

Important COVID-19 update: prior authorization (updated September 3, 2021)

This communication applies to the Medicaid and Medicare Advantage programs for Healthy Blue.

Prior authorization requirements are suspended for patient transfers from acute inpatient (IP) hospitals to skilled nursing facilities effective August 23, 2021, through September 6, 2021. These adjustments apply for our Medicaid and Medicare plan members receiving care from in-network providers. While prior authorization is not required, we continue to require notification of the admission via the usual channels and clinical records on day two of admission to aid in our members' care coordination and management. Healthy Blue reserves the right to audit patient transfers.

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