

# Medical Policy Manual and Prior Authorization Guide

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The 2026 Medical Policy Manual and Prior Authorization Guide Summary of Updates outlines the changes made to Presbyterian's Medical Policy Manual and Prior Authorization Guide. The table below identifies the following:

- The medical policies that were updated
- When updates became effective
- Common Current Procedural Terminology codes and important information
- Whether a prior authorization is required

Providers can review all of Presbyterian's medical policies, including those outlined below, in Presbyterian's [Medical Policy Manual](#). For more information regarding prior authorization requirements, please refer to Presbyterian's [Prior Authorization Guide](#).

Providers can view updates from previous years here: [2022](#), [2023](#), [2024](#), [2025](#).

### Questions

Should providers have any questions regarding the following updates, then they should contact the Presbyterian Provider Line at (505) 923-5757.

### Frequently Used Acronyms

Below is a list of acronyms that are frequently used in this document and their meanings.

- **CMS:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- **CPT:** Current Procedural Terminology
- **HCA:** The New Mexico Health Care Authority
- **HCPCS:** Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
- **LCA:** Local Coverage Article
- **LCD:** Local Coverage Determination
- **MPM:** Medical Policy Manual
- **NCCN:** National Comprehensive Cancer Network
- **NCD:** National Coverage Determination
- **NMAC:** New Mexico Administrative Code
- **OPPS:** Outpatient Prospective Payment System
- **PA:** Prior Authorization
- **TAC:** Technology Assessment Committee
- **USPSTF:** United States Preventive Services Task Force

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| Effective Date | Policy | Updated Information | Requires PA? |
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