



Catholic Diocese of Jackson Employee Medical Benefit Plan

Effective October 1, 2018 the following procedures must be Pre-Certified through ABA/CareValent:

OUTPATIENT PROCEDURES

- Twenty-Three-Hour Observation Stays
- Outpatient surgery, except those performed in the physician's office
- Transplant candidacy evaluation and transplant (organ and/or tissue)
- Chemotherapy
- Radiation Therapy
- Dialysis
- Infusion Therapy

Occupational/Physical Therapy no longer require pre-certification. However, these benefits are limited to 20 visits per calendar year, after which additional benefits must be approved through Case Management.

ALL INPATIENT SERVICES

- Hospital (including Mental/Nervous and/or Substance Abuse facility-based programs)
- Rehabilitation
- Skilled Nursing Facility

Pre-Certification does not verify eligibility for benefits nor guarantee benefit payments under the Plan. It is the Participant's responsibility to verify that the above services have been pre-certified. If the participant does not comply with the Utilization Review procedures there is a penalty for each procedure that is not pre-certified.

ABA/CareValent must also be called within 48 hours following an admission for emergency treatment at a hospital.

ABA must be contacted for verification of benefits payable under your plan. Charges determined to be ineligible under the plan for reasons such as charges in excess of a plan maximum will be denied even if a pre-certification was obtained.

**Utilization Review Program/Benefit Verification
ABA/CareValent
(800) 247-7114**