

interChange Provider Important Message

Attention: Physicians and Physician Assistants (PA)

Prior Authorization Requirements for Assistant Surgeons Reminder

This is a reminder that for surgical procedures listed on the Physician - Surgical fee schedule that require prior authorization (as indicated in Column H on the fee schedule), the following applies:

- The **primary** surgeon must obtain prior authorization for the applicable procedure code(s) (as indicated in Column H and I), and
- The **assistant** surgeon must obtain a separate prior authorization for the same procedure code(s) when acting in the role of assistant surgeon.

Authorization obtained by the primary surgeon **does not extend to or cover** the assistant surgeon's claim.

For questions related to the prior authorization process, please contact CHNCT at 1-800-440-5071 and follow the prompts to Medical Authorizations.