

AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS

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I. POLICY

Each TOP Regional Director may require authorizations. Such authorization requirements may differ between TOP regions. Beneficiaries and providers are responsible for contacting their TOP Regional Director or Health Care Finder for a listing of TOP regional authorization requirements. Unless otherwise specifically excluded in this chapter, the adjudication of the following types of care requires TOP authorization/preauthorization.

A. **Overseas Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) benefits** must be authorized by the TOP Regional Director or designee, prior to receiving the ECHO benefit.

B. TOP non-enrollees do not require pre-authorization/authorization for care except for stateside non-emergent inpatient mental health services (pre-admission and continued stay).

C. TOP enrollees are required to obtain authorization for care rendered in the following countries: Belgium, Germany, Guam, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Portugal (Azores), Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom. Pre-authorizations/authorizations for overseas countries requiring authorization for care will be performed by the appropriate overseas Regional Director or designee.

D. TOP ADSM stateside care does not require authorization except for non-emergent/urgent inpatient mental health care.

E. TOP enrolled ADFMs are not required to obtain authorization for stateside non-emergent/non-urgent care except for stateside non-emergent/urgent inpatient mental health care.

F. For TOP-enrolled ADFM and TOP Standard beneficiaries, stateside non-emergent inpatient mental health pre-authorizations/authorizations will be performed by the MCSC responsible for processing overseas claims stateside mental health review contractor. Stateside ADSM pre-authorizations/authorizations for non-emergent/urgent inpatient mental health care shall be performed by Military Medical Support Office (MMSO).

G. Overseas claims for drugs or diagnostic/ancillary services are exempt from the TOP authorization requirements.

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H. TRICARE Global Remote Overseas (TGRO) contractor claims do not require authorization by the overseas MCSC responsible for processing overseas claims.

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