

Clarification of Claim Submission Requirements

No Prior Authorization Requirement for Services Ordered by PCPs

Medicaid and Commercial

July 13, 2026

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) is issuing a clarification to the provider notice sent on **May 15, 2026**, regarding the No Prior Authorization Requirement for Services Ordered by PCPs initiative.

Effective **July 15, 2026**, [prior authorization will no longer be required](#) for eligible services ordered by a PCP for **Medicaid** and **Commercial** lines of business, as outlined in the original notice and applicable policies.

Clarification for CMS-1500 Box 17a

The original notice stated that **Box 17a** on the CMS-1500 form was required if there is data in Box 17. Neighborhood is clarifying that **Box 17a is not required for this initiative and may be left blank**.

Neighborhood does **not** use Box 17a to determine whether a claim qualifies to bypass prior authorization under this initiative.

For applicable professional claims submitted on the CMS-1500 form, please follow this guidance:

Box	Description	Requirements
17	Name of Referring or Other Source	All Products: Required for all non PCP claim submissions
17a	Referring/Other Source Provider ID	Not Required; may be left blank
17b	Referring Provider or Other Source NPI#	Required if there is data in box 17

Claim submission requirements

To bypass prior authorization requirements under this initiative, providers must:

- Bill with the **V1 modifier** when submitting applicable claims under this initiative
- Include the ordering/referring provider information on the claim
- For CMS-1500 professional claims, include the ordering/referring provider **NPI in Box 17b**

The applicable [Medicaid](#) and [Commercial](#) policies have been updated to reflect V1 modifier requirements. Providers should continue to review the policies for full details on eligible services, excluded services, and line-of-business-specific requirements.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the care of our members.