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Dear Valued Culinary Provider:

Re: Carpal Tunnel Decompression Procedures

Milliman Care Guidelines has moved into its 21st edition and the prior authorization documentation requirements for surgeons planning carpal tunnel release (CPT 29848, 64721) have improved.

Previously, Culinary participants had to have nerve conduction studies prior to authorization for carpal tunnel release. Nerve conduction studies are <u>no longer required</u> with good documentation of carpal tunnel syndrome.

*Please see the attached guideline.

If you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact Provider Services at (702) 892-7313, option 2.

Thank you Culinary Health Fund