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Remittance Advice (RA) Message

Title: **Revised New Travel Authorization Requirements**

Issue Date: 11/24/2020

Run Length: 8 weeks

Provider Type(s): All

Message: Governor Dunleavy has issued two new [Health Order 06 and 08](#) providing guidance for intrastate, interstate, and international travel. To comply with these new health orders travel authorization requirements have been modified. Travel will continue to be authorized based on standard travel criteria and medical necessity. However, in addition to the [standard LOMN criteria](#), providers must include written documentation of the following along with the request for travel services:

- Can the service(s) be provided via telehealth? If not, why?
- Has the medical provider reviewed the risks of traveling during this time?
- Does the member understand these risks?
- Does the member understand they may be responsible for their own lodging and meals for travel extensions unrelated to the member's medical needs?

The additional LOMN documentation is not required in the following situations:

- Urgent and emergent emergency healthcare needs
- Inpatient admissions if the admission was prior authorized or approved by the department
- Facility transfers if admission to the new facility was prior authorized or approved by the department
- Facility discharges

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