

# Medicare Advantage

## Prior Authorization List

To receive coverage for services or equipment below, you must receive approval from the plan. Requests must be made at least three (3) business days in advance. This list does not guarantee eligibility or coverage; services must be medically necessary and available under your plan. The provider is responsible for obtaining the prior authorization. Select services provided by Sanford providers are waived for prior authorization and identified below.

Effective January 1, 2026

Procedure or Service	Comments
<b>Admissions</b>	<b>Admissions include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inpatient Rehabilitation</li> <li>• Long Term Acute Care Facility</li> <li>• Residential Treatment</li> <li>• Skilled Nursing Facility</li> <li>• Swing Bed</li> <li>• Inpatient Surgical (Elective)</li> <li>• Inpatient Medical, Mental Health or Substance Use/Abuse</li> </ul>
<b>Ambulance: Non-emergent Land and Air Transportation</b>	<b>Non-urgent ground or air transportation</b>
<b>Autologous Cultured Condrocyte</b>	
<b>Clinical Trials</b>	<b>All clinical trials</b>
<b>Durable Medical Equipment (DME)</b>	<b>Includes but is not limited to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airway Clearance Device</li> <li>• DME greater than \$10,000 (billed charges)</li> <li>• Hospital or Specialty Beds</li> <li>• Infusion Pump</li> <li>• Pneumatic Compression with External Pump</li> <li>• Power Wheelchairs and Accessories</li> <li>• Prosthetic Limbs</li> <li>• Select Orthotics and Prosthetics</li> <li>• Scooters</li> <li>• Speech Generating Devices</li> </ul>
<b>Gender Affirming Medical and Surgical Treatment</b>	<b>Includes evaluation and services</b>
<b>Home Health</b>	<b>Home Health Services include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home Health Services</li> </ul>
<b>Implants/Stimulators</b>	<b>Implants and Stimulators include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deep Brain Stimulation</li> <li>• External Electrical Bone Growth</li> <li>• Occipital Nerve Stimulator</li> <li>• Sacral Nerve Stimulation</li> <li>• Spinal Cord Stimulator (Device and Procedure)</li> </ul>

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<b>Oncology (Cancer) Services and Treatment</b>	<b>All chemotherapy and radiation therapy</b> For Providers: Please go to <a href="https://eviti.com">eviti.com</a> to request authorization.
<b>Outpatient Services</b>	<b>Outpatient services include but is not limited to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) over the age of 12</li> <li>• Brachytherapy</li> <li>• Drug Induced Endoscopy</li> <li>• Genetic and Molecular Testing</li> <li>• Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy</li> <li>• Laser Treatment of Port Wine Stains</li> <li>• Oral Appliances for Obstructive Sleep Apnea</li> <li>• Radiofrequency Ablation</li> <li>• Tissue Engineered Skin Substitute</li> </ul>
<b>Outpatient Surgery</b>	<b>Outpatient surgery includes but is not limited to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abdominoplasty or Panniculectomy</li> <li>• Bariatric Surgery</li> <li>• Blepharoplasty</li> <li>• Mammoplasty</li> <li>• Non-Breast Cancer related Breast Implant Removal, Revision or Re-implantation</li> <li>• Non-Breast Cancer related Breast Reconstruction and Mastectomy</li> <li>• Orthognathic Surgery</li> <li>• Reconstructive Surgery (Non-cosmetic)</li> <li>• Rhinoplasty</li> <li>• Scar Revision</li> </ul>
<b>Spine (Back) Surgery – All levels and settings</b>	<b>All inpatient and outpatient spine surgery</b>
<b>Ventricular Assist Device (VAD), Transplant and Transplant Services</b>	<b>Includes evaluation and services</b>

For complete prior authorization information, please refer to your plan documents located in the secure member portal at [align.sanfordhealthplan.com](https://align.sanfordhealthplan.com). Please refer to the formulary for medications that require prior authorization.

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