Global 3M19 Medical Policy and Technology Assessment Committee
prior authorization requirement updates

Effective **February 1, 2020**, prior authorization (PA) requirements will change for the following services. These services will require PA by UniCare Health Plan of West Virginia, Inc. for our members. Federal and state law, as well as state contract language and CMS 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 codes:

- **43238**: esophagastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with transendoscopic ultrasound-guided intramural or transmural fine needle aspiration/biopsy(s), esophagus
- **43242**: esophagastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with transendoscopic ultrasound-guided intramural or transmural fine needle aspiration/biopsy(s) (includes endoscopic ultrasound)
- **43253**: esophagastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with transendoscopic ultrasound-guided transmural injection of diagnostic or therapeutic substance(s)
- **9036**: injection, bendamustine hydrochloride (Belrapzo®) 1 mg
- **81479**: unlisted molecular pathology procedure
- **81599**: unlisted multianalyte assay with algorithmic analysis
- **E2599**: accessory for speech generating device, not otherwise classified
- **J3490**: unclassified drugs (Avastin®, Mvasi™)

Request PA via:

- **Web**: [https://www.availity.com](https://www.availity.com)
- **Fax**: 1-855-402-6983
- **Phone**: 1-800-782-0095

Not all PA requirements are listed here. Detailed PA requirements are available to contracted providers by accessing the Provider Self-Service Tool on the Availity Portal by going to [www.unicare.com > Providers > Availity Portal > Login](http://www.unicare.com).

Contracted and noncontracted providers unable to access Availity can go to [www.unicare.com > Providers > Resources for: > State Sponsored Plan providers > State Sponsored Plans > West Virginia — Medicaid Managed Care > Authorization and Preservice Review > Precertification Look Up Tool (PLUTO)](http://www.unicare.com) or call the Customer Care Center at **1-800-782-0095** for assistance with PA.