



Scott and White Health Plan Notification/Prior Authorization List

Effective February 1, 2020
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IMPORTANT – Prior Authorization is not a guarantee of benefits or payment at the time of service. Remember, benefits will vary by plan, so always verify benefits.

See important endnotes.

Prior Authorization List ver 2020_0201	Commercial ¹	Effective Date
Prior Authorization is required for ALL SERVICES provided by NON-CONTRACTED providers except for use of out-of-network benefits in PPO and POS products, unless required per listing below. See Endnote ⁵	x	7/1/15
Notification required for admission to these facilities/services (maybe be subject to concurrent review): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracted hospitals for medical, surgical, behavioral health services • Contracted hospice programs (applies to inpatient and outpatient programs) 	x	7/1/15
Notification required for DISCHARGE from all facilities	x	8/15/16
Prior Authorization required for admission to facilities/programs listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term Acute Care (LTAC), Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) • Behavioral health/substance abuse residential, partial hospitalization, and day programs including IOP (not office visits to contracted providers) 	x	7/1/15

Procedures	Commercial ¹	Criteria or Medical Policy	Eff Date
Abdominoplasty	x	Medical Policy 083	8/15/16
Artificial disc implantation/replacement	x	EviCore®	8/15/16
Back surgery including spinal fusion, laminectomy, vertebroplasty, kyphoplasty, etc.	x	EviCore®	7/1/15
Bone growth stimulator (electrical) placement	x	EviCore®	7/1/15
Bone-anchored hearing aids (BAHA)	x	InterQual®	7/1/15
Cardiac imaging and other cardiology services (check code for PA requirement)	x	EviCore®	9/1/18
Cochlear implants	x	Medical Policy 017	7/1/15
Cosmetic: procedures which may be considered cosmetic (e.g. face lift, brow lift, blepharoplasty, lid ptosis repair, liposuction, abdominoplasty, breast reconstruction and reduction, surgery for gynecomastia, rhinoplasty, genioplasty, etc.)	x	Varied	7/1/15
Deep brain stimulator placement	x	Medical Policy 025	7/1/15
Dental services and anesthesia for dental services	x	Medical Policy 026	7/1/15
External Counterpulsation (EECP)	x	Medical Policy 221	1/1/17
Fetal Surgery	x	Medical Policy 258	12/1/19
Fixed wing or jet medical transports and non-emergent helicopter	x	MD Review	7/1/15
Gastric pacing/stimulation	x	InterQual®	1/1/17
Gender reassignment surgery -- WITH ICD-10 F64.1	x	Medical Policy 064	8/15/16
Genetic/genomic testing	x	Medical Policy 037	7/1/15
GI imaging with capsule endoscopy	x	Medical Policy 136	8/15/16
Home health services, including all requests for hourly nursing	x	InterQual®	7/1/15
Imaging – advanced (CT, MRI, PET, SPECT scan, etc.)	x	EviCore®	8/1/18
Intraoperative Neurophysiological Monitoring	x	Medical Policy 234	3/15/18
Left Atrial Occlusion Procedure (Watchman)	x	InterQual®	8/15/16
Lung volume reduction surgery	x	InterQual®	7/1/15
Musculo-skeletal, joint, and pain management services - reviewed by eviCore®	x	EviCore®	10/1/18



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Neuropsychological testing in excess of 10h for acute brain injury or epilepsy surgery, or in excess of 6h for other qualifying conditions.	x	InterQual®	7/1/15
Psychological testing in excess of 6h (4h for pre-procedure testing).	x	Medical Policy 137 and 224	7/1/15
Novocure™ (Optune®) Alternating Electrical Fields Therapy for glioblastoma	x	Medical Policy 226	1/1/17
Oncology (Adult): genetic/genomic tests necessary in the treatment of malignancies (Oncology Analytics to review for 18+ yr old)	x	Oncology Analytics	4/1/18
Oncology (Adult): therapies used to treat malignancies including but not limited to radiation, targeted radiation, X-ray, nuclear, brachy, RF, heat, etc. (Oncology Analytics to review for 18+ yr old)	x	Oncology Analytics	4/1/18
Orthognathic surgery	x	Medical Policy 104	8/15/16
Orthoptic and vision therapy	x	Medical Policy 211	7/1/15
Private duty nursing services	x	Medical Policy 208	8/15/16
Proton Beam Therapy	x	Medical Policy 203	8/15/16
Sacral nerve stimulator	x	Medical Policy 052	7/1/15
Spinal stimulator trial and placement	x	EviCore®	7/1/15
Transaortic or transapical valve insertion or replacement (TAVR or TMVR)	x	Medical Policy 204	7/1/15
Transplantation: solid organ and stem cell transplants (pre-transplant evaluation; transplant; post-transplant care)	x	Medical Policy 129	7/1/15
Vagal nerve stimulator placement	x	InterQual®	7/1/15
Varicose veins: surgical treatment	x	InterQual®	8/15/16
Ventricular assist devices (VAD) or artificial heart	x	Medical Policy 201	7/1/15
Weight loss (bariatric) surgeries, if a covered benefit (not covered by many plans)	x	InterQual®	7/1/15

Medical Drugs	Commercial ¹	Criteria or Medical Policy	Eff Date
Brexanolone (Zulresso)	x	Medical Policy 256	10/1/19
Caplacizumab (Cablivi)	x	Medical Policy 255	10/1/19
Drugs that are high dollar and not listed elsewhere	x	Varied	1/1/19
Emapalumab (Gamifant)	x	Medical Policy 254	10/1/19
Esketamine (Spravato)	x	Medical Policy 257	10/1/19
Infliximab biosimilar: Inflectra® and Renflexis® REQUIRE Prior Authorization. Preferred Remicade® does NOT require Prior Authorization.	x	Medical Policy 239	3/15/18
IVIg therapy	x	Medical Policy 045	7/1/15
Kymriah (Tisagenlecleucel)	x	Oncology Analytics/ Medical Policy 241	6/1/18
Oncology (Adult): drugs/biologicals used in treatment of malignancies (Oncology Analytics to review for 18+ yr old)	x	Oncology Analytics/ Medical Policy 219	4/1/18
Sipuleucel-T (Provenge)	x	Oncology Analytics/ Medical Policy 246	4/1/18
Spinraza (Nusinersen)	x	Medical Policy 230	3/15/18
Synagis (Palivizumab)	x	Medical Policy 235	3/15/18
Talimogene Laherparepvec (Imlygic)	x	Oncology Analytics/ Medical Policy 245	4/1/18
Xofigo	x	Oncology Analytics/ Medical Policy 212	6/1/19
Yescarta (Axicabtagene ciloleucel)	x	Oncology Analytics/ Medical Policy 241	6/1/18
Zolgensma (Abeparvovec)	x	Medical Policy 253	9/1/19



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DME and Prosthetics	Commercial ¹	Criteria or Medical Policy	Eff Date
Bone growth stimulators	x	InterQual®	7/1/15
Compression devices (select)	x	InterQual®	8/1/18
Custom made and specially sized wheelchairs and related equipment	x	InterQual®	7/1/15
Defibrillators (external) and related equipment (includes chest/vest defibrillators)	x	Medical Policy 133	7/1/15
Formula (enteral) Amino-acid based	x	Member's Evidence of Coverage (EOC)	6/1/18
High frequency chest wall oscillation air-pulse generator system	x	Medical Policy 041	7/1/15
Non-specific, miscellaneous, and unlisted prosthetic and DME codes	x	Varied	7/1/15
Cranial remolding orthotic	x	InterQual®	10/1/19
Oxygen delivery devices, concentrators, oximeters, etc.	x	InterQual®	7/1/15
Power operated vehicles and related equipment	x	InterQual®	7/1/15
Power wheelchairs and related equipment	x	InterQual®	7/1/15
Ventilators and related equipment	x	InterQual®	7/1/15

Endnotes:

¹For Commercial and ASO plans, with the exception of Baylor Scott & White Health Employee Plan (BSWHEP)

⁵No payment will be made for services, except Emergency Care, received in federal facilities or for any items or services provided in any institutions operated by any state, government or agency when the member has no legal obligation to pay for such items or services; except, however, payment will be made to the extent required by law provided such care is approved in advance by a Participating Physician, Participating Provider and Medical Director.

There are services and procedures which are not covered by Scott and White Health Plan or its subsidiaries. These are NOT on the prior authorization list because they are never covered. Coverage for procedures is explained in the Medical Policies.

The Medical Policy list can be found on our website at swhp.org: click on the "Providers" tab and then click on the "Prior Authorization Lists" link under "Important Message." Scott and White Health Plan has about 100 medical policies listed in alphabetical order. Please review this list for any procedure or services you provide and check before providing them to Scott and White Health Plan members. Failure to do so will result in non-payment for the service or procedure (in the event that it is a non-covered benefit). The Health Services Department and Medical Directors will assist you with coverage questions. The toll-free phone number is 1-844-655-5200 (Medicare lines of business) or 1-888-316-7947 (all other lines of business).

Clinical Criteria are available upon request. A copy of the criteria used are available to providers via fax or mail based upon request. To request a copy of the clinical criteria, please call toll-free phone number is 1-866-334-3141 (Medicare lines of business) or 1-800-321-7947 (all other lines of business).

The listed services require prior authorization by Scott and White Health Plan. We also request notification for certain other services so that we may assist you and your patients with discharge planning, care coordination, and case management. All services must be medically necessary and appropriate and meet SWHP coverage criteria where applicable. Claims will be reviewed to determine member eligibility at the time of service, benefit availability, evidence of coverage provisions, and claims payment agreements. Benefits are determined by each member's plan. Authorization is not a guarantee of payment. Newly published/assigned codes and new/emerging therapy services or technology not listed may require prior authorization to determine medical necessity. Check with Scott and White Health Plan before providing these types of services. This list is generally updated biannually but may change at any time. Please refer to the version currently in effect by visiting our website at swhp.org, clicking on the "Providers" tab, and then clicking on the "Prior Authorization Lists" link under "Important Message."

HMO Note: Services must be rendered by in-network physicians/providers (unless otherwise authorized in advance) in order to be eligible for payment. All services rendered by non-contracted providers (except non-contracted Pathology, Anesthesiology, Radiology, Emergency Department and Assistant Surgeon physicians providing services in a contracted inpatient facility) must be prior authorized for the member to receive full in-network benefits.



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