

## **Important update: Dental surgeries – payment of inpatient hospital facility fees requiring prior authorization**

Effective since January 1, 2020, payment for inpatient hospital facility fees for dental surgeries are the responsibility of the Apple Health client's managed care organizations (MCO). **The utilization review/management of the service remains the responsibility of the Health Care Authority (HCA).** This leaves a challenge for the MCOs to know if a service has been authorized as they do not have direct access to HCA authorization data. To avoid denials for Amerigroup Washington, Inc. members, do the following when a prior authorization is required or when using an expedited prior authorization (EPA):

- Provide a copy of HCA's approval letter and a completed prior authorization form, **via fax**, to the Amerigroup Utilization Management team at **855-225-9940**.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact your Provider Experience consultant:

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