

Effective August 1, 2020

For the current list of prior authorization codes in these categories and online authorization submission, log in¹ and use the Authorization Code Look-up.

IMPORTANT – Prior Authorization is not a guarantee of benefits or payment at the time of service. Remember, benefits will vary between plans, so always verify benefits.²

| Prior Authorization | Criteria or Medical Policy ³ | Effective Date |
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| Prior Authorization is required for <u>ALL</u> SERVICES provided by NON-CONTRACTED providers except for use of out-of-network benefits in PPO and POS products, unless required per listing below. ⁴ | MN-065 | 01/21/13 |
| Notification required for admission to these facilities/services and will be subject to admission review concurrent review: ⁵ • Contracted hospitals for medical, surgical, and behavioral health services • Contracted hospice programs (applies to inpatient and outpatient programs) | MCG, MN-124, MN-126, MN-127 MCG | 1/21/13 |
| Notification required for DISCHARGE from all facilities | n/a | 01/21/13 |
| Prior Authorization required for admission to facilities/programs listed below: Long-term Acute Care (LTAC) hospitals, Inpatient Rehabilitation hospitals Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) Behavioral health/substance abuse residential, partial hospitalization, intensive outpatient programs (IOP) | MCG MN-248 MN-285 MCG | 01/21/13 |

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| Abdominoplasty | MCG | 01/21/13 |
| Ambulance Non-Emergent Services | MN-006, MN-247 | 01/21/13 |
| Anesthesia for Dental Procedures | MN-200 | 06/23/14 |
| Back surgery including spinal fusion, laminectomy, vertebroplasty, kyphoplasty, etc. | MCG | 10/01/16 |



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| Bone Growth Stimulator Placement | MCG | 01/21/13 |
| Bone-anchored Hearing Aid Placement | MN-066, MN-079 | 01/21/13 |
| Cardiac Imaging and Other Cardiology Services, Including Nuclear Cardiology, Coronary FFR, and Myocardial Perfusion Imaging. | MN-267 | 08/01/20 |
| Cosmetic: procedures that may be considered cosmetic (e.g. face lift, brow lift, blepharoplasty, lid ptosis repair, liposuction, abdominoplasty, breast reconstruction and reduction, surgery for gynecomastia, rhinoplasty, genioplasty, etc.) | MCG, MN-043, MN-047, MN-060, MN-227 | 01/21/13 |
| Deep Brain Stimulator Placement | MN-137 | 06/27/16 |
| External Counterpulsation (EECP) | MN-191 | 11/01/19 |
| Fetal Surgery | MN-001 | 12/01/19 |
| Gastric Pacing / Stimulation | MCG | 11/01/19 |
| Genetic/genomic Testing | MCG, MN-002, MN-036, MN-250, MN-257, MN-261, MN-262, MN-274, MN-289, MN- 312 | 01/21/13 |
| GI imaging with capsule endoscopy | MCG | 01/21/13 |
| Home Health Care Services ⁸ | MN-083, MN-131 | 01/01/13 |
| Imaging (CT, MRI, MRA, Nuclear Studies, PET, SPECT, etc.) | MN-205, MN-267 | 01/21/13 |
| Intraoperative Neuromonitoring | MN-010 | 11/01/17 |
| Left Atrial Occlusion Procedure (Watchman) | MCG | 11/01/19 |
| Lung Volume Reduction Surgery (LVRS) | MCG | 11/01/19 |
| Musculoskeletal, Joint, and Interventional Pain Management Surgeries and Procedures | MN-051 | 08/01/20 |
| Novocure Tumor Treating Fields | MCG | 11/01/19 |



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| Obstructive Sleep Apnea Procedures | MCG | 06/01/20 |
| Occupational Therapy | MN-077, MN-288 | 01/23/13 |
| Orthognathic Surgery | MCG, MN-072, MN-139, MN-232 | 01/21/13 |
| Orthoptic and Vision Therapy | MN-211 | 11/01/19 |
| Physical Therapy | MN-077, MN-288 | 01/23/13 |
| Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers (PPECC) | MN-076 | 11/01/16 |
| Private Duty Nursing | MN-064 | 02/01/15 |
| Psychological Testing in excess of six (6) hours | MCG | 01/21/13 |
| Sacral Nerve Stimulator | MN-226 | 06/27/16 |
| Speech Therapy | MN-077, MN-288 | 01/23/13 |
| Spinal Stimulator Trial and Placement | MCG, MN-051, MN-157, MN-266, MN-310, MN-311 | 06/27/16 |
| Transaortic or transapical valve insertion or replacement (TAVR or TMVR) | MN-308 | 11/01/19 |
| Transplantation: solid organ and stem cell transplants (pre- transplant evaluation; transplant; post-transplant care) | MCG, MN-125 | 01/21/13 |
| Unlisted & Miscellaneous Codes | MN-044, MN-044, MN-068, MN-157, MN- 215, MN-284 | 01/21/13 |
| Vagal Nerve Stimulator Placement | MCG, MN-137 | 06/27/16 |
| Varicose Vein Procedures | MCG, MN-053, MN-233, MN-238 | 01/21/13 |
| Ventricular Assist Device Placement | MN-191 | 06/27/16 |
| Weight Loss (Bariatric) Surgery | MN-048, MN-222, MN-223, MN-224, MN- 225 | 01/21/13 |



| Durable Medical Equipment and Prosthetics | Criteria or Medical Policy | Effective Date |
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| Bone growth stimulators | MN-272 | 04/01/13 |
| Cranial remolding helmet | MCG | 06/27/16 |
| Compression devices (select) | MN-195 | 04/01/13 |
| Defibrillators (external) and related equipment (includes chest/vest defibrillators) | MN-183, MN-268 | 04/01/13 |
| Formula (enteral) Amino acid based | MN-197 | 04/01/13 |
| High frequency chest wall oscillation air-pulse generator system; including vest, hose, and related equipment | MN-195 | 04/01/13 |
| Non-specific, miscellaneous, and unlisted prosthetic and DME codes | Varied | 04/01/13 |
| Oxygen delivery devices, concentrators | MN-181 | 04/01/13 |
| Power operated vehicles and related equipment | MN-237 | 04/01/13 |
| Power wheelchairs and related equipment | MCG, MN-063, MN-235, MN-236, MN-237 | 04/01/13 |
| Ventilators and related equipment | MN-045, MN-204 | 04/01/13 |

| Medical Drugs ⁹ | Criteria or Medical | Effective |
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| Anticoagulants, Miscellaneous | MN-003 | 02/01/15 |
| Antidepressants, Miscellaneous | 256 | 01/01/20 |
| Antidotes | MCG | 10/01/19 |
| Anti-gout Agents | MCG | 02/01/15 |
| Antineoplastic Agents | MCG, MN-003 | 02/01/15 |
| Antisense Oligonucleotides | 230, MN-202 | 01/01/18 |
| Antithrombotic Agents, Miscellaneous | MCG | 07/01/19 |
| Antitoxins and Immune Globulins | MCG, MN-003 | 06/27/16 |



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| Azole Antifungals | MN-003 | 07/01/20 |
| Blood Form, Coagulants, Thrombosis Agents Misc. | MN-319 | 06/01/20 |
| Central Nervous System Agents, Misc. | MN-221 | 01/01/20 |
| Chimeric Antigen Receptor | MN-255 | 08/01/18 |
| Complement Inhibitors | MCG, MN-56, MN-280 | 02/01/15 |
| Corticosteroids (EENT) | MN-318 | 01/01/20 |
| Disease-Modifying Anti-rheumatic Agents | MCG, MN-15 | 02/01/15 |
| EENT Drugs, Miscellaneous | MCG, C9061, MN-003 | 02/01/15 |
| Electrolytic, Caloric, Water Balance Misc. | MN-003 | 01/01/20 |
| Enzymes | MCG | 02/01/15 |
| Gene Therapy | MN-302 | 09/01/20 |
| Gastrointestinal Drugs, Miscellaneous | MCG | 08/01/18 |
| Glycopeptide Antibiotics | MN-287 | 03/01/19 |
| Gonadotropins | MCG | 12/01/16 |
| Heavy Metal Antagonists | MCG | 02/01/15 |
| Hematopoietic Agents | MCG, MN-031, MN-286 | 02/01/15 |
| Hemostatics | MCG | 06/27/16 |
| HIV Entry And Fusion Inhibitors | MN-003 | 01/01/20 |
| Hormones | MCG | 02/01/15 |
| Immunocellular Therapy | MCG, MN-234 | 02/01/15 |
| Immunomodulatory Agents | MCG, MN-058, MN-203 | 02/01/15 |
| Immunosuppressive Agents | MCG | 11/01/16 |
| Interleukin Antagonists | MCG, MN-073, MN-246 | 01/01/19 |
| Monoclonal Antibody Antivirals | MN-005 | 06/27/16 |



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| Neurokinin-1 Receptor Antagonists | MCG | 02/01/15 |
| Other Miscellaneous Therapeutic Agents (For specific agents, log-in and utilize the Prior Authorization Code Look-up) | MN-320 | 02/01/15 |
| Pituitary | MCG | 02/01/15 |
| Respiratory Tract Agents, Miscellaneous | MCG, MN-082 | 06/27/16 |
| Retinal Gene Therapies | 249 | 07/01/20 |
| Skin and Mucous Membrane Agents, Misc. | MCG | 02/01/15 |
| Somatostatin Agonists | MCG | 10/01/19 |
| Vaccines | MCG | 10/01/19 |

¹ Registered users of our secure provider website can log in and submit an electronic preauthorization request. Call the number listed on the member's ID card for more information about our secure provider website. Contact your Provider Relations Representative for additional assistance.

² All services, even if authorized, are subject to the member's benefit plan contract coverage and exclusions, eligibility and network design, Approvals are not a guarantee of coverage, as the member's benefit plan contract may retroactively terminate at a future date. Status of eligibility may be verified by logging into the provider portal at https://rightcare.firstcare.com/Web/. Providers may contact RightCare to request a copy of the actual benefit provision, guideline, or other clinical criteria on which a determination was made. For the most current contact information, please visit https://rightcare.swhp.org/en-us/prov/provider-home

³ The Medical Policies are available at https://rightcare.swhp.org/en-us/prov/authorizations

⁴ Services rendered by non-contracted providers (except Emergency Department) must be prior authorized to receive a full benefit. Non-emergent out-of-network services with an observation level of care (revenue 760 and 762) require authorization.

⁵ Notification of all admissions is required within 24 hours or the next business day after a weekend or holiday inpatient confinements, including direct and emergency admissions. Notification is required for maternity and newborn stays that exceed 48 hours for vaginal deliveries or 96 hours for Cesarean section deliveries. Emergent and post-stabilization services do not require prior authorization, including emergent observation (revenue code 450).

⁶ All services within these categories require authorization when a member is in an observation level of care

⁷ Newly published/assigned codes and new/emerging therapy services or technology not listed may require prior authorization to determine medical necessity.

⁸ The first visit for newly ordered home care skilled services requires an authorization but will not require a prior authorization. RightCare will retrospectively approve the initial nursing evaluation visit when the written plan of care is received within four business days. Additional services rendered during the four business days will be retrospectively reviewed. Services may include home health aide, occupational therapy, pediatric therapy services, physical therapy, private duty nursing (PDN), skilled nursing, speech therapy, and social work.

⁹ To obtain a pharmacy prior authorization assistance, please call RightCare's PBM, Navitus, Toll Free at 1-877-908-6023, and select the prescriber option to speak with the Prior Authorization department between 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m to 12 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Central Time (CT), excluding state approved holidays.