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This e-mail is being sent to professionals who are interested in receiving benefits updates regarding older adults and people with disabilities.

Hello! I think this may be the last update for today but it is a good one! We all know that prior authorizations can hold up much needed services and/or supplies and consumers may experience difficulties as a result. Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, certain prior authorizations will be waived effective March 1, 2020 until the termination date of the public health emergency for Fee-For-Service Medicaid, HealthChoice Illinois Managed Care Plans and the Medicare Medicaid Alignment Initiative (MMAI) Plans. The prior authorizations that are being waived include the following:

- Physical, Occupational and Speech therapies
- Home Health
- Certain Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and supplies
- Face-to face encounter requirements for ordering DME, Home Health and therapy

Prior authorization requirements will not be waived for Bariatric Surgery or Gender Affirming Services.

If you would like more information, please go to the Provider Notice Issued 4/6/20 at <https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalProviders/notices/Pages/prn200406a.aspx>