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**Subject:** Presbyterian Will Update Its Medical Policy Manual and Prior Authorization Guide on Oct. 1, 2024

Presbyterian Health Plan, Inc. and Presbyterian Insurance Company, Inc. (Presbyterian) are updating the Medical Policy Manual and Prior Authorization Guide. **Effective Oct. 1, 2024**, Presbyterian will add and/or modify the following procedures in the Medical Policy Manual and Prior Authorization Guide:

- Bariatric Surgery for Pediatric Population
- Breast Ultrasound
- Durable Medical Equipment: Orthotics and Prosthetics
- Durable Medical Equipment: Rehabilitation and Mobility Devices
- Epidural Corticosteroids Injections
- Extracorporeal Photophoresis
- Pharmacogenomics Testing for Behavioral Health for Medicare
- Genetic and Genomic Testing
- Genetic Testing: Next Generation Sequencing
- Genetic Testing: InvisionFirst Liquid Biopsy for Lung Cancer
- Genetic Testing for Carrier Testing and Prenatal Diagnosis
- Genetic Testing for Whole Exome Sequencing
- Hysterectomy and Radiofrequency Ablation for Uterine Fibroid, formerly Hysterectomy
- Investigative & New Technology Assessment List (Non-Covered Services)
- **\*\*NEW\*\*** Lymphedema and Lipedema Surgical Treatment
- Peripheral Nerve Stimulation
- Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) for Treatment-Resistant Depression for Medicare and Medicaid
- Water Vapor Thermal Therapy for LUTS/BPH (Rezūm® System)

For specific information about the updates to each of the above procedures, providers may review Presbyterian's Prior Authorization Guide & Medical Policy Manual Summary of Updates at [https://onbaseext.phs.org/PEL/DisplayDocument?ContentID=PEL\\_00957317](https://onbaseext.phs.org/PEL/DisplayDocument?ContentID=PEL_00957317).

The following resources are available to providers to verify whether a prior authorization is required:

- **Medical Policy Manual:** [www.phs.org/providers/resources/medical-policy-manual](http://www.phs.org/providers/resources/medical-policy-manual)
- **myPRES Provider Portal Prior Authorization Tool:** [www.phs.org/mypres](http://www.phs.org/mypres)
- **Prior Authorization Check Tool:** <https://prescoverage.phs.org/ac/>
- **Prior Authorization Guide:** [www.phs.org/providers/authorizations](http://www.phs.org/providers/authorizations)

Providers must submit prior authorization requests as the resources above indicate.

For guidance on how to navigate the prior authorization tools on the provider portal, providers can view the myPRES Prior Authorization Manual at [www.phs.org/providermanual](http://www.phs.org/providermanual). If providers have any questions or need assistance, then they should contact their Provider Network Operations relationship executive.

As always, thank you for continuing to partner with us to improve the health and wellness of the patients, members and communities we serve.

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