

# Provider Bulletin

Molina Healthcare of Washington, Inc.

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## Changes to Prior Authorization Requirements Effective January 1, 2025 Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder (Medicaid)

Effective January 1, 2025, requirements for Prior Authorization (PA) with Molina Healthcare of Washington will change for the following CPT code related to Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder (SUD). This change affects **Molina Medicaid members**. Molina will require a PA for both participating and non-participating providers for claims submitted for any place of service. Below is a list of codes that will require a PA.

SUD PA CPT Code	Description	Upcoming Change
82075	BREATH ALCOHOL TESTS  <b>The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) announced a policy update regarding Breath Alcohol Tests effective 1/1/2025. HCA covers breathalyzer tests (CPT 82075) when medically necessary:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>6 tests per client, per year for clients</li><li>Policy pertains to physician claims only</li><li><b>Best practices:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff performing breathalyzers should be knowledgeable of collection, handling, recording, and storing procedures to ensure accuracy and reliability of the test results.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>Per the HCA, a “Year” is defined as the period starting 365 days before the date of service.</p> <p>For example: If a service is allowed once per client, per year, and it was provided on June 30, 2022, then the service would not be allowed for that client again until June 30, 2023.</p>	PA Required  >6 tests per client, per year

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Use Availability	To see how many units members have utilized please visit Availability for Molina Healthcare Providers: <a href="https://www.availability.com/molinahealthcare/">https://www.availability.com/molinahealthcare/</a> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Select Eligibility and Benefits</li><li>Select Service</li><li>Select Diagnostic Labs</li><li>Scroll to appropriate CPT<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Available remaining units will be on the right</li></ul></li></ol>
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Clinical notes are required for review and approval of your authorization request. Submitting clinical notes along with the PA is recommended to receive a timely and accurate decision. If a PA is required for a requested service, please fax your authorization request to Molina at (833) 552-0030.

PA forms can be found on our provider website at:

- Medicaid: [MolinaHealthcare.com/providers/wa/Medicaid/forms/fuf.aspx](https://www.molinahealthcare.com/providers/wa/Medicaid/forms/fuf.aspx)

Our goal is to provide you with excellent customer service. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Provider Services Representative at (855) 322-4082, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Thank you for your continued service to your Molina members.