



September 21, 2010

Dear Physician/Provider:

Enclosed please find important information regarding changes to the Health Care District of Palm Beach County's Provider Handbook. Please add this bulletin to your current handbook. If you need any assistance, contact your Provider Representative at (561) 659-1002.

Sincerely,

Provider Services Department

Enclosure



## Physician/Provider Bulletin

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Subject: Changes to Health Care District Authorization Requirements	
Plan: Coordinated Care - Option 1	Bulletin Date: September 21, 2010
Bulletin Number: 10-003	Effective Date: October 1, 2010

**The purpose of this bulletin is to inform all participating providers that updates have been made to services that require an authorization.**

### OVERVIEW

Effective October 1, 2010

- For the Health Care District's Coordinated Care – Option 1 Plan, authorizations will not be required for outpatient surgery (Place of Service 11, 22, and 24)
- For the Health Care District's Coordinated Care – Option 1 Plan, hospital observation stays will not require an authorization\*.

**\* If the observation stay becomes an inpatient stay then authorization is required.**

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Please insert this bulletin into your Provider Handbook. The policies and procedures in this bulletin supersede any related policies and procedures within the handbook.