

DISCLAIMER

Physician "Referrals" VS Insurance "Authorization"

Primary Care Physicians (PCP's) often "refer" their patients to specialists for further treatment. This referral does not guarantee the insurance company will pay for that treatment. Some insurance plans also require "prior authorization" to insure visits to a specialist will be covered.

The Referral Coordinator in your PCP's office can tell you if your plan requires this authorization and can assist you in obtaining it. If required, Chateau Foot and Ankle must have this authorization prior to your appointment.

Patients with Medicare as their primary insurance do not have to obtain authorization for medically necessary treatment. Medicare Advantage Plans differ and some may require prior authorization. Cigna Health Springs Plan is one that requires an authorization.

I understand it is my responsibility to contact my PCP's office to determine if I need prior authorization from my insurance company. If so, my PCP's office can FAX that authorization to: 706-780-5366.

I also agree to pay Chateau Foot and Ankle for any fees not covered or denied by my insurance company.

Patient Name (Please Print)

Patient Signature

Date