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Dear Participating Provider:

Based on our mission to ensure the availability and accessibility of high quality medical care to Gateway *Medicare Assured*[®] patients, Gateway is committed to identifying opportunities that increase efficiencies and lessen the administrative burden on participating physicians. With that commitment to physicians in mind, Gateway is pleased to announce that it is implementing the following changes to its prior authorization requirements for Outpatient Surgical Procedures:

Outpatient Surgical Procedures provided on or after February 1, 2012 for Gateway *Medicare Assured*[®] members will not require prior authorization when rendered in an Outpatient Hospital (POS 22) setting.

Prior authorization continues to be required for the surgical procedures, including any related procedures, listed below. Prior authorization may be initiated by calling Gateway's Utilization Management Department, who will perform a medical necessity review.

Surgeries for Review by Gateway's UM Department		
Bariatric Surgery/Stapling	Hysterectomy	Rhinoplasty
Breast Reduction	Panniculectomy	TMJ Surgery
Carpal Tunnel Surgery	Removal of Breast Implant	Varicose Vein
Blepharoplasty	Transplants/Implants	Genital Reconstruction

Services performed in a free standing Ambulatory Surgery Center or Outpatient Surgical Unit (POS 24) continue to require prior authorization. As a reminder, Medicare and *Medicare Assured*[®] require that certain procedures must be performed in a hospital setting.

Please note that ALL other prior authorization requirements (inpatient stays, DME>\$500, therapies, home health, etc.) remain in place, including prior authorization requirements for radiology and behavioral health services through National Imaging Associates and Community Behavioral Health Network of Pennsylvania.

If you have any questions on whether a service requires prior authorization, the Provider Services Department is available to assist with any questions by calling 1-800-685-5205, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.