

## COVID-19-We're extending our prior authorization waiver

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All providers caring for our members

We understand that this is a trying time for all medical care providers due to COVID-19. To better support you, we'll continue to waive referral and prior authorization requirements for all inpatient levels of care. This includes acute, long-term acute (LTAC), acute and subacute rehabilitation (rehab), and skilled nursing facility (SNF) admissions. Starting with dates of service on or after **October 1, 2020**, you will need to submit authorizations.

FEP is following guidelines from the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association regarding coverage for Federal Employee Program members. For more details see [fepblue.org](http://fepblue.org). This is in place for the duration of the state of emergency.

### What this means

- You still need to notify us of all inpatient levels of care and submit the appropriate supporting documentation.
- While this notification-only requirement is in place, we will not perform medical necessity reviews for inpatient levels of care.
- Timely notification helps us to facilitate optimal care coordination, mobilize additional services to support transition-of-care and discharge planning, and ensure claims processing.
- This is an extension to the waiver that we announced on March 24 and was set to expire June 23, 2020. See [COVID-19: Latest news \(March 24\)](#).

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