Electronic Provider Access (EPA) is a tool that will enable providers to initiate online pre-service reviews for out-of-area Blue Plan members. The term “pre-service review,” as used with this tool, refers to benefit preauthorization, pre-certification, pre-notification and prior approval functions. Conducting a pre-service review is not a substitute for checking eligibility and benefits. Listed below are the steps for locating the appropriate landing page to submit a pre-service review for out-of-area and local members for out-of-area providers.

**Step 1:**

If you are an out-of-area provider, please use your local plan’s portal to be routed to the BCBSIL Pre-Service Review landing page.

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**Step 2:**

Once you have been routed to the BCBSIL Pre-Service Review landing page, click the appropriate Pre-Service Review option from the list provided.

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Example of pre-service review landing page for an out-of-area member

The Med-Surg/Behavioral option will route you to the iEXCHANGE portal to complete the pre-service review. For assistance with iEXCHANGE, please refer to the iEXCHANGE web page.

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Please note that verification of eligibility and benefits information, and/or the fact that any pre-service review has been conducted, is not a guarantee of payment. Benefits will be determined once a claim is received and will be based upon, among other things, the member’s eligibility and the terms of the member’s certificate of coverage applicable on the date services were rendered.