



**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES
Bureau for Medical Services**

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TO: WV Medicaid Providers
FROM: Cynthia Beane, MSW, LCSW
Commissioner
DATE: May 26, 2020
SUBJECT: Prior Authorization Suspension Withdrawal

Due to the World Health Organization declaring Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) a pandemic, the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) effective June 1, 2020, is hereby withdrawing its suspension of prior authorizations

BMS directs retroactive authorizations be permitted for services provided through June 30, 2020.

BMS will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with our state and federal partners gathering further information and directives and will provide further notification if an extension is received.