

Tuesday, August 04, 2015

Dear Provider:

This letter is to inform you that, **effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**; Arizona Priority Care (AZPC) has chosen Desert Kidney Associates as its preferred partner for Nephrology services in Maricopa and Pinal County. Any AZPC member requiring Nephrology services in the emergency room, the inpatient setting or on an outpatient basis should be referred to Desert Kidney Associates. This is imperative to the care of our members as we want to maintain continuity of care for members within our preferred nephrology network.

Referrals for members to see any other Nephrologist not part of Desert Kidney Associates will not be approved. Claims from non-contracted groups, without prior authorization, may be denied. In the inpatient setting, any members seen by a non-contracted Nephrologist will be redirected to Desert Kidney Associates. The member will be expected to follow up with Desert Kidney Associates once discharged.

If for some reason you need to use a non-contracted nephrologist not a part of Desert Kidney Associates, you must obtain a prior authorization and can contact our Prior Authorization Team at (480) 499-8720. We urge you to ensure that all nephrology referrals are sent to Desert Kidney Associates. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact our Provider Network Department at (480) 499-8720.

Sincerely,



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Chief Medical Officer

Attachment