

national and state medical regulations, as well as medical necessity and appropriateness criteria.

The exceptions to prior authorization provided by Northwind Health Plus include:

Emergency Care: Emergency care is covered without prior authorization if it is determined to be medically necessary. If you believe that you need emergency care, please contact Northwind Health Plus for approval.

Inpatient Hospital Services: Inpatient hospital services are covered without prior authorization if it is determined that the services are medically necessary. However, if you require hospital services, please contact Northwind Health Plus to ensure that the hospital you are admitted to is an in-network provider.

Outpatient Hospital Services: Outpatient hospital services are covered without prior authorization if it is determined that the services are medically necessary. However, if you require outpatient services, please contact Northwind Health Plus to ensure that the hospital you are visiting is an in-network provider.

Ambulatory Surgery Center Services: Ambulatory surgery center services are covered without prior authorization if it is determined that the services are medically necessary. However, please contact Northwind Health Plus to ensure that the ambulatory surgery center you are visiting is an in-network provider.

Outpatient Rehabilitative Services: Outpatient rehabilitative services are covered without prior authorization if it is determined that the services are medically necessary. However, please contact Northwind Health Plus to ensure that the outpatient rehabilitative provider you are visiting is an in-network provider.

Long-Term Care Services: Long-term care services are covered without prior authorization if it is determined that the services are medically necessary. Please contact Northwind Health Plus to ensure that the long-term care provider you are visiting is an in-network provider.

Hospice Care Services: Hospice care services are covered without prior authorization if it is determined that the services are medically necessary. Please contact Northwind Health Plus to ensure that the hospice care provider you are visiting is an in-network provider.

Home Health Services: Home health services are covered without prior authorization if it is determined that the services are medically necessary. Please contact Northwind Health Plus to ensure that the home health provider you are visiting is an in-network provider.

Maternity Services: Certain maternity services are covered without prior authorization if it is determined that the services are medically necessary. Please contact Northwind Health Plus to ensure that the maternity provider you are visiting is an in-network provider.