



Changes in Louisiana Medicaid Policy for ‘Transplant-Related’ Services

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Medicaid policy concerning ‘transplant related’ services has changed. Effective with date of processing November 1, 2016, ‘transplant related’ services do not require an attached transplant prior authorization approval letter to be processed and paid. In the past, hospitals and physicians were required to attach the authorization letter to all transplant and transplant-related claims submitted to Molina for processing. This is no longer a requirement for ‘transplant related’ services.

This change does not impact claims for the actual organ transplant. All transplants must be authorized by the Prior Authorization Unit prior to the performance of the surgery. If the transplant is approved by the Prior Authorization Unit, the authorization letter is issued to the requesting hospital. When billing for the organ transplant, the hospital and all physicians involved must attach a copy of the approval letter and a dated operative report to the claims. As before, hospitals should share a copy of the transplant approval letter with all other providers involved in the patient’s transplant.