

August 26, 2022

Department of Financial Regulation
Attn. E. Sebastian Arduengo
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Montpelier, VT 05620-3101

Green Mountain Care Board
Attn. Christina McLaughlin
144 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

Re: 18 V.S.A. § 9418b Prior Authorization Attestation

Dear Attorney Arduengo and Ms. McLaughlin,

I am writing to provide Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont's ("BCBSVT") annual attestation regarding prior authorizations as required by 18 V.S.A. § 9418b(h)(2).

Pursuant to that statutory authority, I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, on behalf of BCBVST, an Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, with its principal offices located at 445 Industrial Lane, Berlin, VT 05602, that:

- (1) BCBSVT has conducted its review of the list of medical procedures and medical tests for which it requires prior authorization and has eliminated any prior authorization requirements for those procedures and tests for which such requirements are no longer justified; and
- (2) BCBSVT has conducted its review of the list of medical procedures and medical tests for which it requires prior authorization and has eliminated any prior authorization requirements for those procedures and tests for which requests are routinely approved with such frequency as to demonstrate that the prior authorization requirement does not promote a health care quality or reduce health care spending to a degree sufficient to justify the administrative costs to the plan.

Please direct any questions or concerns regarding this attestation to me.

Thank you,


Joshua Plavin (Aug 25, 2022 15:44 EDT)

Joshua Plavin, MD
Vice President and Chief Medical Officer