

**Panniculectomy
Precertification Information Request Form**

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About this form

You can't use this form to initiate a precertification request. To initiate a request, you have to call our Precertification Department. Or you can submit your request electronically. **Failure to complete this form and submit all of the medical records we are requesting may result in the delay of review.**

Effective **May 23, 2018**, this form replaces all other panniculectomy precertification information request documents and forms. This form will help you supply the right information with your precertification request. You don't have to use the form. But it will help us adjudicate your request more quickly.

How to fill out this form

As the patient's attending physician, you must complete all sections of the form. You can use this form with all Aetna health plans, including Aetna's Medicare Advantage plans. You can also use this form with health plans for which Aetna provides certain management services.

When you're done

Once you've filled out the form, submit it and all requested medical documentation to our Precertification Department by:

- **(Preferred)** Upload your information electronically on our secure provider website on NaviNet® at **connect.navinet.net**.
 - Complete a Precertification Inquiry transaction for the patient.
 - When the inquiry is successful, click the "Add Attachment" link in the upper right corner of the screen.
 - Upload your document(s) and click "Attach." The window will close and you will return to Precert Inquiry screen.
- Email requests that require photographs to:
 - Commercial Plans: **VFAXPrecert@aetna.com**
 - Medicare Advantage Plans: **MedicarePrecert@aetna.com**
- Send your information via confidential fax to:
 - Precertification – Commercial Plans: **859-455-8650**
 - Precertification - Medicare Advantage Standard Organization Determination: **859-455-8650**
 - Precertification - Medicare Advantage (expedited only): **860-754-5468**
- Mail your information to: **PO Box 14079 Lexington, KY 40512-4079**

What happens next?

Once we receive the requested documentation, we'll perform a clinical review. Then we'll make a coverage determination and let you know our decision. Your administrative reference number will be on the electronic precertification response.

How we make coverage determinations

If you request precertification for a Medicare Advantage member, we use CMS benefit policies, including national coverage determinations (NCD) and local coverage determinations (LCD) when available, to make our coverage determinations. If there isn't an available NCD or LCD to review, then we'll use the Clinical Policy Bulletin referenced below to make the determination.

For all other members, we encourage you to review **Clinical Policy Bulletin #211: Abdominoplasty, Suction Lipectomy, and Ventral Hernia Repair**, before you complete this form.

You can find the Clinical Policy Bulletins and Precertification Lists by visiting the website on the back of the member's ID card.

Questions?

If you have any questions about how to fill out the form or our precertification process, call us at:

- HMO plans: **1-800-624-0756**
- Traditional plans: **1-888-632-3862**

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Section 1: Provide the following general information

Member name:

Member ID:

Member date of birth:

Requesting provider/facility name:

Requesting provider/facility NPI:

Requesting provider/facility phone number: 1- - -

Requesting provider/facility fax number: 1- - -

Assistant/co-surgeon name (if applicable):

TIN:

Section 2: Provide the following patient-specific information.

Select those that apply to the patient:

- Panniculus hangs below level of pubus
- Panniculus causes chronic intertrigo consistently recurring over 3 months while receiving appropriate medical therapy or remains refractory to appropriate medical therapy over a period of 3 months
- Photographs with pannus lifted show presence of intertrigo (**photographs required**)

Indicate below which of the following procedure(s) best describes the coverage request:

- Panniculectomy or apronectomy
- Panniculectomy or apronectomy *specifically for minimizing the risk of hernia formation or recurrence*
- Abdominoplasty
- Suction lipectomy
- Abdominal lipectomy for the treatment of metabolic syndrome
- Lipoabdominoplasty
- Repair of diastasis recti
- True incisional or ventral hernia repair
- Other, please specify

Section 3: Provide the following documentation for your request

- Current history and physical
- Office notes related to the member's condition for which treatment is proposed
- Description of proposed treatment
- Any supporting medical records documenting clinical findings, conservative management with outcome, and current plan of care. This includes the following clinical documentation:
 - Medical records documenting chronic intertrigo, type(s) of medical therapy and duration
 - Photographs (**Submit Copies of photographs rather than originals. Photographs will not be returned.**)
 - Documenting panniculus hanging below level of pubus, and
 - Pannus lifted with presence of intertrigo

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Section 4: Read this important information

Any person who knowingly files a request for authorization of coverage of a medical procedure or service with the intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurance company by providing materially false information or conceals material information for the purpose of misleading, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

Section 5: Sign the form

Just remember: You can't use this form to initiate a precertification request. To initiate a request, you have to call our Precertification Department. Or you can submit your request electronically.

Signature of treating doctor or other qualified healthcare provider:

Date: / /

Contact name of office personnel to call with questions:

Telephone number: 1- - -