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Beginning in 1992, KePRO began providing services to the Medicaid market; we successfully administer contracts in Florida, Maryland, Virginia, and Tennessee. We provide Medicaid utilization management and medical appeals services for both fee-for-service and managed care enrollees**.**

KePRO contracts with the DMAS to implement a prior authorization program for Medicaid/ FAMIS fee-for-service enrollees. Under the provisions of federal regulations, the Medical Assistance Program must provide for continuing review and evaluation of care and services paid by Medicaid, including review of utilization of the services by providers and by enrollees.

Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 455 and 456, mandates these reviews. Participating Medicaid providers are responsible for ensuring that prior authorization for services rendered is requested according to applicable timeframes in order to receive payment from DMAS. Under the Participation Agreement with DMAS, the provider also agrees to give access to records and facilities to Virginia Medical Assistance Program representatives (including KePRO), the Attorney General of Virginia or his authorized representatives, and authorized federal personnel upon reasonable request. Refer to [www.dmas.virginia.gov](file:///%5C%5CRicdom001%5CDocuments2%5Crblankenship%5CMy%20Documents%5Cwww.dmas.virginia.gov%20), to access DMAS’s provider manuals.

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