

**PARTNERS National Health Plans of North Carolina, Inc.**

*~ Prior Authorization Guidelines ~*

**Services marked by a bullet in the columns to the left require prior authorization for the designated line of business.**

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**Cosmetic Procedures (or those potentially cosmetic), such as but not limited to:**

- Abdominoplasty
- Blepharoplasty
- Breast Reduction
- Genioplasty/Sliding Osteotomy
- Rhinoplasty
- Strabismus Surgery (for members 12 years or older)

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**Dental Services for Accidental Injury**

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**Diagnostic Testing**

- Neuropsychological Testing
- Psychological Evaluations for medical reasons

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**Durable Medical Equipment and Prosthetics**

- All Rental Items
- Items > \$600.00 (Purchase)
- Penile Implants

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**External Counterpulsation**

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**Home Health Agency Services**

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**Hospice**

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**Inpatient Admissions**

- Scheduled admissions, including acute hospital, rehabilitation facility, hospice and skilled nursing facility
- **NOTE:** For urgent/emergency admits (including obstetric admits), prior authorization is NOT required. However, notification to PARTNERS of urgent/emergency admits (including obstetric admits) within 24 hour or the first business day after the admission is required.

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**Investigational Procedures (or those potentially investigational)**

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**Nonparticipating Providers and Services**

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**Pharmaceuticals (See also PARTNERS formulary)**

- Amevive (Afacept)
- Cerezyme

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**Rehabilitation/Therapy**

- Biofeedback
- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Pulmonary Rehabilitation
- Speech Therapy
- Wound Care Clinic

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**Surgery**

- Capsulotomy (laser)
- Extracapsular cataract extraction with intraocular lens
- Implantable Automatic Cardiac Defibrillators (ICDs)
- Lithotripsy, Extracorporeal for Orthopedic Problems (plantar fasciitis and chronic lateral epicondylitis are the two conditions considered for coverage)
- MOHS Surgery
- Refractive Surgical Procedures
- Retina, central photocoagulation (laser)
- Pan-retinal photocoagulation (PRP, laser)
- Photodynamic Therapy with Visudyne
- Spinal Neurostimulators
- Surgical Treatment of Morbid Obesity
- Surgical Treatment of Sleep Apnea
- Temporomandibular Joint Surgery
- Transplants, Bone Marrow and Organ
- Varicose Vein Treatment
- Vertebroplasty and Kyphoplasty, Percutaneous

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**Transportation (non-emergency)**