



# Vermont Gold Carding Pilot Program

## For Behavioral Health Providers



Under the 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, Evernorth Behavioral Health 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This exemption is subject to internal auditing by Evernorth Behavioral Health and may be rescinded if Evernorth Behavioral Health determines the provider is not performing the procedure in keeping with our coverage criteria and applicable benefit plan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 Evernorth Behavioral Health 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 (ABA) can participate in this program.

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

### + Questions

Please contact Evernorth Behavioral Health Provider Services at 800.926.2273 with questions regarding the Vermont Gold Card Pilot Program and eligibility.