

Prior Authorization Requirements

MEDICAID

Experimental or Investigative Services

Any experimental or investigative procedure, service or drug protocol

Non Participating Providers

Prior authorization is required for services provided by any non participating provider

Inpatient Facility Admissions*

All inpatient admissions:

- Acute care hospitals and medical centers
- Rehabilitation
- Skilled nursing
- Hospice

*within 2 business days of admission

Outpatient Services

Transplant evaluation services

Physical, occupational and speech therapy.

(Excludes initial evaluation)

Cardiac rehabilitation. (Excludes initial evaluation)

Pulmonary rehabilitation. (Excludes initial evaluation)

Pain management services

Hearing aids

Treatment of spider/varicose veins

Diagnostic tests

- CT, MRI, MRA and PET scans
- Sleep study

Surgeries

Bariatric

Cosmetic/Plastic

Mammoplasty

Abortion

Hysterectomy

Septoplasty/Rhinoplasty

Otoplasty

Blepharoplasty

Scar Revision

Dental/Oral

Home Health Care Services

Home nursing visits

Physical therapy

Home health aid

Respiratory Therapy

Infusion therapy

Speech Therapy

Occupational therapy

Social worker

Includes supplies for home health care.

Implantable devices

- Implantable devices including cochlear implants, but excluding defibrillators and ocular implants

DME, Orthotics and Prosthetics

Durable medical equipment (rental or purchase) over \$500

Prosthetics and orthotics over \$250

Specialist Referrals

Oral surgeon

Plastic/reconstructive surgeon

Transportation

Scheduled Air ambulance

Non-emergency ambulance transport (i.e. transfer from home to physician office when patient is unable to go by other means)

Pharmacy

Injectable medications greater than \$100 when administered in a physician or clinic office (excluding oncology drugs).

Pregnancy Notification

Fax 866 681-5125

Submit notification of expectant mothers within 7 days of the first prenatal visit

OB Ultrasounds

Buckeye will permit two (2) ultrasounds per member per pregnancy without prior authorization. Any ultrasound performed beyond this number will require prior authorization by Buckeye.

Please note that ultrasounds performed in the Emergency Department or in Observation Status will not require prior authorization.

Abortions, Sterilizations and Hysterectomies

Sterilizations do not require prior authorization. Prior authorization is required for abortions and hysterectomies.

ODJFS mandated consents for all of the procedures above must be submitted with the claim.

Failure to submit a valid, signed consent will result in denial of claim payment.