



Public Employees Insurance Agency

REQUEST FOR PRIOR APPROVAL OF SERVICES

The WV PEIA Preferred Provider Benefit Plan (PPB) requires prior approval for all services from:

- out-of-state, out-of-network (OOS, OON) providers, and
- in-network providers located beyond the counties bordering WV (OOS, IN) if the member lives in WV or a contiguous county of a surrounding state.

PEIA PPB Plan members must use PPO network providers to receive the higher in-network level of benefits. The PPO network consists of West Virginia providers who accept PEIA's reimbursements and out-of-state providers in the UnitedHealthCare Choice Plus network

NOTE: A member's out-of-pocket costs can be significant (up to 100%) when prior approval is required but not obtained.

To apply for prior approval, **read and complete both sides** of this form, then submit it to UMR as directed on the back of this form. A separate form must be completed for each provider (doctor, clinic, hospital, etc.) from whom you seek services.

Policyholder Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: (_____) _____ Work Telephone: (_____) _____

Member ID #: _____ Effective Date of Coverage: _____

Group Number: **77-700000**

Patient Name: _____ Relationship to Policyholder: _____

Patient Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Referring Physician: _____ Phone Number: (_____) _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Provider Being Requested for Approval: _____

Specialty: _____ Phone Number: (_____) _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Date of Appointment or Procedure (if scheduled): _____

Reason for request (please provide a description of the proposed service and the specific reason(s) for care being requested out-of-state or out-of-network, including treatment done locally; attach additional sheets, if needed)

All information must be provided on both sides of this form to process this request.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR REQUEST FOR PRIOR APPROVAL

Prior approval will only be granted for medical care that is not available in WV within a reasonable travel time, or for a medical condition that requires specialized services not readily available within the state. If care by an equivalent specialist is available within a reasonable geographic range, approval for the higher benefit for out-of-network or out-of-state services will not be granted.

You **will not** be granted benefits at the higher level based solely on your personal preference for an out-of-network/out-of-state provider or due to your perception that the local provider is not of the same quality as the physician you are requesting. You may access care from the provider of your choice, however if it is for these reasons, it will most likely not be allowed at the higher benefit level, and may not be covered at all.

If proposed care is to be provided by an Out-of-State or Out-of-Network provider, then this section must also be completed to allow UMR to obtain information for processing of request and/or claims.

Authorization to Release Information

I authorize _____
(Out-of-state or Non-Network Provider's Name)

(Address/City/State/Zip)

to release to UMR all information relating to past, present and future health care examinations, conditions and treatments for:

(Brief Description of Medical Condition)

By signing below, I am requesting prior approval for the provider and services listed on the front of this form and if applicable, I am authorizing release of information for the provider noted above.

Patient's Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

** If patient is younger than 18 years of age, the employee/legal guardian must sign this form to authorize the release of medical information.

Employee/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Mail this form to:
UMR
PO Box 30541
Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0541
Or fax to: 855-405-2189

Note: A typical prior approval request will take about ten days to complete. If complete medical information is not provided and additional research is necessary, the evaluation of your request by UMR may take four to six weeks. You will receive written notification regarding your request. If your provider considers the situation to be medically urgent, an expedited process may be implemented at UMR's discretion.

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