

Molina Healthcare/Molina Medicare of Texas Prior Authorization/ Pre-Service Review Guide - **Effective: 01/01/2014**

This Prior Authorization/Pre-Service Guide applies to all Molina Healthcare/Molina Medicare Members.

Referrals to Network Specialists do not require Prior Authorization

Office visits to contracted (par) providers do not require Prior Authorization

Authorization required for services listed below.

Pre-Service Review is required for elective services. Only covered services are eligible for reimbursement

- **Behavioral Health: Mental Health, Alcohol and Chemical Dependency Services:** Inpatient, Partial hospitalization, Day Treatment, Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP), Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT)
 - Non MD/APRN BH Outpatient Visits & Community Based Outpatient programming: After initial evaluation for outpatient and home settings
- **Chiropractic Services**
- **Cosmetic, Plastic and Reconstructive Procedures (in any setting):** which are not usually covered benefits include but are not limited to tattoo removal, collagen injections, rhinoplasty, otoplasty, scar revision, keloid treatments, surgical repair of gynecomastia, pectus deformity, mammoplasty, abdominoplasty, venous injections, vein ligation, venous ablation, dermabrasion, botox injections, etc
- **Dental General Anesthesia:** > 7 years old or per state benefit (Not a Medicare covered benefit)
- **Dialysis:** notification only
- **Diapers, Incontinence products** (not a Medicare covered benefit)
- **Durable Medical Equipment:**
 - Refer to Molina's website for specific codes that require authorization.
 - Medicare Hearing Supplemental benefit: Contact Avesis at 800-327-4462
- **Experimental/Investigational Procedures**
- **Genetic Counseling and Testing** for prenatal diagnosis of congenital disorders of the unborn child through amniocentesis and genetic test screening of newborns mandated by state regulations (Authorization is required for CHIP Perinate as it is not a standard covered benefit.)
- **Home Healthcare:** after 3 skilled nursing visits
- **Home Infusion**
- **Hospice & Palliative Care:** notification only.
- **Imaging:** CT, MRI, MRA, PET, SPECT, Cardiac Nuclear Studies, CT Angiograms, Intimal Media Thickness Testing, Three Dimensional (3D) Imaging
- **Inpatient Admissions: Acute hospital, Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF), Rehabilitation, Long Term Acute Care (LTAC) Facility, Hospice** (Hospice requires notification only)
- **Long Term Services and Supports: (per state benefit)** e.g., Personal Attendant Services (PAS), Personal Care Services, Day Adult Health Services (DAHS). Not a Medicare covered benefit
- **Neuropsychological and Psychological Testing and Therapy**
- **Non-Par Providers/Facilities: Office visits, procedures, labs, diagnostic studies, inpatient stays except for:**
 - Emergency Department services
 - Professional fees associated with ER visit, approved Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) or inpatient stay
 - Women's Health, Family Planning and Obstetrical Services
 - Child and Adolescent Health Center Services
 - Local Health Department (LHD) services
 - Other services based on state requirements
- **Nutritional Supplements & Enteral Formulas**
- **Occupational Therapy:** after initial evaluation for outpatient and home settings. **
- **Office-Based Surgical Procedures do not require authorization except for Podiatry Surgical Procedures** (excluding routine foot care)
- **Outpatient Hospital/Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Procedures:** Refer to Molina's website for specific codes that are EXCLUDED from authorization requirements
- **Pain Management Procedures:** including sympathectomies, neurotomies, injections, infusions, blocks, pumps or implants, and acupuncture (Acupuncture is not a Medicare covered benefit)
- **Physical Therapy:** After initial evaluation for outpatient and home settings. **
- **Pregnancy and Delivery:** notification only
- **Prosthetics/Orthotics:**
 - Refer to Molina's website for specific codes that require authorization. Includes but not limited to:
 - Orthopedic footwear/orthotics/foot inserts
 - Customized orthotics, prosthetics, braces
- **Rehabilitation Services:** Including Cardiac, Pulmonary, and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehab Facility (CORF). CORF Services for Medicare only
- **Sleep Studies**
- **Specialty Pharmacy drugs (oral and injectable) used to treat the following disease states, but not limited to: Anemia, Crohn's/ Ulcerative Colitis, Cystic Fibrosis, Growth Hormone Deficiency, Hemophilia, Hepatitis C, Immune Deficiencies, Multiple Sclerosis, Oncology, Psoriasis, Pulmonary Hypertension, Rheumatoid Arthritis, and RSV prophylaxis** (Refer to Molina's website for specific codes that require authorization)
- **Speech Therapy:** After initial evaluation for outpatient and home settings**
- **Transplant Evaluation and Services including Solid Organ and Bone Marrow** (Cornea transplant does not require authorization)
- **Transportation:** non-emergent ambulance (ground and air)
- **Unlisted and Miscellaneous Codes:** Molina requires standard codes when requesting authorization. Should an unlisted or miscellaneous code be used medical necessity documentation and rationale must be prior authorized.
- **Wound Therapy including Wound Vacs and Hyperbaric Wound Therapy**

*STERILIZATION NOTE: Federal guidelines require that at least 30 days have passed between the date of the individual's signature on the consent form and the date the sterilization was performed. The consent form must be submitted with claim. (Medicaid benefit only)

**ECI: An auth is not required for therapy listed on the ECI IFSP provided by an ECI provider (for children from birth through 35 months of age).

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MOLINA HEALTHCARE/ MOLINA MEDICARE

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 the enrollee's 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 or fax. Verbal and fax denials are given within one business day of making the denial decision, or sooner if required by the member's condition.
- Providers 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 at 866-449-6849 X206660

Important Molina Healthcare/Molina Medicare Information

Prior Authorizations: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Medicaid: 866-449-6849 Fax: 866-420-3639

Medicare: 866-440-0012

Radiology Authorizations:

Phone: 1-855-714-2415 Fax: 877-731-7218

NICU Authorizations:

Phone: 1-855-714-2415 Fax: 877-731-7218

Pharmacy Authorizations:

Medicaid: 866-449-6849 Fax: 888-487-9251

Behavioral Health Authorizations:

Phone: 800-818-5837 Fax: 866-617-4967

For Behavioral Health Services in Dallas Service Area (STAR+PLUS), please call NorthSTAR at 888-800-6799

Fax: (877) 888-6444

Transplant Authorizations:

Phone: 1-855-714-2415 Fax: 877-731-7218

Member Customer Service Benefits/Eligibility:

Medicaid: 866-449-6849 Fax: 281-599-8916

TTY/TDD: Relay Texas

English: 800-735-2989 OR 711

Spanish: 800-662-4954

Medicare: 1-866-403-8293

TTY/TDD: 866-440-0012 OR 711

Provider Customer Service: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Phone: 866-449-6849 Fax: 281-599-8916

STAR+PLUS Service Coordination Line: Phone: 1-866-409-0039

24 Hour Nurse Advice Line

English: 1 (888) 275-8750 [TTY: 1-866/735-2929]

Spanish: 1 (866) 648-3537 [TTY: 1-866/833-4703]

Vision Care: (www.opticarevisionplans.com)

provrel@opticare.net

CHIP 800-368-4790

STAR 866-492-9711

STAR+PLUS 877-832-4118

Fax: 800-980-4002

Medicare: Avesis Third Party Administrators, Inc.

800- 327-4462

Dental:

Medicaid: Liberty Dental

888-359-1084

Medicare: Avesis Third Party Administrators, Inc.

800- 327-4462

Medicare OTC: CVS Caremark

Transportation: *Medicare:* LogistiCare Solutions

Reservations: 1-866-475-5423 Ride Assist: 1-866-474-5331

Medicaid/CHIP: Medical Transportation Program (MTP)

Dallas: 1-855-687-3255 Houston: 1-855-687-4786

All other areas: 1-877-633-8747 (1-877-MED-TRIP)

Providers may utilize Molina Healthcare's ePortal at: www.MolinaHealthcare.com Available features include:

- Authorization submission and status
- Claims submission and status (EDI only)
- Download Frequently used forms
- Member Eligibility
- Provider Directory
- Nurse Advice Line Report

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Molina Healthcare/Molina Medicare Prior Authorization Request Form

Phone Number: (866) 449-6849

Fax Number: (866) 420-3639

MEMBER INFORMATION			
Date of Request:			
Plan:	Molina Medicaid	Molina Medicare	Other:
Member Name:			DOB: / /
Member ID#:			Phone: () -
Service Type:	Elective/Routine	Expedited/Urgent*	

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Referral/Service Type Requested			
Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Surgical procedures <input type="checkbox"/> ER Admits <input type="checkbox"/> SNF <input type="checkbox"/> Rehab <input type="checkbox"/> LTAC	Outpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Surgical Procedure <input type="checkbox"/> Diagnostic Procedure <input type="checkbox"/> Wound Care <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		<input type="checkbox"/> Home Health <input type="checkbox"/> DME <input type="checkbox"/> In Office
	<input type="checkbox"/> Rehab (PT, OT, & ST) <input type="checkbox"/> Chiropractic <input type="checkbox"/> Infusion Therapy		
	Diagnosis Code & Description:		
CPT/HCPC Code & Description:		For "J Codes", include # of mgs:	
Number of visits requested:		Date(s) of Service:	

Please send clinical notes and any supporting documentation

PROVIDER INFORMATION			
Requesting Provider Name:			
Contact at Requesting Provider's office:			
Phone Number:	()	Fax Number:	()
TIN/NPI:		Address:	
Provider/Facility Providing Service:			
Phone Number:	()	Fax Number:	()
TIN/NPI:		Address:	

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