

A WellCare Company

# 2018 Authorization Guidelines for CIPA IPA

## SERVICES BY CONTRACTED PROVIDERS FOR HMO, HMO-POS and HMO-SNP PLANS

## **Authorization Not Required**

The following providers/services **DO NOT require an authorization** to be performed. No referral form needs to be completed.

#### **Providers**

- PCPs
- Capitated Providers and **Ancillary Providers**

#### **Services**

- Emergency Room Visits
- Emergent Ambulance Trips
- Urgent Care Visits
- Medicare Preventive Services
- Immunizations/Vaccinations
- Professional services rendered incidental to an authorized facility admit or service

## Services/Procedures when performed in an office or freestanding facility

- Allergy Testing & Injections/Serums
- Sutures
- Eve Glasses or Contacts AFTER Cataract Surgery
- Pacemaker Checks
- Spirometry
- Barium Enemas
- Bone Density
- Dopplers (except nuclear)
- Echocardiograms & EKGs
- Intravenous Pyelograms (IVPs)
- Kidney, Ureter, Bladder X-rays
- Flat X-rays & Fluoroscopies
- Radiologic Transcatheter Procedures
- Pulmonary Function Testing (PFTs)
- Mammograms
- Treadmill Stress Tests
- Ultrasounds (non-OB)
- Upper Gastrointestinal X-rays
- Colonoscopies, Screening
- Dialysis Access Vascular Service

## **Authorization May Be Required**

For services not listed: if the billed charge per service is \$350 or less, an authorization is not required. Services with a billed charge greater than \$350 will require an auth.

## **Laboratory/Pathology Services**

All Lab Work Should be sent to:

#### **OUEST DIAGNOSTICS**

If Quest Diagnostics is not able to perform a particular service, please submit an auth request

 Auth is Required for Genetic & Molecular Testing for all places of service

## **Medicare Part B Drugs**

Part B Drugs with billed charges over \$350 will require an auth, unless mentioned elsewhere

## **Durable Medical Equipment/P&O/Supplies**

An auth is required except for the following:

- Walkers, Canes, Crutches, Commodes
- Medical Supplies, during an office visit
- Nebulizers & Nebulizer Supplies
- Ostomy Supplies CPAP/BiPAP Supplies

 Urological Supplies
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through the Part D benefit and physician orders should request the preferred vendor when applicable.

#### **PCP REFERRALS**

Referrals to the following specialists must be within the PCPs LPO. The referral from the PCP includes 2 office visits (one consult, one f/u visit), to be completed within 90 days. Subsequent visits and services will require an authorization. Services other than office visits are subject to the authorization guidelines on this sheet.

- Allergy & ImmunologyCardiologistsDermatology

- Endocrinology
  Gastroenterology/Hepatology
  General Surgery
- Infectious Disease
- Hematologists/Oncologists
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- OB/Gyns
- Ortho/Orthopedic Surgery
- Otolaryngology/ENT
- Podiatry
- Pulmonology
- Radiation Oncology
- Rheumatology
- Urology

## **Authorization Always Required**

Referrals for the following specialties and services require a TexanPlus Auth number. Complete the Auth Form and fax to: (713) 965-9440 or (713) 838-3422.

## **Facility Services**

- Inpatient Admissions
  - Acute
  - LTAC
  - Mental Health
  - SNF
  - Inpatient Rehab
- Observation Stays
- Outpatient Services, exclusive only of ER and Preventive Services
- Outpatient Surgeries

#### **Providers**

- Cardiovascular/Thoracic Surgeons
- Colon & Rectal Surgeons
- Cardiac Electrophysiologists
- Dermatologists
- Neurosurgeons
- Urologists
- Transplant Specialists
- Pain Management Specialists
- Plastic Surgeons
- Ophthalmologists
- Dietician/Nutritionists
- Chiropractors

#### Services/Procedures

- Cataract Surgery
- Endoscopies
- Diagnostic Colonoscopies
- Dialysis
- Hearing Services, Diagnostic
- EMG/Nerve Conduction Studies
- Ambulance Non-Emergent transports
- Chemotherapy, including drugs
- Holter Monitors
- Home Health
- Outpatient Rehab: PT/OT/ST, Cardiac & Pulmonary Rehab, Physical Medicine Services
- Hyperbaric Treatments
- MRIs/MRAs/CTs
- PET Scans & Nuclear Medicine
- Radiation Therapy
- Radiopharmaceuticals
- Sleep Studies
- Wound Care