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To: SNFs, Inpatient Rehab Facilities, LTC Hospitals, and CHHAs

From: Hamaspik Medicare Utilization Management Dept.

Date: September 2, 2021

Re: Prior authorization waiver post hospital discharge

In light of the recent surge of the COVID-19 Delta variant and increased hospitalizations across the country, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) strongly encouraged all Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) to waive or relax plan prior authorization requirements to facilitate the movement of patients from general acute care hospitals to post-acute care and other clinically-appropriate settings, including skilled nursing facilities, long-term care hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, and home health agencies.

Hamaspik Inc, is waiving the prior authorization requirement per the CMS recommendation, for the following types of services, when they are provided immediately following a hospital discharge:

- Skilled nursing facilities
- Inpatient rehabilitation facilities
- Long term care hospitals
- Certified home health agencies

However, we remind providers that although a prior authorization is not needed for services during the current emergency period, we still require notification of admission and we will continue to conduct concurrent and retroactive review of services in order to determine appropriateness of care.

If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to a member of the Hamaspik team at: 1-833-HAMASPIK (1-833-426-2774), option 5 then option 3.

This remains in effect until further notice.