GEORGIA HEALTH

2020 Prior Authorization

Prior Authorizations are required for the following covered services (by service level)*

- Inpatient Hospital Care (e.g. including but not limited to: Inpatient Acute, Inpatient Psychiatric, etc.)
- Skilled Nursing Facility (Medicare required three midnight stay is waved)
- Partial Hospitalization
- Outpatient Observation
- Outpatient Hospital Services
- Ambulatory Surgery Services
- Home Health Care
- DME, Prosthetics and Orthotics (with billed charges in excess of \$250)
- **Diabetic Supplies** (with billed charges in excess of \$250)
- **Therapy Services** (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and/or Speech-Language Therapy)
- Diagnostic Radiological Services (High-Tech Radiology Services including but not limited to: MRI, MRA, PET, CTA, CT Scans and SPECT require prior authorization. NOTE: No authorization is required for Outpatient X-ray Services or Outpatient Therapeutic Radiology Services.)

- Ambulance Services (Medicare covered nonemergency Ambulance transportation services)
- Medicare Part B Chemotherapy Drugs (Drugs with billed charges in excess of \$250)
- Other Medicare Part B Drugs (covered drugs with billed charges in excess of \$250)
- Opioid Treatment Services
- Out-of-Network Providers (including but not limited to: physicians, DME/Prosthetics suppliers, hospitals, laboratories, diagnostic tests and/or procedures, non-emergent ambulance, ambulatory surgery center, outpatient hospital, inpatient hospital, home health care, outpatient physical therapy, outpatient speech-language therapy, outpatient occupational therapy, outpatient hospital observation, skilled nursing facility, etc.)

NOTE: No authorization is required for medically necessary emergent services, urgently needed care or out-of-area dialysis services provided by a Medicare-certified dialysis provider.



Services must be provided according to the Medicare Coverage Guidelines and limitations and are subject to review. All medical care, services, supplies and equipment must be medically necessary.