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**UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT STANDARD
CLINICAL REVIEW PREAUTHORIZATION LIST**

The following services require Clinical review preauthorization for commercial managed products, Medicare, Medicaid, Family Health Plus and Child Health Plus and certain PPO products. Please review the column that applies to the member's specific health benefit program regardless of place of service.

IMPORTANT

This list represents those services that require preauthorization with a Clinical Medical Necessity Review and is NOT inclusive of all insurance products and procedures requiring preauthorization. There may be services which require Preauthorization / Notification that do not require Clinical review. Please verify specific coverage requirements before rendering service.

These services require preauthorization regardless of place of service. New services added for 2011 are bolded and shaded in gray.

Clinical Review Preauthorization Requirements	Commercial Managed Care and POS, Medicare Products, Healthy New York HMO and Active Univera PPO	Univera Community Health Products Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus, PlusMed
Abdominoplasty	Required	Required
Air Ambulance (Non-Emergent)	Required	Required
Anesthesia for Dental Surgery	Required	Required
Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation	Required	Required
Bariatric Procedures including Gastric Bypass and Lap Banding	Required	Required
BRCA Testing	Required	Required
Blepharoplasty	Required	Required
Breast Implant Insertion, Removal, Reinsertion (except for breast cancer diagnosis)	Required	Required
Breast Reduction Surgery; including surgery for Gynecomastia	Required	Required
Cardiac Catheterization; Left Heart; (Non-Emergent)	Required	Required
Chelation Therapy	Required	Required
Clinical Trials	Required	Required
Cochlear Device implants	Required	Required
Comfort; Convenience, Cosmetic or Custodial Services or Procedures	Required	Required
Computer Assisted Navigation for Knee and Hip Arthroscopy	Required	Required
Congenital Chest Wall Deformity	Required	Required
Contact Lenses	Not Required	Required

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Cranial Orthotics	Required	Required
Day Treatment (Behavioral Health)	Required	Required
Deep Brain Stimulation	Required	Required
Dermabrasion	Required	Required
Developmental Testing	Not Required	Required
Durable Medical Equipment	Required for all equipment listed below or when member contract requirements dictate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airway Clearance Devices • BiPAP Machines • Bone Growth Stimulators • Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems • Hospital Beds (including Air Fluidized Beds) • Insulin Pumps • Pneumatic Cervical Traction Devices • Pneumatic Compressors (Lymphedema Pumps) • Speech Generating Devices • Stander / Standing Devices • T.E.N.S. units • Wheel Chairs and Power Operated Vehicles • Wound Vacuum 	Required for all equipment listed below or when member contract requirements dictate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airway Clearance Devices • BiPAP Machines • Bone Growth Stimulators • Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems • Hospital Beds (including Air Fluidized Beds) • Insulin Pumps • Pneumatic Cervical Traction Devices • Pneumatic Compressors (Lymphedema Pumps) • Speech Generating Devices • Stander / Standing Devices • T.E.N.S. units • Wheel Chairs and Power Operated Vehicles • Wound Vacuum
Experimental and Investigational Procedures and /or Services	Required	Required
Genetic Testing	Required	Required
Hearing Aids	Not Required	Required
Hemilaminectomy – Cervical or Lumbar, with or without Discectomy or Foraminotomy	Required	Required
Hip Replacement (including total and resurfacing)	Required	Required
Home Care and Home Infusion Nursing Visits- notification required; Clinical review for visits >20 for contracts with unlimited benefits	Required	Required
Home Tele-Monitoring (this is not Cardiac Surveillance)	Not Covered	Required (excludes Child Health Plus and Family Health Plus)
Hospital to Hospital Transfers	Required	Required
Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy	Required	Required
Hyperhidrosis Surgery	Required	Required

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Inpatient Admissions (except routine Maternity) to any facility including hospital, elective and direct admit, acute rehab, SNF, mental health, chemical dependency and hospital to hospital transfers. * Emergency Admissions require notification to the Health Plan.	Required	Required
Intensity - Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT)	Required	Required
Intensive Outpatient Behavioral Health Treatment	Required	Required
Keloid Scar Revision	Required	Required
Knee Replacement	Required	Required
Laminectomy Fusion (Cervical, Thoracic or Lumbar)	Required	Required
Left Ventricular Assist Devices (LVAD)	Required	Required
Medical Specialty Drugs univerahealthcare.com univeracommunityhealth.org	Required. Follow the link to the left to view our Medical Specialty Drug Preauthorization Requirements	Required. Follow the link to the left to view our Medical Specialty Drug Preauthorization Requirements
Miscellaneous and Unlisted Codes	Required	Required
Neuropsychological Testing	Required	Required
Non-Participating Providers	Required (PPO products excluded)	Required
Orthopedic / Orthotic Devices	Required for Custom Knee Braces and Cranial Orthotics Only or unless member contract limitations apply	Required for Custom Knee Braces and Cranial Orthotics Only or unless member contract limitations apply
Osteochondral Bone Graft	Required	Required
Otoplasty	Required	Required
Partial Hospitalization (Behavioral Health)	Required	Required
Palatopharyngoplasty/ Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty	Required	Required
Prosthetic Devices	Required for: Computerized Prosthetic legs; "C" legs and Miscellaneous and Unlisted "L" Codes, or unless member contract limitations apply	Required for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computerized Prosthetic legs; "C" legs • Prosthetic Eyes; device and service Miscellaneous and Unlisted "L" Codes, or unless member contract limitations apply
Psychological Testing	Required	Required
Radiofrequency Tumor Ablation	Required	Required

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Radiology (Imaging) Services (Excludes imaging performed in the Inpatient, Observation and Emergency Room settings)	Refer to Radiology CPT code list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTs and CTAs • MRAs • MRIs • Nuclear Cardiology • All PET Scans (Positron Emission Tomography) • Miscellaneous or Unlisted Radiology Procedure Codes 	Refer to Radiology CPT code list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTs and CTAs • MRAs • MRIs • Nuclear Cardiology • All PET Scans (Positron Emission Tomography) • Miscellaneous or Unlisted Radiology Procedure Codes
Rhinoplasty/Septoplasty	Required	Required
Sacral Nerve Stimulation for Pelvic Floor Dysfunction	Required	Required
Sexual Reassignment Surgery	Required	Required
Sleep Apnea Studies	Required for Medicare Advantage	Required
Spinal Cord Stimulation	Required	Required
Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS)	Required	Required
Therapy; Physical and Occupational notification required; Clinical review for visits >20 for contracts with unlimited benefits* * This does not apply to outpatient therapy services being provided by Skilled nursing Facilities	Required	Required
Therapy; Speech	Required	Required
Transplants	Required	Required
Vagus Nerve Stimulation	Required	Required
Varicose Vein Treatment Procedures (including , but not limited to: Vein Ligation, Sclerosing Injection, VNUS and Laser procedures)	Required	Required
Vision Services Eyewear	Not Required	Required
Vision Therapy	Required	Required
Wireless Capsule Endoscopy for Examination of GI Tract	Required	Required

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Some member contracts may have other restrictions. Not all contracts include all benefits. Payment is based on member contract benefits, eligibility and medical necessity at the time of service. The provider delivering the service is responsible for ensuring that the required Pre-authorization has been obtained and contract is active at time of service. Claims will process

according to the member's benefit plan on the date of service. Failure to obtain the necessary preauthorization may result in the denial of the claim or reduced payment allowance.