

Total Joint Replacement

EXCEPTION REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE PROVIDER AND FACILITY



If you live more than 50 miles from the closest Premera-Designated Center of Excellence and have a non-medical condition that prevents you from safely traveling or you have a medical condition, you can use this form to make an exception request.

To submit this form, complete the checklist below:

- ☐ **Step 1:** Complete and sign this form (Total Joint Replacement Exception Request).
- ☐ **Step 2:** Attach the relevant documents (see examples in the list on page 2 of this form), which demonstrate the medical hardship or the non-medical hardship which traveling to a Premera-Designated Center of Excellence would create for you.
- ☐ **Step 3:** Give this form to the doctor you would like to perform your surgery. Ask the doctor to submit this Exception Request to Premera, along with a Prior Authorization (PA) request. (Please note: if they have already sent a PA, they do not need to send a new one along with this form.)

SECTION A - GENERAL INFORMATION

First and Last name			Date of birth (MM/DD/YY)
ID prefix (see ID card)	ID#	Suffix	Group/Policy #
Address			Phone number
City	State	Zip code	

If you're filling this out for someone else, complete Section B.

If you're filling this out for yourself (or are the contracted provider), skip to Section C.

SECTION B - IF YOU'RE NOT THE MEMBER, TELL US WHO YOU ARE

Do you have legal documents to act on the member's behalf?

- ☐ Yes, I'm the legal guardian ☐ Yes, I'm the power of attorney

Please attach legal documentation and go to Section C

- ☐ No, I'm not the legal guardian or power of attorney

Please have member complete the section below

Who can submit this form on your behalf? (completed by member noted in Section A)

First and Last name		Phone number
Relationship to member		Fax
Address	City/State	ZIP Code

By signing this form I understand and agree to the following: Premera, or any of its affiliates ("the Company"), may disclose my health records with the authorized representative listed above.

I understand that the healthcare information may include benefit, claim, diagnosis, and treatment records, including information about the following sensitive healthcare diagnoses and treatments, unless I cross one or more from the list: Alcohol and/or chemical dependency, Sexually transmitted diseases (HIV/AIDS), Genetic Information, Reproductive health (including abortion), Psychiatric disorders/Mental illness.

You can change your mind and withdraw this release at any time by informing the Company in writing at the address listed at the bottom of this form. The Company will make sure the change goes into effect within 5 business days after receiving your withdrawal request and will not be liable for any information release before your change goes into effect. This release is voluntary. We will not condition your enrollment in a health plan, eligibility for benefits, or payment of claims on giving this release. This release will last 24 months from the signature date below, or until the exception process is complete, whichever is earlier.

Member Signature:

Today's date:

☐ Medical condition that prevents traveling

☐ Legal restriction that would impact ability to travel

☐ Sole full-time caregiver of a dependent

(You or your doctor should attach supporting documents. Need more space? You may attach a written statement.)

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SECTION D - SIGNATURE

Member signature:

Date:

Parent, legal guardian, power of attorney, authorized person:

Date:

Printed name:

Email address:

Please keep in mind: If your Exception Request is denied and you still choose to have the service with a provider and/or facility that is not part of the Premiera-Designated Centers of Excellence, you will be responsible for the full cost.

Instructions for doctor's office:

Submit your exception request via the standard process for pre-service reviews.

Fax number: 800-843-1114

Need help? We're here for you.

Call: 800-995-2420 (TTY:771)

Monday through Friday

5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time

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Language Assistance

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 800-722-1471 (TTY: 711).

注意：如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 800-722-1471（TTY：711）。

CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 800-722-1471 (TTY: 711).

주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 800-722-1471 (TTY: 711) 번으로 전화해 주십시오.

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 800-722-1471 (телетайп: 711).

PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 800-722-1471 (TTY: 711).

УВАГА! Якщо ви розмовляєте українською мовою, ви можете звернутися до безкоштовної служби мовної підтримки.

Телефонуйте за номером 800-722-1471 (телетайп: 711).

ប្រយ័ត្ន: បើសិនជាអ្នកនិយាយ ភាសាខ្មែរ, សេវាជំនួយផ្នែកភាសា ដោយមិនគិតថ្លៃ គឺអាចមានសំរាប់អ្នក។ ចូរ ទូរស័ព្ទ 800-722-1471 (TTY: 711)។

注意事項：日本語を話される場合、無料の言語支援をご利用いただけます。800-722-1471 (TTY:711) まで、お電話にてご連絡ください。

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XIYYEEFFANNAA: Afaan dubbattu Oroomiffa, tajaajila gargaarsa afaanii, kanfaltiidhaan ala, ni argama. Bilbilaa 800-722-1471 (TTY: 711).

ملحوظة: إذا كنت تتحدث اذكر اللغة، فإن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية تتوافر لك بالمجان. اتصل برقم 800-722-1471 (رقم هاتف الصم والبكم: 711).

ਧਿਆਨ ਦਿਓ: ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਬੋਲਦੇ ਹੋ, ਤਾਂ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਸੇਵਾ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਲਈ ਮੁਫਤ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੈ। 800-722-1471 (TTY: 711) 'ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ।

ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistungen zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: 800-722-1471 (TTY: 711).

ໂປດຊາບ: ຖ້າວ່າ ທ່ານເວົ້າພາສາ ລາວ, ການບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາ, ໂດຍບໍ່ຄ່າສົ່ງຄ່າ, ຄວນມີພ້ອມໃຫ້ທ່ານ. ໂທ 800-722-1471 (TTY: 711).

ATANSYON: Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen, gen sèvis èd pou lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Rele 800-722-1471 (TTY: 711).

ATTENTION : Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 800-722-1471 (ATS : 711).

UWAGA: Jeżeli mówisz po polsku, możesz skorzystać z bezpłatnej pomocy językowej. Zadzwoń pod numer 800-722-1471 (TTY: 711).

ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, encontram-se disponíveis serviços linguísticos, grátis. Ligue para 800-722-1471 (TTY: 711).

ATTENZIONE: In caso la lingua parlata sia l'italiano, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Chiamare il numero 800-722-1471 (TTY: 711).

توجہ: اگر بہ زبان فارسی گفتگو می کنید، تسهیلات زبانی بصورت رایگان برای شما فراهم می باشد. با 800-722-1471 (TTY: 711) تماس بگیرید.