



Utilization Update, effective 4/1/10

Carpel Tunnel Surgery

Carpel tunnel surgery no longer requires pre-authorization if the procedure is performed by a participating provider, regardless of participation status of the outpatient hospital or ambulatory surgical center.

- CPT codes: 64721, 29848, 20526

Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

The price point for DME pre-authorization is increased to \$1,000 (purchase or monthly rental) if the item is not on the Apria cap list but is obtained from a participating vendor. DME obtained from an OON network continues to require authorization at any price point. DME on the Apria cap list and obtained from Apria does not require authorization.