



## QUALITY CARE PARTNERS - PRECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Following procedures apply if Quality Care Partners (QCP) is on the back of the Health Identification Card for Precertification.

Quality Care Partners (QCP) requires notification **in advance** for services requiring Precertification.

Failure to obtain Precertification will affect benefit payment.

**For Precertification Contact QCP: 740-455-5199**

**Contact Mid-America Associates For Benefits & Eligibility: 800-482-0945**

Your Provider may obtain the Precertification for you. Contact the Administrator, Mid-America Associates to confirm Precertification approved.

Precertification is not a guarantee that benefits are payable or eligible under the Plan. Precertification does not guarantee person's eligibility for coverage under the Plan.

### **PRECERT PENALTY FOR BELOW SERVICES: 50% of Allowable Fee**

Notice required within three business days unless stated otherwise.

- All emergency Hospital admissions - notice is required within 48 hours of admission or next business day
- All non-emergency Hospital Inpatient admissions
- Inpatient Rehabilitation
- All transplant procedures
- Admissions for delivery that exceed 48-hours following a vaginal delivery or 96-hours following a cesarean-section delivery
- Inpatient Hospice
- Admissions to Skilled Nursing Care and Rehabilitation Care facilities
- Hospital Outpatient observation stays exceeding 23 hours following a surgical procedure or emergency room care
- Outpatient Chemotherapy and Radiation Therapy
- All Outpatient invasive procedures
- All Outpatient therapy including but not limited to physical, speech, occupational, cardiac rehabilitation, pulmonary rehabilitation, substance abuse, mental health - notice is required within 3 business days prior to rendering therapy
- Outpatient/Physician Diagnostics – Nuclear Cardiology Studies (non-emergency) and PET Scans
- Home Health Care / Private Duty Nursing
- Home Infusion Therapy
- Home Hospice Care

### **Precertification - Pregnancy and Childbirth**

Precertification is not required when Inpatient admission for delivery does not exceed 48 hours following a normal vaginal delivery or 96 hours following a cesarean section delivery. When the pregnancy confinement for the mother or newborn exceeds these limits, Precertification for extended confinement is required. Precertification is required for Hospital admissions due to complications that occur during the pregnancy.

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## ADDITIONAL PRECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Services identified below **require Physician Precertification** from QCP before treatment or services. For services or treatment requiring admission, **the hospital or facility is required to obtain a separate Precertification.** Physician Precertification is not valid for the hospital or facility related expenses. If Precertification is not obtained, the Plan will not pay benefits for the service or related expenses.

**PRECERT PENALTY FOR BELOW LISTED SERVICES: No Payment for service & related expenses –  
Notice required at least 15 business days prior to services**

### Additional Services Requiring Precertification

- Prenatal ultrasounds: Plan allows one routine during 1<sup>st</sup> trimester limited to CPT Code 76801. One routine during 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester limited to CPT 76805 or 76815. Precertification is required for all others.
- All Robotic-Assisted Surgical Procedures
- Genetic testing
- Ambulatory Surgical Centers - Non-Network & Non-Primary Network
- Habilitative Services including services for Autism Spectrum disorders
- External Prosthetic Devices over \$1,000.00
- Pain Management Services
- Orthotic Devices over \$1,000.00
- Durable Medical Equipment expected to exceed \$1,000.00
- Rental and Continued use of Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) or similar devices. Continued use requires authorization 90 days after the initial rental, or following 90 days of coverage under the Plan.

### Elective Procedures

- TMJ surgery
- Orthognathic Surgery
- Breast Reduction
- Blepharoplasty of Upper Lids
- All nasal surgical procedures
- Scar Revision
- Varicose Vein Procedures
- Sleep Apnea Surgical Procedures
- All other primarily cosmetic type procedures

**Precertification is not required for life-threatening treatment or procedures provided on an emergency basis.** Precertification must be submitted in writing by the provider who will perform or who recommended the service **15 business days prior to scheduled treatment.** Request must include the specific surgical procedures (including CPT codes), or the plan of treatment for non-surgical procedures, supporting medical documentation, patient medical records and test results. QCP will respond to a complete request within 15 business days. Precertification is valid for 60 days, subject to the patient's eligibility and benefit plan at the time of service. Precertification is not valid for the Hospital or surgical facility where services will be rendered. **The facility must request Precertification, benefit and eligibility status separately.**

### Submit Precertification Requests to:

QCP Precertification  
33 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Zanesville, OH 43701

QCP fax: 740-455-8817 or call the IT Department at 740-455-5199 to submit on-line

- If you have a question about a covered service, or for more information about a specific procedure or service, contact Mid-America Associates: 800-482-0945.