# Prior Authorizations/Organizational Determinations



## **Prior Authorizations — Benefits of Using Prior Authorizations**

#### **Prior authorization:**

- Ensures the patient receives the right care for the right condition.
- Helps identify members who may not be engaged in the Care Management process.
- Provides a better picture for the Interdisciplinary Care
   Team, enabling them to develop comprehensive care
   plans.



# To submit a request for an organization determination, use:

- NaviNet
- Prior Authorization Line: 1-866-263-9011
- Fax: 1-866-263-9036



#### **Prior Authorizations — NaviNet Portal to Prior Authorization Management**

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AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Plans

#### Workflows for this Plan

Eligibility and Benefits Inquiry Claim Status Inquiry Claim Submission Report Inquiry Provider Directory Referral Submission Referral Inquiry Pre-Authorization Management Forms Forms Pre-authorization management portal



### Welcome to NaviNet

This easy-to-use portal will provide you with the latest plan updates and other pertinent information that will enable you to provide the best care possible to our members. You can search our provider directories, view prior authorization criteria, download forms, and more.

## You will be linked to the AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care Plus authorization system called Jiva to enter the authorization request:

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# Prior Authorizations — Jiva Provider Information and Procedure/Treatment

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#### **Prior Authorizations — Jiva Procedure Codes "Favorites"**

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25040	CPT	Arthrotomy, radiocarpal or midcarpal joint, with exploration, drainage, or removal of foreign body	
25066	CPT	Biopsy, soft tissue of forearm and/or wrist, deep (subfascial or intramuscular)	6
25065	CPT	Biopsy, soft tissue of forearm and/or wrist, superficial	14
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25023	CPT	Decompression fasciolomy, forearm and/or wrist, flexor OR extensor compartment, with debridement of nonviable muscle and/or nerve	
25020	CPT	Decompression fasciotomy, forearm and/or wrist, flexor OR extensor compartment, without debridement of nonviable muscle and/or nerve	
25075	CPT	Excision, tumor, soft tissue of forearm and/or wrist area, subcutaneous; less than 3 cm	
25031	CPT	Incision and drainage, forearm and/or wrist, bursa	
25028	CPT	Incision and drainage, forearm and/or wrist, deep abscess or hematoma	4
25035	CPT	Incision, deep, bone cortex, forearm and/or wrist (eg, osteomyelitis or bone abscess)	4
25000	CPT	Incision, extensor tendon sheath, wrist (eg. deQuervains disease)	
22220	CPT	Osteotomy of spine, including discectomy, anterior approach, single vertebral segment, cervical	
22224	CPT	Osteotomy of spine, including discectomy, anterior approach, single vertebral segment, lumbar	
22222	CPT	Osteotomy of spine, including discectomy, anterior approach, single vertebral segment, thoracic	45
22210	CPT	Osteotomy of spine, posterior or posterolateral approach, 1 vertebral segment, cervical	6
22216	CPT	Osteotomy of spine, posterior or posterolateral approach, 1 vertebral segment, each additional vertebral segment (List separately in addition to primary procedure)	6
22214	CPT	Osteotomy of spine, posterior or posterolateral approach, 1 vertebral segment, lumbar	6
22212	CPT	Osteotomy of spine, posterior or posterolateral approach, 1 vertebral segment, thoracic	69

## Prior Authorizations -Time Frames



- AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care Plus has up to fourteen (14) calendar days to complete a standard request for prior authorization and notify the provider of the organization determination.
- AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care Plus has seventytwo (72) hours to complete an expedited request.
- Once an authorization is processed, the AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care Plus provider will receive a phone call and a fax alerting him or her to the organization determination.
- Providers may only request a peer-to-peer review during initial outreach by the Clinical Care Reviewer notifying the provider that the request is not meeting for medical necessity and will be pended to the Medical Director for determination. The peer to peer must occur before the decision is rendered.

# Prior Authorizations -Organization Determination Process



- If the request is partially or fully denied, the member receives an Integrated
   Denial Notice from AmeriHealth Caritas
   VIP Care Plus, alerting the member of his or her appeal rights. Providers will also receive this notice for informational purposes.
- Refer to chapters five (5) and six (6) of the AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care Plus Provider Manual or the Provider section on the AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care Plus website for more information.
- Please note Providers may NOT use the Advanced Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN) Form CMS-R-131 with Medicare Advantage plans.

**Important:** This notice explains your right to appeal our decision. Read this notice carefully. If you need help, you can call one of the numbers listed on the last page under "Get help & more information."

#### Notice of Denial of Medical [Coverage/Payment]

Date:	Member number:
Name:	
Service Subject to Notice:	<b>Type of Service:</b> [Medicare-only, Medicaid-only, both Medicare and Medicaid]
Date of Service:	
Provider Name:	

#### Your request was denied

We've [denied, stopped, reduced, suspended] the [payment of] medical services/items listed below requested by you or your provider:

#### Why did we deny your request?

We [denied, stopped, reduced, suspended] the [payment of] medical services/items listed above because [Provide specific rationale for decision and include State or Federal law and/or Evidence of Coverage provisions to support decision]:

#### You have the right to appeal our decision

# Partial List of Services that Require Prior Authorization and/or Organization Determination\*

- Elective/non-emergent air ambulance transportation
- All out-of-network services (except emergency services)
- Inpatient services
- Certain outpatient diagnostic tests
- Home health services
- Therapy and related services
- Transplants (including transplant evaluations)
- Certain durable medical equipment (DME)
- Surgery and some surgical services

- Religious nonmedical health care institutions
- Hyperbaric oxygen
- Gastric bypass or vertical band gastroplasty
- Hysterectomy
- Pain management
- Radiology outpatient services:
  - CT scan
  - PET scan
  - MRI
- For services not typically covered under Medicare, providers must still request an organization determination.
- \*Exceptions apply. For a full list of services that require prior authorizations, please refer to the Provider Manual or call Care Management.

Services that do NOT require Prior Authorization



- Emergency Services
- Women's Health Specialist Services (to provide women's routine and preventive health care services)
- Low-level plain films i.e. x-rays, etc.
- EKGs
- Post Stabilization Services (in-network and out-of-network)
- Imaging procedures related to emergency room services, observation care and inpatient care
- Laboratory services
- Ultrasounds
- Non Emergent Medically Necessary Ambulance transportation to or from a Medicare/Medicaid covered facility

Members, their authorized representative, including providers, may file appeals with AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care Plus:

- Initial appeals must be filed with AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care Plus.
- Next level appeals for Medicare A and B only benefits will be reviewed by the Medicare Independent Review Entity (IRE) and are filed automatically.
- Next level appeals for Medicaid only benefits will be reviewed through the Michigan Administrative Hearings System (MAHS) and/or a request for an External Review with the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) and must be initiated by the member.
- Next level appeals for benefits that overlap will automatically go to the IRE and the member may also submit to MAHS and/or External Review with DIFS.

#### Appeals must be initiated within:

- 12 days of the date of the denial notice or before the service is stopped / reduced, whichever is later in order for services to continue while the case is being reviewed.
- 60 calendar days from the date of the denial notice.
- 120/127 calendar days from the date of the 1<sup>st</sup> level appeal denial notice for MAHS/DIFS appeal requests.

#### Appeals must be resolved within:

- 30 calendar days for standard appeals with AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care Plus.
- Independent Review Entity (IRE) appeals follow existing Medicare appeal time frames.
- 90/14-21 calendar days for MAHS/DIFS.
- 72 Hours for all expedited appeals.

## Member Grievances



Members also have the right to file grievances with AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care Plus regarding any area of dissatisfaction they have with the Plan or provider. Such as:

- Provider office staff rudeness
- Customer Service hold time was too long
- Their prescription brand is not covered under the formulary
- Quality of care concerns

AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care Plus has 30 calendar days to research and respond to these grievances which can either be found unsubstantiated or substantiated. If found to be substantiated, education to the provider's office or internal staff may occur.

