Meridian Medicaid Plan Pre-Auth (PA) Requirements

For code-specific PA requirements, open the [Pre-Auth Lookup or PA Codes List](#).

Codes that are not listed on the Illinois Medicaid fee schedule may not be payable by Meridian. Codes will be reviewed on a quarterly basis and provider notification will be sent with updates. Any newly created codes added to the Illinois Medicaid fee schedule require PA; however, replacement codes maintain the PA requirement for the code it is replacing.

Any newly added pharmacy codes to the Medicaid fee schedule require PA. Pharmacy codes covered under medical benefits must be via the secure provider portal at [Provider.ILMeridian.com](#). All other pharmacy codes administered in a home setting must be submitted to our pharmacy benefit manager (PBM).

Prior Authorization Submission

The following information is required for Meridian to accept your authorization request:

- Full name of member
- Member's date of birth
- Member's Meridian ID number
- Requesting provider & NPI number
- Servicing provider & NPI number
- Servicing facility & NPI number

- Place of service
- Date(s) of service
- Procedure code(s) if applicable
- ICD-10 diagnosis code(s)
- Requested CPT/HCPCS code must be on Medicaid fee schedule

Secondary identifiers may be used if member identification number is unknown:

- Member's home address
- Member's phone number

  To submit a PA, please utilize our **online PA form**

  For Rx submissions, please utilize the **CoverMyMeds form**

  For information on vendor managed codes, please see *Meridian Partners*, below.

Services That Always Require Authorization

Inpatient Admissions

- Acute admissions (planned)
- Acute rehab
- Custodial
- Long-term acute care hospitals (LTACH)
- Skilled nursing facilities (SNF)

Behavioral Health Services

- Inpatient mental health & substance abuse detox
- Partial hospitalization
- Substance abuse residential services

Provider Notification Requirements

- Meridian requires notification from facilities for emergent inpatient admissions and routine deliveries within one business day
- Observation does not require authorization. If the member is admitted, notification must be sent within one business day

Meridian Partners

NIA

National Imaging Associates (NIA) provides utilization management services and resources for **radiology** and **cardiology**.
The quickest, most efficient way to obtain prior authorization is through the 24/7 self-service NIA Portal. When a case is initiated on the NIA portal and meets clinical criteria, a real-time authorization will be received.

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New Century Health

New Century Health provides utilization management services and resources for **radiation therapy** and **medical oncology**.
Providers can request a review for radiation therapy and medical oncology services using the New Century Health portal.