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**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**Hospital Transmittal No. 279**

**MCO Transmittal No. 143**

**Pharmacy Transmittal No. 211**

**Physician Transmittal No. 149**

**December 23, 2020**

TO: Hospitals  
Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)  
Pharmacies  
Physicians

FROM: Alex Shekhdar, Acting Director  
Medical Benefits Management

RE: HealthChoice Carve-In for Cinryze® and Spinraza®

**Note: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.**

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The purpose of this transmittal is to update the preauthorization and billing instructions for Cinryze® and Spinraza®. This guidance supersedes that provided in [Hospital Transmittal No. 263](#), [MCO Transmittal No. 130](#), [Pharmacy Transmittal No. 207](#), and [Physician Transmittal No. 145](#).

Effective January 1, 2021, the HealthChoice Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) will be responsible for the preauthorization, processing, and payment for Cinryze® and Spinraza® for HealthChoice participants. Providers should contact the HealthChoice participant's respective MCO for any preauthorization and billing requirements related to Cinryze® and Spinraza®.

Fee-for-Service (FFS) claims will continue to be preauthorized and processed by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH).

**Fee-for-Service Preauthorization for Cinryze® and Spinraza®**

- For preauthorization requests through the Professional Services Program, please refer to the following [clinical criteria](#) and [Preauthorization Request Form - Physician Administered Injectable Drugs](#).
- For preauthorization requests when Cinryze® and Spinraza® is purchased and dispensed through a pharmacy, please refer to the following [clinical criteria](#) and [High Cost Drug Preauthorization form](#) for Cinryze® and [Preauthorization form](#) for Spinraza®.

## Questions

For questions related to obtaining a FFS preauthorization through the Pharmacy Program, please call the Pharmacy Hotline at 1-800-492-5231, option 3.

For questions related to obtaining a FFS preauthorization through the Professional Services Program, please email [kimberly.stevenson@maryland.gov](mailto:kimberly.stevenson@maryland.gov).

For MCO-related questions, please contact Pam Williams by email at [pam.williams@maryland.gov](mailto:pam.williams@maryland.gov).