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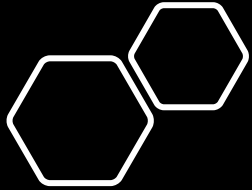
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## Overview of Prior Authorization Proposals

Thursday, February 16, 2023, 4:00pm ET

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## Coding & Reimbursement

### Coding Tip of the Month: November 2022

Each quarter, CMS publishes updates to the HCPCS coding system. ASCO provides a summary of these updates with codes particularly pertinent to oncology. These can include the newest approved drug codes, revisions to pass-through status, and sometimes PLA codes. The latest update is effective October 1. ASCO's summary for this HCPCS update and all other updates for 2022 are available below.



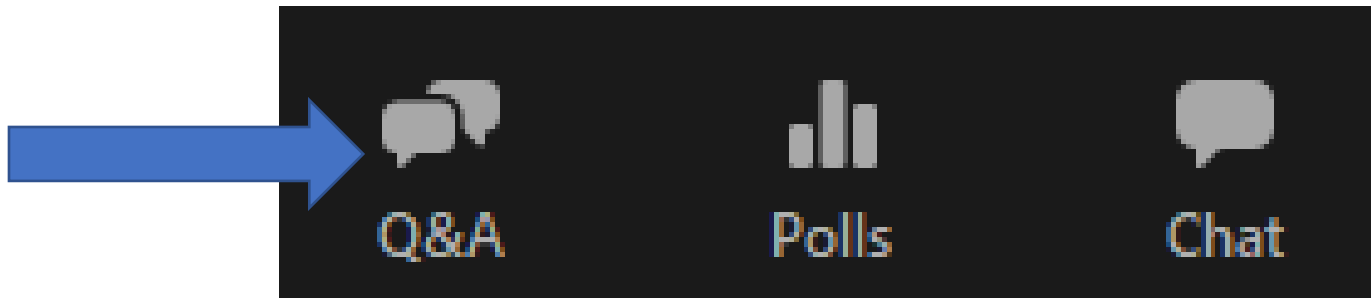
# Speakers



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- Q&A session at the end
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  - We will address questions in the order they are received



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E-PA Proposed Rule

MA/Part D Proposed Rule

Public Health Emergency Unwinding

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Electronic Prior Authorization  
Proposed Rule

# Electronic Prior Authorization Proposed Rule

- Affected Payers
  - Medicare Advantage
  - Medicaid FFS/Managed Care
  - CHIP FFS/Managed Care
  - QHPs on the Federal Exchange
- 2026
- Items and services only, drugs not included



# Electronic Prior Authorization Proposed Rule

- Prior Authorization Requirements, Documentation, and Decision (PARDD) API
- Streamline and automate PA requests
  - Timeframe:
    - Standard – 7 days (QHPs – 14 days)
    - Urgent – 72 hours
  - Denials – specific reason
- Annual report to CMS: appeals, denials, approvals

# Electronic Prior Authorization Proposed Rule

- Patient API
  - Patient access to PA info (1 business day after status change)
  - Annual report to CMS
- Provider API
  - Patient data available to in-network providers, at provider's request
  - Payer to deliver within 1 business day
  - Patient opt-out
- Payer-to-Payer API
  - Dual-coverage, changes plans
  - Patient opt-in

# Electronic Prior Authorization Proposed Rule

- Electronic Prior Authorization Measure for MIPS Eligible Clinicians and Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)
  - To encourage provider adoption of E-PA
  - To meet the measure, a prior authorization must be requested electronically from a PARDD API using data from certified EHR technology (CEHRT)
  - Required to report the number of prior authorizations for medical items and services (excluding drugs) that are requested electronically from a PARDD API using data from CEHRT

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Medicare Advantage/Part D  
Proposed Rule

# Medicare Advantage Proposed Rule

- Traditional Medicare coverage policy
- Absent statute, NCD, or LCD an MAO may establish coverage criteria
  - Treatment guidelines, current evidence, make it publicly available
- PA used to confirm diagnosis, not to limit coverage
- Professionals with relevant medical expertise to review coverage determination before denial

# Medicare Advantage Proposed Rule

- PA valid for full course of treatment
- Minimum 90-day transition
- Utilization Management Committee to review policies annually
  - Ensure coverage policy follows traditional Medicare
  
- 2024 implementation date

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Public Health Emergency  
Unwinding

# Telehealth

## Ends May 11, 2023

- State licensure
- Controlled substance prescribing
- Enforcement discretion for non-HIPAA compliant technology

## Ends December 31, 2023

- Direct supervision

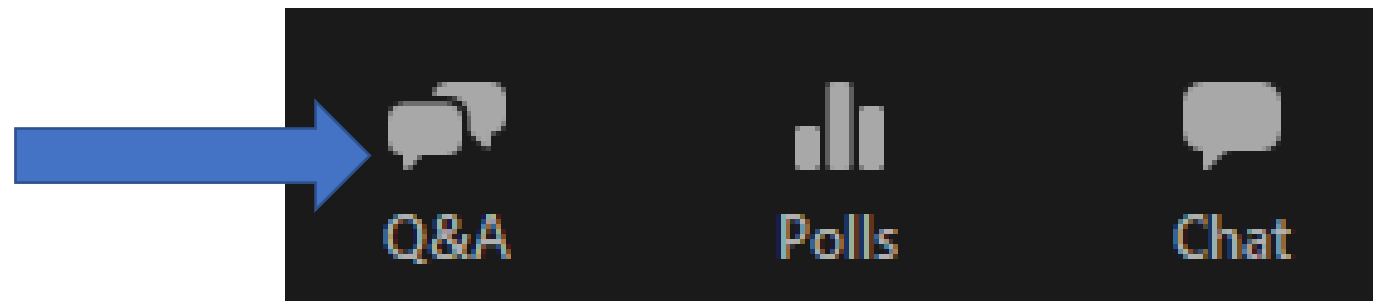
## Ends December 31, 2024

- Originating site, geographic location requirements
- Audio-only
- Medicare telehealth services list
- Expanded provider list



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# Next Calls

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month
- March 23, 4:00pm
  - CMS Updates From the Enhancing Oncology Model