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Robot Assisted Surgery S2900 SAI- Change In Prior Authorization Requirements

Effective November 1, 2019, Aetna Better Health of Pennsylvania and Aetna Better Health Kids will change the way HCPCS code S2900*, Robot-assisted surgery is processed. This code will no longer be managed through the prior authorization process.

The add-on code designation associated with this code indicates that it is to be listed separately in addition to the code for the primary procedure performed.

Robot-assisted surgery is the application of computer-assisted robotic devices to perform various surgical procedures. The use of this technique is considered integral to the performance of the procedure. As such, it is considered incidental to the professional service and is included in the payment for the surgical procedure.

**Surgical techniques requiring use of robotic surgical system (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)*

If you have any questions about Robot Assisted Surgery authorizations you can contact our Provider Relations Department and speak with a Provider Relations Representative by calling 1-866-638-1232.

Thanks for all you do for our members.

Sincerely,

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