

Mercy Health Plans—HMO, PPO

Medicare Products

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SERVICES REQUIRING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

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Prior authorization is the process for authorizing the non-emergency use of facilities, diagnostic testing and other health services before care is provided.

- All admissions: Acute hospital, observation, skilled nursing, acute rehabilitation, hospice
- Maternity Authorizations are required for Vaginal and C-Section admissions regardless of length of stay.
- Transplants
- Advanced Radiology Services (Please contact the Health Plan for Authorization)
 - All cardiac stress imaging
 - Cardiac nuclear scans
 - PET scans
 - CT scans
 - MRI/MRA
 - Stress echocardiogram
- Brachytherapy
- Clinical Trials
- Diagnosis/treatment of Autism spectrum Disorders/Habilitative services
- Durable medical equipment over \$500 (claim line billed amount) and all rental equipment (excluding oxygen)
- Experimental/Investigational services
- Genetic testing
- Hyperbaric treatment
- Infertility services
- Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT)
- Injectable Medication (refer to website for listing of medications)
- Pain management injections (including epidural and facet injections)
- Physical therapy in the custodial setting
- Proton Beam Therapy
- Prosthetics-over \$10,000
- Sleep Studies

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A Coventry Health Care Plan

- **Stereotactic Radiation Therapy**
- **Surgical and other Outpatient procedures provided at outpatient hospital or ambulatory surgery center (refer to list on website for list of procedure codes requiring prior authorization)**
- **Mental Health/Substance abuse inpatient and outpatient services (please contact St. John's Managed Behavioral Health for Authorization)**