

MEDSTAR FAMILY CHOICE - DC QUICK AUTHORIZATION GUIDE Effective 08/15/2026	MEDSTAR FAMILY CHOICE DC Healthy Families			
ALL OUT-OF-NETWORK/ NON-PAR SERVICE	Prior Authorization Required			
Emergency Medical Conditions (ED)	No Prior Authorization Required for Emergency Department visits			
INPATIENT Admissions (in network or out of network)	Authorization Required			
INPATIENT & OUTPATIENT Admission for a Psychiatric diagnosis when the Bed Type is for Psychiatric Services (in network or out of network)	Prior Authorization Required			
OUTPATIENT In-Network (Practitioner AND Facility) Facility based procedures (includes outpatient Chemotherapy and Radiation Therapy)	No Prior Authorization Required, <u>unless included below</u> under the 'Exceptions Requiring Prior Authorization' section (See EXCEPTIONS below)			
EXCEPTIONS REQUIRING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION				
ABA Services	Prior Authorization Required			
Abortions	Elective Therapeutic Abortions are NOT A COVERED BENEFIT by MFC-DC. Prior Authorization Required for Medical Abortions ONLY if the Federal Criteria are met			
Acupuncture for Children < 21 years old	Prior Authorization Required for >10 visits <i>per calendar year</i>			
Acupuncture for Enrollees ≥21 years old	NOT A COVERED BENEFIT			
Audiology Services Cochlear Implants	Prior Authorization Required for: - Cochlear implant (BAHA) devices. - Replacement components (except microphone, transmitting cables and transmitting coils,) - All hearing aids - All auditory osseointegrated devices Auditory Rehab codes: 92626, 92627, 92630 and 92633 done by any provider type			

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Bariatric Surgery Program - Including OP Surgeries	Prior Authorization Required for these codes: 43659- Unlisted lap procedure of the stomach newly added for 8/15/26 43644 - Lap Gastric Bypass/roux-en-y 43645- Lap gastr bypass incl small incision 43770 - Adjustable Gastric Banding 43771 - Lap revise gastric adj device 43773 - Lap replace gastric adj device 43775 - Gastric sleeve gastrectomy 43842 - Vertical Banding gastroplasty 43843 - Gastroplasty w/o v-band 43845 - Gastroplasty duodenal switch (Not a covered code; do not enter for auth) 43846- Open Gastric Bypass for Obesity 43847 - Long-Limb Bypass - Gastric bypass including small incision 43848 - Revision gastroplasty 43860- Open surgical revision of a gastrojejunal connection(gastrojejunostomy) newly added for 8/15/26 43889-Gastric restrictive procedure, transoral, endoscopic sleeve gastroplasty (ESG) newly added for 8/15/26 43999 - Used for Overstitch Procedure, Lap Gastric Plication, Mini-Gastric Bypass
Bone Growth Stimulators	Prior authorization required for the following codes: 20974, 20975, 20979
Breast Reconstruction	Prior authorization required for the following codes: 11971, 19316, 19318, 19325, 19328, 19330, 19340, 19342, 19350, 19357, 19361, 19364, 19367, 19368, 19369, 19370, 19371, 19380, 19396
Cardiac Catheterizations and Angiograms	Prior authoriztion required for the following codes: 93454, 93455, 93456, 93457, 93458, 93459, 93460, 93461, 93593, 93594, 93596, 93597
Cardiac Rehabilitation	Prior Authorization Required
Chiropractic Services for Enrollees <21 years old	Prior Authorization Required for >10 visits <i>per calendar year</i>
Chiropractic Services for Enrollees ≥21 years old	NOT A COVERED BENEFIT
Clinical Trials	Prior Authorization Required
Cosmetic procedures	NOT A COVERED BENEFIT Examples of cosmetic procedures include (but not limited to): -Breast reduction (male or female) -Blepharoplasty -Brow ptosis -Rhinoplasty -Sclerotherapy -Septoplasty -Skin tag removal -Panniculectomy
Coumadin Clinics	Prior Authorization Required
Diabetes and Nutritional Counseling	Prior Authorization Required after > THREE (3) visits <i>per Calendar Year</i> (Office, Homecare or Hospital Based services)
Early Intervention Services	Prior Authorization Required

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Erectile Dysfunction Procedures	Prior Authorization Required
Eye procedures and surgeries	Prior Authorization Required for: -Blepharoplasty; -Capsulotomy; -Corneal relaxing incision for correction of surgically induced astigmatism; -Corneal wedge resection for correction of surgically induced astigmatism; -Destruction of lesion of lid margin; -Ectropion repair; -Entropion repair; -Eyelid lesion excision or reconstruction; -Implantation of Intraocular devices; -Insertion of intraocular lens prosthesis (secondary implant) not associated with concurrent cataract removal; -Keratoplasty, -Orbital Prosthesis; -Ptosis repair; -Radial keratotomy; -Strabismus repair; <i>* Some eye procedure may be found under the Cosmetic Procedures *</i>
Genetic Counseling	Prior Authorization Required
Genetic Testing	Prior Authorization Required
Gender Reassignment Surgery/Transgender Surgery	Prior Authorization Required
Heart Failure Clinics	Prior Authorization Required
Home Health Care	Prior Authorization Required for all visits
Hospice Care (IP and OP) Skilled Nursing Facility Acute Rehab Facility	Prior Authorization Required <i>Custodial Care (long-term care) not covered by the MCO</i>
Hyperbaric Oxygen	Prior Authorization Required
Infertility Services	NOT A COVERED BENEFIT
Infusion Services (in the Home and Free-Standing Facility)	No Prior Authorization Required for the Home Infusion Therapy or Medications from in-network provider
Investigational Surgery Emerging Technology, Services, Procedures (Also See Clinical Trials)	Prior Authorization Required
Laboratory Services (includes Genetic Testing)	No Prior Authorization Required if done at an in-network freestanding lab facility. Prior Authorization Required for: genetic testing, lab testing at a hospital, non contracted lab, reference lab, etc.

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Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital Services (Weight Smart Program/Outpatient Feeding Program and Sleep Studies)	Prior Authorization Required			
Neuropsychological Testing	Prior Authorization Required			
	Prior Authorization required for the following codes:			
Ortho and Spine Procedures	22102	22800	27134	63020
	22103	22802	27137	63020
	22210	22804	27138	63030
	22212	22808	27279	63030
	22214	22810	27427	63032
	22216	22812	27428	63035
	22220	22830	27446	63040
	22222	22836	27447	63042
	22224	22837	27487	63043
	22226	22838	27570	63044
	22510	22840	29806	63045
	22511	22841	29807	63045
	22512	22842	29821	63046
	22513	22843	29822	63047
	22514	22844	29823	63047
	22515	22844	29825	63048
	22532	22845	29826	63048
	22533	22845	29827	63050
	22534	22846	29828	63050
	22548	22846	29860	63051
	22551	22847	29861	63051
	22551	22847	29868	63052
	22552	22848	29873	63053
	22552	22848	29874	63055
	22554	22849	29875	63056
	22556	22849	29877	63057
	22558	22856	29879	63064
	22585	22857	29880	63066
	22590	22858	29881	63075
	22595	22860	29882	63075
	22600	22861	29883	63076
	22600	22862	29888	63077
	22610	22865	29914	63078
	22612	23120	29915	63081
	22612	23130	29916	63082
	22614	23470	29999	63085

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	22614	23472	63001	63086
	22630	23473	63003	63090
	22630	23700	63005	63091
	22632	24786	63011	63200
	22633	27120	63012	63265
	22633	27125	63015	63266
	22634	27130	63016	63267
	22702	27132	63017	C1821
Outpatient Rehabilitation Services Physical Therapy (PT) Occupational Therapy (OT) Speech Language Pathology (SLP)	Prior Authorization Required <u>after >30 visits <i>per calendar year</i></u>			
Pain Injections	Prior authorization required for the following the codes: 27096, 62320, 62321, 62322, 62323, 62324, 62325, 62326, 62327, 64451, 64479, 64480, 64483, 64484, 64490, 64491, 64492, 64493, 64494, 64495			
Personal Care Aide (PCA)	Prior Authorization Required For Assessments (Initial/ Recertification/condition change): Submit ePOF (Electronic Prescription Order Form), along with any clinical information from the PCP/ treating physician <u>via DHCF portal</u>			
PET Scans	The following PET/PET CT codes require Prior Authorization: 78811, 78812, 78813, 78814, 78815, 78816, 78451, 78452, 78459, 78491, and 78492.			
Private Duty Nursing	Prior Authorization Required			
Proton Beam Radiotherapy	Prior authorization required for the following codes: 77520, 77522, 77523, 77525			
Pulmonary Rehabilitation	Prior Authorization Required			
Radiology: CT Scans, MRI's, X-RAYS, Nuclear Medicine, Sonograms, Digital Mammography	The following Advanced Imaging services/codes requires Prior Authorization: Breast Imaging: 77049 Cardiac Imaging: 75561, 75571, 75572, 75574 CT/CTA: 70450, 70460, 70470, 70486, 70491, 70496, 70498, 71250, 71260, 71275, 72125, 72128, 72131, 73200, 73700, 74150, 74160, 74174, 74176, 74177, 74178 MRI/MRA: 70543, 70544, 70546, 70547, 70548, 70549, 70551, 70552, 70553, 72141, 72146, 72148, 72156, 72157, 72158, 72192, 72195, 72197, 73218, 73220, 73221, 73222, 73223, 73718, 73720, 73721, 73723, 74181, 74183 Nuclear Cardiology: 78451, 78452, 78459, 78491, 78492 PET/PET CT: 78811, 78812, 78813, 78814, 78815, 78816 All other Radiology services and codes No Prior Authorization required if performed at participating free standing radiology facilities or a contracted hospital.			
Sleep Studies and Polysomnograms	Prior Authorization required for the following codes: 95782, 95783, 95800, 95801, 95805, 95806, 95807, 95808, 95810, 95811			
Spinal Cord Stimulators, Vagus Nerve Stimulators and Sacral Nerve and Peripheral Nerve Stimulators trial and implantation	Prior Authorization Required			

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Sterilization Reversals	NOT A COVERED BENEFIT
Transplant Services: Pre-Transplant and Post-Transplant services	Prior Authorization Required HLA Testing for BMT requires prior authorization.
Transplant Surgery	Prior Authorization Required BY DHCF for the Transplant surgery. MFC-DC only covers pre and post transplant services.
Vein Procedures	Prior authorization required for the following codes: 36470, 36471, 36473, 36474, 36475, 36476, 36478, 36479, 36482, 36483, 76942, 37700, 37718, 37722, 37780, 37785
Viscosupplementation for Knee Osteoarthritis	The following drugs require prior authorization. Durolane J7318 Gel-One J7326 Euflexa J7323
Transportation: - Ambulance - Van Transport - Wheelchair	No Prior Authorization Required for: - PAR Vendors - DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services (DC FEMS); and - Urgent hospital to hospital transfers Prior Authorization Required for: - Non-PAR vendors *Visit website or contact Enrollee Services (1-888-404-3549) for in-network providers.
DME: PAR providers - Prior authorization required for items billed > \$1000 or rental equipment over 90 days. Non PAR providers - Prior authorization required regardless of cost.	
Custom shoes Diabetic Shoes Orthotics (Braces, Splints) Prosthetics	Prior Authorization Required per item billed over \$500 or exceeds Max Units for PAR provider. No Prior Authorization Required for CAM Walking Boots. The specific codes are: L4360, L4361, L4386, L4387
Hearing Aids Cochlear Implants Auditory Osseointegrated Devices	Prior Authorization Required for: - All Hearing Aids - All auditory osseointegrated devices (BAHA) - Cochlear implant devices and replacement components (except microphone, transmitting cables and transmitting coils) - Repair and replacement of any hearing devices
Insulin Pumps Continuous Glucose Monitors	Prior Authorization Required No Prior Authorization Required only for Dexcom and Dexcom supplies
Soft supplies and disposable items: Includes enteral/parenteral supplies, batteries, ear molds, components for hearing aids, cochlear implant or auditory osseointegrated devices	Prior Authorization Required per item billed over \$750, per Enrollee/per provider/per month for PAR providers. *Visit our website or contact Enrollee Services (1-888-404-3549) for In-Network providers.

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Wound Vac and Supplies	Prior authorization required. E2402, A6550, A7000
*Please visit our website at MedStarFamilyChoiceDC.com for assistance with finding in network vendors, physicians or facilities.	

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It is not meant to be all inclusive.
For questions, please contact MFC-DC at: 1-(855)-798-4244; Local: (202)-363-4348

The codes and guidance in this document is subject to Enrollee eligibility and the existence of coverage per the DC Medicaid Fee Schedule on the date of service.