

MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION Benefits Department

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OUT-OF-AREA MEDICAL TRAVEL PRIOR AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION

Under certain circumstances, a MUS *Choices* medical plan participant may be approved for reimbursement for out-of-area travel expenses for the sole purpose of receiving medically necessary treatment for covered medical services provided by an out-of-area provider. Please see the MUS Summary Plan Description for specific detailed information. The patient **must** be covered on the MUS *Choices* medical plan at the time services are incurred. To be considered for this benefit, the information requested below **must** be provided prior to travel occurring. For further questions, contact the MUS Benefits Office at 1-877-501-1722.

Out-of-area travel expenses <u>must</u> be prior authorized.

If prior authorization is not obtained, travel expenses <u>will not</u> be reimbursed.

If the Patient chooses to use an Out-of-Network provider, Out-of-Network benefits <u>will</u> apply AND the Patient <u>may</u> be balance billed the difference between the allowed amount and the billed charge for incurred services.

Submit completed form to: MUS Benefits Office, PO Box 203203, Helena, MT 59620 or fax (406) 449-9170 Subscriber Information – To be completed by Subscriber or Patient Subscriber's Name Phone Number Mailing Address City State Zip Patient's Medical Plan ID Number Social Security Number Patient's Name Patient's Date of Birth **REQUIRED INFORMATION** To be completed by Referring Physician Referring Physician's Name Phone Number Mailing Address City State Zip Diagnosis of Patient Referenced Above Will surgery be performed? Surgical Procedure Type of Treatment Recommended Is this treatment available in your local area? If so, please explain reasons for seeking out-of-area treatment. Estimated Date of Travel Estimated Cost of Travel Provider and Facility patient is being referred to (name, address, and phone number) Referring Physician's Signature