

PROVIDER NOTICE

Provider Relations Department: 888-895-4998 (Option 4)

Prior Authorization Changes Effective Aug. 17, 2024

Effective Date: Aug. 17, 2024

Health Plans Affected: US Family Health Plan (USFHP)

Type of Change: Prior Authorization

Explanation of Change:

Johns Hopkins Health Plans has approved the following changes to prior authorization status for selected USFHP services.

These codes will require prior authorization effective Aug. 17, 2024:

- **G0160** Services performed by a qualified occupational therapist, in the home health setting, in the establishment or delivery of a safe and effective occupational therapy maintenance program, each 15 minutes.
- **G0161** Services performed by a qualified speech-language pathologist, in the home health setting, in the establishment or delivery of a safe and effective speech-language pathology maintenance program, each 15 minutes.
- G0162 Skilled services by a registered nurse (RN) for management and evaluation of the plan
 of care; each 15 minutes (the patient's underlying condition or complication requires an RN to
 ensure that essential nonskilled care achieves its purpose in the home health or hospice setting).