



Hospital Outpatient Services

June 1, 2011

Phoenix Health Plan (PHP)

As previously communicated, PHP revised our prior authorization requirements for specified surgical procedures provided in an Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) for dates of services on and after May 1, 2011.

When one of these procedures cannot be provided at an ASC and is requested to be provided in a hospital outpatient setting due to medical necessity or other technical reasons, PHP will continue to review the prior authorization (PA) requests and issue approvals as warranted.

The list of outpatient procedures PHP requests be performed in an ASC or office is located on our website. In addition our website contains the list of procedures that are excluded from prior authorization when performed in an ASC or office.

PA guidelines can be found at: www.PhoenixHealthPlan.com- select Provider and Prior authorization

In addition, effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2011, **all procedures performed in a hospital outpatient setting** will require prior authorization.

PHP is implementing these prior authorization changes as part of our initiative to align with our AHCCCS contractual requirements. All AHCCCS plans are to ensure that medically necessary services are provided in the most cost effective setting.

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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