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AETNA BETTER HEALTH® OF VIRGINIA

Prior authorization for circumcision services

Dear Colleague:

You recently received a fax blast regarding prior authorizations for Circumcision services. Upon further review, we realized we were in error regarding CPT code 54150 (Circumcision for Newborns with clamp device) and have made the appropriate updates to the information in the letter that was sent via fax blast last month.

Effective January 1, 2017, Aetna Better Health of Virginia will require prior authorization for CPT codes 54162, 54360, and 55180. These services performed without authorization will be denied for payment and you may not seek reimbursement from members.

However, CPT codes 54150 and 54160 (Circumcision for Newborns) do not currently require an authorization and there will be no changes.

To request an authorization, submit your request online, by phone or fax:

- Log onto **www.aetnabetterhealth.com/virginia**. Select “For Providers,” then “Document Library” to download the prior authorization form
- Call us at **1-800-279-1878** option 7
- Please fax an authorization request form to **1-866-669-2454**

For urgent requests

If services are required in less than 24 hours due to medically urgent conditions, please call our toll-free number 1-800-279-1878 for expedited authorization reviews. Be sure to tell our representative the authorization is for medically urgent care.

We recommend that ordering physicians secure authorizations and pass the authorization numbers to the rendering facilities at the time of scheduling. Authorizations contain authorization numbers and one or more CPT codes specific to the services authorized. If the service(s) listed on the authorization needs to be changed, the rendering facility must contact us for review and authorization prior to claim submission.

If you have any questions, please email me at **isbloomfield@aetna.com** or call me directly at **804-527-6407**.

Sincerely,

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