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Re: Changes to Empower Prior Authorization List for CES Waiver **(Includes NEW Information)**

Providers,

Empower Healthcare Solutions has updated the **Prior Authorization (PA) list** related to CES Waiver and **changes will be effective 03/01/2024.**

Code changes:

- S5162– Adaptive Equipment PERS (Purchase, Rental, & Repair)
 - Changed from Purchase only
- H2016 U5 – Supportive Living 1:1 Enhanced Rate Request
 - U3 no longer supported
- H2016 UH – Retired Code
 - Empower no longer requires 1:1 Supportive Living units be separated in hours 1-16 and 17-24.
 - All 1:1 Supportive Living units billed under UF modifier.
- H2016 U3 UQ – Retired Code:
 - All Shared Staffing 2-4 members units will be billed under H2016 U1 UQ
- H2023 – Supported Employment
 - All services covered with CPT code. No modifiers required.
- S5151 – Respite Services
 - All respite services covered with CPT code. No modifiers required based on hours or staffing.
- H2016 UD US – Reimbursement rate changed to \$0.26 per mile.

All CES waiver requests will now be reviewed for a 1-year authorization period. All retired codes will continue to be supported via billing for current authorizations thru October 1, 2024.

For questions, please contact Empower Provider Relations
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Thank you,

Empower Healthcare Solutions