

KPGA Network News: E-Edition

ETHISPHERE[®] WORLD'S MOST ETHICAL COMPANIES[®]

Kaiser Permanente is again one of the [World's Most Ethical Companies](#), according to Ethisphere, an independent group that monitors business ethics.

This is the fifth year in a row Kaiser Permanente has received the distinction. In fact, Kaiser Permanente has received the honor every year the organization has participated in the selection process.

Kaiser Permanente is one of 135 honorees in 19 countries. In addition, Kaiser Permanente is one of only 2 organizations recognized in the Integrated Healthcare System category for 2023.

“Achieving this designation for a 5th consecutive year is an outstanding achievement. Being named one of the World’s Most Ethical Companies™ underscores that all of our employees, physicians, and dentists share the belief that ethics and compliance is everyone’s responsibility” said Shakeya A. McDow, interim senior vice president and chief compliance and privacy officer for Kaiser Permanente.

“At Kaiser Permanente we strive to create a consistent environment where everyone’s voice is respected, and we act in alignment with our shared values. Our commitment to maintaining a strong ethical culture is a competitive differentiator and enables us to achieve our mission to provide high-quality, affordable health care services and to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve.”

Companies that receive the World’s Most Ethical Company designation work to improve their communities. They also foster and grow empowered employees while modeling a workplace where ethics and a strong sense of purpose lead the way.

“Ethics matters. Organizations that commit to business integrity through robust programs and practices not only elevate standards and expectations for all, but also have better long-term performance,” said Ethisphere CEO Erica Salmon Byrne. “We continue to be inspired by the World’s Most Ethical Companies honorees and their dedication to making real impact for their stakeholders and displaying exemplary values-based leadership. Congratulations to Kaiser Permanente for earning a place in the World’s Most Ethical Companies community.”

RBRVS Fee Schedule Revisions

It is the policy of Kaiser Permanente of Georgia’s Provider Contracting and Network Management Department (PC&NM) to review and update the fee schedules only once annually. Unfortunately, after this process was completed, Congress and CMS altered the RBRVS Conversion Factor. As such, the fee schedules are under revision and will be updated as soon as possible.

We apologize for any confusion or potential changes in payments. This is a one-time revision due to extenuating circumstances and will not be a quarterly or annual thing. We will continue to only update our fee schedules once annually moving forward.

The KP Market Fee Schedule (KPMFS) is also subject to review and update annually. A copy of the KPMFS schedule is posted on Online Affiliate, which you can access from www.kp.org/providers/ga, but the new version will be effective June 1st.



Reminder: Please use Online Affiliate for claims, appeals, disputes, inquiries, EOPs, responding to requests for information (RFI), and uploading claims supporting documents. Please do not use faxes for provider appeals/disputes.

Accurate Provider Directories

No More Than 10 Addresses

Due to Federal and State requirements, and increased scrutiny on accurate provider data and directories, we cannot publish your providers at locations that are not reflected on your website.

Please send us an updated roster of providers and their regular practice locations that reflects only what is published on your website.

CMS will no longer allow more than 10 addresses per provider as they conveyed that providers are not able to cover that many locations on a regular basis. Again, please send us only the locations where providers routinely, regularly are available via office based appointments.



Send Demographic Updates and Rosters to:
KPGA-PDM@kp.org

New Provider Demographic Roster/Update Template

To further ensure complete and accurate provider data and directories, Kaiser Permanente of Georgia will be implementing a new mandatory data submission template effective June 15th, 2023, with several groups already utilizing the tool. New fields include but are not limited to Medicaid Number, Telehealth options, Practice Age Restrictions, and Group Email and Website.

Additionally, all data/demographic communication needs to be directed to KPGA-PDM@kp.org in addition to your current KPGA Provider Contracting contacts. If all data fields are not completed for a provider/facility, then that provider will be returned to you for the additional information and will not be effective until all data fields are completed.

Per your contract and the provider manual, you are required to submit accurate provider demographics and data. You are also required to provide advanced, timely notice of any changes including terminations, at least 30 days before the effective date.

In line with KPGA Policy, we will continue to add providers and/or addresses with future effective dates. We will not add providers or addresses using past effective dates. All effective dates will be the future date of the 15th of the current month, or the 1st of the following month. For example, if the demographic updates are received by KPGA on the 15th of February, the effective date will be the 1st of March.

Reminder, providers cannot see KPGA members until after their effective date, or their claims will be denied.

Address_1	Address_2	City	State	ZIP	County	Phone	Fax	Parent_Age_Restriction at this address	Telehealth_YN at this address	Group_TIN	Group_Name	Group_Alternate_Name	Group_NPI	Group Email	Group Website Address
1134 Main Street	Suite A	Big City	GA	30033	Fulton	334-4567890	333-4567890	All	Both Telehealth and In-Person	34-567890	ABC Medical Group		1002322212	info@abc.org	www.kaiserpermanente.com
5578 Main Highway		Small Town	GA	30000	DeKalb	333-4567890	333-4567890	<=18	Telehealth Only	34-567890	ABC Medical Group		1002322213	info@abc.org	www.kaiserpermanente.com

Targeted Review List (QRM) Updates

All procedures on the Target Review List must be authorized prior to rendering services, or the procedure will not be covered. Please see <http://www.kp.org/providers/ga> for more information regarding the Target Review List and the latest changes.

Medications requiring Prior Authorization

Kaiser Permanente periodically updates the QRM List of Medications following P&T meetings which occur on the even months (i.e., February, April, etc.) of the year. Please be sure to review the list carefully.

The QRM List of Medications (Targeted Review List) is on our Provider Website at <http://www.kp.org/providers/ga>. As a reminder, failure to obtain authorization prior to providing the medications listed will result in a denial of coverage. Please note affected members will be notified of this change.

New QRM medications effective 3.15.2023

- Pyrukynd (mitapivat)
- Verquvo (vericiguat)

QRM criteria updates effective 3.15.2023

- Cosentyx (secukinumab)
- Humira (adalimumab)
- Noxafil (posaconazole)
- Otezla (apremilast)
- Stelara (ustekinumab)
- Skyrizi (risankizumab)
- Taltz (ixekizumab)
- Tremfya (guselkumab)



QRM criteria updates effective 4.5.2023

- GLP-1 Receptor Agonists (GLP-1 RAs)

Medicare Part D Benefit Coverage – Product Additions/Removals/Changes

During the year, Kaiser Permanente may make changes to our Medicare Part D Formulary (Drug List).

For product removals, affected members who were prescribed these drugs prior to the removal effective date will receive a one-time 30-day Transition Benefit (TB) fill. For the members to continue receiving the medication for the remainder of the year, a medical necessity override will be required.

For prior authorization additions, these changes will apply to new starts only – affected members will be grandfathered.

Formulary Removals/Additions

BRAND DRUG REMOVED	BRAND DRUG CURRENT TIER	GENERIC EQUIVALENT REPLACEMENT	GENERIC TIER	EFFECTIVE DATE
DALIRESP TABS 500 MCG	Tier 4	ROFLUMILAST TABS 500 MCG	Tier 4	2.1.2023
GILENYA CAPS 0.5 MG	Tier 5	FINGOLIMOD HCL CAPS 0.5 MG	Tier 5	2.1.2023
PENTASA CPR 500 MG	Tier 3	MESALAMINE ER CPR 500 MG	Tier 2	2.1.2023
TAZORAC GEL 0.05 %	Tier 4	TAZAROTENE GEL 0.05 %	Tier 4	2.1.2023
TAZORAC GEL 0.1 %	Tier 4	TAZAROTENE GEL 0.1 %	Tier 4	2.1.2023
DALIRESP TABS 250 MCG	Tier 4	ROFLUMILAST TABS 250 MCG	Tier 4	3.1.2023
ESBRIET CAPS 267 MG	Tier 5	PIRFENIDONE CAPS 267 MG	Tier 5	4.1.2023

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Targeted Review List (QRM) Updates (Cont.)

Formulary Addition of Prior Authorization

Effective Date – 3.1.2023

DRUG	DRUG CURRENT TIER
MOUNJARO SOPN 10 MG/0.5ML	Tier 5
MOUNJARO SOPN 12.5 MG/0.5ML	Tier 5
MOUNJARO SOPN 15 MG/0.5ML	Tier 5
MOUNJARO SOPN 2.5 MG/0.5ML	Tier 5
MOUNJARO SOPN 5 MG/0.5ML	Tier 5
MOUNJARO SOPN 7.5 MG/0.5ML	Tier 5
OLUMIANT TABS 1 MG	Tier 5
OLUMIANT TABS 2 MG	Tier 5
OZEMPIC (0.25 OR 0.5 MG/DOSE) SOPN 2 MG/1.5ML	Tier 3
OZEMPIC (0.25 OR 0.5 MG/DOSE) SOPN 2 MG/3ML	Tier 3
OZEMPIC (1 MG/DOSE) SOPN 2 MG/1.5ML	Tier 3
OZEMPIC (1 MG/DOSE) SOPN 4 MG/3ML	Tier 3
OZEMPIC (2 MG/DOSE) SOPN 8 MG/3ML	Tier 3
VICTOZA SOPN 18 MG/3ML	Tier 3



End of Public Health Emergency

The federal COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) is ending on May 11, 2023. This will affect how COVID-19 vaccines, testing, and treatment are provided and covered for some Kaiser Permanente members, including expiration of the special fee schedules for Covid vaccines and labs. Payments will revert to your pre-pandemic contracted rates. Until May 11, 2023, costs and coverage remain unchanged. For the latest updates, see: https://healthy.kaiserpermanente.org/georgia/health-wellness/coronavirus-information?kp_shortcut_referrer=kp.org/coronavirus

Yoga at The Battery Atlanta

In partnership with the Atlanta Braves and The Battery Atlanta, Kaiser Permanente presents **Yoga @ The Battery Atlanta**. Grab your yoga mat and prepare to center your focus on balance, strength, and flexibility. Discover the mind-to-body connection through a flowing series of yoga poses that will leave you relaxed and exhilarated at the same time! Sessions take place on **Mondays at 6:30 PM**. Registration is required. For more info and register: <https://batteryatl.com/event/yoga-presented-by-kaiser-permanente>



Advantages of ERA/EFT Enrollment



Get paid faster and reduce costs by eliminating paper checks and remittance advice by receiving ERA/EFT.

- Get paid faster, reduced administrative costs, and increased efficiency
- Automate payment posting to streamline processes
- Automate reconciliation of payments and remittances

Kaiser Permanente has partnered with Citi Payment Exchange to provide a portal for enrolling in Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) and Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA) and Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA). With this partnership, Kaiser Permanente requests that all vendors pursuing EFT/ERA enrollments utilize the Payment Exchange portal for enrollment and changes to existing EFT/ERA. The portal is open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week for new enrollments or changes.

It's easy to get started now!

Each Kaiser Permanente region requires a separate enrollment.
If you wish to create a new enrollment for EFT/ERA in the Georgia region

<https://b2bportal.citipaymentexchange.citi.com/enroll/GA-KFHP-ACH>

Activation code KYP6BZ is required at login.



Please feel free to contact us if you think any of your demographic or billing information may be incorrect. You can reach out to your Network Manager directly or you can email Provider Contracting at ga.provider-relations@kp.org.

You can also email the provider data team at kpga-pdm@kp.org.

If you know any of your demographics are changing, or have changed, please let Provider Contracting know at least 60 days in advance, or as soon as possible.