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Dear Hospital and Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Providers,

Temporary changes have been made to the ColoradoPAR Program Prior Authorization Request (PAR) requirements to help facilitate hospital responses related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE). The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) recognizes the scarcity of intensive care unit (ICU) beds due to the trifecta of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), COVID-19 and the flu that has impacted members of Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) under the age of 21.

The ColoradoPAR Program is the Department's third-party utilization management PAR program for select outpatient fee-for-service services and supplies.

Next steps for Pediatric Discharges:

- Select oxygen supplies and other Durable Medical Equipment (DME) will be "automated" (receive a real-time determination). Refer to the list of codes below.
- If a PAR is submitted for any code on the first list, providers will see additional questions asking if the request is related to a pediatric hospital discharge. Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) questions include documentation related to Apnea-Hypopnea Index (AHI) and rental/purchase confirmation. Providers must answer all questions for the code to be reviewed under this new category.
- For any other codes (not on the list below): Providers are always able to select a "rapid review" for other services or supplies related to a hospital discharge. Rapid reviews will receive a final determination on the same day as submitted, if received by 2:00 p.m. MT and when Rapid Case Review criteria are met. Refer to the [Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies \(DMEPOS\) Billing Manual](#) which includes the full list of criteria for when a rapid review can be requested and explains the other types of request types providers are able to select when submitting a PAR to Kepro.
  - Rapid review is defined as a PAR that is requested because a longer turnaround time could result in a delay in the Health First Colorado member

receiving care or services that would be detrimental to their ongoing, long-term care.

- Other scenarios that qualify for a rapid review:
  - A lack of DME supplies that immediately and adversely impacts a Health First Colorado Member's ability to perform activities of daily living (ADL)
  - Same-day diagnostic studies required for cancer treatments
  - Genetic or molecular testing requiring amniocentesis
- COVID-19-related policy and PAR changes are also still in effect. Refer to the [Update COVID-19 Response November 8, 2021](#), letter for more information about the COVID-19 response.

Visit the [ColoradoPAR: Health First Colorado Prior Authorization Request Program web page](#) for more information or for other updates to the ColoradoPAR Program.

Contact Kepro at [coproviderissue@kepro.com](mailto:coproviderissue@kepro.com) with questions regarding PAR submissions. Contact [hcpf\\_um@state.co.us](mailto:hcpf_um@state.co.us) with any questions for the Department regarding PARs.

Thank you,

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

Automated Codes in Atrezzo for Pending Discharge	Modifiers and Units	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) Not Related to Discharge	
K0001	RR	Must have one of the following DX codes:	
K0002	RR	G47.30, .31, .33	
E0990	2 units	G71.00, .01, .09, .11	
E0973	2 units	G82.50, .51, .52, .54	
E0250	RR	J96.0	
E0255	RR	J96.00, .01, .02, .1, .10, .11, .12, .20, .21	
E0245		J44.1, .9	
E0160		E 66.22	
E0165		CPAP Codes	Modifiers and Units
E0240		E0601	RR 3 months and 3 units
E0247		E0561	NU 1 unit
E0465		E0562	NU 1 unit
E0466		A4604	
E0467**		A7027	6 units
E0470		A7028	6 units
E0471		A7029	6 units
E0480**		A7030	6 units
E0482**	RR 3 units/3 months	A7031	6 units
E0483**	RR 3 units/3 months	A7032	6 units
S8185**		A7033	6 units
S8186**		A7034	6 units
A7020**	RA	A7035	6 units
A7025**		A7036	6 units
A7045**	RA	A7037	12 units
A9280**	RR	A7038	24 units
A4483**		A7039	1 unit
E0779		A7044	6 units
E0789		A7046	
E0781			
E0791			
K0455			
E2402			
A9272			
B4164			
B4168			
B4172			
B4176			
B4178			
B4180			
B4185			
B4189			
B4193			
B4197			
B4199			
B4126			
B5000			
B5100			
B5200			
B4220			
B4224			
B9004	RR		
B9006	RR		
A4305			
A4306			
** Pediatric Codes			

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