

# How to Secure Prior Authorization

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# **Pre-Auth Needed Tool**

Use the Pre-Auth Needed Tool on the website to quickly determine if a service or procedure requires prior authorization.

# **Submit Prior Authorization Requests**

If a service requires authorization, submit your request via one of the following ways:

#### **Secure Web Portal**

Provider.PAHealthWellness.com

This is the preferred and fastest method.

**Fax Medical** 

1-844-259-4568

**Behavioral Health** 

1-833-320-2897

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After normal business hours and on holidays, calls are directed to the plan's 24-hour nurse advice line. Notification of authorization will be returned via phone, fax, or web.

# See reverse side for a list of services that require prior authorization.

#### Please note:

- All out-of-network services require prior authorization except emergency care, out-of-area urgent care, and out-of-area dialysis.
- Failure to complete the required authorization or certification may result in a denied claim.

# **Procedures Requiring Prior Authorization**

The following list is not all-inclusive

# Please visit Wellcare.PAHealthWellness.com

and use the Pre-Auth Needed Tool to check if a specific service or procedure requires prior authorization.

# **Out-of-Network Services**

All out-of-network (non-par) services and providers require prior authorization, excluding emergency care, out-of-area urgent care, or out-of-area dialysis.

### **Inpatient Admissions**

All elective/scheduled admission notifications requested at least 5 days prior to the scheduled date of admissions including but not limited to:

- Inpatient admission (elective or scheduled)
- Acute rehabilitation
- Behavioral health/substance abuse
- Long-Term Acute Care (LTAC)
- Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)

## **Outpatient Procedures/Services/Equipment**

- Ambulance: Non-emergent
- Behavioral health and substance abuse services
- · Clinical trials: Notification
- Cosmetic procedures
- Drug testing or quantitative tests for drug abuse
- Durable medical equipment (DME)
- Experimental/investigational services and new technologies

- Gender reassignment services
- Genetic counseling/ testing
- · Home health services
- Infertility
- Maternity: Notification
- Observation stays greater than 48 hours
- Orthotics/prosthetics
- Outpatient physical, occupational and Speech Therapy services
- Pain management
- · Radiation therapy
- Select Medicare Part B drugs
- Select radiology services
- Select surgeries
- · Sleep studies
- Transplants
- Wound care

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