

 Aetna Better Health of Kentucky 9900 Corporate Campus Drive Suite 100 Louisville, KY 40223	Date	4/01/2022
	To	All Network Providers
	From	Provider Experience
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At Aetna Better Health, we share your goals: to help make Kentuckians healthier. We are your partners in healthcare, and act to serve you and the patients who rely on us for their health care needs.

**Under the guidance from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the follow changes will take effect May 1, 2022**

- Aetna Better Health of Kentucky will require prior authorization (PA) for all inpatient and outpatient Medicaid services provided by Kentucky Medicaid enrolled inpatient hospital providers (Provider Type 01) except for admissions with a COVID diagnosis, effective May 1, 2022.
- ABHKY will require PA, for provider type 93, Rehabilitation Distinct Part Unit, **effective May 1, 2022.**
- ABHKY will require PA, for provider type 12, Skilled Nursing Facilities, **effective May 1, 2022.**
- ABHKY will require a PA for an outpatient service/procedure at other outpatient facilities or other Medicaid service based on their Utilization Management program, except for individuals with a COVID diagnosis. Please refer to the specific PA guidelines on our website listed below.
- PA remains in place for all pharmacy benefits and products listed on the physician administered drug lists, except for medication assisted treatment (MAT) products (i.e. Sublocade).
- To facilitate provider payment, requirements for prior authorization of non-Kentucky Medicaid enrolled providers will remain in place.
- PA for Medicaid covered substance use and behavioral health services continues to be waived.
- Aetna Better Health of Kentucky will continue to monitor for fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA) activity.

We can accept PAs right away for dates of service on or after 5/1/22 and do encourage providers to submit requests at their earliest convenience. All contractual turnaround times will be in place as of 5/1/22.”

**Questions?**

Simply contact your Network Relations Manager. Our most current listing is attached, the listing can also be found on our website.

**INSERT – Current Network Relations Contract Information and Coverage Listing**