

Evicore communication for DePaul

BCBSIL's Medicare Advantage plan that is offered to DePaul retirees includes managed care elements that help BCBSIL ensure that retirees and their covered spouses receive the right care, at the right place, at the right time. These managed care elements, called utilization management, are also included in DePaul's active health plans, and are included in most all PPO plans offered in the health insurance industry today. This communication is to educate you on the utilization management included in your Medicare Advantage plan to help you maximize your health plan benefits.

BCBSIL contracts with eviCore healthcare (eviCore) to provide some of the utilization management services associated with your Medicare Advantage plan. eviCore uses CMS-required policies to determine if services that are being requested for you by your provider are appropriate for you.

Some of the utilization management that is overseen by eviCore includes preauthorization for the specialized clinical services, including but not limited to:

- Outpatient Molecular Genetics
- Outpatient Radiation Therapy
- Musculoskeletal Services
- Outpatient Cardiology & Radiology Imaging Services
- Outpatient Medical Oncology
- Outpatient Sleep
- Post-acute Care (applies only to IL membership)
- Outpatient Specialty Drug

Your provider is to preauthorize services on your behalf to ensure that they will be covered under your Medicare Advantage plan. It is recommended that you ask your Provider if they have preauthorized the care they have recommended for you. Please note that services performed without preauthorization may be denied as not being covered under your Medicare Advantage plan.

BCBSIL has educated their contracted providers about the utilization management requirements. If your provider is unfamiliar with the preauthorization requirements of your Medicare Advantage plan, they can contact BCBSIL for guidance.