



Provider Notice

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To: All Well Sense Health Plan Network Providers

Benefit Changes as of January 1, 2019 for Standard Medicaid and Granite Advantage Health Care Programs

Dear Well Sense Health Plan Provider:

As you are aware, on January 1, 2019 the New Hampshire Health Protection Program (NHPPP)/Premium Assistance Program became *Granite Advantage*. Benefits and limits are the same for both Standard Medicaid and Granite Advantage. [Click here for a summary of benefit changes that were effective January 1, 2019.](#)

As always, please contact your dedicated Well Sense Provider Relations Consultant or email NHProviderInfo@WellSense.org for any questions.

Functional therapy benefit limit changes

Per the January 8, 2019 NH DHHS bulletin, Well Sense Health Plan and New Hampshire Medicaid's benefit limit for therapy services will change *from 80 15-minute units of combined therapies to a 20-visit limit for each type of therapy (i.e., PT, OT, ST), regardless of whether the therapy is considered to be habilitative or rehabilitative services, effective January 1, 2019.* As has always been the case, the service limit may be exceeded if prior authorization is requested and granted based on medical necessity. This change is a result of alignment of benefits between the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) for Granite Advantage Members and the Standard Medicaid Benefit Plan.

The new benefit limit for all Well Sense Standard Medicaid and Granite Advantage members began January 1, 2019. The benefit limit will reset on July 1, 2019 with the start of the state's new fiscal year, and will be counted based on the State fiscal year, which is from July 1 through June 30.