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Date:	January 22nd, 2021
Purpose:	Provider Bulletin: Alert providers that growth hormone PA criteria is changing for Florida Healthy Kids and that Idiopathic Short Stature will no longer be a covered diagnosis
Subject:	Growth Hormone criteria change for Florida Healthy Kids
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Growth Hormone criteria change for Florida Healthy Kids

The growth hormone prior authorization (PA) criteria for Florida Healthy Kids is changing.

Effective January 25th, 2021, all growth hormone PA requests for Florida Healthy Kids will be reviewed using the Aetna Medicaid Growth Hormone Guideline. This growth hormone guideline has been added to our website and is available to view at the following link under the Florida Healthy Kids subheading: <https://www.aetnabetterhealth.com/florida/providers/provider-pharmacy/prior-auth>.

As part of this guideline change, Idiopathic Short Stature (ISS) will no longer be a covered diagnosis for Florida Healthy Kids members. ISS describes short stature that occurs in the absence of a diagnosed medical condition (e.g., endocrine, metabolic, or other underlying disease). Aetna does not consider ISS to be an illness, disease, or injury; therefore, it is not a covered benefit. Effective 1/25/2021, any new growth hormone PA that is requested for a diagnosis of ISS will be denied as an excluded benefit for Florida Healthy Kids members.

Note: This criteria change applies only to Florida Healthy Kids. Any PA requests for Medicaid (MMA) members will continue to be evaluated using the AHCA growth hormone criteria.

Thank you,
Aetna Better Health of Florida
Pharmacy Department

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