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Dear Provider,

During the COVID Public Health Emergency (PHE), Meridian auto approved admissions directly related to COVID symptoms. This allowed for increased accessibility for our members and allowed providers to focus on providing exceptional care to patients with COVID. With end of the PHE and the increased use of the COVID vaccine, Meridian Utilization Management will resume medical necessity review for **all inpatient admissions**, regardless of the diagnosis, effective **07/05/2023**. Make sure any admissions are sent to Meridian within one business day for review. For additional information on submitting authorizations, and to log into the Provider Portal for submission, please visit **mimeridian.com > Providers > Pre-Auth Check**. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to your Provider Network Representative. If you need assistance connecting with your representative, please visit **mimeridian.com > For Providers > Become a Provider > Service Area** or call **888-773-2647 (TTY 711)**

Sincerely,  
Meridian