



Ambulatory Surgical Center Services And Hospital Outpatient Services

Phoenix Health Plan (PHP)

And

Abrazo Advantage Health Plan (AAHP) Providers

Effective for dates of service on and after May 1, 2011 PHP and AAHP will be implementing a new process which requires specified procedures be performed in an Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) or office setting when medically appropriate.

To make this change easier the majority of the specified procedures will not require prior authorization when performed in contracted ASCs or an office setting.

The list of procedures as well as a directory of PHP's and AAHP's contracted ASCs can be found at:

www.PhoenixHealthPlan.com

and

www.AbrazoAdvantage.com

PHP and AAHP will also be implementing a prior authorization change in relationship to hospital outpatient procedures. Effective for dates of service on and after May 1, 2011 all outpatient procedures performed in a hospital setting will require prior authorization - Attachment III in the PHP and AAHP Prior Authorization Guidelines is being eliminated.

PHP and AAHP are implementing this process as a result of a directive from the AHCCCS Administration. All AHCCCS plans are to ensure that medically necessary services are performed in the most cost effective setting. PHP and AAHP are making this change to ensure that we are aligned with this goal.

Please direct questions to your assigned Provider Relations Representative or area Market Manager.

Thank you in advance for your efforts to assist in keeping the AHCCCS program viable.

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