# **Medical Oncology**

Provider Orientation Session for FirstCarolinaCare











### **Agenda**

Clinical Approach

- Program Overview
- Submitting Requests
- Prior Authorization Outcomes & Special Considerations
- Reconsideration Options
- Provider Portal Overview
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- Provider Resources
- Q & A

# **Clinical Approach**

### **Evidence-Based Guidelines**

The foundation of eviCore solutions

National Comprehensive

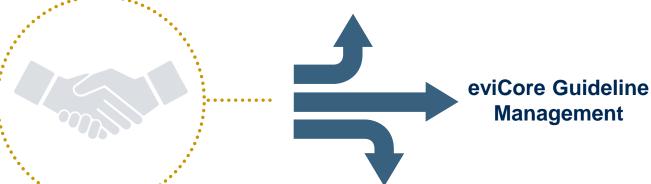
Cancer Network®

(NCCN)



Inclusive of 45 cancer types

26 of the World's Leading Cancer Centers Aligned



Represents

97%

of all cancers

Continually Updated

### Medical Oncology Solution Defines a Complete Episode of Care

eviCore Medical Oncology Guideline Management

#### **Disease-Specific** Select **Clinical Information Colon Cancer Disease** · Diagnosis at onset Stage of disease unique attributes Clinical presentation Collect disease-specific clinical information Histopathology >1,000 Comorbidities possible traversals · Patient risk factors List of all NCCN treatment options 45 NCCN Performance status treatment regimens Genetic alterations **Select NCCN** Custom Line of treatment treatment treatment regimen regimen 2-5 **Auto-approve** Peer-to-••••• Clinical review multidrug regimen peer minutes to enter a **Authorize** Not complete multidrug regimen approved case

Health Plan and / or PBM

Treatment options may be modified to align with formulary



### FirstCarolinaCare Prior Authorization Services performed by eviCore

eviCore healthcare (eviCore) will begin accepting prior authorization requests for Medical Oncology services on December 17, 2020 for treatments starting January 1, 2021 and after.

Treatments that are ongoing through January 1, 2021 do not need to be registered with eviCore, unless the treatment regimen changes.

Prior authorization applies to the following Medical Oncology services:

- Outpatient
- Diagnostic

Prior authorization does **NOT** apply to services performed in:

- Emergency Rooms
- Observation Services
- Inpatient Stays



Providers should verify member eligibility and benefits on the secured provider log-in section at: <a href="login.firstcarolinacare.com">login.firstcarolinacare.com</a>

### **Applicable Memberships**

Prior Authorization is required for FirstCarolinaCare members who are enrolled in the following lines of business/programs and ID # begins with 94:

Medicare	<ul><li>FirstMedicare Direct</li><li>New Hanover Health FirstMedicare</li></ul>							
Commercial	<ul><li>Fully Insured</li><li>Self Insured</li></ul>							

Prior Authorization requests should NOT be requested through eviCore for FirstCarolinaCare members who are enrolled in the following lines of business/programs:

FirstMedicare Direct Smart HMO

# **Medical Oncology Solution**

**Covered Regimens:** 

- Infused, oral, self-administered drugs
- Supportive agents

separately from requests for supportive agents.



To find a **complete list** of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes that **require prior** authorization through eviCore, please visit:

https://www.evicore.com/resources/healthplan/firstcarolinacare



# **Submitting Requests**

### **Methods to Submit Prior Authorization Requests**

#### FirstCarolinaCare Provider Portal (preferred)

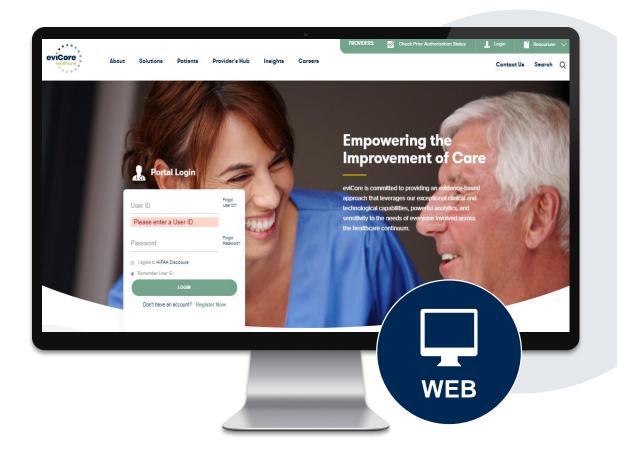
The FCC online portal <u>login.firstcarolinacare.com</u> is the quickest, most efficient way to request prior authorization and check authorization status, and it's available 24/7

#### **Phone Number:**

877-872-4161 Monday through Friday: 7am to 7pm EST

#### **Fax Number:**

866-699-8160
This fax number can be used to submit additional clinical information



### **Benefits of Provider Portal**

Did you know that most providers are already saving time submitting prior authorization requests online? The provider portal allows you to go from request to approval faster. Following are some benefits & features:

- Saves time: Quicker process than phone authorization requests
- Available 24/7: You can access the portal any time and any day
- Save your progress: If you need to step away, you can save your progress and resume later
- Upload additional clinical information: No need to fax in supporting clinical documentation, it can be uploaded on the portal to support a new request or when additional information is requested
- View and print determination information: Check case status in real-time
- Dashboard: View all recently submitted cases
- Duplication feature: If you are submitting more than one prior authorization request, you can duplicate information to expedite submittals

### **Keys to Successful Prior Authorizations**

To obtain prior authorization on the very **first submission**, the provider submitting the request will need to gather 4 categories of information:

1. Member
Member ID
Member name
Date of Birth (DOB)



#### 2. Referring (Ordering) Provider

Provider name and address National provider identifier (NPI) Phone & Fax number

#### 3. Rendering Facility

Facility name and address
National provider identifier (NPI)
Tax identification number (TIN)
Phone & Fax number

#### 4. Supporting Clinical

See following slide for information on required clinical information

# **Clinical Information Required**

# If clinical information is needed, please be able to supply the following information:

- Patient's clinical presentation.
- Diagnosis Codes.
- Type and duration of treatments performed to date for the diagnosis
- Disease-Specific Clinical Information:
  - ✓ Diagnosis at onset
  - ✓ Stage of disease
  - ✓ Clinical presentation
  - Histopathology
  - Comorbidities
  - ✓ Patient risk factors
  - ✓ Performance status
  - ✓ Genetic alterations
  - ✓ Line of treatment



### Insufficient Clinical – Additional Documentation Needed

#### **Additional Documentation to Support Medical Necessity**

If all required pieces of documentation are not received, or are insufficient for eviCore to reach a determination, the following will occur:

A Hold Letter will be faxed to the Requesting Provider requesting additional documentation

To ensure that a determination is completed within the designated timeframe for each line of business, the case will remain on hold as follows:

- Medicare: 1 calendar day
- Commercial: 10 calendar days

The Provider must submit the additional information to eviCore

Requested information must be received within the timeframe as specified in the Hold Letter. Failure to submit this information may result in a medical necessity denial. eviCore will review the additional documentation and reach a determination

Determination will be completed within:

- Medicare: 14
   calendar days. Part B
   drugs, within 72 hours
   of receipt
- Commercial: 3 business days of receipt of clinical information



# Prior Authorization Outcomes & Special Considerations

### **Prior Authorization Approval**

#### **Approved Requests**

- Prior authorization timeframes vary based on the cancer type and treatment technique. Refer to the determination letter to learn how long the authorization is valid.
- Prior authorization letters will be faxed to the ordering provider & rendering facility
- When initiating a case on the web you can receive e-notifications when a determination is made
- Members will receive a letter by mail
- Approval information can be accessed and printed on demand from eviCore via the FCC portal: <u>login.firstcarolinacare.com</u>



### When a Request is Determined to Not Meet Clinical Criteria



Based on evidence-based guidelines, request is determined as **denied**.

A denial letter with the rationale for the decision and the appeal rights will be issued to both the provider and member.

### **Medical Oncology - Special Circumstances**

#### **Alternative Recommendations**

- An alternate treatment plan recommendation may be offered based on eviCore's evidence-based clinical guidelines
  - Alternative recommendations are available for Commercial only
- The ordering provider can either accept the alternative recommendation or requesting a reconsideration of the original request
- Providers must contact eviCore to accept the alternative recommendation before the start of treatment

#### **Authorization Updates**

- If updates are needed to an existing authorization, you can contact eviCore by phone 877-872-4161
- Changes in treatment will require another Medical Necessity review on a new prior authorization. If approved, the original case will be withdrawn.
- If there is a change treatment and this update is not communicated then it may impact claims payment. The billed services should align with the requested and approved prior authorization.



# Medical Oncology - Special Circumstances (continued)

#### **Retrospective (Retro) Authorization Requests**

Retrospective requests are not in scope for FirstCarolinaCare.

#### **Urgent Prior Authorization Requests**

- eviCore uses the NCQA/URAC definition of urgent: when a delay in decisionmaking may seriously jeopardize the life or health of the member
- Can be initiated on provider portal or by phone
- Urgent requests will be reviewed within 72 hours





### **Post-Decision Options**

#### My case has been denied. What's next?

- Providers are often able to utilize post-decision activity to secure case review for overturn consideration. The reconsideration processes is not available for Medicare Advantage members.
- Your determination letter is the best immediate source of information to assess what options exist on a case that has been denied. You can also call us at 877-872-4161 to speak to an agent who can provide available option(s) and instruction on how to proceed.



### **Pre-Decision Options: Medicare Members**

#### I've received a request for additional clinical information. What's next?

#### **Submission of Additional Clinical Information**

- eviCore will notify providers telephonically and in writing before a denial decision is issued on Medicare cases
- You can submit additional clinical information to eviCore for consideration per the instructions received
- Additional clinical information must be submitted to eviCore in advance of the due date referenced

#### **Pre-Decision Clinical Consultation**

- Providers can choose to request a Pre-Decision Clinical Consultation instead of submitting additional clinical information
- The Pre-Decision Clinical Consultation must occur prior to the due date referenced
- If additional information was submitted, we proceed with our determination and are not obligated to hold the case for a Pre-Decision Clinical Consultation, even if the due date has not yet lapsed

### **Post-Decision Options: Medicare Members**

#### My case has been denied. What's next?

#### **Clinical Consultation**

- Providers can request a Clinical Consultation with an eviCore physician to better understand the reason for denial
- Once a denial decision has been made, however, the decision cannot be overturned via Clinical Consultation

#### Reconsideration

 Medicare cases do not include a Reconsideration option

#### **Appeals**

- eviCore will not process appeals. Refer to the appeal flier contained within the denial letter for instructions on how to file an appeal.
- The determination letter that goes out on denied/partially denied cases will contain appeal rights

### **Post-Decision Options: Commercial Members**

#### My case has been denied. What's next?

#### Reconsiderations

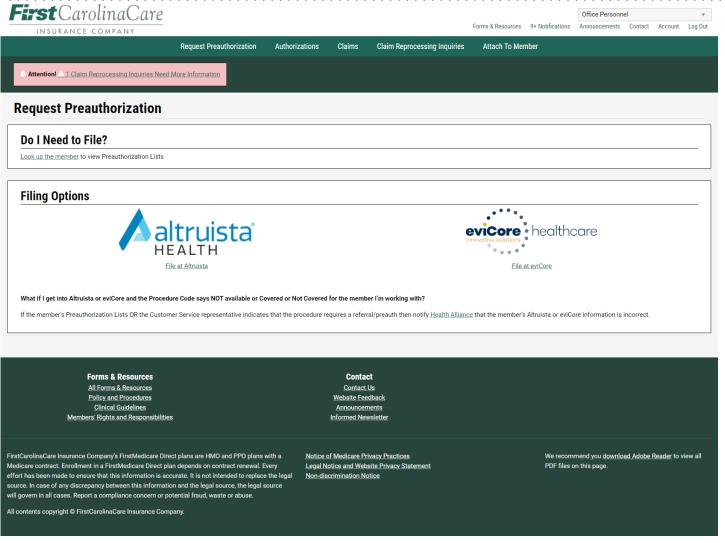
- Providers and/or staff can request a reconsideration review
- Reconsiderations must be requested within 14 calendar days after the determination date
- Reconsiderations can be requested in writing or verbally via a Clinical Consultation with an eviCore physician
- Clinical consultations can also be scheduled via the online self service scheduling tool on the FCC web portal
- Only one Reconsiderations is allowed. Subsequent requests will be treated as an appeal and redirected to the health plan.

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### **Provider Portal Overview**

# Single-Sign On Experience



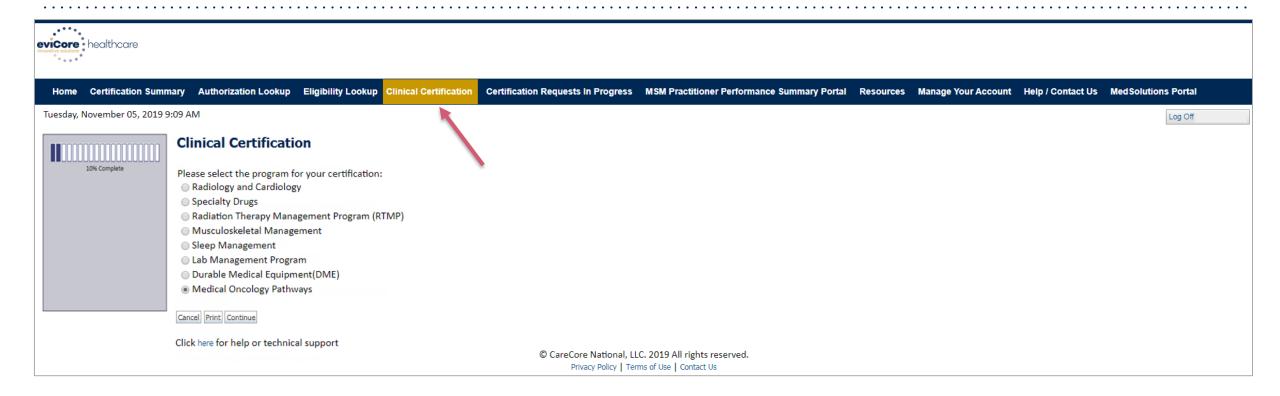
- Providers may access the eviCore online portal through the FirstCarolinaCare secure provider portal, login.firstcarolinacare.com
- You must create an account in order to access the secure provider portal. The 'Create an Account' option is available at login.firstcarolinacare.com
- Log in to the FCC site in order to be routed to eviCore. FCC prior authorizations can only be created when accessing eviCore through the single-sign-on (SSO) option
- If you are unable to create an account to access the online portal, please call or fax to submit your prior authorization request to eviCore:

**Phone Number:** 877-872-4161 Monday through Friday: This fax number can be 7am to 7pm EST

866-699-8160 used to submit additional clinical information

Fax Number:

# **Initiating A Case**



Choose Clinical Certification to begin a new request Select the appropriate program Medical Oncology Pathways for your certification Medical Oncology Pathways is used for Chemotherapeutic regimens and for Supportive Drugs

### Select Referring Provider and Health Plan

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Click here for help							Don't see the insurer you're looking for? Please call the number on the back of the member's card to determine					
if an authorization through eviCore is required.												

Select the Requesting Provider for the requested service

Choose FirstCarolinaCare as the Health Plan for the case request

**Confirm Contact Info is correct and update if necessary** 

### **Clinical Details**



Select the CPT and Diagnosis codes.

Select CHEMOTHERAPY for Chemo only or Chemo + Supportive drugs.

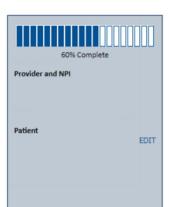
Select SUPPORTIVE THERAPIES for Supportive drugs only.

### **Verify Service Selection**



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#### **Clinical Certification**

Confirm your service selection.

1/20/2019 Procedure Date: Medical Oncology Pathways: CHEMO Description: CHEMOTHERAPY

Primary Diagnosis Code:

Primary Diagnosis: Other general symptoms and signs

Secondary Diagnosis Code: Secondary Diagnosis:

Change Procedure or Primary Diagnosis

Change Secondary Diagnosis

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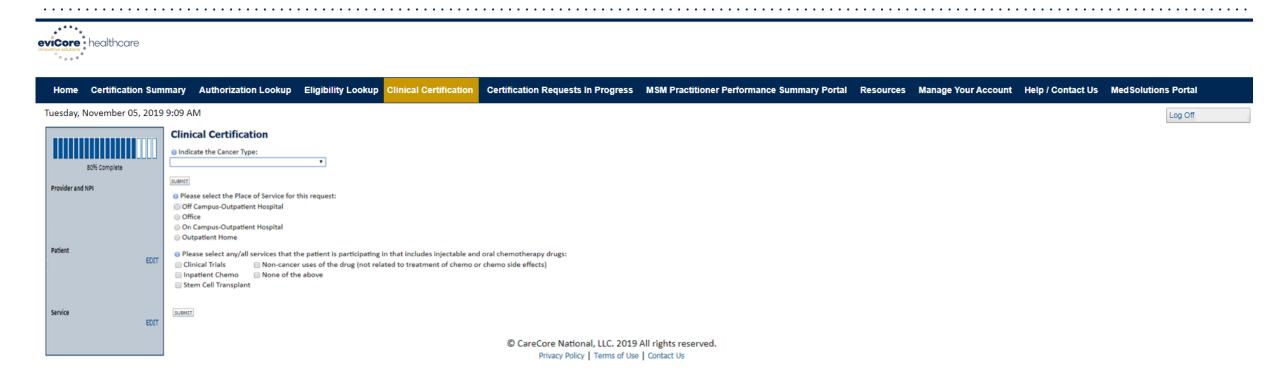
Click continue to confirm your selection.

# **Standard or Urgent Request?**

- If your request is urgent select No
- When a request is submitted as urgent you will be required to upload relevant clinical information
- If the case is standard select Yes
- You can upload up to FIVE documents in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format
- Your case will only be considered Urgent if there is a successful upload

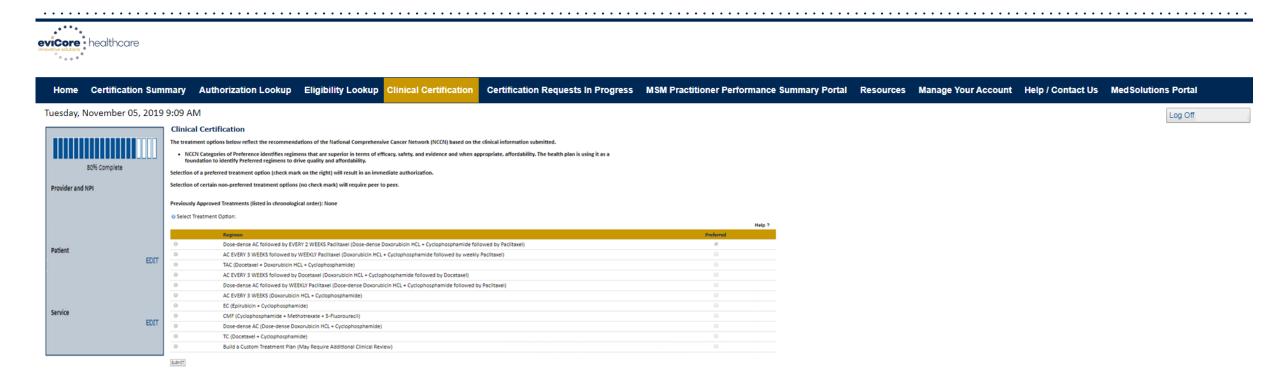


### **Clinical Pathway Questions**



Clinical Certification questions may populate based upon the information provided.

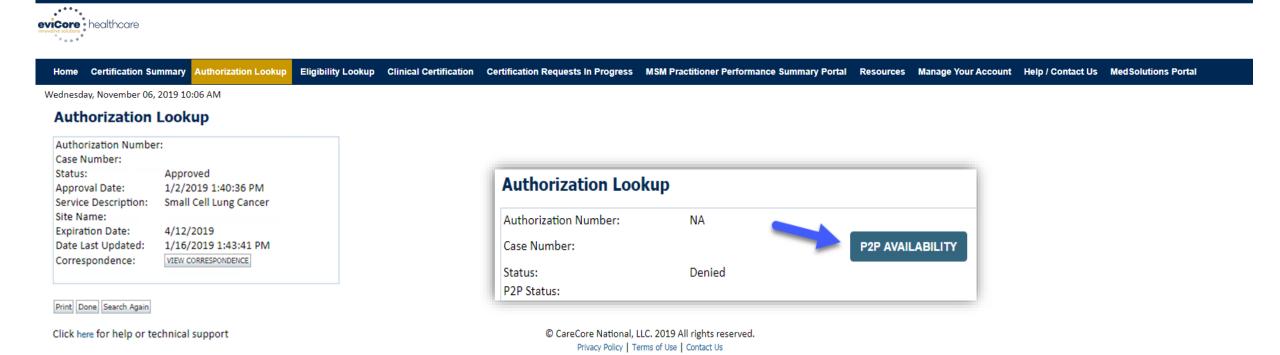
### **Clinical Collection Process**



All NCCN recommended treatments are displayed. Selection of a recommended regimen will result in immediate approval of all drugs in the requested regiment.

Custom Treatment plans can be submitted for any case where the provider does not want to use a recommend regimen.

### **Authorization Lookup Tool**



The authorization will then be accessible to review. To print authorization correspondence, select View Correspondence.

### **Additional Provider Portal Features**

## **Certification Summary**

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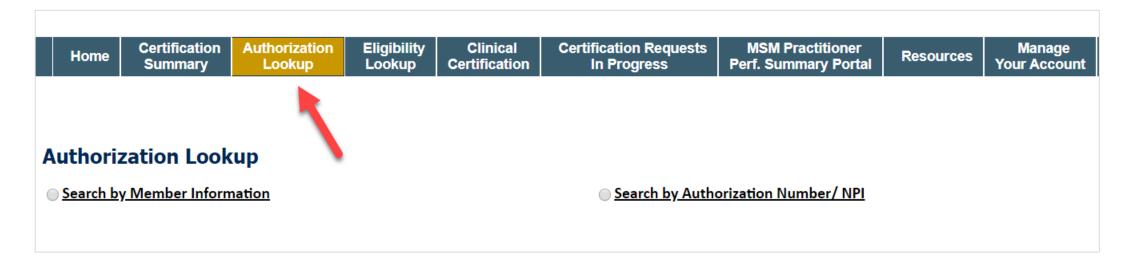
Search.

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Authorization Case Number Member Last Name Ordering Provider Last Name Ordering Provider Number Num

- Certification Summary tab allows you to track recently submitted cases
- The work list can also be filtered

## **Authorization Lookup**



- You can look-up authorization status on the portal
- Search by member information OR
- Search by authorization number with ordering NPI
- View and print any correspondence

## How to schedule a Peer to Peer Request

- Log into your account at <u>login.firstcarolinacare.com</u>
- Navigate to eviCore and perform Authorization Lookup to determine the status of your request.
- Click on the "P2P Availability" button to determine if your case is eligible for a Peer to Peer conversation:

#### **Authorization Lookup**

Authorization Number:

Case Number:

Status:

Denied

P2P AVAILABILITY

 If your case is eligible for a Peer to Peer conversation, a link will display allowing you to proceed to scheduling without any additional messaging.



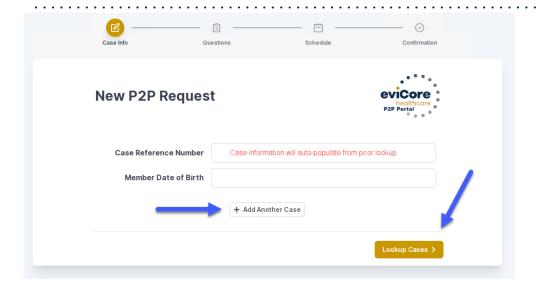
## How to schedule a Peer to Peer Request

Pay attention to any messaging that displays. In some instances, a Peer to Peer conversation is allowed, but the case decision cannot be changed. When this happens, you can still request a Consultative Only Peer to Peer. You may also click on the "All Post Decision Options" button to learn what other action may be taken.

# Authorization Lookup Authorization Number: Case Number: Status: Denied Post-decision options for this case have been exhausted or are not delegated to eviCore. You may continue to schedule a Peer to Peer discussion for this case but it will be considered consultative only and the original decision cannot be modified. P2P Status: ALL POST DECISION OPTIONS

Once the "Request Peer to Peer Consultation" link is selected, you will be transferred to our scheduling software via a new browser window.

## How to Schedule a Peer to Peer Request

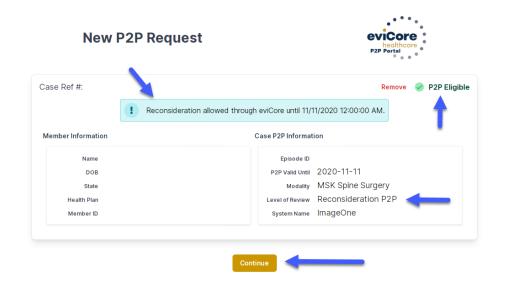


Upon first login, you will be asked to confirm your default time zone.

You will be presented with the Case Number and Member Date of Birth (DOB) for the case you just looked up.

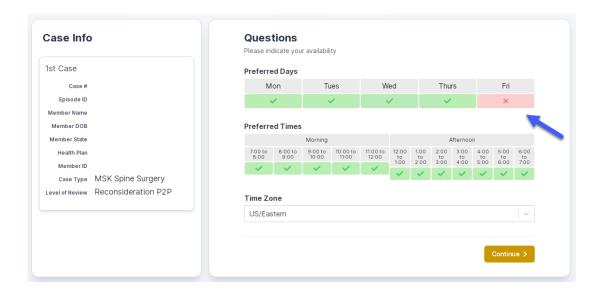
You can add another case for the same Peer to Peer appointment request by selecting "Add Another Case"

You will receive a confirmation screen with member and case information, including the Level of Review for the case in question. Click Continue to proceed.



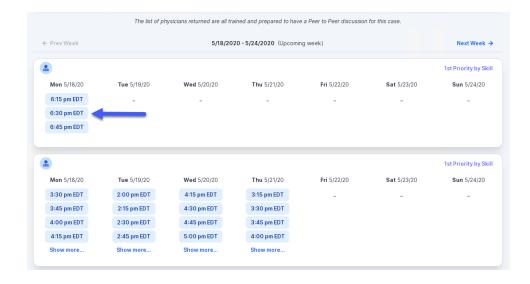
To proceed, select "Lookup Cases"

## How to Schedule a Peer to Peer Request



You will be prompted to identify your preferred Days and Times for a Peer to Peer conversation. All opportunities will automatically present. Click on any green check mark to deselect the option and then click Continue.

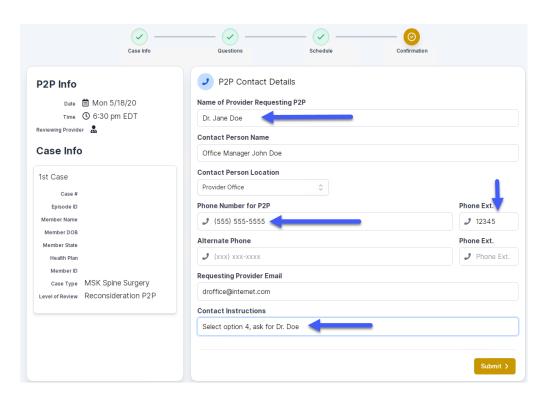
You will be prompted with a list of eviCore Physicians/Reviewers and appointment options per your availability. Select any of the listed appointment times to continue.



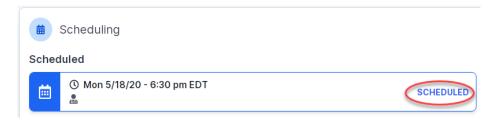
## How to Schedule a Peer to Peer

#### **Confirm Contact Details**

 Contact Person Name and Email Address will auto-populate per your user credentials



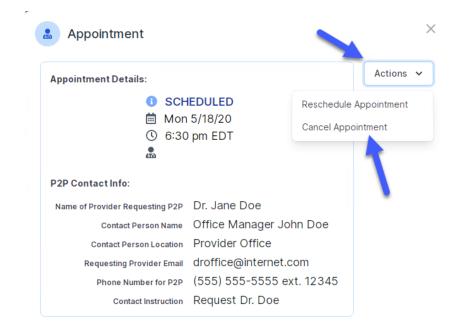
- Be sure to update the following fields so that we can reach the right person for the Peer to Peer appointment:
  - Name of Provider Requesting P2P
  - Phone Number for P2P
  - Contact Instructions
- Click submit to schedule appointment. You will be presented with a summary page containing the details of your scheduled appointment.



## Canceling or Rescheduling a Peer to Peer Appointment

#### To cancel or reschedule an appointment

- Access the scheduling software per the instructions above
- Go to "My P2P Requests" on the left pane navigation.
- Select the request you would like to modify from the list of available appointments
- Once opened, click on the schedule link. An appointment window will open
- Click on the Actions drop-down and choose the appropriate action
  - If choosing to reschedule, you will have the opportunity to select a new date or time as you did initially.
  - If choosing to cancel, you will be prompted to input a cancellation reason



Close browser once done

## **Provider Resources**

## **Dedicated eviCore Call Center**

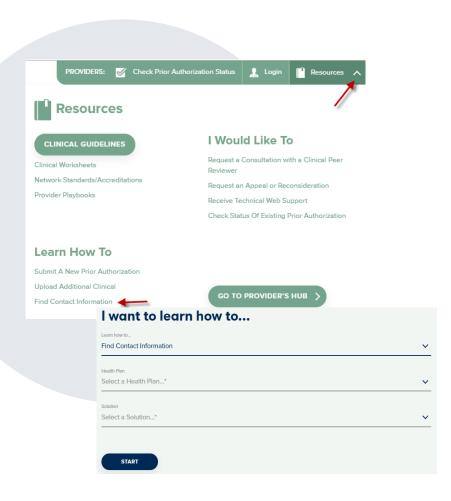
#### Prior Authorization Call Center - 877.872.4161

Our call centers are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (local time).

Providers can contact our call center to perform the following:

- Request Prior Authorization
- Check Status of existing prior authorization requests
- Discuss questions regarding authorizations and case decisions
- Change facility or CPT Code(s) on an existing case
- Request to speak to a clinical reviewer
- Schedule a clinical consultation with an eviCore Medical Director.





### **Online Resources**

#### Web-Based Services and Online Resources

- You can access important tools, health plan-specific contact information, and resources at <u>www.evicore.com</u>
- Select the Resources to view Clinical Guidelines, Online Forms, and more.
- Provider's Hub section includes many resources
- Provider forums and portal training are offered weekly, you can find a session on <u>www.eviCore.WebEx.com</u>, select WebEx Training, and search upcoming for a "eviCore Portal Training" or "Provider Resource Review Forum"
- The quickest, most efficient way to request prior authorization is through our provider portal. Our dedicated **Web Support** team can assist providers in navigating the portal and addressing any web-related issues during the online submission process.
- To speak with a Web Specialist, call (800) 646-0418 (Option #2) or email portal.support@evicore.com
- If you do not have access to the internet, you can use the following contact information to submit a prior authorization request:

#### **Phone Number:**

877-872-4161 Monday through Friday: 7am to 7pm EST

## eviCore Client & Provider Operations Team

#### **Client and Provider Services**

Dedicated team to address provider-related requests and concerns including:

- Questions regarding Accuracy Assessment, Accreditation, and/or Credentialing
- Requests for an authorization to be resent to the health plan
- Consumer Engagement Inquiries
- Eligibility issues (member, rendering facility, and/or ordering physician)
- Issues experienced during case creation
- Reports of system issues

#### How to Contact our Client and Provider Services team

Email: <u>ClientServices@evicore.com</u> (preferred)

**Phone:** 1 (800) 646 - 0418 (option 4)

For prompt service, please have all pertinent information available. When emailing, make sure to include the health plan in the subject line with a description of the issue, with member/provider/case details when applicable.



## eviCore Provider Engagement Team

#### **Provider Engagement team**

Regional team that on-boards providers for new solutions and provides continued support to the provider community. How can the provider engagement team help?

- Partner with the health plan to create a market-readiness strategy for a new and/or existing program
- Conduct onsite and WebEx provider-orientation sessions
- Provide education to supporting staff to improve overall experience and efficiency
- Create training materials
- Monitor and review metrics and overall activity
- Conduct provider-outreach activities when opportunities for improvement have been identified
- Generate and review provider profile reports specific to a TIN or NPI
- Facilitate clinical discussions with ordering providers and eviCore medical directors

#### **How to contact the Provider Engagement team?**

You can find a list of Regional Provider Engagement Managers at evicore.com → Provider's Hub → Training Resources

eviCore Provider Resource Website

#### **Provider Resource Pages**

eviCore's Provider Experience team maintains provider resource pages that contain client- and solution-specific educational materials to assist providers and their staff on a daily basis. The provider resource page will include, but is not limited to, the following educational materials:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Quick Reference Guides
- Provider Training
- CPT code list

To access these helpful resources, please visit

https://www.evicore.com/resources/healthplan/firstcarolinacare

FirstCarolinaCare Provider Services: 910.715.8100



## eviCore Provider Newsletter

#### Stay Updated With eviCore's Free Provider Newsletter

eviCore's provider newsletter is sent out to the provider community with important updates and tips. If you are interested in staying current, feel free to subscribe:

- Go to eviCore.com
- Scroll down and add a valid email to subscribe
- You will begin receiving email provider newsletters with updates



## eviCore Provider Resource Review Forums

The eviCore website contains multiple tools and resources to assist providers and their staff during the prior authorization process.

We invite you to attend a Provider Resource Review Forum, to navigate <a href="https://www.eviCore.com">www.eviCore.com</a> and understand all the resources available on the Provider's Hub. Learn how to access:

- eviCore's evidence-based clinical guidelines
- Clinical worksheets
- Check-status function of existing prior authorization
- Search for contact information
- Podcasts & Insights
- Training resources



#### How to register for a Provider Resource Review Forum?

You can find a list of scheduled **Provider Resource Review Forums** on <u>www.eviCore.com</u> → Provider's Hub → Scroll down to eviCore Provider Orientation Session Registrations → Upcoming

## Thank You!

