

# Aetna Precertification List\*

## The Chickering Group

Applies to: Aetna Choice® POS, Aetna Choice® POS II, Aetna Golden Choice™ Plan, Aetna Golden Medicare Plan™, Aetna HealthFund®, Aetna Open Access® Elect Choice, Aetna Open Access® HMO, Aetna Open Access® Managed Choice, Elect Choice®, HMO, Managed Choice®, Open Choice®, Quality Point-of-Service® and USAccess® benefit plans and all products associated with the Aexcel<sup>SM</sup> network\*\*

### 1. Inpatient confinements:

- Surgical and non-surgical confinements
- Skilled nursing facility
- Rehabilitation facility
- Inpatient hospice (except Medicare)
- Observation stays greater than 23 hours

### Additional Assistance and Information

- Call Member Services for confirmation of member benefits and eligibility; see members' ID card for toll-free number.
- Visit [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com) for Clinical Policy Bulletins and our DocFind® online provider directory.
- Contact Aetna Pharmacy Management at 1-800-414-2386 for precertification of oral medications only.
- Precertification approvals are valid for six (6) months in all states except Texas and Washington State, where precertifications are valid for 30 days from the date of issue.

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\*The term precertification here means the utilization review process to determine whether the requested service, procedure, prescription drug or medical device 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 HMO and PPO members.

\*\*Not all plans are offered in all service areas.

\*\*\*Aetna HealthFund PPO, Aetna HealthFund Managed Choice, Aexcel, Choice POS, Choice POS II, Golden Medicare Plan, Open Access Managed Choice, QPOS and USAccess benefit plans may include the option for members to elect to go outside the network and receive reduced benefits.

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