

Services Requiring Pre-Certification for City of New York Employee or Non-Medicare Eligible Retirees

Many services provided on an inpatient and outpatient basis **require** precertification. This can be done by calling the **NYC Healthline at 1-800-521-9574**. This is the same number you have always called for inpatient precertification and is on your ID card.

SERVICE	Precertification Required Yes / No
Inpatient Facility	Yes
Inpatient Psychiatric & Substance Abuse Facility	Yes Contact Beacon Health at 800-692-2489
Maternity-Pregnancy & Delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stays under 48 hours normal delivery, 96 hours C-Section requires notification only • Over 48/96 hours requires pre-certification 	Yes
NICU Admission	Yes
Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation NOTE: This benefit is part of the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) benefit. 1 day in an acute inpatient rehabilitation bed = 2 days in a SNF. 30 days in an acute inpatient rehab is equal to 60 SNF days. Therefore, the SNF benefit remaining would only be 30.	Yes
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) NOTE: NYC Healthline can choose to substitute outpatient benefits for SNF days. The formula used is 2 ½ outpatient visits = 1 inpatient SNF day. Only NYC Healthline can authorize substitution of benefits. No outpatient benefits are available under this benefit if no pre-certification is received.	Yes
Outpatient hospital or free-standing ambulatory surgery facility (not in a doctor's office) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes possible/cosmetic procedures, reconstruction, outpatient transplants, optical/vision related procedures, breast reconstruction, cochlear implants, functional endoscopy/nasal surgery, joint replacements, experimental/investigational procedures, hyperbaric O2 chamber, pain management, spinal stimulatory implants, wound vacuum, bariatric surgery and spinal surgery. 	Yes
Infertility services, including artificial insemination and IVF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precertification required when in the MD office, outpatient facility or free standing facility 	Yes Contact WINFertility at 833- 439-1515

Outpatient Physical Therapy NOTE: Precertification required when in the MD office, outpatient facility or free standing facility after 16 visits per calendar year	Yes
Outpatient speech therapy NOTE: Precertification required when in the MD office, outpatient facility or free standing facility after 16 visits per calendar year	Yes
Occupational Therapy Outpatient	Not covered, except as part of the home care services benefit
DME (Par and Non-Par) Examples-Not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric Beds • Wheelchairs 	Yes When the charge for DME equals or exceeds \$2,000
Prosthetics (Par and Non-Par)	Yes
Specialty Drugs (non-self injectables) in office or outpatient facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please refer to list of specialty drugs requiring pre-certification 	Yes
Dialysis	Pre-cert for network status and place of service only as dialysis is a NYS Mandate
Radiation Therapy	Yes
Cardiac Rehabilitation Outpatient	Yes
Air Ambulance (scheduled only)	Yes
Genetic Testing	Yes

The following services continue to require precertification by **EmblemHealth**. Providers should call **1-800-223-9870** for precertification.

SERVICE	Precertification Required Yes / No
Home Health Care	Yes
Home Infusion Therapy (billed by a home infusion specialist)	Yes
MRI/MRA/PET/CAT/ NUCLEAR CARDIOLOGY/	Yes
Nutritional Supplements and Enteral Formulas	Yes