

Prior Authorization Requirements for Pennsylvania CHIP – Effective January 1, 2018



General Information

This list contains prior authorization review requirements for UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Pennsylvania CHIP participating care providers for inpatient and outpatient services. To request prior authorization, please submit your request online, or by phone or fax:

- **Online:** Use the Prior Authorization and Notification app on Link. Go to **UHCprovider.com** and click on the Link button in the top right corner. Then, select the Prior Authorization and Notification app tile on your Link dashboard.
- **Phone:** 800-366-7304
- **Fax:** 877-310-3826; fax form is available at UHCCommunityPlan.com > For Health Care Professionals > Pennsylvania > Manuals and Forms > Prior Authorization Fax Request Form.

Prior authorization is not required for emergency or urgent care. Out-of-network physicians, facilities and other health care providers must request prior authorization for all procedures and services, excluding emergent or urgent care.

Procedures and Services	Additional Information	Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes			
Abortion	Prior authorization required	59840 59852 59866	59841 59855	59850 59856	59851 59857
Bariatric surgery Bariatric surgery and specific obesity-related services	Prior authorization required	0312T 0316T 43648 43842 43848 64590	0313T 0317T 43659 43845 43860 95980	0314T 43644 43770 43846 43881 95981	0315T 43645 43775 43847 43882 95982
Bone growth stimulator Electronic stimulation or ultrasound to heal fractures	Prior authorization required	20975 E0749	20979 E0760	E0747	E0748
BRCA genetic testing	Prior authorization required	81162 81214 81432	81211 81215 81433	81212 81216	81213 81217
Breast reconstruction (non-mastectomy) Reconstruction of the breast except when following mastectomy	Prior authorization required	19316 19328 19350 19366 19370 L8600	19318 19330 19357 19367 19371	19324 19340 19361 19368 19380	19325 19342 19364 19369 19396
Carpal tunnel surgery	Prior authorization required if performed in an outpatient hospital setting Prior authorization not required if performed at a participating ambulatory surgery center	64721			
Cataract surgery	Prior authorization required if performed in an outpatient hospital setting Prior authorization not required if performed at a participating ambulatory surgery center	66821	66982	66984	

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<p>Cochlear implants and other auditory implants A medical device within the inner ear with an external portion to help persons with profound sensorineural deafness achieve conversational speech</p>	Prior authorization required	69710 69930 L8691	69714 L8614 L8692	69715 L8619	69718 L8690
<p>Colonoscopy</p>	<p>Prior authorization required if performed in an outpatient hospital setting</p> <p>Prior authorization not required if performed at a participating ambulatory surgery center</p>	45378	45380	45384	45385
<p>Cosmetic and reconstructive Cosmetic procedures that change or improve physical appearance without significantly improving or restoring physiological function</p> <p>Reconstructive procedures that treat a medical condition or improve or restore physiologic function</p>	<p>Prior authorization required</p> <p>For codes with an asterisk:</p> <p>Prior authorization required if performed in an outpatient hospital setting.</p> <p>Prior authorization not required if performed at a participating ambulatory surgery center</p>	11960 14040* 15821 15847 17108 21139 21180 21184 21275 21552* 21931* 67901 67906 67912 67917 67924 Q2026	11971 14060* 15822 15877 17999 21172 21181 21230 21280 21740 28344 67902 67908 67914 67921 67950	13101* 14301* 15823 17106 21137 21175 21182 21235 21282 21742 30620 67903 67909 67915 67922 67961	13132* 15820 15830 17107 21138 21179 21183 21256 21295 21743 67900 67904 67911 67916 67923 67966
<p>Durable medical equipment (DME): more than \$500 DME codes listed with a retail purchase or cumulative rental cost of more than \$500</p>	<p>Prior authorization required only in outpatient settings, to include patient's home</p> <p>Prosthetics are not DME – see <i>Orthotics and prosthetics</i>.</p>	A9279 E0266 E0457 E0620 E0642 E0675 E0710 E0766 E1002 E1006 E1010 E1161 E1233 E1237 E2227 E2301 E2329 E2510 E2627 E8001	A9280 E0270 E0460 E0636 E0656 E0693 E0745 E0784 E1003 E1007 E1030 E1229 E1234 E1238 E2228 E2322 E2331 E2511 E2628 K0005	E0194 E0300 E0466 E0638 E0669 E0694 E0762 E0984 E1004 E1008 E1035 E1231 E1235 E1239 E2230 E2325 E2351 E2599 E2629 K0008	E0265 E0445 E0483 E0641 E0670 E0700 E0764 E0986 E1005 E1009 E1036 E1232 E1236 E2100 E2300 E2327 E2373 E2626 E2630 K0013

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Durable medical equipment (DME): more than \$500 (cont'd) DME codes listed with a retail purchase or cumulative rental cost of more than \$500		K0108	K0812	K0830	K0831
		K0848	K0849	K0850	K0851
		K0852	K0853	K0854	K0855
		K0856	K0857	K0858	K0859
		K0860	K0861	K0862	K0863
		K0864	K0868	K0869	K0870
		K0871	K0877	K0878	K0879
		K0880	K0884	K0885	K0886
		K0890	K0891	S1040	T1999
		T5999	V2786	V5269	V5270
		V5271	V5272	V5274	V5281
		V5282	V5283	V5286	V5287
		V5288	V5290		
		Ear, nose and throat procedures	Prior authorization required if performed in an outpatient hospital setting	21320	30140
Prior authorization not required if performed at a participating ambulatory surgery center	69631				
Enteral services In-home nutritional therapy, either enteral or through a gastrostomy tube	Prior authorization required	B9000	B9002	B9998	
Experimental and investigational	Prior authorization required	0085T	0191T	33477	36514
		55866	61863	61864	61867
		61868	61886	64555	64722
		65765	65767	66180	95978
		A4638	A6000	A9274	E0231
		E1831	S0810	S1030	S1031
		S2102	S9988	S9990	S9991
Functional endoscopic sinus surgery (FESS)	Prior authorization required	31240	31254	31255	31256
		31267	31276	31287	31288
Gender dysphoria treatment	Prior authorization required	55970	55980		
		These surgical codes with the following DX codes :			
		F64.0	F64.1	F64.2	F64.8
		F64.9	Z87.890		
		11950	11951	11952	11954
		11980	14000	14001	14041
		15734	15738	15750	15757
		15758	15775	15776	15777
		15780	15781	15782	15783
		15787	15788	15789	15792
		15793	15819	15824	15825
		15826	15828	15829	15832
		15833	15834	15835	15836

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Gender dysphoria treatment (cont'd)		15837 15878 19304 21120 21899 45399 54125 55175 56805 58180 58291 58544 58554 58573 58999 69300	15838 15879 20926 21122 31599 45999 54520 55180 57110 58260 58541 58550 58570 58661 64856 90785	15839 17380 21083 21173 31750 53410 54660 56625 57335 58262 58542 58552 58571 58720 64892 96372	15876 19303 21087 21270 31899 53430 54690 56800 58150 58290 58543 58553 58572 58940 64896
Gynecologic procedures	Prior authorization required if performed in an outpatient hospital setting Prior authorization not required if performed at a participating ambulatory surgery center	57522 58565	58353	58558	58563
Hernia repair	Prior authorization required if performed in an outpatient hospital setting Prior authorization not required if performed at a participating ambulatory surgery center	49505 49651 49655	49585 49652	49587 49653	49650 49654
Home health services	Prior authorization required only in outpatient settings, to include patient's home	G0299 G0495 S9124	G0300 G0496 S9474	G0493 S9122	G0494 S9123
Hospice	Prior authorization required	T2042	T2043	T2044	T2045
Injectable medications	Prior authorization required	Acthar® J0800 Botox® J0585 J0586 J0587 J0588 Cerezyme® J1786 Cinqair® J2786 Elelyso® J3060 Exondys 51™			

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Injectable medications (cont'd)		<p>J2326</p> <p>IVIG 90283 90284 J1459 J1556 J1557 J1559 J1561 J1566 J1568 J1569 J1572 J1575 J1599</p> <p>Lemtrada® J0202</p> <p>Makena® J1726 J1729</p> <p>Nucala® J2182</p> <p>Ocrevus™ J2350</p> <p>Probuphine® J0570</p> <p>Radicava™ C9493</p> <p>Soliris® J1300</p> <p>Spinraza™ J1428</p> <p>Synagis®* 90378</p> <p>Unclassified Codes** C9399 J3490 J3590</p> <p>Xolair®* J2357</p> <p>Please check our <i>Review at Launch for New to Market Medications</i> policy for the most up-to-date information on drugs newly approved by the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) and included on our <i>Review at Launch Medication List</i>. Pre-determination is highly recommended for the drugs on the list. The <i>Review at Launch for New to Market Medications</i> policy is available at UHCprovider.com > Menu > Policies and Protocols > Community Plan Policies > Medical & Drug Policies and Coverage</p>

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Injectable medications (cont'd)		Determination Guidelines for Community Plan. *Please obtain prior notification for Synagis and Xolair through OptumRx prior notifications services at 800-310-6826 . **For Unclassified codes C9399, J3490 and J3590, prior authorization is only required for Brineura™ and Radicava.			
Joint replacement Joint, total hip and knee replacement procedures	Prior authorization required	23470	23472	23473	23474
		24360	24361	24362	24363
		24370	24371	27120	27122
		27125	27130	27132	27134
		27137	27138	27412	27446
		27447	27486	27487	29866
		29867	29868	J7330	S2112
Liver biopsy	Prior authorization required if performed in an outpatient hospital setting Prior authorization not required if performed at a participating ambulatory surgery center	47000			
Miscellaneous	Prior authorization required if performed in an outpatient hospital setting Prior authorization not required if performed at a participating ambulatory surgery center	20680			
Non-emergent air ambulance transport	Prior authorization required	A0430	A0431	A0435	A0436
		S9960	S9961		
Ophthalmologic	Prior authorization required if performed in an outpatient hospital setting Prior authorization not required if performed at a participating ambulatory surgery center	65426	65730	65855	66170
		66761	67028	67036	67040
		67228	67311	67312	
Orthognathic surgery Treatment of maxillofacial/jaw functional impairment	Prior authorization required	21121	21123	21125	21127
		21141	21142	21143	21145
		21146	21147	21150	21151
		21154	21155	21159	21160
		21188	21193	21194	21195
		21196	21198	21199	21206
		21208	21209	21210	21215
		21240	21242	21244	21245
		21246	21247	21248	21249
		21255	21296	21299	

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<p>Orthotics and prosthetics: more than \$500 Orthotics and prosthetic codes listed with a retail purchase or cumulative rental cost of more than \$500</p>	<p>Prior authorization required only in outpatient settings, to include patient's home</p>	<p>L0112 L0464 L0486 L0632 L0638 L0810 L1000 L1310 L1700 L1755 L1845 L1950 L2010 L2036 L2106 L2136 L2627 L3649 L3730 L3901 L3971 L3999 L5010 L5100 L5200 L5250 L5312 L5400 L5505 L5535 L5580 L5600 L5616 L5643 L5651 L5702 L5718 L5728 L5811 L5818 L5828 L5858 L5961 L5973 L5981 L5988</p>	<p>L0170 L0480 L0624 L0634 L0640 L0820 L1005 L1499 L1710 L1834 L1846 L1970 L2020 L2037 L2108 L2350 L2628 L3671 L3740 L3904 L3975 L4000 L5020 L5105 L5210 L5270 L5321 L5420 L5510 L5540 L5585 L5610 L5639 L5644 L5653 L5703 L5722 L5780 L5812 L5822 L5830 L5930 L5964 L5976 L5982 L5990</p>	<p>L0456 L0482 L0629 L0636 L0700 L0830 L1200 L1680 L1720 L1840 L1860 L2000 L2030 L2038 L2126 L2510 L3230 L3674 L3764 L3905 L3976 L4010 L5050 L5150 L5220 L5280 L5331 L5460 L5520 L5560 L5590 L5613 L5640 L5646 L5661 L5706 L5724 L5790 L5814 L5824 L5848 L5950 L5966 L5979 L5984 L6000</p>	<p>L0462 L0484 L0631 L0637 L0710 L0859 L1300 L1685 L1730 L1844 L1945 L2005 L2034 L2060 L2128 L2526 L3265 L3720 L3900 L3961 L3977 L4020 L5060 L5160 L5230 L5301 L5341 L5500 L5530 L5570 L5595 L5614 L5642 L5648 L5682 L5716 L5726 L5795 L5816 L5826 L5857 L5960 L5968 L5980 L5987 L6010</p>

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<p>Orthotics and prosthetics: more than \$500 (cont'd) Orthotics and prosthetic codes listed with a retail purchase or cumulative rental cost of more than \$500</p>		L6020 L6110 L6205 L6320 L6380 L6450 L6580 L6588 L6624 L6687 L6693 L6697 L6709 L6714 L6882 L6895 L6915 L6935 L6955 L6975 L7040 L7181 L7191 L8043 L8047 L8612	L6050 L6120 L6250 L6350 L6382 L6500 L6582 L6590 L6646 L6689 L6694 L6704 L6711 L6715 L6883 L6900 L6920 L6940 L6960 L7007 L7045 L7185 L7405 L8044 L8499 L8631	L6055 L6130 L6300 L6360 L6384 L6550 L6584 L6621 L6648 L6690 L6695 L6707 L6712 L6880 L6884 L6905 L6925 L6945 L6965 L7008 L7170 L7186 L8040 L8045 L8609 L8659	L6100 L6200 L6310 L6370 L6400 L6570 L6586 L6623 L6686 L6692 L6696 L6708 L6713 L6881 L6885 L6910 L6930 L6950 L6970 L7009 L7180 L7190 L8042 L8046 L8610
<p>Pediatric day services (PDHC)</p>	Prior authorization required	T1024			
<p>Private duty nursing</p>	Prior authorization required	T1000 T1002 T1003			
<p>Proton beam therapy Focused radiation therapy using beams of protons, which are tiny particles with a positive charge</p>	Prior authorization required	77520 77522 77523 77525			
<p>Rhinoplasty and septoplasty Treatment of nasal functional impairment and septal deviation</p>	Prior authorization required	30400 30410 30420 30430 30435 30450 30460 30462 30465			
<p>Sinuplasty</p>	Prior authorization required	31295 31296 31297			
<p>Sleep apnea procedures and surgeries Maxillomandibular advancement and oral-pharyngeal tissue reduction for treatment of obstructive sleep apnea</p>	Prior authorization required	21685 41599 42145			
<p>Spinal stimulator for pain management Spinal cord stimulators when implanted for pain management</p>	Prior authorization required	63650 63655 63685			

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Spinal surgery	Prior authorization required	0095T 22101 22114 22212 22532 22554 22590 22612 22802 22812 22849 22856 22899 63011 63017 63042 63050 63075 63087 63170 63182 63194 63199 63252 63270 63300 63304 63308	0098T 22102 22206 22214 22533 22556 22595 22630 22804 22818 22850 22861 63001 63012 63020 63045 63055 63077 63090 63172 63185 63195 63200 63265 63271 63301 63305 64553	0164T 22110 22207 22220 22548 22558 22600 22633 22808 22819 22852 22864 63003 63015 63030 63046 63056 63081 63101 63173 63190 63196 63250 63267 63272 63302 63306 64570	22100 22112 22210 22224 22551 22586 22610 22800 22810 22830 22855 22865 63005 63016 63040 63047 63064 63085 63102 63180 63191 63198 63251 63268 63286 63303 63307
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy	Prior authorization required if performed in an outpatient hospital setting Prior authorization not required if performed at a participating ambulatory surgery center	42820 42830	42821	42825	42826
Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy	Prior authorization required if performed in an outpatient hospital setting	43235	43239	43249	
Urologic procedures	Prior authorization required if performed in an outpatient hospital setting Prior authorization not required if performed at a participating ambulatory surgery center	50590 52224 52281 52352 55040	52000 52234 52310 52353 55700	52005 52235 52332 52356 57288	52204 52260 52351 54161
Vagus nerve stimulation Implantation of a device that sends electrical impulses into one of the cranial nerves	Prior authorization required	61885 L8685	64568 L8686	L8680 L8687	L8682 L8688

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Vein procedures Removal and ablation of the main trunks and named branches of the saphenous veins for treating venous disease and varicose veins of the extremities	Prior authorization required	36468 36473 36475 36478 37700 37718 37722 37780
Wound vac	Prior authorization required	E2402

Additional Prior Authorization Programs

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Behavioral health services	Prior authorization required – carved out to state Many of our benefit plans provide coverage for behavioral health services through a designated behavioral health network.	Please call the number on the back of the member's health plan ID card when referring for mental health and substance abuse/substance use services.
Cardiology	Prior authorization required for participating physicians for inpatient, outpatient and office-based electrophysiology implants prior to performance Prior authorization required for participating physicians for outpatient and office-based diagnostic catheterizations, echocardiograms and stress echoes prior to performance	For prior authorization, please submit requests online by using the Prior Authorization and Notification app on Link. Go to UHCprovider.com and click on the Link button in the top right corner. Then, select the Prior Authorization and Notification app tile on your Link dashboard. Or, call 866-889-8054 . For more details and the CPT codes that require prior authorization, please visit UHCCommunityPlan.com > For Health Care Professionals > Pennsylvania > Cardiology > Cardiology Prior Authorization CPT Code Crosswalk.
Chemotherapy	Prior authorization required for injectable chemotherapy drugs administered in an outpatient setting including intravenous, intravesical and intrathecal for a cancer diagnosis	Injectable chemotherapy drugs that require prior authorization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemotherapy injectable drugs (J9000 - J9999), Leucovorin (J0640), Levoleucovorin (J0641) Chemotherapy injectable drugs that have a Q code Chemotherapy injectable drugs that have not yet received an assigned code and will be billed under a miscellaneous Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code For prior authorization, please submit requests online by using the Prior Authorization and Notification app on Link. Go to UHCprovider.com and click on the Link button in the top right corner. Then,

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Chemotherapy (cont'd)		select the Prior Authorization and Notification app tile on your Link dashboard. Or, call 866-889-8054 .
Colony stimulating factor drugs	Prior authorization required for colony stimulating factor drugs administered in an outpatient setting for a cancer diagnosis	<p><u>Injectable colony stimulating factor drugs that require prior authorization:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J1442 filgrastim (Neupogen®) • J1447 tbo-filgrastim (Granix®) • J2505 pegfilgrastim (Neulasta®) • J2820 sargramostim (Leukine®) • Q5101 filgrastim, bio similar (Zarxio®) <p>For prior authorization, please submit requests online by using the Prior Authorization and Notification app on Link. Go to UHCprovider.com and click on the Link button in the top right corner. Then, select the Prior Authorization and Notification app tile on your Link dashboard. Or, call 866-889-8054.</p>
Radiology	<p>Prior authorization required for participating physicians who request these advanced outpatient imaging procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certain CT, MRI, MRA and PET scans • Nuclear medicine and nuclear cardiology procedures 	<p>Care providers ordering an advanced outpatient imaging procedure are responsible for providing notification prior to scheduling the procedure.</p> <p>For prior authorization, please submit requests online by using the Prior Authorization and Notification app on Link. Go to UHCprovider.com and click on the Link button in the top right corner. Then, select the Prior Authorization and Notification app tile on your Link dashboard. Or, call 866-889-8054.</p> <p>For more details and the CPT codes that require prior authorization, please visit UHCommunityPlan.com > For Health Care Professionals > Pennsylvania > Radiology > CPT Code List.</p>
Transplants	Prior authorization required	<p>For transplant and CAR T-cell therapy services including Kymriah™ (tisagenlecleucel) and Yescarta™ (axicabtagene ciloleucel), please call the UnitedHealthcare Community and State Transplant Case Management Team at 800-418-4994 or the notification number on the back of the member's health plan ID card.</p> <p>32850 32851 32852 32853 32854 32855 32856 33930</p>

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<p>Transplants (cont'd)</p>		<p>33933 33945 38212 38232 44132 44137 47133 47142 47146 48554 50325 50370 S2061</p>	<p>33935 38208 38213 38240 44133 44715 47135 47143 47147 50300 50340 50380 S2152</p>	<p>33940 38209 38214 38241 44135 44720 47140 47144 48551 50320 50360 50547</p>	<p>33944 38210 38215 38242 44136 44721 47141 47145 48552 50323 50365 S2060</p>
<p>Ventricular assist devices (VAD) A mechanical pump that takes over the function of the damaged ventricle of the heart and restores normal blood flow</p>	<p>Prior authorization required</p>	<p>Prior authorization required for diagnosis codes C81.00-C88.9 and C91.00-C91.02 along with codes</p> <p>38206 38999 J3490 J9999 M0075 S2107</p> <p>Please call the notification number on the back of the member's health plan ID card. Then, fax the form provided by the nurse to the Optum VAD Case Management Team at 855-282-8929.</p> <p>33927 33928 33929 33975 33976 33979 33981 33982 33983 Q0507 Q0508 Q0509</p>			