

Medical services prior authorization updates for 2020; clarification of Vagus Nerve Stimulator prior authorization

Security Health Plan requires prior authorization for certain medical services, care or equipment in order to ensure coverage and payment for those services. A number of requirements have been added for 2020 as we work to make sure all care, services and treatments are medically necessary.

New prior authorizations effective Jan. 1, 2020:

- Electroconvulsive therapy prior authorization required after 10 visits.
- Vagus Nerve Stimulator **for depression**.

Please note that prior authorization for the Vagus Nerve Stimulator is required only when used for depression. When used for epilepsy, prior authorization is not required.

This is only a partial list of the prior authorizations required of members and providers to ensure payment for services. Providers can find more information on specific prior authorization requirements on our website at www.securityhealth.org/priorauthorizations. You can also call our Provider Assistance Line at **1-800-548-1224 (TTY: 711)**.