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Important Update

Dear Providers,

Earlier this month, Highmark Health Options implemented an update to our Prior Authorization List (PAL) intended to streamline requirements and reduce administrative burden.

During this significant update, we identified an error in which several procedure codes were inadvertently removed from the PAL that required prior authorization. These codes are in the process of being reinstated. We understand that during the brief period when this error was present, our lookup tools may have incorrectly indicated that these services did not require authorization. Please be advised that prior authorization *is*, and *was*, required for these specific codes.

We sincerely apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this error may have caused your practice and staff.

Please find below a listing of the procedure codes that are being restored to the Highmark Health Options PAL. These changes are effective immediately and are retroactive to November 1, 2025.

Codes restored to Highmark Health Options (Medicaid) PAL, effective 11/1/25:

Code	Description / Category
69930	Cochlear device implantation, with or without mastoidectomy
90867	Therapeutic repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) treatment; initial, including cortical mapping, motor threshold determination, delivery and management
90868	Therapeutic repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) treatment; subsequent delivery and management, per session

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90869	Therapeutic repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) treatment; subsequent motor threshold re-determination with delivery and management
96112	Developmental test administration (including assessment of fine and/or gross motor, language, cognitive level, social, memory and/or executive functions by standardized developmental instruments when performed), by physician or other qualified health care professional, with interpretation and report; first hour
96116	Neurobehavioral status exam (clinical assessment of thinking, reasoning and judgment, [eg, acquired knowledge, attention, language, memory, planning and problem solving and visual spatial abilities]), by physician or other qualified health care professional, both face-to-face time with the patient and time interpreting test results and preparing the report; first hour
96130	Psychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed; first hour
96132	Neuropsychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed; first hour
96136	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by physician or other qualified health care professional, two or more tests, any method; first 30 minutes
96138	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by technician, two or more tests, any method; first 30 minutes
96146	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration, with single automated, standardized instrument via electronic platform, with automated result only

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In addition, we are retracting our decision to add several codes to the PAL that were previously announced for 12/1/25.

The following codes will continue **not** to require authorizations:

Code	Description / Category
90832	Psychotherapy: Removed from PAL effective 11/1/25
E0439	STATION LIQUID O2 SYS RENTAL;
E1390	O2 CONC 85%/>02 CONC PRSC FLW RATE

The following list of codes will be **added** to Highmark Health Options PAL, effective 1/1/26:

Code	Description / Category
11922	Tattooing, intradermal introduction of insoluble opaque pigments to correct color defects of skin, including micropigmentation; each additional 20.0 sq cm, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
59812	Treatment of incomplete abortion, any trimester, completed surgically
59820	Treatment of missed abortion, completed surgically; first trimester
59821	Treatment of missed abortion, completed surgically; second trimester
59830	Treatment of septic abortion, completed surgically
96121	Neurobehavioral status exam (clinical assessment of thinking, reasoning and judgment, [eg, acquired knowledge, attention, language, memory, planning and problem solving, and visual spatial abilities]), by physician or other qualified health care professional, both face-to-face time with the patient and time interpreting test results and preparing the report; each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
96139	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by technician, two or more tests, any method; each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
J0177	Injection, aflibercept hd, 1 mg
J0650	Injection, levothyroxine sodium, not otherwise specified, 10 mcg
J0651	Injection, levothyroxine sodium (Fresenius Kabi), not therapeutically equivalent to J0650, 10 mcg
J0652	Injection, levothyroxine sodium (Hikma), not therapeutically equivalent to J0650, 10 mcg
J1203	Injection, cipaglucosidase alfa-atga, 5 mg
J2782	Injection, pegcetacoplan, intravitreal, 1 mg

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Other updates to the Highmark Health Options PAL, effective 1/1/26:

Code	Description / Category
97814	Acupuncture, 1 or more needles; with electrical stimulation, each additional 15 minutes of personal one-on-one contact with the patient, with insertion of needle(s) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) Not covered

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We are committed to ensuring minimal disruption to your operations and will provide further guidance regarding claims submitted during the affected period, if applicable.

Sincerely, Highmark Health Options

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