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Subject: Presbyterian Will Update its Medical Policy Manual and Prior Authorization Guide on Oct. 18
Presbyterian Health Plan, Inc. and Presbyterian Insurance Company, Inc. (Presbyterian) are updating the Medical Policy Manual and Prior Authorization Guide. **Effective Oct. 22, 2021**, Presbyterian will add and/or modify the following procedures in the Medical Policy Manual and Prior Authorization Guide:

List policies that will be updated. Below are examples of policy titles:

- Allergen Immunotherapy
- Allergy Testing
- Bariatric Surgery for Pediatric Population
- Cervical and Lumbar Spinal Procedures
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME): Orthotic and Prosthetics
- DME: Equipment for Individuals with Diabetes Diabetic Equipment
- Extracorporeal Photopheresis
- Genesight Assay for Refractory Depression (Medicare only)
- Genetic and Genomic Testing (Disease Specific)
- Next Generation Sequencing
- Osteogenic Bone Growth Stimulator (Electrical)
- Whole Breast Ultrasound

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 http://docs.phs.org/cs/groups/public/documents/communication/pel_00957317.pdf.

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
- **myPRES Provider Portal Prior Authorization Tool:** www.phs.org/mypres
- **Prior Authorization Check Tool:** <https://prescoverage.phs.org/ac/>
- **Prior Authorization Guide:** www.phs.org/providers/authorizations

Providers must submit prior authorizations requests as the resources above/on the previous page indicate.

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

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