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Revised Pre-authorization requirements effective August 1, 2011

Dear physician, dentist, other health care professional and facilities:

We recently evaluated our medical pre-authorization requirements and identified several additions to our [Group and Individual Products list](#). The following additions are effective August 1, 2011:

Procedure	Codes	Policy used for determination
Hyperbaric oxygen therapy	CPT 99183 and HCPCS C1300	New Asuris Medical Policy effective August 1
Intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT)	CPT 77301, 77338, 77418, 0073T	New Asuris Medical Policy effective August 1
Temporomandibular joint (TMJ) surgical interventions	CPT 21010, 21050, 21060, 21116, 29800, 29804, 21240, 21242, ,21243	Milliman Care Guidelines
Negative pressure wound therapy	CPT 97605, 97606	New Asuris Medical Policy effective August 1
Durable Medical Equipment:		
Negative pressure wound therapy pump	HCPCS E2402 and A6550	New Asuris Medical Policy effective August 1
Wearable cardioverter defibrillator	HCPCS K0606 and CPT 93745	New Asuris Medical Policy effective August 1
Oscillatory chest compression devices	HCPCS E0483, E0481, E0484, S8185	New Asuris Medical Policy effective August 1
Continuous airway pressure (CPAP) device, respiratory assist device; bilevel BiPap	HCPCS E0601, E0470, E0471	Milliman Care Guidelines
Osteogenesis stimulators, ultrasonic	HCPCS E0760	Milliman Care Guidelines

Effective August 1, we are also strengthening some of our pre-authorization requirements. The following services will require pre-authorization **prior** to patient admission:

- Skilled nursing facility admissions
- Mental health and chemical dependency residential treatment center admissions for psychiatric and/or substance abuse conditions

Changes outlined in this notification do not currently apply to the Asuris TruAdvantage™ or to our Medigap products, Asuris Pledge. We are, however, evaluating additional revisions necessary for our Asuris TruAdvantage product and will provide more details in our June *The Connection Online*™ newsletter. This publication will be available in the Library section of our *Provider Web Site*. You can also [subscribe online](#) to receive our newsletter via email.

Before requesting pre-authorization, please verify eligibility and benefits through the Provider Center. Asuris reimbursement policies may affect how claims are reimbursed and payment of benefits is subject to all plan provisions, including eligibility and benefits. The complete pre-authorization lists are available on our *Provider Web Site* in the Care Management section, under [Pre-authorization](#). Our reimbursement and medical policies can be found online, under [Policies](#).

If you have any questions about these revisions, please contact your provider consultant. The phone number for your provider consultant is available in the [Contact Us](#) section of our *Provider Web Site* at **www.asuris.com/provider**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Beth B. Johnson
Vice President
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