



# Routine Women's Health Benefit referral and authorization guidelines

For BCN commercial

**For the BCN Routine Women's Health Benefit program (formerly known as Woman's Choice), the referral and authorization guidelines outlined below apply.**

- All services are subject to a member's eligibility and benefits.
- A referral is not required for most professional services provided by BCN-affiliated women's health specialists for BCN commercial members, subject to the [Routine Women's Health Benefit specialty and procedure/diagnosis code requirements](#).
- Referral requests must be submitted electronically (preferred method) or by telephone to BCN's Utilization Management department at 1-800-392-2512.
- A requirement for authorization (when applicable) applies to all members in all regions.

These guidelines address only referral, plan notification and authorization requirements. In addition, this list is not all-inclusive. Only the most commonly requested services are included in this list.

Note: Refer to the [Utilization Management chapter](#) of the *BCN Provider Manual* for information on referrals to other specialists for obstetric-gynecologic services. For non-obstetric-gynecologic services, a global referral is required from the primary care physician.<sup>(a)</sup> Refer to the [BCN Referral and Authorization Requirements](#) document for referral requirements for gender transition services.

Services	Direct-access services No referral or authorization required	Plan notification Must be submitted prior to initiation of services	Authorization Requests must be submitted prior to initiation of services
<b>Gynecological care in physician office</b>			
Breast physical examination	X		
Contraceptive management	X		
Endometrial ablation	X		
Gynecological examination and services	X		
Infertility visits and treatment (when performed by a reproductive endocrinologist)			X
Laboratory services <sup>(b)</sup>	X		
Pap smear	X		
Radiology services (non-high-tech) -- for example, bone density studies, mammograms and pelvic ultrasounds	X		
Surgical procedures, routine	X		
<b>Gynecological care in inpatient setting</b>			
Hospital admissions for gynecologic conditions other than delivery			X
<b>Gynecological care in outpatient setting</b>			
Radiology services (non-high-tech) -- for example, bone density studies, mammograms and pelvic ultrasounds	X		
Surgical procedures (gynecologic), routine		X	
Treatment of suspected or confirmed malignancy		X	
Voluntary sterilization			X
<b>Obstetrical care</b>			
Note: These services include evaluation and treatment involving obstetric diagnoses and procedures. Services that require plan notification or authorization do not require a global referral from the primary care physician when related to a pregnancy diagnosis.			
Amniocentesis		X	
Elective pregnancy termination			X
Fetal non-stress test	X		
Laboratory services <sup>(b)</sup>	X		
Maternity inpatient: up to 48 hours following routine delivery / 96 hours following C-section		X	
Radiology services (non-high-tech) -- for example, maternity ultrasounds	X		



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Surgical treatment of spontaneous or missed abortion		X	
Tubal ligations performed at the time of inpatient delivery			X

<sup>(a)</sup> For BCN commercial members in the Mid, West and Upper Peninsula regions, neither a global referral nor plan notification is required. For those members, however, services must be coordinated with the member's primary care physician, for non-obstetric-gynecologic services. For BCN Advantage members in any region, no referral from the primary care physician is required for any service.

<sup>(b)</sup> All laboratory services must be directed to a laboratory in the JVHL network or to the designated lab vendor.

## ● Blue Dot Changes to the Routine Women's Health Benefit referral and authorization guidelines

Service	Change description
● Program name	This document is updated to show that the Woman's Choice program is now known as Routine Women's Health Benefit.