

**UCare
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Services	Prior Authorization Requirements*	Products	Approval Authority
Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation	Before admission and as requested for extensions.	MSHO	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		MSC+	Aspen, MMSI UCare for all others
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	UCare, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	UCare, MMSI
		MnCare	UCare, MMSI
		<i>UCare for Seniors MN</i>	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		<i>UCare for Seniors WI</i>	UCare

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Alpha 1 Anti-trypsin Medications	Before administration of medication.	MSHO	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		MSC+	Aspen, MMSI UCare for all others
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	UCare, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	UCare, MMSI
		MnCare	UCare, MMSI
		<i>UCare for Seniors MN</i>	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		<i>UCare for Seniors WI</i>	UCare

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Back (Spine) Surgery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percutaneous vertebroplasty/kyphoplasty • Spinal fusion – lumbar only • Spinal exploration and instrumentation 	Prior to Service Excludes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency surgery for trauma • Acute transverse myelopathy • Tumors 	MSHO	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		MSC+	Aspen, MMSI UCare for all others
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	UCare, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	UCare, MMSI
		MnCare	UCare, MMSI
		<i>UCare for Seniors MN</i>	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		<i>UCare for Seniors WI</i>	UCare

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Bariatric Surgery (Gastric Bypass)	Prior to Service	MSHO	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		MSC+	Aspen, MMSI UCare for all others
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	UCare, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	UCare, MMSI
		MnCare	UCare, MMSI
		<i>UCare for Seniors MN</i>	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
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Behavioral Health & Chemical Dependency Outpatient Visits Court ordered services do not require authorization.	Please refer to Pre-Notification/Authorization Grid for Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Services.	MSHO	BHP, MMSI
		MSC+	BHP, MMSI
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	BHP, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	BHP, MMSI
		PMAP	BHP, MMSI
		MnCare	BHP, MMSI
		<i>UCare for Seniors MN</i>	BHP, MMSI
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Benefit Exceptions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services specifically excluded from the member's benefit set. • Requests for service beyond coverage limits. • Requests for services that do not meet coverage criteria. • Any experimental service. 	Prior to Service	MSHO	UCare, Evercare
		MSC+	UCare
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	UCare
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	UCare
		MnCare	UCare
		<i>UCare for Seniors MN</i>	UCare, Evercare
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Chiropractic Services	Prior to Service	MSHO	Contact ChiroCare for all products.
		MSC+	
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	
		PMAP	
		MnCare	
		<i>UCare for Seniors MN</i>	
		<i>UCare for Seniors WI</i>	

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Cosmetic or Reconstructive Procedure Including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blepharoplasty/Ptosis Repair • Mammoplasty • Skin peels • Salabrasion • Tattooing or removal • Removal of breast implants • Female breast reduction surgery • Any service to change contours • Rhinoplasty • Panniculectomy/Abdominoplasty • Sclerotherapy for Varicose Vein Treatment • Sclerotherapy for Varicose Veins in Leg 	Prior to Service	MSHO	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		MSC+	Aspen, MMSI UCare for all others
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	UCare, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	UCare, MMSI
		MnCare	UCare, MMSI
		<i>UCare for Seniors MN</i>	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI, UCare for all others
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Dental Services	Certain dental procedures require prior authorization. Contact DentaQuest for services.	MSHO	DentaQuest
		MSC+	DentaQuest
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	DentaQuest
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	DentaQuest
		PMAP	DentaQuest
		MnCare	DentaQuest
		<i>UCare for Seniors MN</i>	Prior Authorization is not required
		<i>UCare for Seniors WI</i>	Prior authorization is not required.

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Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Authorizing entity reserves the right to determine rental vs. purchase.	Prior to 5P th month of rental . Excludes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxygen • CPAP machines • Insulin pumps • Ventilators • Nebulizers • Enteral Feeding Pumps 	MSHO	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		MSC+	Aspen, MMSI UCare for all others
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	UCare, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	UCare, MMSI
		MnCare	UCare, MMSI
		<i>UCare for Seniors MN</i>	Aspen, Evercare, UCare for all others
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Durable Medical Equipment (DME) All wheelchair purchases and items over \$1,000. Authorizing entity reserves the right to determine rental vs. purchase.	Prior to purchase . Excludes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxygen • Baclofen pumps • Cutaneous nerve stimulators (TENS) • Insulin pumps • CPAP purchase • Enteral Feeding Pumps 	MSHO	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		MSC+	Aspen, MMSI UCare for all others
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	UCare, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	UCare, MMSI
		MnCare	UCare, MMSI
		<i>UCare for Seniors MN</i>	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
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External Electrical bone growth stimulators. Implantable Electrical bone growth stimulators.	Prior to 5 th month rental . Prior to placement.	MSHO	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		MSC+	Aspen, MMSI UCare for all others
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	UCare, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	UCare, MMSI
		MnCare	UCare, MMSI
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Home Health Care Skilled Nursing Care Home Health Aids (HHA) All services, beginning with the first visits and all subsequent visits must meet medical necessity and coverage criteria for the product.	Prior to 31st date of service in calendar year except for SNBC (UCare Connect).	MSHO	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		MSC+	Aspen, MMSI UCare for all others
	SNBC (UCare Connect) – Prior to 51st date of service in calendar year.	SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	UCare, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	UCare, MMSI
		MnCare	UCare, MMSI
		<i>UCare for Seniors MN</i>	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
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Non-participating Provider Provider not contracted with UCare (Excludes waiver services) For Non-participating behavioral health requests, please refer to the Pre-Notification/Authorization Grid for Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Services.	Prior to Service	MSHO	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		MSC+	Aspen, MMSI UCare for all others
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	UCare, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	UCare, MMSI
		MnCare	UCare, MMSI
		<i>UCare for Seniors MN</i>	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
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Orthoptics (Vision Therapy)	Prior to Service	MSHO	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		MSC+	Aspen, MMSI UCare for all others
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	UCare, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	UCare, MMSI
		MnCare	UCare, MMSI
		<i>UCare for Seniors MN</i>	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
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Personal Care Assistant (PCA) An in -person assessment conducted by a UCare contracted agency is required before a determination can be made to approve services.	Prior to Service	MSHO	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		MSC+	Aspen, MMSI UCare for all others
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	Contact members' county case manager
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	UCare, MMSI
		MnCare (M1-only)	UCare, MMSI
		<i>UCare for Seniors MN</i>	Not a covered benefit
		<i>UCare for Seniors WI</i>	Not a covered benefit

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Prescription Drugs	When prescribed go to: www.ucare.org/providers/Pages/Formularies.aspx for a list of drugs that require prior authorization.	MSHO	Contact Express Scripts for all products.
		MSC+	
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	
		PMAP	
		MnCare	
		<i>UCare for Seniors MN</i> <i>UCare for Seniors WI</i>	

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Private Duty Nursing Must be received through a Medicare certified home health agency. All services, beginning with the first visits and all subsequent visits must meet medical necessity and coverage criteria for the product.	Prior to 31st date of service in calendar year.	MSHO	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		MSC+	Aspen, MMSI UCare for all others
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	Contact members' county case manager
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	UCare, MMSI
		MnCare	UCare, MMSI (May not be covered)
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Radiofrequency Ablation (Percutaneous) for Facet Mediated Neck and Back Pain.	Prior to Service	MSHO	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		MSC+	Aspen, MMSI UCare for all others
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	UCare, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	UCare, MMSI
		MnCare	UCare, MMSI
		<i>UCare for Seniors MN</i>	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
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Skilled Nursing Facility	Within 1 business day of admission to facility and upon request.	MSHO	Aspen, Evercare, Fairview Partners, MMSI UCare for all others
		MSC+	Contact DHS
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	UCare, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	Contact DHS
		MnCare	Contact DHS
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Spinal cord stimulation.	Prior to Service	MSHO	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		MSC+	Aspen, MMSI UCare for all others
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	UCare, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	UCare, MMSI
		MnCare	UCare, MMSI
		<i>UCare for Seniors MN</i>	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
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Services	Prior Authorization Requirements*	Products	Approval Authority
Therapies in outpatient or home setting: PT – Physical Therapy OT – Occupational Therapy ST – Speech Therapy All services, beginning with the first visits and all subsequent visits must meet medical necessity and coverage criteria for the product.	Prior to 51st date of service in a calendar year.	MSHO	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		MSC+	Aspen, MMSI UCare for all others
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	UCare, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	UCare, MMSI
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Services	Notification Due	Products	Who Needs to be Notified
Hospice	When member elects hospice	MSHO	Complete the Hospice Election form and send to UCare. It can be found on UCare's website under General Forms.
		MSC+	
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	
		PMAP	
		MnCare	
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Inpatient Behavioral Health Admissions	Within 24 hours of admission.	MSHO	BHP, MMSI
		MSC+	BHP, MMSI
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	BHP, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	BHP, MMSI
		PMAP	BHP, MMSI
		MnCare	BHP, MMSI
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Inpatient Medical/Surgical Admissions	Within 24 hours of admission	MSHO	UCare, MMSI
		MSC+	UCare, MMSI
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	UCare, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	UCare, MMSI
		MnCare	UCare, MMSI
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Long-Term Acute Care (LTAC)	Within 24 hours of admission	MSHO	UCare, MMSI
		MSC+	UCare, MMSI
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	UCare, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare, MMSI
		PMAP	UCare, MMSI
		MnCare	UCare, MMSI
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Nursing Facility (NF) Admits Custodial Care at Nursing Facility	Within 1 business day of admission to facility and upon change in care level.	MSHO	Aspen, Evercare, MMSI UCare for all others
		MSC+	Aspen, MMSI UCare for all others
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	UCare, MMSI
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	UCare
		PMAP	UCare, MMSI
		MnCare	UCare, MMSI
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Transplant	For a Medicare approved transplant <u>and</u> at UCare contracted facility: contact UCare within 24 hours of inpatient hospital admission. For a non-Medicare approved transplant and/or at a non-contracted facility: contact UCare prior to referral to a provider or center.	MSHO	Contact UCare for all products.
		MSC+	
		SNBC (<i>UCare Connect</i>)	
		MnDHO PD (<i>UCare Complete</i>)	
		PMAP	
		MnCare	
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Care System	Phone	Fax
Aspen Medical Group	For nursing home, DME, or home health care services, please call Pat at 612-262-7738. For all other services, please call the member's Primary Care Clinic for authorizations/notifications.	For nursing home, DME, or home health care services, please send the fax to Pat at 612-262-7786. For all other services, call the member's Primary Care Clinic for the appropriate fax number where to send in authorizations/notifications.
Behavioral Healthcare Providers (BHP)	763-525-9919 800-361-0491	763-486-4435
ChiroCare	888-638-7719	800-599-8350
DentaQuest	800-341-8478	262-241-7150
Evercare	952-931-5900 800-896-8936	952-931-5901
Fairview Partners	952-914-1720	952-914-1731
MMSI	800-645-6296	888-889-7822
Express Scripts, Inc.	877-558-7521 (for Medicare) 877-558-7523 (for Medicaid)	800-357-9577 (for both Medicare and Medicaid)
UCare's Clinical Services	612-676-6705 877-447-4384	612-884-2499 866-610-7215

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