



Prior Authorization Guide

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Dear Family,

It is with great pleasure I welcome you to the Tolerance Induction Program (TIP™) at the Food Allergy Institute under the Translational Pulmonary & Immunology Research Center (TPIRC). We are excited to begin your child's journey towards food freedom! TIP™ aims to revolutionize food allergy treatment by providing the safest and most effective form of treatment for children suffering from food allergic disease. The primary goal of TIP™ is to take your child past bite-proof protection and into absolute food freedom.

The Tolerance Induction Program is open to any child with any food allergy, without restriction. We treat the entire spectrum of the disease – from lower risk to the most severe case – by offering a form of food allergy treatment that desensitizes children over time to the foods to which they were previously allergic. Regardless of the risk factors or severity of food allergies your child may have, we welcome your case. We build safe, customized treatment plans that are unique to each patient's allergy profile and data markers. From the very beginning, our process is different: we test for component allergens and build customized treatment plans based on each patient's profile. Unlike programs that rely on oral immunotherapy, TIP™ is entirely dependent on a patient's data and uniquely tailored to their needs. This means that your child's data drives their treatment, down to the milligram of food protein for each dose throughout the program. The result is unmatched predictability, safety, and long-term success.

Our innovation goes beyond an individual patient's treatment program. We have invested millions of dollars to create sustainable machine learning models so we can implement TIP™ for even more patients in areas beyond Long Beach. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, the Food Allergy Institute is dependent on generous financial support of donors to conduct its operations. We are grateful for the philanthropic support of patient families, whose partnership and generosity help us to treat more and more children every year. Our goal is simple: for all children to safely eat whatever they want. With our scalable models of success, we are one step closer to achieving this.

On behalf of our staff, board of directors, and our growing TPIRC family, I welcome you to an exciting journey towards food freedom.



Inderpal Randhawa, M.D.
Founder and CEO



Thank you for your interest in Tolerance Induction Program (TIP™) at the Food Allergy Institute (FAI) under the Translational Pulmonary & Immunology Research Center (TPIRC), where our mission is to help children with severe life-threatening food allergies achieve Food Freedom.

The intent of the Prior Authorization Guide is to assist you in navigating the authorization requirements for certain insurance plans. You were either directed to this resource by a member of our team or the TIP™ Enrollment Team has identified that the insurance plan you provided at the time of enrollment requires an authorization for services to be covered. This is typically a requirement with insurance plans that are Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO) or plans with an exclusive or narrow network of providers to your area or plans that are out-of-network or area.

An HMO is a type of insurance plan that usually limits coverage of care to doctors and clinics who work for or contract with a specific medical group. HMOs will generally not cover out-of-network services except in an emergency. An HMO may require that you live or work in its service area to be considered eligible for coverage. Similarly, to HMOs, other plans such as EPOs or POS, have specific network of providers in your area they prefer for you to use. To utilize your medical benefits for services at FAI, prior authorization will be required from these types of plans. Without prior authorization, you will be considered a Self-Pay (cash) patient with payment due at the time services are provided. If you are a new patient to FAI, you are required to obtain prior authorization from your Primary Care Provider (PCP) for the initial consultation.

To better assist you and your Primary Care Provider's (PCP) office, our team have pulled together a prior authorization request checklist. In our experience, providers who clearly demonstrate a high level of medical necessity are the most successful in obtaining approval. Please note, your initial consultation with FAI will not be scheduled until a prior authorization is obtained. When you have confirmation of the authorization, please contact our enrollment team to schedule the next steps in your Food Freedom journey at enrollment@foodallergyinstitute.com or 562-490-9900, option 2.

After the initial consultation at FAI is completed and follow-up appointments are scheduled, our team of Authorization Coordinators will follow up with your medical group by requesting authorization for additional office visits, in-office tests or procedures and food challenges.

Please keep in mind that approval for an initial consultation does not mean your medical group will approve the rest of your treatments at FAI. However, our Authorization Coordinators will work diligently to get these approved and keep you updated every step of the way.

For questions or concerns regarding the authorization process, or to request to speak with an Authorization Coordinator, please message us at authorizations@tpirc.org and an Authorization Coordinator will be in touch.

For Foundation Labs:

Please confirm with your insurance company if an authorization is required. **It is recommended that you** initiate a prior authorization for your first laboratory visit. The in-house Billing Department is available to assist you with any questions during this process.

Note: An authorization is not a guarantee of payment.

To better assist you and your Primary Care Provider's (PCP) office, our team have pulled together a prior authorization request checklist. In our experience, providers who can clearly demonstrate a high level of medical necessity are the most successful in obtaining approval.

The following documents are recommended to help you succeed in the authorization process:

- Letter of Medical Necessity
(see page 3 in the Prior Authorization Guide)

- Medical Records and/or Clinical Notes

This includes allergy testing results and records indicating diagnosis of food allergies and related complications, such as gastrointestinal, dermal, and respiratory conditions (i.e., vomiting, diarrhea, IBD, Crohn's, eczema, rash, hives, dermatitis, coughing, shortness of breath)

- Billing information from prior allergists or the Food Allergy Institute

- Laboratory results (i.e., Quest, LabCorp, Foundation Labs)

- Laboratory order (if available, for laboratory authorization requests)

- Billing entity information, billing codes with the number of units and diagnosis codes
(see page 4 in the Prior Authorization Guide)

After you have compiled the documents on the checklist, submit these documents to your PCP and/or directly to the authorizations team at your insurance plan or medical group to proceed with the authorization request.

Next steps would include:

- Follow up with the insurance plan or medical group to check the status of the authorization,
- Provide any additional documents as requested (if applicable),
- Obtain a copy of the authorization approval,
- Contact FAI's Enrollment Team to schedule your initial appointment when the authorization is obtained.

Date
Regarding Medical Necessity
Patient
Date of Birth
Diagnosis Other food allergies, ICD-10: Z91.018, L27.2
Referring Provider
NPI

To Whom it May Concern,

I am providing this request on behalf of my patient, .
has been under my care since the age of . In this time, has been diagnosed with severe, potentially life-threatening food allergies. 's reactions include but are not limited to itching or swelling of the lips, eyes, mouth, GI symptoms, hives or eczema, anaphylaxis. Currently, I am referring for treatment at the Food Allergy Institute (FAI), dba: TPIRC Medical Foundation. The Tolerance Induction Program (TIP™) offered at FAI offers endotype assessment, predictive data analytics, food challenge dosage preparation, and onsite treatment for individual food challenges, safety monitoring and protocol adjustments for all appointments. The primary goal of TIP is to allow the patient who is severely allergic to one of many foods to freely eat unlimited amount of that food without any symptoms or side effects. TIP welcomes all cases and uses data to drive treatment which allows each patient to receive unique, personalized therapy as well as less frequent maintenance doses. This one-of-a-kind program is only available at the Food Allergy Institute.

Should you have questions or require additional information regarding TIP™, please contact the Food Allergy Institute at 562-490-9900. Should you have questions regarding this referral, please feel free to contact my office at without hesitation.

Sincerely,

Billing Entity Information and Billing Codes

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A prior authorization request must be initiated by your Primary Care Provider (PCP). To assist with this request, the PCP will require our billing entity information, a list of the billing codes and the number of units.

Note: Use TPIRC Medical Foundation billing entity information for the following California insurance carriers: Aetna, Anthem Blue Cross, Blue Shield, Cigna, Health Net, United Healthcare

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| Billing Entity | TPIRC Medical Foundation, Inc. | | |
| NPI | 1225611312 | | |
| Tax ID | 86-3638185 | | |
| Address: | 701 E. 28 th Street, Suite 419 Long Beach, CA 90806-2759 | Lockbox/Remittance Address: | PO BOX 2246 Seal Beach, CA 90740-2759 |

Note: Use Lung & Allergy Health Associates, PMC billing entity information for all other insurance carriers.

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|-----------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Billing Entity | Lung & Allergy Health Associates, PMC | | |
| NPI | 1972126662 | | |
| Tax ID | 84-4487213 | | |
| Address: | 2790 Atlantic Ave Long Beach, CA 90806-2755 | Lockbox/Remittance Address: | PO BOX 3637 Seal Beach, CA 90740 |

NEW PATIENTS

Initial Clinical and In-Office Services

| Description | Procedure | Units |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Teleboarding Visit | | |
| Telephone Visit | 99443 | 1 |
| Onboarding (Visit #1) | | |
| Office Visit, New | 99205 | 1 |
| Skin Test (Skin Prick Test) (SPT) | 95018 | 19 (*MUE) |

RETURNING PATIENTS

Ongoing and Remission Clinical and In-Office Services

| Description | Procedure | Units |
|--|-----------|--------------------------|
| Launch (Visit #2) | | |
| Office Visit, Established | 99215 | 1 |
| Food Challenge | 95076 | 1 |
| Patch Test | 95044 | 25 (varies per allergen) |
| Spirometry | 94010 | 1 |
| Exhaled Nitric Oxide Test (ENO) (children age 7+ only) | 95012 | 1 |
| Challenge Visits, Tolerance Visit 1 & 2, Remission Visit (Other Procedures as Needed) | | |
| Office Visit, Established | 99215 | 1 |
| Food Challenge | 95076 | 1 |
| Annual Remission Visit | | |
| Office Visit, Established | 99215 | 1 |
| Skin Test (Skin Prick Test) (SPT) | 95018 | 19 (*MUE) |
| Spirometry | 94010 | 1 |
| Exhaled Nitric Oxide Test (ENO) (children age 7+ only) | 95012 | 1 |

For additional information or questions, please contact us at: clinicauthorizations@tpirc.org

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ALL PATIENTS
Laboratory Services

Note: One comprehensive panel for all initial patients; and thereafter, at a minimum one comprehensive panel annually or as deemed medically necessary per our FAI provider.

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| Billing Entity | Foundation Labs, LLC | Payment Address | Mailstop: 96530421 |
| NPI | 1639642564 | | PO BOX 660535 |
| Tax ID | 83-0653027 | | Dallas, TX 75266-0535 |
| Laboratory Address | 701 E. 28 th St., Suite 317 Long Beach, CA 90806 | | |

| Comprehensive Panel – Service Description | Code | Units |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| Gammaglobulin (immunoglobulin); IgA, IgD, IgG, IgM, each | 82784 | 1 |
| Gammaglobulin (immunoglobulin); IgE | 82785 | 1 |
| Gammaglobulin (immunoglobulin); immunoglobulin subclasses (eg, IgG1, 2, 3, or 4), each | 82787 | 4 |
| Immunoassay for analyte other than infectious agent antibody or infectious agent antigen; quantitative, not otherwise specified | 83520 | 4 |
| Blood count; complete (CBC), automated (Hgb, Hct, RBC, WBC and platelet count) and automated differential WBC count | 85025 | 1 |
| Allergen specific IgG quantitative or semiquantitative, each allergen | 86001 | 11 |
| Allergen specific IgE; quantitative or semiquantitative, crude allergen extract, each | 86003 | 48 |
| Allergen specific IgE; quantitative or semiquantitative, recombinant or purified component, each | 86008 | 65 |
| Flow cytometry, cell surface, cytoplasmic, or nuclear marker, technical component only; first marker | 88184 | 1 |
| Flow cytometry, cell surface, cytoplasmic, or nuclear marker, technical component only; each additional marker (List separately in addition to code for first marker) | 88185 | 2 |

For additional information or questions, please contact: info@foundationlabs.org

It is our pleasure to serve you!