
Oregon Health Authority has made the decision not to renew the Federal EPSDT (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Testing) program waiver for 2023, this change was effective January 1.

With this change, Advanced Health will no longer deny authorizations and/or claims based solely on services sitting below the funding line or for being a non-covered service for children and youth up to age 21. The CCO also cannot require prior authorizations for screening services. Each service will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis for medical necessity, medical appropriateness, and to see if the service will benefit the member's health condition before a decision is made.

Advanced Health Medical Management (Utilization Review) will accept requests for proactive review of authorizations to ensure services meet the medical necessity and appropriateness guidelines as well as ameliorates the member's health conditions prior to any services being performed. While this step is not required, it will ensure there are no delays in the claims adjudication process if approved. Any denied services are also subject to a secondary review prior to the CCO processing NOABD (Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination) Letters, which are sent directly to Advanced Health members.

Our Claims Department will be reviewing claims to ensure they meet the guidelines for coverage as they are received. If the claim is flagged for review, additional supporting information may be requested, and the claim payment may be delayed. It is important to note that requests for information may be commonly coming from our Claims Dept. and that claims will only be held for two weeks pending documentation to be considered for approval. If the requested materials are not received within the two week time period, the request will be denied and will need resubmitted for reconsideration.

These changes are not a guarantee of payment for all services, responsibility will fall to the Provider to ensure all necessary information for review is well documented in the member's medical record.

Attached, please find the OAR (Oregon Administrative Rule) related to EPSDT, Special Screening & Preventative Care list, Periodicity Schedule, EPSDT Member Fact Sheet and the EPSDT Provider Guide for reference.

Feel free to reach out to Dani Thompson, Provider Relations Representative if you have any questions or concerns related to EPSDT.
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