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## Change to Prior Authorization Requirements

**Samaritan Health Plans is temporarily waiving prior authorization requirements for medical services, supplies and procedures. This does not apply to outpatient pharmacy. Pharmacy prior authorizations are still in effect.**

In response to the challenges presented by the coronavirus and to reduce barriers to the provision of care to our members, Samaritan Health Plans is temporarily waiving all prior authorization requirements for medical services, supplies and procedures across all lines of business: Samaritan Choice Plans, Samaritan Advantage Health Plans, Employer Group Plans and IHN-CCO.

The waiver of prior authorization requirements is effective starting March 14, 2020 and is expected to continue through June 14, 2020 (i.e., claims for services, supplies and procedures received between **March 14, 2020 through June 14, 2020**).

Although prior authorization requirements are being waived, payment for services provided during the waiver period are still subject to all other plan requirements, terms and limitations. Waiver of prior authorization requirements is not a guarantee of payment.