

PREAPPROVALS – MEDICAL SERVICES

For UniCare State Indemnity Plan members

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UniCare preapprovals	AIM preapprovals
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Preapprovals for medical services

The chart below lists medical services that need to be preapproved. For each service in the list, the chart shows:

- ❑ **Who to contact** – Whether you (or your provider) needs to contact UniCare or AIM Specialty Health[®].
- ❑ **Minimum notice** – How far in advance you must ask for preapproval. Unless otherwise specified in the chart, you must request preapproval at least seven days ahead of the service or procedure.

Medical service / procedure	Basic, PLUS and Community Choice	Medicare Extension
BPAP and CPAP equipment	AIM (1 business day)	UniCare (1 business day)
Chiropractic care and osteopathic manipulative therapy for children under 13	UniCare (1 business day)	N/A
Cleft palate and cleft lip services	UniCare	N/A
Durable medical equipment (DME) costing more than \$1,000, except oxygen equipment	UniCare (1 business day)	N/A
Echocardiology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Resting transthoracic echocardiography ■ Stress echocardiography ■ Transesophageal echocardiography 	AIM	N/A
Enteral therapy	UniCare (1 business day)	N/A
Gender reassignment surgery	UniCare (21 days)	UniCare (21 days)
High-tech imaging <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CT/CTA scan ■ MRI/MRA scan ■ Nuclear cardiology ■ PET scan ■ SPECT scan 	AIM	N/A
Home health care	UniCare (1 business day)	UniCare (1 business day)
Hospital admissions – Elective	UniCare	N/A
Hospital admissions – Emergency or maternity	UniCare (within 24 hours)	N/A

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Medical service / procedure	Basic, PLUS and Community Choice	Medicare Extension
Hospital observation stays	UniCare (within 24 hours)	N/A
Hyaluronic acid injections of the knee	UniCare	N/A
Hyperbaric oxygen therapy	UniCare	N/A
Occupational therapy	UniCare (1 business day)	N/A
Physical therapy	UniCare (1 business day)	N/A
Private duty nursing	UniCare (1 business day)	UniCare (1 business day)
Radiation therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Brachytherapy ■ CyberKnife ■ IMRT ■ Proton beam ■ Traditional radiation 	AIM	N/A
Skilled nursing facility admissions	UniCare (within 24 hours)	N/A
Sleep studies	AIM	N/A
Surgery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Cardioverter-defibrillator implantation ■ Cervical fusion ■ Discectomy – lumbosacral spine (open, percutaneous and endoscopic, and other minimally invasive procedures to treat back pain) ■ Knee arthroscopy ■ Knee meniscal transplant ■ Laminectomy/laminotomy of the lumbosacral spine ■ Sinus surgery (including endoscopy) ■ Spinal cord stimulator and neuromodulator implantation ■ Spinal fusion of the lumbosacral spine ■ Spinal instrumentation of the lumbosacral spine ■ Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy ■ Vertebroplasty 	UniCare	N/A
Transplants, except cornea transplants	UniCare (21 days)	N/A
Varicose vein treatment	UniCare	N/A
Virtual colonoscopies (colonography)	UniCare	N/A

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