



PROVIDER BULLETIN
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TO: Participating hospitals that provide covered services to AmeriHealth New Jersey members

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SUBJECT: Upcoming precertification requirement for non-emergent inpatient transfers including ambulance transport

This bulletin is to remind you of an upcoming precertification requirement for non-emergent inpatient transfers including ambulance transport.

Beginning January 1, 2019, AmeriHealth HMO, Inc. and AmeriHealth Company of New Jersey (collectively, AmeriHealth New Jersey) will require precertification for all non-emergent transfers from one inpatient acute-care setting to another inpatient acute-care setting as well as non-emergent land and air ambulance transports.

To ensure our members receive services that are most cost-effective, it is important that when transferring an AmeriHealth New Jersey member to another facility for non-emergent services, the following requirements are satisfied:

- precertification is obtained
- the transfer is medically necessary
- the receiving hospital participates in the member's AmeriHealth New Jersey network

Please note that the method for requesting precertification differs depending upon the type of service and who requests it. For complete information on requesting precertification for non-emergent inpatient transfers and/or non-emergent ambulance transportation, please read the [Upcoming precertification requirement for non-emergent inpatient transfers including ambulance transport](#) article, which can be found on the AmeriHealth Provider News Center.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss how we can assist you in implementing this new requirement, please call me at 609-662-2526. You may also reach me via email at frank.urbano@amerihealth.com.

We encourage you to share this information with appropriate members of your staff.