supplies
- Home health services
- Hospital services (including long-term care hospitals)
- Nursing facility services
- Physician services
- Physician assistant services

Health plans may also reinstate prior authorization requirements for inpatient hospital services for admissions occurring on or after **June 19, 2020**. The managed care plan may also reinstate the prior authorization and claims payment prohibitions outlined in [Policy Transmittal: 2020-24](#) for the services listed above.

Behavioral Health Exception

The managed care plan must continue to waive prior authorization requirements and services limits (frequency and duration) for behavioral health services covered under the Medicaid program, including:

- Community behavioral health services
- Inpatient behavioral health services
- Targeted case management services

This flexibility, along with the requirements outlined in [Policy Transmittal: 2020-24](#), continue to apply for behavioral health services until further notice.

For more information on prior authorization requirements prior to June 19, 2020, please see our [Medicaid Coverage of Services flyer](#). For guidance on hospital transfer authorization requirements, please see our [Hospital Transfer Requirements flyer](#).