Under the recently approved CMS 1135 Waiver for Utah, Medicaid was granted the option to waive prior authorization (PA) requirements during the Emergency COVID Period.

At this time, Utah Medicaid has modified only a few prior authorization requirements for medical, pharmacy, or behavioral health services, including:

- Increasing maximum allowed units for an authorization period

- Extending authorization periods

- Expanding allowable reasons for retroactive prior authorization

Utah Medicaid prior authorization guidance can be found at: https://medicaid.utah.gov/covid-19/