

## Prior Authorization Requirement Changed: **Pulmonary & Cardiac Rehabilitation**

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Products: **Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire Commercial , Group Health Cooperative BadgerCare Plus, Group Health Cooperative Medicaid SSI, Compcare BadgerCare Plus, Compcare Medicaid SSI**

Effective April 1, 2017, Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire will require Prior Authorization for Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation. Therapy requests must include the entire scoring scale including the standard scores and the members score. The Outpatient Therapies section of our Prior Authorization Guidelines will now read as below. For an updated copy of the Prior Authorization guidelines and Authorization request forms, please visit our website at [www.group-health.com](http://www.group-health.com).

### **OUTPATIENT THERAPIES**

Medically necessary outpatient therapy (when a covered benefit) must be prescribed by a physician

### **PHYSICAL THERAPY & OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

Prior authorization from the Cooperative is not required for the first six outpatient visits, including the initial evaluation, for physical therapy and occupational therapy. All therapies must be medically necessary. If upon review medical necessity criteria are not met, the Cooperative may recoup payment for non-medically necessary services. If additional visits beyond the first six are needed, prior authorization is required before the seventh visit.

Use the PT/OT Request form.

### **SPEECH THERAPY**

Prior authorization is required for speech therapy. Many commercial benefit plans do not cover speech therapy. If speech therapy is a covered benefit, prior authorization is required for any subsequent visits after the initial evaluation.

Use the Speech Therapy Request form.

### **CARDIAC REHABILITATION & PULMONARY REHABILITATION**

Prior authorization is required for Pulmonary and Cardiac Rehabilitation prior to any services being rendered.

Use the Cardiac & Pulmonary Rehabilitation Request form.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Provider Relations at (715) 552-4300.