



AMBETTER FROM COORDINATED CARE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING PRE-AUTHORIZATION FOR OPHTHALMOLOGY SERVICES

The following services require pre-authorization by OptiCare:

- The following codes, regardless of where the service is performed: 15822, 15823, 66821, 66982, 66984, 67900, 67904 and 67908.
- Experimental and investigational services.
- Any procedure code that is considered an unlisted procedure code as defined by the AMA Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) manual (CPT codes 6xx99).
- Any service that takes place in a non-participating facility or by a non-participating physician

Please follow the instructions listed below when requesting a pre-authorization review for blepharoplasty procedures:

- Ensure that the OptiCare Medical Pre-Authorization Request Form is **completely** filled out, including office and facility addresses, so your request can be processed in a timely manner.
- **Provider signature is required on every request.**
- Pre-authorization requests must include the codes for all procedures that will be performed during the surgical session.
- The completed form and supporting clinical information **including original photos** should be **mailed** to:
 - OptiCare Managed Vision
 - ATTN: Medical Management Department
 - P.O. Box 7548
 - Rocky Mount, NC 27804
- After OptiCare has received the request it will be entered into the medical management system and a Clinical Reviewer will review the information. If necessary, you may be contacted for additional information within 2 business days of receipt.
- **You will be notified within 5 calendar days upon completion of the review.**
 - If the requested service is approved, an authorization letter will be faxed to your office.
 - If the requested service results in a denial, the requesting physician will be offered a peer to peer conference with an OptiCare Medical Director.
- Providers must use participating Coordinated Care facilities and receive authorization for the facility from Coordinated Care. To facilitate this process, OptiCare will submit a copy of the authorization to Coordinated Care to initiate the facility authorization.
- Participating providers may utilize the OptiCare website to verify status of pre-authorization requests at www.opticare.com.

Please follow the instructions listed below when requesting a pre-authorization review for services rendered in a non-participating facility or by a non-participating physician:

- Ensure that the OptiCare Medical Pre-Authorization Request Form is **completely** filled out, including office and facility addresses, so your request can be processed in a timely manner.
- **Physician signature is required on every request.**
- Pre-authorization requests must include the codes for all procedures that will be performed during the surgical session.
- Fax the completed form and any supporting clinical information to OptiCare at (877) 865-1077. Pre-authorization requests for eyelid procedures (15822, 15823, 67900, 67904, 67908) must include original photos and **be mailed** to the address noted above.
- After OptiCare has received the request it will be entered into the medical management system and a Clinical Reviewer will review the information. If necessary, you may be contacted for additional information.
- **You will be notified within 5 calendar days upon completion of the review.**
 - If the requested service is approved, an authorization letter will be faxed to your office.
 - If the requested service results in a denial, the requesting physician will be offered a peer to peer conference with an OptiCare Medical Director.

Emergency Procedures

Emergent procedures do not require prior authorization. Services provided on an emergent basis in a non-participating facility should be submitted to OptiCare for retrospective review and authorization by the next business day after services have been rendered.

Emergency care is defined as any health care service provided in a hospital emergency facility (or comparable facility) in order to evaluate and stabilize medical conditions of recent onset and severity (including severe pain), if such condition would lead a prudent layperson (possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health and acting prudently) to believe that failure to get immediate medical care might result in:

- placing the person's health in serious jeopardy
- serious impairment to bodily functions
- serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part
- serious disfigurement
- in the case of a pregnant woman, serious jeopardy to the health of the fetus

AMBETTER FROM COORDINATED CARE MEDICAL PRE-AUTHORIZATION REQUEST FORM

_____ ROUTINE

_____ URGENT *

***A physician with knowledge of the patient’s medical condition must determine it a case involving urgent care and that use of non-urgent timeframes could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the patient or the ability of the patient to regain maximum function; or, based on the physician’s opinion, the member would be subjected to severe pain. NOTE: Urgent requests MUST be accompanied by a signed physician’s order.**

Date _____ Office Contact _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Attending Physician _____ NPI# _____

Patient Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____ DOB _____

ID # _____ HMO (Plan) _____ Group # _____

Other Insurer (if any) _____

Date of Admit _____ Date of Surgery _____ IP/OP (Circle One) Anticipated LOS _____

Facility Name & Address _____

Facility Status: PAR NON-PAR Reason for Non-Par Request: _____

Diagnosis (must be provided)		Procedure (must be provided)		Circle (appropriate eye(s))		
ICD _____	Description _____	CPT _____	DESCRIPTION _____	RT	LT	50
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Medical Reason for Request _____
 Attach additional pages if necessary

Patient’s Subjective Complaint _____

Signature of Attending Physician: _____ Date: _____

Office Address: _____

PRE CERTIFICATION/AUTHORIZATION IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF PAYMENT. COVERED SERVICES ARE BASED ON MEMBER ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFIT LIMITATIONS AT THE TIME SERVICE(S) ARE RENDERED.

**PLEASE FAX YOUR REQUEST TO: (877) 865-1077 OR MAIL TO:
 OPTICARE MANAGED VISION, INC, ATTN: MEDICAL MANAGEMENT, PO BOX 7548, ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804**

If denied, please refer to your Provider Manual or call (800) 465-6972 to be informed of your appeal rights.

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