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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION UPDATE

Updated Prior Authorization Guidelines

Dear Care1st and ONECare Providers and Office Staff:

The *Care1st and ONECare Prior Authorization Guidelines* has been updated and is available on our website www.care1st.com/az (see “Prior Authorization Guidelines and Criteria” under the “Providers” menu). The new guideline is effective October 1, 2011.

The table below outlines changes in authorization requirements effective *October 1, 2011*:

Service	Change
J Codes & Q Codes	Attachment I J Codes & Q Codes Requiring Prior Authorization has been updated. (<i>Change</i>)
ASC Procedures	Attachment II ASC Procedures Requiring Prior Authorization has been updated. (<i>Change</i>)
Outpatient Rehab	PT for DDD adults 21 & older does <i>NOT</i> require prior auth (the prior auth requirement for PT for AHCCCS adults 21 & older was already eliminated in November 2010). (<i>Change</i>)

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this communication and/or if you do not have access to the internet and need a hard copy, please contact Provider Network Operations at the number(s) below.

Thank You!