

Regal - Lakeside – GCMG – ADOC Medical Group

Provider Tip Sheet PA-1:

What Services require Authorizations... & which do not!

Authorizations are a key part of the Utilization Management Process for managed care healthcare members and their providers. It is essential for providers to know which services require authorization before the service is provided to the members while some other services do not require authorization. Per HPN (Heritage Provider Network) Provider Manual and Utilization Management Program, the list of the services requiring authorizations and which do not require authorization, are summarized as follows:

Services Requiring Authorization:

- Ambulatory Care
- Inpatient Services
- Skilled Nursing Facility Services
- Home Health Care
- Rehabilitative Services (such as physical, occupational and speech therapies)
- Physician-administered drugs
- Durable Medical Equipment and/or Supplies

Services Not Requiring Authorization:

- Emergency Services
- Family Planning
- Sensitive Services and confidential service treatment (including those related to Sexual Assault or Sexually Transmitted Disease)
- Preventive Services (including immunizations)
- Basic Pre-Natal Care
- HIV Testing/Counseling
- Direct Access to Women's Health
- Language Assistance Program/Interpretation Services
- Health Education
- Non-Facility Based Behavioral Health (including Mental Health Counseling, Drug and Alcohol Abuse Treatment)
- Medi-Cal Carve Out Programs such as Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS), In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), and Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS)
- Urgent Care Services
- Tobacco Cessation
- Rendered Service (Service rendered before a referral request is submitted to medical group)

Frequently Asked Questions:

- Q: If member needs to visit Emergency Room (ER) or Urgent Care Center, do they need to obtain authorization before the visit?
A: No, member does not need to obtain authorization prior to visiting ER or Urgent Care Center.
- Q: Does member with limited English Proficiency need authorization for interpretation/translation services?
A: No, there is no authorization required for interpretation/translation services. All members/patients with limited English proficiency (and those with Visual or Hearing Disabilities) are entitled to be able to understand and access their health care services regardless of English proficiency or disabilities. Our Company (& our health plans) utilize both qualified bilingual staff members and external telephonic/in-person interpreters/translators at no cost to members (whether communicating with Regal/Lakeside/ADOC/GCMG or at provider offices). Provider may find Language Assistance Resources at: http://www.regalmed.com/Regal-en-us/assets/File/2021_HP_N_LAP_Sheet.pdf and on main page of RMG intra-net.
- Q: If I provide services that require authorization from medical group before the services are rendered, how do I submit the authorization request after services are rendered?
A: If a service is rendered without a referral (authorization), you do not need to submit a referral (authorization) request for the rendered service to Prior Authorization Department. Instead, you may directly submit your claims documents to Claims Department who will review the member's eligibility, coverage, and medical necessity for the rendered services to process the claim.
- Q: What happens if I submitted a referral request for the services that do not require authorization?
A: Medical Group's Prior Authorization Department staff members will follow HPN prior authorization process to cancel the referral request for the services that do not require authorization. The requesting provider will be notified of the cancellation and the reason why it was cancelled.

For any other questions, please contact Customer Services at (818) 357-5000 or (866) 654-3471, or your assigned Network Manager.