

A WellCare Company

2018 Authorization Guidelines for **Houston Regional 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
- 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
- Colonoscopies, Screening
- Eye Glasses or Contacts AFTER Cataract Surgery
- Pacemaker Checks
- Spirometry
- Barium Enemas
- Bone Density
- Dopplers (except nuclear)
- Echocardiograms
- ECGs / EKGs
- Immunizations/Vaccines
- Intravenous Pyelograms (IVPs)
- Kidney, Ureter, Bladder X-rays
- Flat X-rays / Fluoroscopies
- Radiologic Transcatheter Procedures
- Pulmonary Function Testing (PFTs)
- Mammograms
- Refractions
- Treadmill Stress Tests
- Ultrasounds (non-OB)
- Upper Gastrointestinal X-rays
- 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 \$35 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 Molecular & Genetic 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
 Trach Supplies

Diabetic Meters & Supplies are to be obtained 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 quidelines on this sheet.

- Allergy & Immunology
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology/Hepatology
- General Surgery
- Infectious Disease
- 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 an HPN Auth number. Complete the HPN 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
- Cardiologists
- Cardiac Electrophysiologists
- Colon & Rectal Surgeons
- Neurosurgeons
- Transplant Specialists
- Pain Management Specialists
- Plastic Surgeons
- Ophthalmologists
- Hematologists/Oncologists
- Dietician/Nutritionists
- Chiropractors

Services/Procedures

- Cataract Surgery
- Endoscopies
- Colonoscopies, Diagnostic
- Dialvsis
- EMG/Nerve Conduction Studies
- Ambulance Non-Emergent Transports
- Chemotherapy, including Drugs
- Hearing Services, Diagnostic
- 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