

Services Requiring Pre-Certification for City of New York Employee or Non-Medicare Eligible Retirees

Beginning January 1, 2016, many services provided on an inpatient and outpatient basis will now **require** precertification. This can be done by calling the **NYC Healthline at 1-800-521-9574**. This is the same number you have always called for inpatient precertification and is on your ID card.

SERVICE	Precertification Required Yes / No
Inpatient Facility	Yes
Maternity-Pregnancy & Delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stays under 48 hours normal delivery, 96 hours C-Section requires notification only • Over 48/96 hours requires pre-certification 	Yes
NICU Admission	Yes
Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation	Yes
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	Yes
Outpatient hospital or free-standing ambulatory surgery facility (not in a doctor's office) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes possible/cosmetic procedures, reconstruction, outpatient transplants, optical/vision related procedures, breast reconstruction, cochlear implants, functional endoscopy/nasal surgery, joint replacements, experimental/investigational procedures, hyperbaric O2 chamber, infertility with underlying condition, pain management, spinal stimulatory implants, wound vac, bariatric surgery and spinal surgery 	Yes
Physical Therapy Outpatient NOTE: after 16 visits, needs authorization	Yes
Occupational Therapy Outpatient	Not covered, except as part of the home care services benefit
DME (Par and Non-Par) Examples-Not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric Beds • Wheelchairs Pre-cert is required when there is a medical policy/clinical guideline.	Yes When the charge for DME equals or exceeds \$2,000
Prosthetics (Par and Non-Par)	Yes

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Specialty Drugs (non-self injectables) Pre-cert is required if there is a medical policy/clinical guideline	Yes
Dialysis	Pre-cert for network status and place of service only as dialysis is a NYS Mandate
Radiation Therapy	Yes
Cardiac Rehabilitation Outpatient	Yes
Air Ambulance (scheduled only)	Yes
Genetic Testing	Yes

The following services continue to require precertification by **EmblemHealth**. Providers should call **1-800-223-9870** for precertification.

SERVICE	Precertification Required Yes / No
Home Health Care	Yes
Home Infusion Therapy (billed by a home infusion specialist)	Yes
MRI/MRA/PET/CAT/ NUCLEAR CARDIOLOGY/	Yes
Nutritional Supplements and Enteral Formulas	Yes