

What you need to know... Before you have genetic testing



If your doctor has ordered genetic/genomic tests, molecular analysis, or cytogenetic tests for you, your tests may need precertification before they are performed. Precertification is an approval that your doctor must receive from Independence Blue Cross before you receive coverage for these tests.



Types of tests

Genetic tests are medical tests on blood and other tissue to identify genetic disorders.

Genomic tests study the activity and interaction of certain genes and their role in diseases to predict disease progression and determine personalized treatment options.

Molecular analysis studies DNA and/or RNA transcripts to diagnose disease.

Cytogenetic tests detect numerical and/or structural abnormalities in chromosomes.



Which tests require precertification?

Independence Blue Cross requires precertification of *certain* tests that include, but are not limited to:

- Comparative genomic hybridization (CGH)
- Flow cytometry
- Fluorescent in situ hybridization (FISH)

A complete list of all of the tests that require precertification* is available on ibx.com in the *Member Resources* section under *Precertification and Cost-Share Requirements*.

*This list of services is subject to change.



Who is responsible for requesting precertification?

We advise you to work with your doctor to ensure that any test you are prescribed that requires precertification has the pre-cert process initiated before your scheduled appointment for the test. Note: If your provider is a BlueCard® PPO provider of another Blue plan or you use an out-of-network provider, it is your responsibility to make sure your doctor obtains the necessary precertification.



Questions?

Call Customer Service at:

1-800-ASK-BLUE (800-275-2583) (TTY: 711).

For more information about genetic and genomic tests visit:

- MedlinePlus/U.S. National Library of Medicine: medlineplus.gov/genetictesting.html
- National Human Genome Research Institute: genome.gov

