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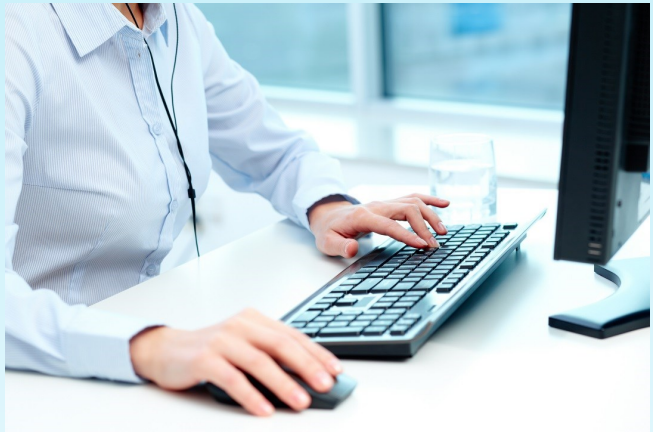## IHCP updates PA policy for AED and WCD devices

Effective March 1, 2022, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will be replacing the current IHCP prior authorization (PA) policy for automatic external defibrillator (AED) and wearable cardioverter defibrillator (WCD) devices.

These devices will remain subject to PA. However, for dates of service on or after March 1, 2022, both AEDs (procedure code E0617 – *External defibrillator with integrated electrocardiogram analysis*) and WCDs (procedure code K0606 – *Automatic external defibrillator, with integrated electrocardiogram analysis, garment type*) will be considered medically necessary when determined by a nationally recognized care guideline.

For more information about AEDs and WCDs, see the *Durable and Home Medical Equipment and Supplies* provider reference module.

This PA information applies to services delivered under the fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system. Questions about FFS PA should be directed to Gainwell Technologies at 800-457-4584, option 7.

Individual managed care entities (MCEs) establish and publish reimbursement, PA and billing criteria within the managed care delivery system. Questions about managed care billing and PA for procedure codes E0617 and K0606 should be directed to the MCE with which the member is enrolled.

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