

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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |