

Prior authorization requirements for hyperbaric oxygen and supervision of hyperbaric oxygen therapy

Effective October 1, 2019, prior authorization (PA) requirements will change for hyperbaric oxygen and supervision of hyperbaric oxygen therapy to be covered for Amerigroup members. Federal and state law, as well as state contract language and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services guidelines, including definitions and specific contract provisions/exclusions take precedence over these PA rules and must be considered first when determining coverage.

Noncompliance with new requirements may result in denied claims.

PA requirements will be added to the following:

- G0277 — Hyperbaric oxygen under pressure, full body chamber, per 30 minute interval
- 99183 — Physician attendance and supervision of hyperbaric oxygen therapy, per session

To request PA, you may use one of the following methods:

- **Web:** <https://www.availity.com>
- **Fax:** 1-800-964-3627
- **Phone:** 1-800-454-3730

Not all PA requirements are listed here. Detailed PA requirements are available to providers on our provider website (<https://providers.amerigroup.com/TX> > Provider Resources & Documents > Quick Tools > Precertification Lookup Tool) and at <https://www.availity.com>. Providers may also call us at 1-800-454-3730 for PA requirements.

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