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Pre-certification information for the Federal Employee Program

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The Empire BlueCross BlueShield (“Empire”) Service Benefit Plan®, also known as Federal Employee Program®, FEP®, would like to share information about the turnaround times for urgent or non-urgent precertification requests.

Empire FEP follows the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) standards for turnaround time for urgent or non-urgent precertification requests which are outlined below:

- Urgent concurrent - 24 hours (1 day)
- Urgent preservice - 72 hours (3 days)
- Non-urgent preservice - 15 calendar days
- Post-service - 30 calendar days

In addition, Empire FEP offers an advanced benefit determination (ABD) for elective services.

- ABD – 15 calendar days

This precertification service is offered as a courtesy. If you would like more information regarding the ABD review process or have additional questions, please contact FEP Utilization Management at 800-860-2156, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

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