

MOLINA® HEALTHCARE MEDICAID
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION/PRE-SERVICE REVIEW GUIDE
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REFER TO MOLINA’S PROVIDER WEBSITE OR PRIOR AUTHORIZATION LOOK-UP TOOL/MATRIX 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.

- **Advanced Imaging and Specialty Tests**
 - **Behavioral Health: Mental Health, Alcohol and Chemical Dependency Services:**
Review the PA Look Up Tool for specific requirements.
 - **Cosmetic, Plastic and Reconstructive Procedures:**
No PA required with Breast Cancer Diagnoses. Review PA Look Up Tool for specific requirements.
 - **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:**
Review the PA Look Up Tool for specific requirements.
 - **Home Healthcare Services (including home-based PT/OT/ST):**
Review the PA Look Up Tool for specific requirements.
 - **Hyperbaric/Wound Therapy**
 - **Inpatient Hospitalization** (Except Emergency and Urgently Needed Services)
 - **Long Term Services and Supports (per State benefit).**
 - **Miscellaneous & Unlisted Codes:**
Molina requires standard codes when requesting authorization. Should an unlisted or miscellaneous code be requested, medical necessity documentation and rationale should be submitted with the prior authorization request.
- **Neuropsychological and Psychological Testing:**
Review the PA Look Up Tool for specific requirements.
 - **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.
 - 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)
 - Radiologists, anesthesiologists, and pathologists’ professional services when billed in POS 19, 21, 22, 23 or 24, 51, 52.
 - Other State mandated services.
 - **Nursing Home/Long Term Care**
 - **Occupational, Physical & Speech Therapy:**
Review the PA Look Up Tool for specific requirements.
 - **Outpatient Hospital/Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Procedures:**
Review the PA Look Up Tool for specific requirements.
 - **Pain Management Procedures**
 - **Prosthetics/Orthotics**
 - **Sleep Studies**
 - **Transplants/Gene Therapy, including Solid Organ and Bone Marrow**
 - **Transportation Services:** Non-emergent air transportation.

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 the claim.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MOLINA HEALTHCARE MEDICAID 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 at (844)-236-1464.

IMPORTANT MOLINA HEALTHCARE MEDICAID CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Prior Authorizations including Behavioral Health Authorizations:

Phone: (844)-236-1464
Fax: (319)-774-1295

Pharmacy Authorizations:

Phone: (844)-236-1464
Fax: (877)-733-3195

Radiology Authorizations:

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

Provider Customer Service:

Phone: (844)-236-1464

Transportation:

Phone: (866)-849-2062

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

Phone: 988 (10-digit number is (855) 581-8111)

Dental: Carved out in Iowa

Vision:

Phone: (844) 496-2724

Member Customer Service, Benefits/Eligibility:

Phone: (844)-236-0894/ TTY/TDD 711

Transplant Authorizations:

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

24 Hour Nurse Advice Line (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*

Providers may utilize Molina Healthcare’s Website at: <https://provider.molinahealthcare.com/Provider/Login>

Available features include:

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

Providers should use one of the Iowa Medicaid Prior Authorization forms when submitting a prior authorization. Examples are provided below.



ALL REQUIRED FIELDS MUST BE FILLED IN AS INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE REJECTED.
COPIES OF ALL SUPPORTING CLINICAL INFORMATION ARE REQUIRED. LACK OF CLINICAL INFORMATION MAY RESULT IN DELAYED DETERMINATION

Disclaimer: An authorization is not a guarantee of payment. Member must be eligible when services are rendered. Services must be a covered Health Plan Benefit and medically necessary with prior authorization as per Plan policy and procedures.

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