

Provider Update

Changes to prior authorization for ear, nose and throat codes

Summary of change: Effective immediately, Amerigroup Community Care will no longer require prior authorization for certain ear, nose and throat (ENT) codes.

★ **What this means to you:** Please review the list of ENT codes below and share this information with office staff and other providers in your practice.

Codes no longer requiring prior authorization include:

CPT	Description
42820	Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy; under age 12
42821	Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy; age 12 or over
42825	Tonsillectomy, primary or secondary; under age 12
42826	Tonsillectomy, primary or secondary; age 12 or over
42830	Adenoidectomy, primary; under age 12
42831	Adenoidectomy, primary; age 12 or over
42835	Adenoidectomy, secondary; under age 12
42836	Adenoidectomy, secondary; age 12 or over
31237	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical; with biopsy, polypectomy or debridements (separate procedure)
31254	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical; with ethmoidectomy, partial (anterior)
31255	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical; with ethmoidectomy, total (anterior and posterior)
31256	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with maxillary antrostomy
31267	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with maxillary antrostomy; with removal of tissue from maxillary sinus
31276	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical with frontal sinus exploration; with or without removal of tissue from frontal sinus
31287	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with sphenoidotomy
31288	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with sphenoidotomy; with removal of tissue from sphenoid sinus

What if I need assistance?

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