

Molina Healthcare (Medicare) Prior Authorization/Pre-Service Review Guide Effective: 04/01/2021

For Dual Members with Medicaid, please refer to your state Medicaid PA Guide For Additional PA Requirements

Refer to Molina's Provider Website/Prior Authorization Look-Up Tool/Matrix
For Specific Codes that Require Authorization

Only Covered Services Are Eligible For Reimbursement

Office Visits to Contracted/Participating Primary Care Providers Do Not Require PA.

Office Visits to Network Specialists Do Not Require a Referral From

A Participating Primary Care Provider.

Emergency Services Do Not Require Prior Authorization.

- Advanced Imaging and Special Tests
- Behavioral Health, Mental Health, Alcohol and Chemical Dependency Services:
 - Inpatient, Partial hospitalization;
 - Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT).
- Cosmetic, Plastic and Reconstructive Procedures: No PA required with Breast Cancer Diagnoses.
- Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies
- Elective Inpatient Admissions: Acute
 Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF),
 Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation, Long Term
 Acute Care (LTAC) Facilities
- Experimental/Investigational Procedures
- Genetic Counseling and Testing
- Healthcare Administered Drugs

- Hearing Aids
 - Benefit is only available from HearUSA participating providers, Contact HearUSA at (855) 823-4632 to schedule. Hearing aids require prior authorization
- Home Healthcare Services (including home-based PT/OT/ST): After initial evaluation plus six (6) visits per calendar
- Hyperbaric/Wound Therapy
- Long Term Services and Supports
 (LTSS): Not a Medicare covered benefit*.
 (*Per State benefit if MMP)
- Miscellaneous & Unlisted Codes: Molina requires standard codes when requesting authorization. Should an unlisted or miscellaneous code be requested, medical necessity documentation and rationale must be submitted with the prior authorization request.
- Neuropsychological and Psychological Testing

• Non-Par Providers/Facilities:

PA is required for office visits, procedures, labs, diagnostic studies, inpatient stays except for:

- Emergency and Urgently Needed Services;
- Professional fees associated with ER visits and approved Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) or inpatient stays;
- Dialysis when temporarily absent from service area;
- Ambulance services dispatched through 911;
- PA is waived for all radiologists, anesthesiologists, and pathologists' professional services when billed in POS 19, 21, 22, 23 or 24;
- PA is waived for professional component services or services billed with Modifier 26 in ANY place of service setting.

- Occupational, Physical, & Speech Therapy:
 PA required after Medicare therapy benefit threshold (\$2,110 for PT & ST combined and \$2,110 for OT) has been reached for office and outpatient settings.
- Outpatient Hospital/Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Procedures
- Pain Management Procedures:

 (Acupuncture is not a Medicare-covered benefit)
- Prosthetics/Orthotics
- Radiation Therapy and Radiosurgery
- Sleep Studies: (Except Home (POS 12) sleep studies)
- Supervised Exercise Therapy (SET)
- Transplants/Gene Therapy, including Solid Organ and Bone Marrow (Cornea transplant does not require authorization).
- **Transportation:** non-emergent air transportation.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MOLINA HEALTHCARE MEDICARE PROVIDERS

Information generally required to support authorization decision making includes:

- Current (up to 6 months), adequate patient history related to the requested services.
- Relevant physical examination that addresses the problem.
- Relevant lab or radiology results to support the request (including previous MRI, CT, Lab or X-ray report/results).
- Relevant specialty consultation notes.
- Any other information or data specific to the request.

The Urgent / Expedited service request designation should only be used if the treatment is required to prevent serious deterioration in the member's health or could jeopardize their ability to regain maximum function. Requests outside of this definition will be handled as routine / non-urgent.

- If a request for services is denied, the requesting provider and the member will receive a letter explaining the reason for the denial and additional information regarding the grievance and appeals process. Denials also are communicated to the provider by telephone, fax or electronic notification. Verbal, fax, or electronic denials are given within one business day of making the denial decision or sooner if required by the member's condition.
- Providers and members can request a copy of the criteria used to review requests for medical services.
- Molina Healthcare has a full-time Medical Director available to discuss medical necessity decisions with the requesting physician.

IMPORTANT MOLINA HEALTHCARE MEDICARE CONTACT INFORMATION

Washington (Service hours 8am-5pm local M-F, unless otherwise specified)

Prior Authorizations including Behavioral Health Authorizations:

Phone: (800) 213-5525

Medicare Fax: (844) 251-1450 MMP Fax: (844) 251-1451

24 Hour Behavioral Health Crisis (7 days/week):

Phone: (888) 275-8750 (TTY: 711)

Members who speak Spanish can press 1 at the IVR prompt; the nurse will arrange for an interpreter, as needed, for non-English/Spanish

speaking members.

No referral or prior authorization

is needed

Pharmacy Authorizations:

Phone: (800) 665-3086 Fax: (800) 869-7791

Dental (Delta Dental):

Phone: (888) 818-7932 (TTY: 711)

7 days a week,

8 a.m. to 8 p.m. local time

Website: N/A

Radiology Authorizations:

Phone: (855) 714-2415 Fax: (877) 731-7218

Vision (VSP):

Phone: (844) 246-0250 (TTY: 711) or

(800) 428-4833

Fax: N/A

Provider Customer Service:

Phone: (855) 322-4082

Member Customer Service, Benefits/Eligibility:

Phone: (800) 665-1029 / TTY/TDD 711

Transportation [Access2Care(A2C)]:

(888) 655-4833 (TTY: 711) or (866) 874-3972 or Press 1 for Ride Assist; otherwise stay on the line for assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year for **URGENT**/ same day appointments, facility DISCHARGES, and RIDE ASSIST

Monday to Friday:

8 a.m. to 8 p.m. local time for **ROUTINE** reservations. Requests for ROUTINE reservations will not be accepted on national holidays. This does not apply to URGENT same day appointments, facility DISCHARGES, and RIDE ASSIST – these calls are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Transplant Authorizations:

Phone: (855) 714-2415 Fax: (877) 813-1206

IMPORTANT MOLINA HEALTHCARE MEDICARE CONTACT INFORMATION

Facility Line:

(877) 299-4811

Dedicated for use by plan representatives and/or facilities. Same hours as above.

Where needed, a referral is not required. Authorizations are not required unless over the trip limit (over 50 miles one-way). When needed, these authorizations must be approved by Molina Healthcare's Centralized Medicare Utilization Management (CMU) Department.

Inpatient Authorizations

FAX: (844) 834-2152

24 Hour Nurse Advice Line (7 days/week)

Phone: (888) 275-8750 (TTY: 711)

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No referral or prior authorization is needed.

Providers may utilize Molina Healthcare's website at:

provider.molinahealthcare.com/Provider/LoginAvailable features include:

- Authorization submission and status
- Member Eligibility
- Provider Directory

- Claims submission and status
- Download Frequently used forms
- Nurse Advice Line Report



Molina Healthcare, Inc. Prior Authorization Request Form

MEMBER INFORMATION												
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State/Health Plan (i.e. CA):												
Member Name:			DOB (MM/DD/YYYY):									
Member ID#:			Member Phone:									
Service Type:	Service Type: Non-Urgent/Routine/Elective Urgent/Expedited - Clinical Reason for Urgency Required: Emergent Inpatient Admission EPSDT/Special Services											
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PROVIDER INFORMATION										
Requesting	Provider /	Facility:								
Provider Name:			NPI#:		TIN#:					
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Prior Authorization is not a guarantee of payment for services. Payment is made in accordance with a determination of the member's eligibility on the date of service, benefit limitations/exclusions and other applicable standards during the claim review, including the terms of any applicable provider agreement.