

South Country Health Alliance Shortage Specialties List

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The following specialties will not require authorization for out of plan/out of network office visits. These specialists will continue to require authorization for all services on the service auth list, same as in plan providers do. This is for all groups (MA, MnCare, MSHO, SNBC).

THIS IS FOR MN, ND, SD, IA & WI PROVIDERS ONLY IF THEY ARE ONE OF THE SPECIALTIES LISTED BELOW.
ALL OTHER STATES WOULD REQUIRE AUTHORIZATION.

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All member shortage specialty list:

Child Psychiatry	SP48
Child/Adolescent Psychiatry	SP47
DDS-Oral Surgeon	SP56
Dental - General Practitioner	SP57
Dental - Hygiene	SP2X
Dental - Collaborative Practice Dental Hygienist	SPCP
Dental - Collaborative Practice Dental Therapist	SPDT
Dental - CP Advanced Dental Therapist	SPAT
Dentist or Dental Clinic	SP58
Dermatology	SP07
Gastroenterology	SP10
Geriatric Psychiatry	SP73
Gynecologic Oncology	SP85
Hematology	SP87
Infectious Disease	SP93

Internal Medicine/Oncology	SPI8
Licensed Marriage Family Therapist- Doctorate	SPD3
Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor - Doctorate	SPD4
Licensed Psychological Practitioner	SP62
Medical Oncology	SPM3
Neurological Surgery	SP14
Neurology	SP13
Neuropsychiatry	SPN4
Neuropsychology	SPNP
Neurosurgery	SPN5
Oncology	SP40
Oral Maxillofacial Surgery	SPAC
Oral Surgery	SP41
Orthodontics	SP61
Pediatric Dentist	SP72
Pediatric Dermatology	SPP3
Pediatric Gastroenterology	SPP5
Pediatric Infectious Disease	SPP7
Pediatric Rheumatology	SP6P
Pediatric Hematology-Oncology	SPP6
Pedodontics	SPPE
Periodontics	SPPB
Plastic Surgery	SP24
Prosthodontics	SP76

Psychiatry	SP26
Psychiatry/Neurology	SPPN
Psychologist	SPPS
Psychologist - Masters Degree	SP6A
Psychotherapy	SPPT
Radiation Oncology	SPR1
Rheumatology	SPR4
Surgical Oncology	SPS4
Social Worker - Doctorate	SPD2

South Country Direct Access SNBC Members:

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Specialty	SP Code
ADDICTION MEDICINE	SP16
AEROSPACE MEDICINE	SP1A
ALLERGY	SP03
ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY	SP1B
ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY/CLINICAL	SP1C
ANESTHESIOLOGY	SP05
AUDIOLOGIST	SP64
BARIATRICS	SP28
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	SPBH
BLOOD BANKING/TRANSFUSION MEDICINE	SP1D
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE	SP06
CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY	SP44
CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST (CRNA)	SPAQ
CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY	SPCD
CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY	SP1E

CHILD PSYCHIATRY	SP48
CHILD/ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY	SP47
CLINICAL BIOCHEMICAL GENETICS	SP1F
CLINICAL CARDIAC ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY	SP1G
CLINICAL CYTOGENETICS	SP1H
CLINICAL MOLECULAR GENETICS	SP1J
CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY	SP1K
CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST	SPAB
CLINICAL PATHOLOGY	SP1L
CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK	SP1M
CLNICAL GENETICS (MD)	SP1I
COLON & RECTAL SURGERY	SP49
COUNSELOR	SP52
CRITICAL CARE	SP55
CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE	SP2T
CYTOPATHOLOGY	SP2S
DDS-ORAL SURGEON	SP56
DENTAL-GENERAL PRACTITIONER	SP57
DENTAL HYGIENE	SP2X
DERMATOLOGY	SP07
DERMATOPATHOLOGY	SP1Q
DEVELOPMENTAL-BEHAVIORAL PEDIATRICS	SP59
DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY	SP63
DIETICIAN/NUTRITIONIST	SP66
ELECTRODIAGNOSTIC MEDICINE	SP1R

EMERGENCY MEDICINE	SP2U
EMERGENCY SERVICES	SP09
ENDOCRINOLOGY	SP78
FAMILY PLANNING	SP84
FORENSIC PATHOLOGY	SP1S
FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY	SP1T
GASTROENTEROLOGY	SP10
GENERAL SURGERY	SP02
GENETICS	SP3B
GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY	SP73
GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGY	SP85
GYNECOLOGY	SP83
HAND SURGERY	SP86
HEMATOLOGY	SP87
HEPATOLOGY	SP1U
HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE	SP2W
HOSPITALIST	SP2V
IMMUNOLOGY	SP91
IMMUNOPATHOLOGY	SP1V
INFECTIOUS DISEASE	SP93
INTERNAL MEDICINE	SP11
INTERNAL MEDICINE/ONCOLOGY	SP18
INTERNAL MEDICINE/PULMONARY DISEASE	SPIM
INTERPRETER	SP95
INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY	SP1W

INTERVENTIONAL PAIN MANAGEMENT	SP96
INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY	SP97
LICENSED ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR	SPL1
LICENSED INDEPENDENT CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER	SPL2
LICENSED MARRIAGE FAMILY THERAPIST	SPL3
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGICAL PRACTITIONER	SP62
LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER	SPL4
MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY	SP1X
MATERNAL AND FETAL MEDICINE	SPM1
MEDICAL GENETICS	SP1Y
MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY	SP1Z
MEDICAL ONCOLOGY	SPM3
MEDICAL TOXICOLOGY	SP2A
MOLECULAR GENETIC PATHOLOGY	SP2B
NEONATAL NURSE PRACTITIONER	SPN1
NEONATAL-PERINATAL MEDICINE	SPN3
NEONATOLOGY	SPN2
NEPHROLOGY	SP39
NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES	SP99
NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY	SP14
NEUROLOGY	SP13
NEUROLOGY WITH SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS	SP2C
NEUROPATHOLOGY	SP2D
NEUROPSYCHIATRY	SPN4
NEUROPSYCHOLOGY	SPNP

NEURORADIOLOGY	SP2E
NEUROSURGERY	SPN5
NUCLEAR MEDICINE	SP36
NUCLEAR RADIOLOGY	SP2F
NURSE MIDWIFE	SP71
OB/GYN NURSE PRACTITIONER	SPO1
OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY	SP15
OBSTETRICS/NEONATOLOGY	SPON
OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	SP2G
ONCOLOGY	SP40
OPHTHALMOLOGY	SP18
OPTOMETRIST	SP88
ORAL MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY	SPAC
ORAL SURGERY	SP41
ORTHODONTICS	SP61
ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY	SP20
ORTHOPEDICS	SP2H
OTOLARYNGOLOGY	SPO6
OTOLOGY/NEUROTOLOGY	SPOT
PAIN MANAGEMENT	SPP1
PATHOLOGY	SP21
PEDIATRIC ALLERGY	SP43
PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIA	SP2I
PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY	SP42
PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE	SPP2

PEDIATRIC DENTIST	SP72
PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY	SPP3
PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE	SP2J
PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGY	SPP4
PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY	SPP5
PEDIATRIC HEMATOLOGY-ONCOLOGY	SPP6
PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASE	SPP7
PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY	SPP9
PEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY	SPP0
PEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY	SP9P
PEDIATRIC ORTHOPEDICS	SP2P
PEDIATRIC OTOLARYNGOLOGY	SP3P
PEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY	SP2K
PEDIATRIC PULMONOLOGY	SP4P
PEDIATRIC RADIOLOGY	SP2L
PEDIATRIC REHAB MEDICINE	SP5P
PEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGY	SP6P
PEDIATRIC SURGERY	SP7P
PEDIATRIC UROLOGY	SP8P
PEDIATRICS	SP37
PEDODONTICS	SPPE
PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISEASE	SPPV
PHYSIATRY	SPPY
PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHAB	SP25
PLASTIC SURGERY	SP24

PODIATRY	SPAN
PROSTHODONTICS	SP76
PSYCHIATRY	SP26
PSYCHIATRY/NEUROLOGY	SPPN
PSYCHOLOGIST	SPPS
PSYCHOLOGIST	SP6A
PSYCHOTHERAPY	SPPT
PULMONARY DISEASE	SP29
RADIATION ONCOLOGY	SPR1
RADIOLOGY	SP30
RADIOLOGICAL PHYSICS	SP2N
REHAB MEDICINE	SPR2
REPRODUCTIVE ENDOCRINOLOGY	SPS8
RETINAL DISEASE AND SURGERY	SPRD
RHEUMATOLOGY	SPR4
SLEEP MEDICINE	SPSM
SOCIAL SERVICES	SPSS
SOCIAL WORKER	SPS1
SPINAL CORD INJURY MEDICINE	SPSC
SPORTS MEDICINE	SPS7
SURGERY	SP2O
SURGERY OF THE HAND	SPS6
SURGERY PEDS	SPS3
SURGICAL CRITICAL CARE	SPS5
SURGICAL ONCOLOGY	SPS4

THORACIC SURGERY	SP33
TRANSPLANT SURGERY	SPTS
UNDERSEA MEDICINE	SP2R
UNDERSEA/HYPERBARIC MEDICINE	SP2Q
UROLOGY	SP34
VASCULAR SURGERY	SPV1
VASCULAR/INTERVENTIONAL RADIATION	SPV3
SOCIAL WORKER - DOCTORATE	SPD2

South Country Direct Access Pediatric Members:

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The following is an all-inclusive list of the Amisys specialties that are currently considered direct access for pediatric claims. If the specialty is on this list, it is direct access. If the specialty is not on this list, process the claim using the standard nonpar claim processing procedure.

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Pediatric age limit is defined as up to age 21 (member's age on the DOS). This is the age DHS uses to distinguish between child and adult members.

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EXCEPTION: PA or NP at Children's Hospitals or if the PA is acting as an assistant surgeon, and the surgeon's specialty is on the Direct Access list will be allowed.

Specialty	SP Code
ADDICTION MEDICINE	SP16
ADOLESCENT MEDICINE	SP17
AEROSPACE MEDICINE	SP1A
ALLERGY	SP03
ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY	SP1B
ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY/CLINICAL	SP1C
ANESTHESIOLOGY	SP05
AUDIOLOGIST	SP64
BARIATRICS	SP28
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	SPBH
BLOOD BANKING/TRANSFUSION MEDICINE	SP1D
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE	SP06
CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY	SP44
CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST (CRNA)	SPAQ

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY	SPCD
CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY	SP1E
CHILD PSYCHIATRY	SP48
CHILD/ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY	SP47
CLINICAL BIOCHEMICAL GENETICS	SP1F
CLINICAL CARDIAC ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY	SP1G
CLINICAL CYTOGENETICS	SP1H
CLINICAL MOLECULAR GENETICS	SP1J
CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY	SP1K
CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST	SPAB
CLINICAL GENETICS (MD)	SP1I
CLINICAL PATHOLOGY	SP1L
COLON & RECTAL SURGERY	SP49
COUNSELOR	SP52
CRITICAL CARE	SP55
CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE	SP2T
DDS-ORAL SURGEON	SP56
DENTAL-GENERAL PRACTITIONER	SP57
DERMATOLOGY	SP07
DERMATOPATHOLOGY	SP1Q
DEVELOPMENTAL-BEHAVIORAL PEDIATRICS	SP59
DIABETES	SP60
DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY	SP63
DIETICIAN / NUTRITIONIST	SP66
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ELECTRODIAGNOSTIC MEDICINE	SP1R
EMERGENCY MEDICINE - PEDIATRIC	SP2J
EMERGENCY MEDICINE	SP2U
ENDOCRINOLOGY	SP78
FAMILY PLANNING	SP84
GASTROENTEROLOGY	SP10
GENERAL SURGERY	SP02
GENETICS	SP3B
GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGY	SP85
GYNECOLOGY	SP83
HAND SURGERY	SP86
HEMATOLOGY	SP87
HEPATOLOGY	SP1U
HOSPITALIST	SP2V
IMMUNOLOGY	SP91
INFECTIOUS DISEASE	SP93
INTERNAL MEDICINE	SP11
INTERNAL MEDICINE/ONCOLOGY	SP18
INTERNAL MEDICINE/PULMONARY DISEASE	SPIM
INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY	SP1W
INTERVENTIONAL PAIN MANAGEMENT	SP96
INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY	SP97
LICENSED ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR	SPL1
LICENSED INDEPENDENT CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER	SPL2
LICENSED MARRIAGE FAMILY THERAPIST	SPL3

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR	SPL5
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGICAL PRACTITIONER	SP62
LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER	SPL4
MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY	SP1X
MATERNAL AND FETAL MEDICINE	SPM1
MEDICAL GENETICS	SP1Y
MEDICAL ONCOLOGY	SPM3
MEDICAL TOXICOLOGY	SP2A
NEONATAL NURSE PRACTITIONER	SPN1
NEONATAL-PERINATAL MEDICINE	SPN3
NEONATOLOGY	SPN2
NEPHROLOGY	SP39
NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES	SP99
NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY	SP14
NEUROLOGY	SP13
NEUROLOGY WITH SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS	SP2C
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NEUROPSYCHIATRY	SPN4
NEUROPSYCHOLOGY	SPNP
NEURORADIOLOGY	SP2E
NEUROSURGERY	SPN5
NUCLEAR MEDICINE	SP36
NUCLEAR RADIOLOGY	SP2F
NURSE MIDWIFE	SP71
OB/GYN NURSE PRACTITIONER	SPO1

OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY	SP15
OBSTETRICS/NEONATOLOGY	SPON
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	SP74
ONCOLOGY	SP40
OPHTHALMOLOGY	SP18
ORAL MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY	SPAC
ORAL SURGERY	SP41
ORTHODONTICS	SP61
ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY	SP20
ORTHOPEDICS	SP2H
OTOLARYNGOLOGY	SPO6
OTOLOGY/NEUROTOLOGY	SPOT
PAIN MANAGEMENT	SPP1
PATHOLOGY	SP21
PEDIATRIC ALLERGY	SP43
PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIA	SP2I
PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY	SP42
PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE	SPP2
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PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY	SPP5
PEDIATRIC HEMATOLOGY-ONCOLOGY	SPP6
PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASE	SPP7
PEDIATRIC MEDICINE	SPP8

PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY	SPP9
PEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY	SPP0
PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER	SP1P
PEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY	SP9P
PEDIATRIC ORTHOPEDICS	SP2P
PEDIATRIC OTOLARYNGOLOGY	SP3P
PEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY	SP2K
PEDIATRIC PULMONOLOGY	SP4P
PEDIATRIC RADIOLOGY	SP2L
PEDIATRIC REHAB MEDICINE	SP5P
PEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGY	SP6P
PEDIATRIC SURGERY	SP7P
PEDIATRIC UROLOGY	SP8P
PEDIATRICS	SP37
PEDODONTICS	SPPE
PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISEASE	SPPV
PHYSIATRY	SPPY
PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHAB	SP25
PHYSICAL THERAPIST	SP65
PLASTIC SURGERY	SP24
PODIATRY	SPAN
PROSTHODONTICS	SP76
PSYCHIATRY	SP26
PSYCHIATRY/NEUROLOGY	SPPN
PSYCHOLOGIST	SPPS

PSYCHOLOGIST- MASTER LEVEL	SP6A
PSYCHOTHERAPY	SPPT
PULMONARY DISEASE	SP29
RADIATION ONCOLOGY	SPR1
RADIOLOGY	SP30
REPRODUCTIVE ENDOCRINOLOGY	SPS8
RETINAL DISEASE AND SURGERY	SPRD
RHEUMATOLOGY	SPR4
SLEEP MEDICINE	SPSM
SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST	SP68
SPINAL CORD INJURY MEDICINE	SPSC
SPORTS MEDICINE	SPS7
SURGERY	SP2O
SURGERY OF THE HAND	SPS6
SURGERY PEDS	SPS3
SURGICAL CRITICAL CARE	SPS5
SURGICAL ONCOLOGY	SPS4
THORACIC SURGERY	SP33
TRANSPLANT SURGERY	SPTS
UROLOGY	SP34
VASCULAR SURGERY	SPV1
VASCULAR/INTERVENTIONAL RADIATION	SPV3
WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER	SPW1
SOCIAL WORKER - DOCTORATE	SPD2