

Precertification requirements for members covered under the Federal Employee Benefit plan



The Federal Employee Benefit Program (FEP) requires precertification for the following services. These services must meet the FEP medical policies, which can be accessed at: www.fepblue.org/en/benefit-plans/benefit-plans-brochures-and-forms and selecting *Medical Policies*.

NOTE: Outpatient precertification for FEP should be obtained by calling Highmark at 1-866-763-3608. Hospice and inpatient precertification continues to be performed by Independence Blue Cross.

- Inpatient residential treatment center (RTC) admissions (effective 1/1/16)
Please contact Magellan @ 1-800-688-1911*
- All elective surgical and non-surgical inpatient admissions
- All Transplants, with the exception of corneal transplants
- Hospice care (home hospice, continuous home hospice and inpatient hospice)
- Surgery for morbid obesity (see the [Service Benefit Plan Brochure](#) for specific pre-surgical criteria that must be met)
- Outpatient Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) except related to treatment of head, neck, breast, prostate and anal cancer (Brain cancer is not considered a form of head or neck cancer, therefore, prior approval is required for IMRT treatment for brain cancer)
- Outpatient surgical correction of congenital anomalies
- Outpatient surgery needed to correct accidental injuries to jaws, cheeks, lips, tongue, and roof and floor of mouth
- BRCA testing and testing for large genomic rearrangement in the BRCA 1 and BRCA 2 genes (see the [Service Benefit Plan Brochure](#) for pre-service criteria)
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) (effective 1/1/17)
- Gender Reassignment Surgery (effective 1/1/17)
- Outpatient Sleep Studies performed outside the home (effective 1/1/17)

Failure to obtain precertification will result in a retrospective review to determine compliance with FEP medical policies and guidelines. Should services be denied for lack of medical necessity, reimbursement will not be made and the member may not be billed.



*Exception: no retrospective review will be done for medical necessity for RTC. All precertification requirements must be met prior to admission.