Harvard Pilgrim Health Care | TUFTS Health Plan

Point32Health companies

Medical Necessity Guidelines:

Video Capsule Endoscopy

Effective: July 1, 2026

Prior Authorization Required If REQUIRED, submit supporting clinical documentation pertinent to service request to the FAX numbers below.	Yes ☒ No ☐
Notification Required	Yes ☐ No ☒

Applies to:

- Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Commercial products
- Tufts Health Plan Commercial products
- Tufts Health Direct
- Tufts Health Together
- Tufts Health RITogether
- Tufts Health One Care

We recommend submitting prior authorization electronically. If you opt to submit prior authorization requests via fax please refer to this reference chart for the appropriate fax number (varies by product).

For details on all our products, please visit the Our Plans page on our provider website. For additional Prior Authorization and Notification details on other lines of business not listed on our Medical Necessity Guidelines page, please also reference our Prior Authorization Resources page.

Note: While you may not be the provider responsible for obtaining prior authorization or notifying Point32Health, as a condition of payment you will need to ensure that any necessary prior authorization has been obtained and/or Point32Health has received proper notification. If notification is required, providers may additionally be required to provide updated clinical information to qualify for continued service.

For Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Members:

This policy utilizes InterQual® criteria and/or tools, which Harvard Pilgrim may have customized. You may request authorization and complete the automated authorization questionnaire via HPHConnect at www.harvardpilgrim.org/providerportal. In some cases, clinical documentation may be required to complete a medical necessity review. Please submit required documentation as follows:

- Clinical notes/written documentation – via HPHConnect Clinical Upload or secure fax (800-232-0816)

Providers may view and print the medical necessity criteria and questionnaire via HPHConnect for providers (Select Researched and the InterQual® link) or contact the commercial Provider Service Center at 800-708-4414. (To register for HPHConnect, follow the instructions here). Members may access materials by logging into their online account (visit www.harvardpilgrim.org, click on Member Login, then Plan Details, Prior Authorization for Care, and the link to clinical criteria) or by calling Member Services at 888-333-4742

For Tufts Health Plan Members:

To obtain InterQual® SmartSheets™"

- **Tufts Health Plan Commercial Plan products:** If you are a registered Tufts Health Plan provider click here to access the Provider Website. If you are not a Tufts Health Plan provider, please click on the Provider Log-in and follow instructions to register on the Provider website or call Provider Services at 888-884-2404
- **Tufts Health Public Plans products:** InterQual® SmartSheet(s) available as part of the prior authorization process

Tufts Health Plan requires the use of current InterQual® Smartsheet(s) to obtain prior authorization.

In order to obtain prior authorization for procedure(s), choose the appropriate InterQual® SmartSheet(s) listed below. The completed SmartSheet(s) must be sent to the applicable fax number indicated above, according to Plan

Clinical Guideline Coverage Criteria

The Plan uses guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and MassHealth for coverage determinations for its Dual Product Eligible plan members. CMS National Coverage Determinations (NCDs), Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs), Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) and documentation included in the Medicare manuals and MassHealth Medical Necessity Determinations are the basis for coverage determinations where available. For **Tuft's Health One Care** plan members, the following criteria is used: MassHealth Guidelines for Medical Necessity Determination for Capsule Endoscopy | Mass.gov

The Plan requires the use of the following InterQual® Subsets or SmartSheets to obtain prior authorization for video capsule endoscopy:

1. Capsule Endoscopy

Plan Modifications to InterQual®:

1. For Section 50 "Suspected Crohn's Disease", a patency capsule trial may be covered before a planned Video Capsule Endoscopy for "Suspected Crohn's Disease" when the criteria for Section 50 are met

Codes

The following code(s) require prior authorization:

Table 1: CPT/HCPCS Codes

Code	Description
91110	Gastrointestinal tract imaging, intraluminal (e.g., capsule endoscopy), esophagus through the ileum, with physician interpretation and report
91111	Gastrointestinal tract imaging, intraluminal (e.g., capsule endoscopy), esophagus with physician interpretation and report
91299	Unlisted diagnostic gastroenterology procedure {when used for 'patency capsule' associated with requests of suspected Crohn's disease}

Approval And Revision History

August 19, 2020: Reviewed by the Medical Policy Approval Committee (MPAC), renewed without changes

Subsequent endorsement date(s) and changes made:

- September 17, 2020: Fax number for Unify updated
- August 18, 2021, Reviewed by IMPAC. InterQual Modification updated to reflect revised new number for "Suspected Crohn's Disease" changed from section "30" to "40"
- September 21, 2022: Reviewed by MPAC, prior authorization added for Harvard Pilgrim Health Care for integration between Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Tufts Health Plan; renewed without changes
- June 21, 2023: Reviewed by MPAC; InterQual Modification updated to reflect revised criterion number for "Suspected Crohn's Disease" changed from section "40" to "50", effective August 1, 2023
- September 20, 2023: Reviewed by MPAC, renewed without changes
- November 2023: Rebranded Unify to One Care and updated One Care criteria effective January 1, 2024
- December 1, 2023: Reviewed and approved by the UM Committee effective January 1, 2024
- May 15, 2024: Reviewed by MPAC for the 2024 InterQual Upgrade effective August 1, 2024
- June 13, 2024: Reviewed and approved by the UM Committee effective July 1, 2024
- August 30, 2024: Reviewed by MPAC, renewed with no changes
- May 21, 2025: Reviewed by MPAC for 2025 InterQual Update effective July 1, 2025
- June 18, 2025: Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Stride Medicare Advantage removed as an applicable product from the template
- September 17, 2025: Reviewed by MPAC, renewed without changes; Fax number for Senior Care Options, Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO and Tufts Medicare Preferred PPO updated; language for Carelink removed; effective November 1, 2025
- May 20, 2026: Reviewed by MPAC for 2026 InterQual Update, effective July 1, 2026, Template updated

Background, Product and Disclaimer Information

Medical Necessity Guidelines are developed to determine coverage for benefits and are published to provide a better understanding of the basis upon which coverage decisions are made. We make coverage decisions using these guidelines, along with the Member's benefit document, and in coordination with the Member's physician(s) on a case-by-case basis considering the individual Member's health care needs.

Medical Necessity Guidelines are developed for selected therapeutic or diagnostic services found to be safe and proven effective in a limited, defined population of patients or clinical circumstances. They include concise clinical coverage criteria based on current literature review, consultation with practicing physicians in our service area who are medical experts in the particular field, FDA and other government agency policies, and standards adopted by national accreditation organizations. We revise and update Medical Necessity Guidelines annually, or more frequently if new evidence becomes available that suggests needed revisions.

For self-insured plans, coverage may vary depending on the terms of the benefit document. If a discrepancy exists between a Medical Necessity Guideline and a self-insured Member's benefit document, the provisions of the benefit document will govern. For Tufts Health Together (Medicaid), coverage may be available beyond these guidelines for pediatric members under age 21 under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefits of the plan in accordance with 130 CMR 450.140 and 130 CMR 447.000, and with prior authorization.

Treating providers are solely responsible for the medical advice and treatment of Members. The use of this guideline is not a guarantee of payment or a final prediction of how specific claim(s) will be adjudicated. Claims payment is subject to eligibility and benefits on the date of service, coordination of benefits, referral/authorization, utilization management guidelines when applicable, and adherence to plan policies, plan procedures, and claims editing logic.