# Physical and Occupational Therapy Management

Provider Orientation Session for Network Health Wisconsin



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Empowering the Improvement of Care

## Medical Benefits Management (MBM)

### Addressing the complexity of the healthcare system



10 Comprehensive solutions



Evidence-based clinical guidelines



5k<sup>+</sup> employees, including **1k+ clinicians** 



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# **Program Overview**

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## **Network Health Wisconsin Prior Authorization Services**

eviCore healthcare (eviCore) will begin accepting prior authorization requests for Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy services on May 24, 2021 for dates of service June 1, 2021 and after.

Prior Authorization is required for members who are enrolled in Medicare and Commercial (Self Insured & Fully Insured) lines of business/programs.

Prior authorization applies to the following services:

- Outpatient only Physical and Occupational Therapy
- Telehealth/home Physical and Occupational Therapy
- Elective / Non-emergent Therapy



Providers should verify member eligibility and benefits on the secured provider log-in section at: <u>https://networkhealth.com/</u>

### **Prior Authorization Process – Specialty Therapies**

### corePath

- Simplified approach to clinical collection attempting to reduce administrative efforts for providers.
- Improves the ability to receive a real time decision when submitting a request via the web or phone.
- "Gets out of the way" of providers who are practicing efficiently and effectively.
- Adds quality measures via inclusion of patient reported functional outcomes.
- Uses data collected over the years from claims data (managed and unmanaged) to set the average # of visits for a condition.
- Acknowledges complexities that may require a greater frequency or intensity of care.
- Allows therapists to provide additional information for cases that are not "average".

### **Therapy corePath: How it Works**



Ongoing care requires more detailed review to identify the individual patient's need

### **Prior Authorization Process**

### Clinical Information – What eviCore needs and why we need it

- Clinical information is required to determine whether the services requested are medically necessary.
- Use clinical worksheets located at eviCore.com as a guide to determine what clinical information is required.
- Be prepared to provide patient reported functional outcome measures with your submission (for example: ODI, NDI, DASH/QuickDASH, LEFS, HOOS JR, KOOS JR).
- <u>Clinical information should be current</u> typically something collected within 14 days prior to the request.
  - Exception for peds neurodevelopmental, information may be up to 20 days old and the standardized testing should have been completed within up to one year prior to the requested start date.
- Missing or incomplete clinical information will delay case processing.
- <u>Medicare</u> cases with incomplete or missing information will receive special handling. CMS allows eviCore to reach out multiple times over a 14 day period to obtain the information required to complete our review.

### **Prior Authorization Process**

### **Extended PT/OT Authorization**

- Providers should base the frequency and intensity of care on the patient's condition, complexities, functional status, and response to care.
- Avoid creating a plan of care based on historical or business practice. Providers will be expected to only use the visits (and units) that are medically necessary.
- Provider behavior will be monitored and if there is a pattern of unnecessary utilization, future cases will not be eligible for expanded authorizations in the future.

### **Pathway Questions**

- Questions are included in the pathway to help eviCore create a case correctly.
- For example, you may be asked questions about the site (location) of the service.
- Reason Prior authorization may not be required for some sites of service.
- Example Emergency Department, Inpatient Services.
- Is the care requested following a mastectomy?
- Should present only when the request is for a cervical or upper extremity condition.
- Presents for both males and females since mastectomy applies to both.
- There is a federal mandate related to post-mastectomy care.

## **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 inviting additional documentation

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

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

The Provider will need to submit the additional information to eviCore

Requested information must be received within the timeframe as specified in the Hold Letter. eviCore will review theadditional documentation and reach a determination

Determination will be completed within 14 calendar days

### **Prior Authorization Process**

### **Requesting Authorization**

- For the first request
  - Evaluate the member before you request prior authorization.
  - Network Health allows providers to evaluate and treat at the initial visit.
  - The evaluation code does <u>not</u> require prior authorization, <u>but treatment does</u>.
  - If treatment is provided during the evaluation visit, you have 7 days from the date of service to submit your request for authorization for the initial treatment.
- If additional care is needed:
  - You may submit your request as early as 7 days prior to the requested start date.
  - This allows time for the request to be reviewed and prevents a gap in care.
  - Remember to provide complete, current clinical information including patient reported functional outcome measures.
- **Retrospective** requests will be accepted up to 7 business days. Please note that any cases after 7 business days will be expired.
- Notes: Requests with a start date of > than 7 days in the future will not be accepted. If the member is away from therapy, reassess the condition once therapy has resumed. This allows you to provide current information to allow eviCore to determine medical necessity of ongoing therapy.

### **Treating Multiple conditions**

### **Treating Multiple Conditions Within The Same Authorization Period**

- If you are treating multiple conditions within the same period, there is no need to request authorization for treatment for each condition.
- The authorization covers all conditions treated within the same period of time.
- If you are treating more than 1 condition, advise eviCore to ensure adequate units are approved.
  - When submitting by the web, you will be asked if you are treating a second condition.
    - Answer = Yes; report information specific to the second condition
  - When requesting authorization over the phone, inform the agent that you are requesting authorization for two conditions
  - If submitting by fax, complete clinical worksheets for both conditions



### **Duplicate Care**

- eviCore will approve care by two different providers within the same period only when it is medically necessary.
- Examples PT and OT for therapy following a CVA; PT treating a knee condition and PT treating a vestibular condition.
- eviCore will <u>not</u> approve care by two providers within the same period if the care is duplicative.
- If a provider submits a request for authorization and there is an existing authorization for the same condition with a different provider, eviCore will reach out to the second provider to ask if the member has discontinued care with their original therapist. If this has occurred, please provide the date of discharge from the original therapist.
- If the condition being treated is the same and the member has not discontinued care with their original provider, the request for duplicate care will be denied.



### **Date Extensions**

Date extensions are available if you are unable to use all units within the approved period

- Extend for the period that is needed, up to a maximum of 30 days
- One date extension is available per case
- Must be requested prior to the expiration of the authorization

Available

- By phone 855-727-7444
- Online

https://carriers.carecorenational.com/PreAuthorization/screens/CreateCase.aspx

Attention!
Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Massage Therapy, Chiropractic Care, and Acupuncture services are eligible for case duplication and date extensions. Are you requesting one of these services?
Date Extension
Continuing Care
Continue to Build a New Case
Requests for Spine Surgery, Joint Replacement, Arthroscopy, and Pain Management, please select "Continue to Build a New Case"

# Prior Authorization Outcomes & Special Considerations

## **Prior Authorization Approval**

### **Approved Requests**

- Standard requests are processed within14 calendar days after receipt of all necessary clinical information
- The time frames for which authorizations are valid vary, but often are valid for up to 90 days
- Authorization letters will be faxed to the ordering physician & rendering facility
- When initiating a case on the web you may receive e-notifications when a determination is made, if you have provided your email address
- Members will receive a letter by mail
- Approval information can be printed on demand from the eviCore portal: <u>www.eviCore.com</u>



## **Special Circumstances**

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

- Must be submitted within 7 business days from the date of services
- Retro requests submitted beyond this timeframe will be expired
- Reviewed for <u>clinical urgency</u> and <u>medical necessity</u>
- Retro requests are processed within 14 calendar days
- When authorized, the start date will be the submitted date of service

#### **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 request will be reviewed within 72 hours
- Reviewed for <u>clinical urgency</u> and <u>medical necessity</u>



## When a Request is Determined as Inappropriate



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

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

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

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

Your <u>determination letter</u> 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 855-727-7444 to speak to an agent who can provide available option(s) and instruction on how to proceed.

#### **Reconsiderations (for Commercial cases only)**

- Providers and/or staff can request a reconsideration review
- Reconsiderations must be requested within 14 calendar days days after the determination date
- Reconsiderations can be requested in writing or verbally via a Clinical Consultation with an eviCore physician

#### Appeals

- eviCore is <u>not</u> delegated to manage appeals
- Please refer to the determination letter for instruction on how to file any appeal.

## **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 Medicare case has been denied. What are my options?

#### **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 <u>do not</u> include a Reconsideration option

#### **Appeals**

- eviCore <u>will not process first-level appeals</u>
- Appeal requests must be submitted to Network Health Wisconsin within 60 calendar days from the initial determination
- Appeal requests can be submitted to NH: Please refer to the denial letter for how to file an appeal or grievance

# **Submitting Requests**

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

#### eviCore Provider Portal (preferred)

The eviCore online portal www.eviCore.com is the quickest, most efficient way to request prior authorization and check authorization status, and it's available 24/7

#### **Phone Number:**

#### **Fax Number:**

855-727-7444 Monday through Friday: 7 am – 7 pm central time

855-774-1319 PA requests are accepted via fax and 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
- Potential for Real Time Decision
- 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 four categories of information:



## **Provider Portal Overview**

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### **Portal Compatibility**

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### **Provider's Hub**

### **Portal Login**

User ID			Forgot User ID?
Password			Forgot Password?
I agree to HIPAA	Disclosure		
Remember User I	D		
	LOGIN		
	Don't have an account?	Register Now	

The eviCore.com website is compatible with the following web browsers:

- Google Chrome
- Mozilla Firefox
- Internet Explorer 9, 10, and 11

You may need to disable pop-up blockers to access the site. For information on how to disable pop-up blockers for any of these web browsers, please refer to our <u>Disabling Pop-Up Blockers guide</u>.

### **Portal Login** 10 Forgot User ID User ID? Forgot Password Password? I agree to HIPAA Disclosure Remember User ID LOGIN Don't have an account? Register Now

## eviCore healthcare Website

#### Visit www.evicore.com

#### Already a user?

If you already have access to eviCore's online portal, simply log-in with your User ID and Password and begin submitting requests in real-time!

### Don't have an account?

Click "Register Now" and provide the necessary information to receive access today!

## **Creating An Account**

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- Select CareCore National as the Default Portal, complete the User Information section in full, and Submit Registration.
- You will immediately be sent an email with a link to create a password. Once you have created a password, you will be redirected to the log-in page.

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### **Welcome Screen**

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<u>Note</u>: You can access the <u>MedSolutions Portal</u> at any time without having to provide additional login information. Click the MedSolutions Portal on the top-right corner to seamlessly toggle back and forth between the two portals.

## **Add Practitioners**

Manage Your Account	
Office Name:	CHANGE PASSWORD EDIT ACCOUNT
Address:	Add Practitioner
Primary Contact: Email Address:	Enter Practitioner information and find matches. *If registering as rendering genetic testing Lab site, enter Lab Billing NPI, State and Zip
	Practitioner NPI
ADD PROVIDER	Practitioner State
No providers on file	Practitioner Zip
CANCEL	FIND MATCHES CANCEL

- Select the "Manage Your Account" tab, then the Add Provider
- Enter the NPI, state, and zip code to search for the provider
- Select the matching record based upon your search criteria
- Once you have selected a practitioner, your registration will be complete
- You can also click "Add Another Practitioner" to add another provider to your account
- You can access the "Manage Your Account" at any time to make any necessary updates or changes

## **Initiating A Case**

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Request an Authorization					
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- Choose Clinical Certification to begin a new request
- Select the Musculoskeletal Management
- You can duplicate via Date Extension or Continuing Care
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### **Initiating A Case – Provider Selection**

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Select the provider fo	r whom you want to submit an authorization request. If yo	ou don't see the	m listed, click <u>Manage \</u>
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Select requesting provider information

## Select Health Plan & Provider Contact Info

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Choose Your Insurer	
Requesting Provider:	
Please select the insurer for this authorization request.	
Please Select a Health Plan	
BACK CONTINUE	Add Your Contact
Click here for help	
Urgent Request? You will be required to upload relevant clinical info at the end of this process. Learn More.	Provider's Name:*
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.	Who to Contact:*
	Fax:*

- Choose Network Health Wisconsin as your Health Plan
- Once the plan is chosen, select the provider address in the next drop-down box
- Select CONTINUE and on the next screen Add your contact info
- Provider name, fax and phone will pre-populate, you can edit as necessary
- By entering a valid email you may receive future e-notifications

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## **Request & Member Information**

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What is the expe	cted procedure date or treatmen	it start date for this
request?	MM/DD/20YY	
SUBMIT		

- The first box that will pop-up will require the treatment start date
- Enter the member information including the patient ID number, date of birth and last name. Click Eligibility Lookup

## **Request Information**

#### Requested Service + Diagnosis This procedure will be performed on 6/22/2020. CHANGE **Musculoskeletal Management Procedures** Select a Procedure by CPT Code[?] or Description[?] MSMPT V PHYSICAL THERAPY $\sim$ Attention! Don't see your procedure code or type of service? Click here Will the procedure be performed in your office? Diagnosis Yes No Select a Primary Diagnosis Code (Lookup by Code or Description) LOOKUP M25.50 Trouble selecting diagnosis code? Please follow these steps Secondary Diagnosis Code: M25.50 Description: Pain in unspecified joint Change Secondary Diagnosis



Click here for help

- Next you can enter CPT code (MSMPT or MSMOT)
- Also add diagnosis code(s)
- Note: Place of service vary depending on health plan rules.

## **Verify Service Selection**

#### **Requested Service + Diagnosis**

Confirm your service selection.

Procedure Date:	6/22/2020
CPT Code:	MSMPT
Description:	PHYSICAL THERAPY
Primary Diagnosis Code:	M25.50
Primary Diagnosis:	Pain in unspecified joint
Secondary Diagnosis Code:	
Secondary Diagnosis:	
Change Procedure or Primary Diag	jnosis
Change Secondary Diagnosis	
BACK CONTINU	E

Click here for help

- Review the patient's history
- Verify requested service & diagnosis
- Edit any information if needed by selecting change procedure or primary diagnosis
- Click continue to confirm your selection

#### Attention!

Patient ID: Patient Name: Time: 6/19/2020 6:38 PM

Please review the patient's MSM history. You may be asked about this history during clinical review.

#### MSM History

Episode Date	Episode ID	Patient Name	CPT Code	CPT Description	Case Status
4/7/2020	A136344017	POOLE SREEGORY	MSMPT	PHYSICAL THERAPY	A
3/18/2020	A 1 194 (4 19)	POOLE GREGORY	мѕмот	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	A
9/17/2019	A127540477	POOLE GREGORY	мѕмот	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	A
7/18/2019	A134339954	POOLE GREGORY	мѕмот	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	A
4/26/2019	A120539078	POOLE GREGORY	MSMPT	PHYSICAL THERAPY	A

### **Site Selection**

Start by searching NPI or TIN for the site where the procedure will be performed. You can search by any fields listed. Searching with NPI, TIN, and zip code is the most efficient.

Add Site of S	ervice		
Specific Site Search Use the fields below entering some port	<b>h</b> w to search for specific sites. For best results, tion of the name and we will provide you the s	search by NPI or TIN. Other search options are by name plus zip site names that most closely match your entry.	o or name plus city. You may search a partial site name by
NPI:	Zip Code:	Site Name:	
TIN:	City:		<ul> <li>Exact match</li> <li>Starts with</li> </ul>
			LOOKUP SITE

• Select the specific site where the testing/treatment will be performed.

## **Clinical Certification**

**Proceed to Clinical Information** 

You are about to enter the clinical information collection phase of the authorization process.

Once you have clicked "Continue," you will not be able to edit the Provider, Patient, or Service information entered in the previous steps. Please be sure that all This data has been entered correctly before continuing.

In order to ensure prompt attention to your on-line request, be sure to click SUBMIT CASE before exiting the system. This final step in the on-line process is required even if you will be submitting additional information at a later time. Failure to formally submit your request by clicking the SUBMIT CASE button will cause the case record to expire with no additional correspondence from eviCore.



- Verify that all information is entered and make any changes needed
- You will not have the opportunity to make changes after this point

## **Standard or Urgent Request?**

- If your request is urgent select **No**
- When a request is submitted as Urgent, you will be <u>required</u> to upload relevant clinical information
- 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
- If the case is standard select Yes



## **Example of Questions**

#### **Proceed to Clinical Information**

Please select the Place of Service in which this procedure will be performed:



Clinical Certification questions may populate based upon the information provided Note: You can save your request and finish later if needed, and you will have 2 business days to complete the case When logged in, you can resume a saved request by going to "Certification Requests in Progress"

### **Initial Requests**



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This request is for treatment of:

New condition that has not had previous treatment O An existing condition that has had previous treatment Unknown

Please indicate the primary area of treatment (Choose only one): Lumbar / Lower Thoracic Spine / Pelvis / Sacrum 🗸

Is there a second area being treated? If so, please indicate below. No second area being treated V

Dates:

06/13/2017

You requested a treatment start date of 06/13/2017

06/13/2017 ODate of onset of treatment. 06/13/2017 Enter date of current findings

Date of initial evaluation

**Case related questions:** 

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- Identify new care vs. continuing care based on treatment area, not time
- Identify primary area of ٠ treatment
- First indicator of complexity ٠ second unrelated treatment area

Many screens have imbedded messages that help you understand the criteria

### Initial Requests, continued....



Please enter the Oswestry Disability Index score (in %)
46



Does your patient have radiating pain below the knee?
 Yes O No O Unknown



How many occurrences of low back pain has your patient had in the past 3 years?

Submit

High Potential for Immediate Approval When Pathway is Completed!

#### Initial clinical questions:

- Enter functional score, if available
  - Oswestry Index
  - Neck Disability Index
  - LEFS

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- Dash / QuickDASH
- Incorporates ROM, Strength, Pain, etc.
- Complexity:
- Neural signs
- Chronicity

#### Follow-up clinical questions:

- Current and previous functional score
- Complexity question neural signs

#### Progress

- Validated scores have MCD (minimal clinical difference) as progress indicator
- o Clinical assessment

Please enter the Oswestry Disability Index score (in %)

**Follow-up request** 



41

Please enter the previous ODI score 46



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Has your patient progressed as expected?
 Yes O No

Submit

High potential for immediate approval when pathway is completed.

### Follow-up request – Lack of progress identified

OYou indicated that your patient is NOT progressing as expected. Please indicate if any of the following occurred:

Patient "overdid" activities or exercise resulting in temporary increase in symptoms 🗆 New injury resulting in significant change

Symptoms progressed despite treatment

Patient did not participate in clinical visits or home program

Please indicate the nature of the new injury OR overuse incident.

N/A

#### Lack of progress:

- Categories of explanations
- Used in algorithm to determine care
- Future, additional pathway to identify details

## **Next Step: Criteria not met**

If criteria are not met based on clinical questions, you will receive a similar request for additional info:

- Is there any additional information specific to the member's condition v Please review the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review to the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review to the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review to the details of your review to the details of your request to the member's condition v Please review to the details of your review to the details of
- I would like to upload a document after the survey
- I would like to enter additional notes in the space provided
- I would like to upload a document and enter additional notes
- I have no additional information to provide at this time

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Summary	of	Your	Reg	uest

nical review. You will be notified via fax within 2 business days if add	litional clinical information is needed.	If you wish to speak with eviCore at anytime, please call 1-
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ARTINE AND WELLINE	Patient Id:	AUT/4475
COMMENT REPORT OF COM	Site ID:	MACON.
NN No provided	Description: Description:	Recurrent pregnancy loss
5/13/2020 2:36:00 PM N/A Your case has been sent to clinical review. You will be notified via fax within call 1.988-332-9641	Description: 2 business days if additional clinical inform	OB Ultrasound ation is needed. If you wish to speak with eviCore at anytime, please
	School	Inical review. You will be notified via fax within 2 business days if additional clinical information is needed. Contact: Phone Number: Fax Number: Fa

#### Tips:

- Upload clinical notes on the portal, to avoid any delays (e.g., by faxing)
- Enter additional notes in the space provided only when necessary
- Additional information uploaded to the case will be sent for clinical review
- Print-out a summary of the request that includes the case # and indicates 'Your case has • been sent to clinical review'

## **Criteria Met**

If your request is authorized during the initial submission you can print out the summary of the request for your records.

Summary of Your Rec	luest		
Please review the details of your r	request below and if everything looks correct click SUBMIT		
Your case has been Approv	ed.		
Provider Name: Provider Address:	DR. BHARATH MANU AKKARA VEETS. 1200-67H AVE N SAINT CLOUD, MN 56303	Contact: Phone Number: Fax Number:	
Patient Name: Insurance Carrier:	AMELICAN MALES	Patient Id:	40754670
Site Name: Site Address:	CLORENCE: BADRONCHUR LLC RTS. CHRISTIFF BARRONCHUR CLORENCE: N. 101713	Site ID:	MMC1001
Primary Diagnosis Code: Secondary Diagnosis Code: Date of Service:	Not provided	Description: Description:	Other general symptoms and signs
CPT Code: Authorization Number: Review Date: Expiration Date: Status:	73721 5/13/2020 1:52:08 PM 6/27/2020 Your case has been Approved.	Description:	f

## **Additional Provider Portal Features**

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## **Certification Summary**

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

## **Duplication Feature**

#### Success

Thank you for submitting a request for clinical certification. Would you like to:

- <u>Return to the main menu</u>
- <u>Start a new request</u>
- <u>Resume an in-progress request</u>

You can also start a new request using some of the same information.

Start a new request using the same:

- Program (Radiation Therapy Management Program)
- Provider ( .)
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- Program and Health Plan (Radiation Therapy Management Program and CIGNA)

- Duplicate feature allows you to start a new request using same information
- Eliminates entering duplicate information
- Time saver!

GO

## **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>www.evicore.com</u>
- 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:

 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.

P2P AVAILABILITY Request Peer to Peer Consultation

### **Authorization Lookup**



### 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:	NA		
Case Number:			Request Peer to Peer Consultation
Status:	Denied		
P2P Eligibility Result:	Post-decision options for this case have been exh schedule a Peer to Peer discussion for this case b cannot be modified.	austed or are not delegated to eviCore. You may continue to ut it will be considered consultative only and the original decision	
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

Case Info	Questions	Schedule	Confirmation
New P2P Reque	st		eviCore healthcare P2P Portal
Case Reference Number	Case informatio	on will auto-populate from	prior lookup
Member Date of Birth	+ Add Anothe	r Case	
			Lookup Cases >

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.



### 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.

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## How to Schedule a Peer to Peer

#### **Confirm Contact Details**

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

Case Info	Questions	Schedule	Confirmation	
P2P Info	P2P Contact D	etails		
Date 菌 Mon 5/18/20	Name of Provider Reque	sting P2P		
Time 🕚 6:30 pm EDT	Dr. Jane Doe			
Reviewing Provider 👩	Contact Person Name			
Case Info	Office Manager John D	oe		
1st Case	Contact Person Locatio	n		_
Case #	Provider Office	\$		
Episode ID	Phone Number for P2P			Phone Ext.
Member Name	2 (555) 555-5555			12345
Member DOB	Alternate Phone			Phone Ext.
Health Plan	🤳 (XXX) XXX-XXXX			🧈 Phone Ext.
Member ID	Requesting Provider Em	ail		
Case Type MSK Spine Surgery Level of Review Reconsideration P2P	droffice@internet.com			
	Contact Instructions			
	Select option 4, ask for	Dr. Doe	-	
		-		
				Submit >
				Submit

- 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**

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## **Dedicated Call Center**

#### Prior Authorization Call Center – 855-727-7444

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 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 <u>portal.support@evicore.com</u>

## **Provider Resource Website**

### **Client Specific Provider Resource Pages**

eviCore's Provider Experience team maintains provider resource pages that contain <u>client- and solution-specific educational materials</u> 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/network-health-wisconsin

Network Health Wisconsin Provider Services: 800-207-5769 TTY/TDD# 800-947-3529 Fax 920-720-1918



## **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
- Eligibility issues (member, rendering facility, and/or ordering physician)
- Issues experienced during case creation

#### 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.



## **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 <u>evicore.com</u>  $\rightarrow$  Provider's Hub  $\rightarrow$  Training Resources

## **Provider Newsletter**

### **Stay Updated With Our 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



## **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 <u>www.eviCore.com</u> 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>  $\rightarrow$  Provider's Hub  $\rightarrow$  Scroll down to eviCore Provider Orientation Session Registrations  $\rightarrow$  Upcoming



# **Thank You!**



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### **Tips to Improve Efficiency**

### Medical necessity and patient-focused care

#### • The member's needs determine medical necessity.

- The member's clinical presentation and specific needs are the primary factors considered when determining medical necessity.
- The physician's prescription for therapy frequency and duration <u>does not</u> demonstrate medical necessity.

#### • Review medical necessity regularly.

- The member's response to care should be evaluated each visit to allow modification of the treatment plan based on the member's current status.
- Complete a review of continuing medical necessity at least every 30 days. This allows you to assess how the member is responding to therapy.
- Clinical documentation should include the member's response to care, functional improvement, and remaining functional deficits.
- Consider whether the skills of a therapist are still necessary and if it is, identify the specific interventions that require that skill

### **More Tips to Improve Efficiency**

#### Members have different needs.

• Evaluate and determine each member's specific needs. Members with the same or similar diagnoses have different needs based on their own circumstances. Avoid following "cookbook" protocols.

#### Once or twice a week may work.

• Many members do not need therapy three times a week. Members may be seen once or twice a week as they work toward their goals following their comprehensive home program.

#### Let progress determine frequency.

• Do not schedule an entire series of visits at a set frequency. Instead, determine the date of the member's next visit based on the member's progress after each visit. Set goals for the member's next visit during each therapy appointment.

#### Decrease frequency during strengthening and stretching phase.

 Strengthening and stretching take time. After instructing the member in a strengthening and/or flexibility home program, allow time for the member to work on the exercises. The intensity of care should be decreased during this phase. Often the member needs to be seen only once or twice a week to update the home program.

#### Passive motion can be taught.

• Passive-motion exercises can be taught to a family member or other caregiver. After providing a home program in passive motion, check with the member once or twice weekly to monitor progress.

#### Reduce passive modalities.

• Reduce or eliminate passive modalities after the acute phase of therapy.

### **Final Tips**

### Members' independent work

#### Responsibility for success.

Let members know they will be responsible for the success of their therapy program. Inform members of their responsibilities and reinforce them at each visit or as necessary. Have the member demonstrate the home program at each visit to ensure that it is being done correctly and that the member is compliant.

#### Warming up is not billable.

Using a bicycle or treadmill to warm up prior to treatment is not skilled care and should not be a billed procedure. The member can usually be taught to do warm-up exercises independently.

#### Independent exercise can be done without skilled supervision.

Once a member is able to complete an exercise safely, make it part of the member's independent program. Time spent exercising independently is not reimbursable.

#### Eliminate repetitive exercise.

Eliminate repetitive exercise under skilled supervision. The member should do this independently.

#### Long-term modality can be done at home.

For members who need a long-term modality such as electrical stimulation, paraffin wax, contrast baths, etc., instruct them in this for home use.

#### Instruct the member about edema reduction and pain management.

Instruct the member in a home program for edema reduction and pain management.