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Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

All Providers

Effective September 1, 2015

Services Exempt from Passport to Health Referral

Effective September 1, 2015, the Passport to Health program (Passport) revised the list of services exempt from Passport referral.

Inpatient professional services billed on a CMS-1500 with place of service 21 no longer require Passport referral. The member's Passport provider must approve the inpatient hospital stay; no additional Passport referral is required for the member's inpatient professional services that relate to the approved inpatient hospital stay.

As a reminder the following list of services are also exempt from needing Passport approval:

- Ambulance
- Anesthesiology
- Audiology
- Blood lead testing
- Case management
- Dental
- Dialysis
- Durable medical equipment
- Emergency
- Eye exams and eyeglasses
- Family planning
- Hearing exams and aids
- Home and community-based
- Home infusion therapy
- Home support services and therapeutic foster care
- Hospice
- Hospital swing bed
- Immunizations
- Inpatient lab and x-ray
- Inpatient professional services
- Intermediate care facility
- Institution for mental disease
- Laboratory/Pathology tests
- Licensed social workers
- Licensed professional counselors
- Mental health centers
- Nursing facilities
- Obstetrical (inpatient and outpatient)
- Optometrist or ophthalmologist
- Personal assistance
- Pharmacy
- Psychiatric residential treatment facility
- Psychologists
- Radiology (some services may require Passport approval, see appropriate fee schedule)
- School-based
- STD testing and treatment
- Substance dependency treatment
- Transportation (commercial and specialized non-emergency)

If the above listed services are billed with the correct procedure code and place service, there is no need to obtain Passport approval.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact Amber Sark, Passport to Health Program Officer, at 406-444-0991 or asark@mt.gov.

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations at 1-800-624-3958 (toll-free, in/out of state) or 406-442-1837 (Helena) or via e-mail at MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com.

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