



Provider Newsbrief – Nov. 30, 2021

Prior Authorization Grids for 2022 Available on the Provider Website

IMPORTANT Changes to Prior Authorization Grid for Pharmacy

B – UFC/ACC and B – UFC/ALTCS

Effective January 1, 2022, Banner University Health Plans (BUHP) will update the Prior Authorization (PA) grid with the changes listed below. To find the PA grid for all BUHP plans, visit <https://www.banneruhp.com/materials-and-services/prior-authorizations-and-referrals#Prior-Authorization-Grids>.

We are also implementing Step Therapy for Part B drugs. Step Therapy will require a “first line” preferred agent to be attempted prior to a “second line” agent being approved. If the member has tried a first line agent in the past 365 days, this will allow the preferred agent to be reviewed and then potentially covered.

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Banner Medicare Advantage Dual Grid Updates

Effective January 1, 2022, Banner Medicare Advantage Dual will update the Prior Authorization (PA) grids with the changes listed below. To find the PA grid for all BUHP plans, visit <https://www.bannerhealth.com/medicare/for-healthcare-providers/prior-authorization-grids>.

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Please double-check the billing to ensure use of appropriate code(s). If you have any questions, please contact your assigned Care Transformation Specialist.

Banner selects American Specialty Health (ASH)

Banner Health has selected American Specialty Health to administer acupuncture and chiropractic benefits for the following plans in 2022:

- Banner Medicare Advantage Prime (HMO)
- Banner Medicare Advantage Plus (PPO)
- Banner Medicare Advantage Dual (formerly Banner – UCA DSNP)
- Banner - University Family Care ACC (EPSDT and QMB eligible members)
- Banner - University Family Care ALTCS (EPSDT and QMB eligible members)

For more than 30 years, ASH has been providing musculoskeletal provider network services to health plans, insurers, and employer groups throughout the country. ASH’s subsidiaries have become some of the largest specialty health plans, insurers, and network administrators nationally for chiropractic and physical medicine, covering more than 33.6 million Americans under its benefit administration programs.

Members should be referred to ASH- participating providers for chiropractic and acupuncture services. A list of contracted providers is available on the websites of the plans mentioned above.

For more information regarding ASH and its provider network, please contact the ASH Customer Service department at 800-9724226, option 2.