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Delayed Implementation of Updates to Screening Guidelines for Prior Authorizations

The Department of Human Services (Department) experienced a delay in implementing the updates noted in Medical Assistance (MA) Bulletin 99-25-03 titled, “Updates to Screening Guidelines for Prior Authorization”

(<https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/dhs/documents/docs/publications/documents/forms-and-pubs-omap/mab2025062401.pdf>). This MA Bulletin advised providers that the Department would transition from InterQual guidelines to Milliman Clinical Guidelines (MCG) as the screening guidelines for prior authorization requests to determine medical necessity for services, items, procedures, or level of care provided to MA beneficiaries in the Fee-for-Service (FFS) delivery system, effective July 18, 2025.

As a result of this delay, the Department will continue to use InterQual screening guidelines to review prior authorization requests for services, items, procedures, or level of care rendered to MA beneficiaries in the FFS delivery system until further notice.

Once the causes of the delay have been addressed, the Department will issue a Quick Tip to advise providers of the revised effective date for the transition from InterQual to MCG screening guidelines for prior authorization requests. The Quick Tip will be posted on the Department’s website at the following links:

- “What’s New at OMAP” - <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/departments-offices/omap-info/whats-new-at-omap>
- “Quick Tips for Medicaid Providers” - <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/for-providers/providers-quick-tips>

Thank you for your service to our MA beneficiaries.
We value your participation.

Check the Department’s website often at: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs.html>



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