

Provider Update

ICD-10 coded prior authorization requests accepted effective June 1, 2015

Summary of change: Beginning June 1, 2015, Amerigroup Washington, Inc. will be accepting ICD-10 coded authorization requests whose effective period is October 1, 2015, and later.

✦ **What this means to you:** For your information only; no immediate action is necessary.

Which prior authorization requests are affected?

- Any new prior authorization requests whose effective period is October 1, 2015, and later should use ICD-10 codes.
- Existing approved prior authorizations coded in ICD-9 whose effective period spans the ICD-10 date of October 1, 2015, do not need to obtain another authorization that is coded in ICD-10.
- New prior authorization requests whose effective period spans October 1, 2015. For example, if a durable medical equipment wheelchair rental authorization coded with ICD-9 was approved for the effective period of April 1, 2015 – April 1, 2016, this authorization will still be valid for claims filed using ICD-10 diagnosis codes with beginning dates of service of October 1, 2015, and later.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication, received this fax in error or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at the toll-free phone numbers listed below:

- Medicaid providers call 1-800-454-3730
- Medicare providers call 1-866-805-4589

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