#### PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDE

# How to Secure Prior Authorization



Pre-Auth Needed Tool

Use the Pre-Auth Needed Tool on **AmbetterHealth.com/FLpre-auth** to quickly determine if a service or procedure requires prior authorization.

## **Submit Prior Authorization Requests**

If a service requires authorization, submit via one of the following ways:

Availity Essentials: Register now for the new secure provider portal. www.Availity.com/documents/learning/LP\_AP\_GetStarted A phased rollout will be completed by early 2025.

Preferred and fastest method

♠ Secure Web Portal:

Provider.SunshineHealth.com

Phone: 1-877-687-1169

After normal business hours and on holidays, calls are directed to the plan's 24-hour nurse advice line. Notification of authorization will be returned by phone, fax or web.

Fax:

Medical: **1-855-678-6981** Behavioral: **1-844-208-9113** 

Discharge ONLY DME/Home Health: 1-833-422-1462

Buy and Bill Drugs: 1-866-351-7388

See reverse side for a list of services that require prior authorization.

Questions?

Call: 1-800-442-1623



#### Please note:

- Emergency services **do not** require prior authorization.
- All out-of-network services and providers *do* require prior authorization.
- Failure to complete the required authorization or notification may result in a denied claim.

## **Services and Procedures Requiring Prior Authorization**

The following list is not all-inclusive:

- Ancillary Services
- Procedures/Services
- Inpatient Admissions
- Air ambulance transport (non-emergent fixed wing airplane)
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
- Home healthcare services
- Hospice
- Furnished medical supplies
- Orthotics/prosthetics
- Genetic testing
- Quantitative urine drug screen
- Outpatient Physical, Speech and Occupational therapy administered by Evolent\*
  - Submit requests to RadMD.com

- Reconstructive surgery
- Experimental or investigational
- High Tech Imaging administered by Evolent\* (CT, MRI, PET):
  - Submit requests to RadMD.com
- Pain management
- Interventional Pain Management (IPM) administered by Evolent\*
  - Submit requests to RadMD.com
- Cardiac and respiratory therapy
- Musculoskeletal surgical procedures
- Observation stays exceeding 48 hours
- Notification is required within one business day if admitted

- Transplants (not including evaluations)
- Partial inpatient, PRTF and/or intensive outpatient programs
- All elective/scheduled admission notifications requested at least five days prior to the scheduled date of admit including but not limited to:
  - Medical admissions
  - Surgical admissions
  - Hospice care
  - Rehabilitation facilities



### **Out-of-Network Services**

All out-of-network services and providers require prior authorization, excluding emergency services.



Log into our secure web portal: **Provider.SunshineHealth.com** 

<sup>\*</sup>Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2025.