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To: Select Physical Therapy Providers

From: IEHP – UM

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Subject: Effective Immediately – Change to PT Authorization Process to Avoid Potential

Overutilization

Please be advised of an important update regarding our physical therapy (PT) authorization process.

During a recent audit by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), IEHP was presented with a finding that authorizing a standard set of CPT codes that is not tailored to correlate with each respective Members' diagnoses may result in over utilization.

Effective immediately, IEHP will no longer authorize a standard set of CPT codes when authorizing PT; CPT codes will be authorized as clinically appropriate and specific to each individual Member's diagnosis.

We understand this change may be an adjustment to your practice expectations and protocols, but it is essential that IEHP comply with regulatory requirements and that we demonstrate appropriate utilization management processes in place.

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