

WHAT YOUR PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN CAN DO FOR YOU

Coordination of care

Under your current insurance plan, your primary care physician (PCP) is the main navigator of your health care. Your PCP acts as a gatekeeper, regulating your access to various procedures and specialists. Ideally, your PCP will act on your behalf to collaborate with referral specialists, coordinate care and provide long-term management of your health.

Insurance referrals and authorizations

Your PCP is responsible for initiating and submitting all referrals and prior authorizations needed for your care, even while you are pregnant. Although you are regularly seeing an obstetrician or maternal-fetal medicine doctor, your PCP is still required under the guidelines of your insurance plan to submit these requests.

Your insurance provider or PCP will know exactly what is required for your appointment. When calling your PCP's office to request a referral or authorization, it is best to speak to a person and provide them with the information below. These referrals or authorizations can often take a minimum of two weeks to be approved by your insurance plan, so we recommend contacting your PCP as soon as possible. Boston Children's Hospital will do our best to initiate these requests on your behalf and obtain everything required by your insurance plan for your Advanced Fetal Care Center appointments. However, please remember that you are your own best advocate.

Information you will need

- Your name and date of birth
- Your insurance plan and member ID
- Name of imaging scans and other tests and their CPT codes
 - Fetal MRI – 74712
 - Fetal ultrasound – 76815
 - Fetal echocardiogram – 76825
- The specialist's name and national provider identifier (NPI) number
- The date of your appointment
- The number of visits requested

Important contacts

Advanced Fetal Care Center phone – 617-355-6512

Advanced Fetal Care Center fax – 617-730-0124

Patient Finance Services – 617-355-3397

