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Referral Authorization Policy

An important aspect of having a managed care health plan is having your primary care physician assess your health care needs and refer you to the appropriate specialist, as it is medically indicated.

The purpose of referral authorizations is to make sure that you are well-informed of specialty services available to you and the appropriate follow-up recommendations. You should always follow-up your specialty visits with appointments at our office so we can stay involved in your management and care. We may not be able to provide you with further referral authorizations if you do not follow-up with our office in-between your specialty visits.

If you seek services of a specialist without a prior authorized referral, you may be held financially responsible for the entire specialty service. Please also note that certain specialty services may not be covered through your insurance. It is your responsibility to understand your insurance benefits and coverage status prior to seeking services.

If you are in need of a referral authorization, you are responsible for coming to us for a scheduled Office Visit **prior** to your scheduled speciality service. An Office Visit is required so we can have the proper documentation to support your referral. If you have not had a recent Office Visit with us, one will be required before we can provide you with a referral authorization.

Please also note that many insurances do not allow us to process referrals retrospectively, therefore, it is important for you to obtain your referral authorization prior to receiving any specialty care services or testing.

In order to ensure the processing for a referral authorization, patients must contact our office at **minimum 5-10 business days ahead** of any scheduled appointments.

Desai Medical Center does not guarantee same-day referral requests and is not responsible for any rescheduled appointments or financial liabilities that may incur.

I have read, understand, and agree to comply by Desai Medical Center's Referral Authorization Policy.

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Signature

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