

# VERMONT GOLD CARDING PILOT PROGRAM

For Health Care Providers

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Under Vermont House Bill 960, carriers are required to implement a pilot program that automatically exempts from, or streamlines, certain prior authorization or precertification requirements for a subset of participating health care providers. To qualify, a provider must have received 100 percent approval of their prior authorization or precertification requests submitted within a six-month period for a procedure they performed an average of 30 times per year.

## Requirements

In the event a provider has performed a procedure an average of 30 times per year, and in a six-month time period, has received approvals on 100 percent of their prior authorization or precertification requests for that procedure, Cigna will not require a prior authorization or precertification submission for that procedure for the next six months. At the end of the six-month time frame, the exemption will be reviewed prior to renewal.

This exemption is subject to internal auditing by Cigna at any time and may be rescinded if Cigna determines the provider is not performing the procedure in keeping with our coverage criteria and applicable benefit plan language based upon the results of the internal audit.

## Eligibility

Any provider contracted with Cigna who performs services that require prior authorization or precertification can participate in this program. For behavioral services, any provider who performs services for transcranial magnetic stimulation or applied behavior analysis can participate in this program.

Cigna will notify providers when they become eligible for the pilot program. Cigna will perform quarterly evaluations to add and remove eligible provider participants.

## Questions

Please contact [Michele Corey](#) at **860.226.0243** with questions regarding the Vermont Gold Card Pilot Program and eligibility.

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