

My Choice Wisconsin® Partnership and Dual Advantage **Pre-Service Review Guide**

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FOR DUAL ELIGIBLE MEMBERS, SERVICES ARE ALSO SUBJECT TO STATE MEDICAID PA REQUIREMENTS.

Refer to My Choice Wisconsin Provider Website/Prior Authorization Look-up Tool for specific codes that require Authorization

Only covered services are eligible for reimbursement.

OFFICE VISITS TO CONTRACTED/PARTICIPATING (PAR) PROVIDERS & REFERRALS TO NETWORK SPECIALISTS DO NOT REQUIRE PRIOR **AUTHORIZATION.**

EMERGENCY SERVICES DO NOT REQUIRE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION.

The following services may require Prior **Authorization:**

- **Advanced Imaging and Special Tests**
- Behavioral Health, Mental Health, Alcohol and **Chemical Dependency Services:**
 - Inpatient, Partial hospitalization (require notification and concurrent review), Intensive Outpatient above 16 units
 - Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT)
 - Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) for treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Cardiology
- Cosmetic, Plastic and Reconstructive Procedures: No PA required with Breast Cancer Diagnoses.
- **Durable Medical Equipment**
- 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**
 - Refer to the PA Look Up Tool to determine codes requiring prior authorization
- **Hearing Aids**
 - For Partnership Medicaid only: please reference code information on PA lookup tool
 - For Partnership Dual eligible and MCW Dual Advantage: Coverage underMedicare benefit is through Nations Benefits at 877-208-9243
- Home Healthcare Services (including home-based **PT/OT/ST):** Prior authorization required after the first three 30-day episodes of care per calendar year.
- **Hyperbaric/Wound Therapy**
- Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS): Not a Medicare covered benefit*. (*Per State benefit for dual benefit members.)

- Miscellaneous & Unlisted Codes: My Choice 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.
- Non-Par Providers: With the exception of some facility based professional services, receipt of ALL services or items from a non-contracted provider in all places of service require approval. Exceptions include:
 - Local Health Department (LHD) services;
 - Hospital Emergency services;
 - Evaluation and Management services associated with inpatient, ER, and observation stays, or facility stay (POS 21, 22, 23, 31, 32, 33, 51, 52, 61);
 - Dialysis when temporarily absent from service area;
 - PA is waived for professional component services or services billed with Modifier 26 in ANY place of service setting.-
 - Radiologists, anesthesiologists, and pathologists professional services when billed in POS 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 51, 52;
- Occupational, Physical, & Speech Therapy: PA required after 12 visits of each discipline per episode of care
- Oncology
- **Outpatient Hospital/Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Procedures**
- **Pain Management Procedures**
- **Prosthetics/Orthotics**
- **Radiation Therapy and Radiosurgery**
- **Sleep Studies**
- Transplants/Gene Therapy, including Solid Organ and Bone Marrow (Cornea transplant does not require authorization).



Important Information for My Choice Wisconsin 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 and servicing 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.
- My Choice Wisconsin has a full-time Medical Director available to discuss medical necessity decisions for Inpatient Hospitalizations with the requesting physician. Please contact our Customer Service center at (800) 963-0035 to set up a time to discuss the case. Peer to Peer reviews must be requested within 5 business days from the date of discharge or date of denial whichever is later.

A retroactive authorization will be accepted if it meets the following requirements:

- Request is received by My Choice Wisconsin within 14 calendar days of the start of the provision of services
- Request precedes a bill for services
- Request includes justification for beginning the service prior to receiving authorization:
 - The member was not able to tell the provider about their insurance coverage prior to rendering services, or
 - The provider verified different insurance coverage prior to rendering services

Important My Choice Wisconsin Healthcare Medicare Contact Information

(Service hours 8am-4:30 pm local M-F, unless otherwise specified)

Outpatient Prior Authorizations including Behavioral Health Authorizations:

Phone: (800) 963-0035

Fax: (608) 210-4050

Inpatient Authorizations

Phone: (800) 963-0035 Fax: (608) 210-4050

Peer to Peer: (800) 963-0035

Retail Pharmacy Authorizations Dental:Skygen

Phone: (800) 665-3086 Phone: (800) 508-4890

Fax: (866) 290-1309 Website: https://pwp.skygenusasystems.com/PWP/Landing

Part B drugs/Physician Administered Meds: Vision (VSP):

Phone: (800) 963-0035 Phone: (855) 492-9028

Fax: (608) 210-4050 Website: https://www.vspproviderhub.com/contact.html

Provider Contact Center Member Customer Service, Benefits/Eligibility:

Phone: (855) 326-5059 Phone: (800) 963-0035/ TTY/TDD 711

Fax: (877) 556-5863

Email: MHWIProviderNetworkManagement@MolinaHealthc

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Important My Choice Wisconsin Healthcare Medicare Contact Information

Claims: Cognizant Phone: (855) 878-6699

Claims: WPS

Phone: (800) 223-6016 Fax: (608) 327-6332 **Transplant Authorizations:** Phone: (800) 963-0035

Fax: (608) 210-4050

24 Hour Nurse Advice Line (7 days/week)

Phone: (800)963-0035/TTY: 711

Radiology Authorizations Phone: (800) 963-0035

Fax: (608) 210-4050

Providers may utilize My Choice Healthcare's Website at: https://mychoicewi.org

Available features include:

- Prior Authorization Look Up tool
- Provider Directory
- Provider Trainings
- Download Frequently used forms
- Molina Clinical Policies
- MCG