



Important Notice: Authorization Changes

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Dear Valued Provider:

According to our contractual agreement, Cigna-HealthSpring is required to provide you with notice of any material changes in our policies and procedures. This letter and the enclosed attachment serve as notice of a change to Authorization Requirements which will be effective **06/01/2019**. This adjustment has been made to the 2019 STAR+PLUS Provider Manual and the corrected document has been placed online at <http://starplus.cignahealthspring.com> for your review and reference.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosed attachment, please contact Provider Services at 1-877-653-0331.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Please see the comparison chart, which references the changes and updates made to Authorization Requirements.

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Comparison Chart

Authorization Additions	Authorizations Removed from Requirements - Medical
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J1300 Eculizumab, 10 mg • J9354 Ado-Trastuzumab Emtansine • C9484 eteplirsen Exondys 51 • C9489 nusinersen, Spinraza • Q2040 Tisagenlecleucel , Kymriah • C9014,cerliponase alfa, Brineura • C2098, inotuzumab ozogamicin , Besponsa • Q2041, axicabtagene ciloleucel, Yescarta 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxygen • Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring • Sleep studies • Enhanced External Counterpulsation (EECP) • Hernia Repairs • Vagus Nerve Stimulations • Wound care-outpatient setting • Podiatry • TMJ • Cardiac Rehabilitation • Oral Surgery
New Lab Codes Providers Can Perform in Office	Authorizations Removed from Requirements - Behavioral Health
<p>See below:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outpatient Psychological and Neuropsychological testing • Neurobehavioral Assessment • Outpatient Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT) • Residential Detox • Mental Health Rehabilitation • Targeted Case Management
	<p>In Office Labs Removed from requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 81007 Urinalysis; bacteriuria screen, except by culture or dipstick • 84520 Urea nitrogen; quantitative • 83026 Hemoglobin; by copper sulfate method, non-automated • 84478 Triglycerides
New Lab Codes Providers Can Perform in their Office without sending to an Outside Lab	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 81000 Urinalysis, by dip stick or tablet reagent for bilirubin, glucose, hemoglobin, ketones, leukocytes, nitrite, pH, protein, specific gravity, urobilinogen, any number of these constituents; non-automated, with microscopy • 81015 Urinalysis; microscopic only • 82043 Albumin; urine (eg, microalbumin), quantitative • 82247 Bilirubin; total • 82271 Blood, occult, by peroxidase activity (eg, guaiac), qualitative; other sources • 82465 Cholesterol, serum or whole blood, total • 82565 Creatinine; blood • 82948 Glucose; blood, reagent strip • 82950 Glucose; post glucose dose (includes glucose) • 82951 Glucose; tolerance test (GTT), 3 specimens (includes glucose) • 82952 Glucose; tolerance test, each additional beyond 3 specimens (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) • 83037 Hemoglobin; glycosylated (A1C) by device cleared by FDA for home use • 83655 Lead • 84132 Potassium; serum, plasma or whole blood • 85025 Blood count; complete (CBC), automated (Hgb, Hct, RBC, WBC and platelet count) and automated differential WBC count • 87807 Blood count; complete (CBC), automated (Hgb, Hct, RBC, WBC and platelet count) 	