As of January 1, 2019, these behavioral health services require precertification/authorization**

This requirement applies only to services covered under the member’s benefits plan, including:

- Applied behavior analysis (ABA)
- Residential treatment center (RTC) admissions
- Inpatient admissions
- Transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS)
- Partial hospitalization programs (PHPs)

*The term precertification means the utilization review process to determine whether the requested service or procedure meets the company’s clinical criteria for coverage. It does not mean precertification as defined by Texas law as a reliable representation of payment of care or services to fully insured health maintenance organization (HMO) and preferred provider organization (PPO) members.

**Precertification requirements apply unless state law expressly dictates otherwise. As of January 1, 2019, the following services no longer require precertification/authorization: intensive outpatient, outpatient detoxification (ambulatory withdrawal management) and psychological/neuropsychological testing.
How to request precertification/authorization

Mental health, substance abuse disorder or behavioral health services require precertification/authorization, as outlined on the previous page. You can submit an electronic precertification request on our secure provider website on NaviNet® at connect.navinet.net.

Or you can choose any other website that allows precertification requests. See our vendor list at aetna.com/provider/vendor.

You can also inquire electronically on previously submitted requests.

For more information about precertification, go to aetnaelectronicprecert.com.

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