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## HOUSE BILL 3459: PRIOR AUTHORIZATION TRANSPARENCY “GOLD CARDING”

Dear Provider:

Community Health Choice (Community) would like to communicate information regarding House Bill (HB) 3459.

### ***What is HB 3459?***

- This Bill prohibits an Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) that uses Prior Authorizations from requiring a provider to obtain a Prior Authorization for a service, if the Plan approved or would have approved 90% of the Prior Authorization requests submitted by that provider within the most recent six month evaluation period.

### ***What program does this impact?***

- This only applies to Health Insurance Marketplace.

### ***How will this work for Providers?***

- Community will “Gold Card” all providers who have a 90% approval rating on their prior authorization requests for the previous six months
  - Gold Card entails not having to request prior authorizations for treatment
  - Gold Card lasts at least six months after which we may review for renewal
- The look back period for Gold Card will begin on January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.
- After June 30, 2022 Community will conduct analysis and notify providers of their Gold Card status
- Gold Card status will commence on October 1, 2022

### ***Where can I find the Prior Authorization Code List?***

- Please visit our [Community Provider Website](#)
  - Select the tab for Marketplace
  - Under the House Bill 3549: Prior Authorization Transparency “Gold Carding” section you can view the list of codes

*\*Please note this is subject to change as we await for additional information from the Texas Department of Insurance and HB 3459 continues to evolve.*

Should you have any questions, please contact our Provider Services line at 713-295-6704.