



**UPDATES TO PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES
Effective August 15, 2015**

July 15, 2015

Dear Care1st and ONECare Providers and Staff:

The table below outlines other service additions to our Prior Authorization Guidelines effective August 15, 2015:

Item	Description	Added to
C9027	INJECTION, PEMBROLIZUMAB, 1 MG	Attachment II: ASC
C9136	INJECTION, FACTOR VIII, FC FUSION PROTEIN, (RECOMBINANT), PER IU	Attachment II: ASC
45399	UNLISTED PROCEDURE, COLON	Attachment III: In Office
Multiple J codes	The prior authorization guidelines for J-Codes have been refreshed with multiple additions.	Attachment I: J & Q Codes

The updated Guidelines are available at www.care1st.com/az in the following location:

Care1st > Providers > Prior Authorization Guidelines and Criteria

Please help us to serve you better!

Please make certain your treatment authorization requests are checked “Routine” or “Urgent” as medically appropriate. This reduces additional outreach to you, resulting in faster turnaround for all authorization requests!

AHCCCS defines an Urgent request as:

“A request for services in which either the requesting provider indicates or the Contractor determines that following the standard timeframes for issuing an authorization decision could seriously jeopardize the member’s life or health or ability to attain, maintain, or regain maximum function.”

Care1st reserves the right to review and downgrade urgent requests to routine status if determined not to be urgent. For more information please review the prior authorization timeframes section in our provider manual on pg IX-3. The provider manual is located on our website www.care1st.com/az > Providers > Manual

If you have any questions or do not have internet access and would like us to send you a hard copy of the Prior Authorization Guidelines please call Provider Network Operations at the numbers below.

Thank you!

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