

# Provider Update

## Effective May 1, 2016: Maryland back brace precertification update

**Summary of update:** Effective May 1, 2016, CPT code L0637: lumbo-sacral orthosis (back brace) will require prior authorization (PA) review.

✦ **What this means to you:** For claims with CPT code L0637: lumbo-sacral orthosis on or after May 1, 2016, you will need to submit a PA request or the claim will deny.

### **Why is this change necessary:**

This change is necessary to be consistent with CMS reimbursement policies.

### **Where can I find additional information?**

Refer to the Amerigroup Community Care clinical utilization management guideline “Spinal Orthoses: Thoracic – Lumbar – Sacral (TLSO), Lumbar – Sacral (LSO), and Lumbar (CG-OR-PR-06)” to review the clinical indications.

Access the precertification lookup tool on the Amerigroup website to verify specific precertification requirement details for all CPT codes:

[providers.amerigroup.com/Pages/PLUTO.aspx](http://providers.amerigroup.com/Pages/PLUTO.aspx).

To request PA, please fax your request to 1-866-920-6170 or call us at 1-800-454-3730.

To access current CMS CPT codes for covered items, go to

[mmcp.dhmdh.maryland.gov/communitysupport/Pages/approvedlist.aspx](http://mmcp.dhmdh.maryland.gov/communitysupport/Pages/approvedlist.aspx).

### **What if I need assistance?**

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