# Radiology/Cardiology/ Vascular Intervention

**Provider Orientation Session** for Zing Health February, 2025







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# Radiology, Cardiology and Vascular Intervention

EviCore healthcare will begin accepting prior authorization requests for Radiology, Cardiology and Vascular Intervention services on February 1, 2025 for dates of service February 1, 2025 and beyond.

### **Applicable Membership**

Medicare

# Prior Authorization does NOT apply to services that are:

- Emergency Room Services
- 23 Hour Observations
- Inpatient Stays

### **Provider Resource Page**

Providers and/or staff can utilize Zing Health's Provider Resource page to access a list of covered CPT codes, Clinical Worksheets, FAQs, Quick Reference Guides and additional educational materials by visiting:

Zing Health Provider Resources | EviCore by Evernorth

Providers should contact Zing Health's Customer Service number (866-949-4458) for questions regarding Member Benefits and to determine if a provider is in network.



# + Radiology

**Covered Services:** 

+Advanced imaging services

- CT
- MRI
- PET
- Nuclear Medicine
- 3D Imaging

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

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# +Cardiology and Vascular Intervention

### **Covered Services:**

- +Advanced imaging
  - -Nuclear Cardiology (SPECT & PET)
  - -Echo Stress Testing (XSE)
- Cardiac CT & MRI
- Echocardiography
- Diagnostic Heart Catheterization







### **Vascular Intervention**



# Peripheral atherosclerosis procedures included in the Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD) intervention program include:

- Non-Coronary Angioplasty and Stent Placement
- Non-Coronary Atherectomy
- Cerebrovascular Angioplasty and Stent Placement
- Elective, Isolated Iliac Branched Endograft Placement
- Venous Interventions: Venoplasty and Stenting
- Varicose Vein/Venous Insufficiency Therapy: Endovenous Ablation, Ligation, Phlebectomy, Sclerotherapy
- Vascular Embolization: Arterial and Venous



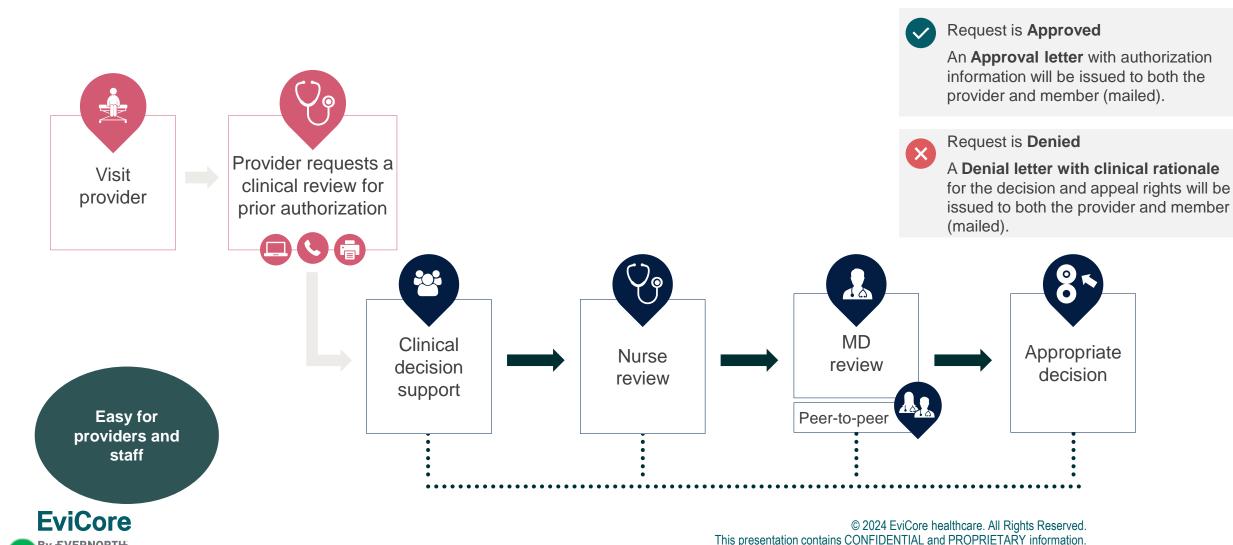


# Submitting Requests





### **Utilization Management | Prior Authorization**



### **How to Request Prior Authorization**

The EviCore Provider Portal is the easiest, most efficient way to request clinical reviews and check statuses.

- Save time: Quicker process than requests by phone or fax
- Available 24/7
- 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
- View and print determination information: Check case status in real-time
- Dashboard: View all recently submitted cases
- E-notification: Opt-in to receive email notifications when there is a change to case status
- Duplication feature: If you are submitting more than one request, you can duplicate information to expedite submittals

To access the EviCore Provider Portal, visit <a href="EviCore.com/provider">EviCore.com/provider</a>



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# +Necessary Information for Prior Authorization

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

#### Member

Health Plan ID Member name Date of birth (DOB)

#### **Rendering Facility**

Facility name Address National provider identifier (NPI) Tax identification number (TIN) Phone & fax number



#### Referring (Ordering) Physician

Physician name
National provider identifier (NPI)
Phone & fax number

### **Supporting Clinical**

Pertinent clinical information to substantiate medical necessity for the requested service CPT/HCPCS Code(s) Diagnosis Code(s) Previous test results



### Insufficient Clinical | Additional Documentation Needed

If during case build 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.

The provider must submit the additional information to EviCore.

EviCore will review the additional documentation and reach a determination.

The hold letter will inform the provider about what clinical information is needed as well as the **date by which** it is needed.

Requested information must be received within the timeframe as specified in the hold letter, or EviCore will render a determination based on the original submission.

Determination notifications will be sent.



### Pre-Decision Options | Medicare Members

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

Before a denial decision is issued on Medicare cases, EviCore will notify providers telephonically and in writing. From there, additional clinical information must be submitted to EviCore in advance of the due date referenced.

### There are three ways to supply the requested information:

- **1. Fax** to 800-540-2406
- 2. Upload directly into the case via the provider portal at <a href="EviCore.com">EviCore.com</a>
- 3. Request a Pre-Decision Clinical Consultation
  This consultation can be requested via the EviCore website (see slide 45 for instructions), and must occur prior to the due date referenced

**Important to note:** If the additional clinical information is faxed/uploaded, that clinical is what is used for the review and determination. The case is not held further for a Pre-Decision Clinical Consultation, even if the due date has not yet lapsed.

Once the determination is made, notifications will go out to the provider and member, and status will be available on <a href="EviCore.com">EviCore.com</a>.





# Prior Authorization Outcomes, Special Considerations & Post-**Decision Options**





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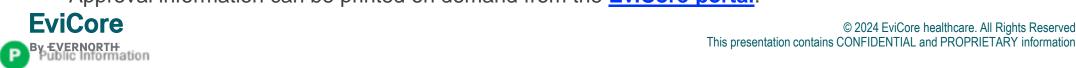
### **Prior Authorization Determination Outcomes**

#### **Determination Outcomes**

- **Approved Requests:** Radiology and Cardiology authorizations are valid for 45 calendar days. Vascular Interventional authorizations are valid for 90 calendar days. If the service is not performed within the timeframe, please contact EviCore.
- Partially Approved Requests: In instances where multiple CPT codes are requested, some may be approved and some denied. In these instances, the determination letter will specify what has been approved, as well as postdecision options for denied codes, including denied Site of Care (if applicable)
- **Denied Requests:** If a request is determined as inappropriate based on evidence-based guidelines, a notification with the rationale for the decision and post-decision/ appeal rights will be issued.

#### **Notifications**

- Authorization letters will be faxed to the ordering physician.
- Web-initiated cases will receive e-notifications if a user opted in to this method.
- Members will receive a letter by mail.
- Approval information can be printed on demand from the **EviCore portal**.





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### **Special Circumstances**

### **Retrospective Authorization Requests**

- Must be submitted within 2 business days from the date of service
- Any submitted beyond this timeframe will be administratively denied
- Reviewed for clinical urgency and medical necessity
- 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 decision-making may seriously jeopardize the life or health of the member
- Can be initiated on provider portal or by phone
- Urgent cases are typically reviewed within 24 hours from receipt of complete clinical information





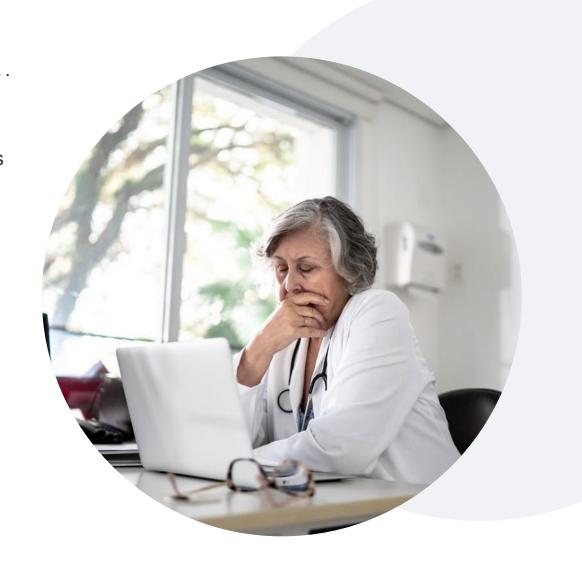
### Special Circumstances (cont.)

#### +Alternative Recommendation

- An alternative recommendation may be offered based on EviCore's evidence-based clinical guidelines
- The ordering provider can accept the alternative recommendation by building a new case
- Providers must contact EviCore to accept the alternative recommendation before the service is performed

### +Authorization Update

- If updates are needed on an existing authorization, providers can contact EviCore by phone
- If the authorization is not updated and a different facility location or CPT code is submitted on the claim, it may result in a claim denial





# 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 is not delegated for appeals.



- All clinical information and the prior authorization request will be reviewed by a physician other than the physician who made the initial determination.
- A written notice of the appeal decision will be mailed to the member and faxed to the ordering provider.



# EviCore Provider Portal





# +EviCore Provider Portal | Features

### +Eligibility Lookup

Confirm if patient requires clinical review

#### +Clinical Certification

Request a clinical review for prior authorization on the portal

### +Prior Authorization Status Lookup

- View and print any correspondence associated with the case
- Search by member information OR by case number with ordering national provider identifier (NPI)
- Review post-decision options, submit appeal, and schedule a peer-to-peer

### +Certification Summary

Track recently submitted cases





# +EviCore Provider Portal | Access and Compatibility

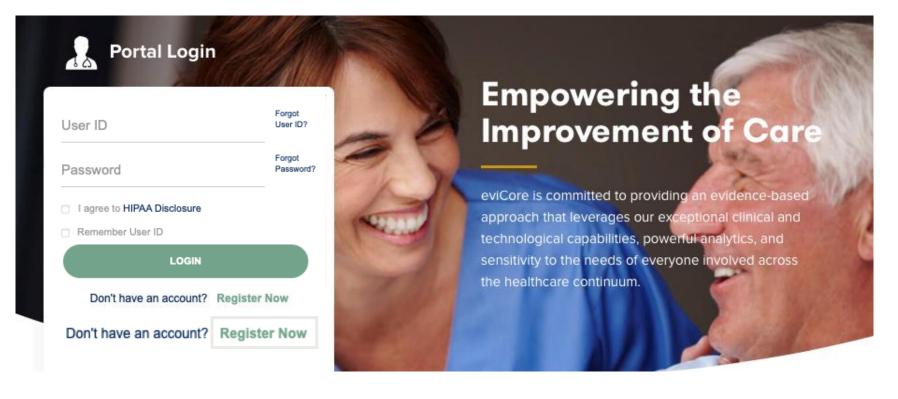
Most providers are already saving time submitting clinical review requests online vs. telephone

To access resources on the EviCore Provider Portal, visit EviCore.com/provider

Already a user?

Log in with User ID & Password

Don't have an account?
Click Register Now





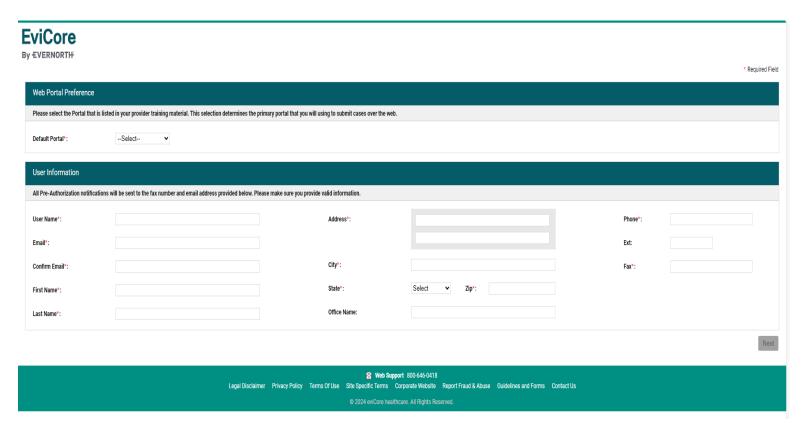
EviCore's website is compatible with all web browsers. If you experience issues, you may need to disable pop-up blockers to access the site.

### Creating an EviCore Provider Portal Account

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 login page.





### **Setting Up Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)**

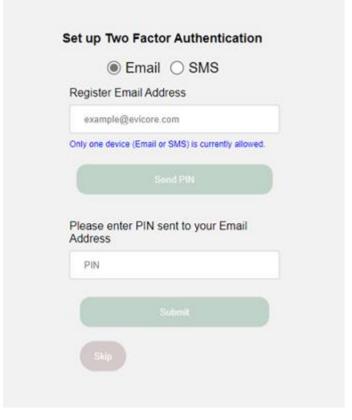
To safeguard your patients' private health information (PHI), we have implemented a multi-factor authentication (MFA) process.

After you log in, you will be prompted to register your device for MFA.

Choose which authentication method you prefer: Email or SMS. Then, enter your email address or mobile phone number.

Select Send PIN, and a 6-digit pin will be generated and sent to your chosen device.

After entering the provided PIN in the portal display, you will successfully be authenticated and logged in.





# +EviCore Provider Portal | Add Providers



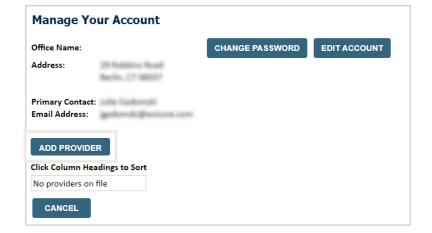
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Manage Your Account Help / Contact Us

# Providers will need to be added to your account prior to case submission

- Click the Manage Your Account tab to add provider information
- Select 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



Add Practitioner
Enter Practitioner information and find matches. *If registering as rendering genetic testing Lab site, enter Lab Billing NPI, State and Zip
Practitioner NPI
Practitioner State ▼
Practitioner Zip
FIND MATCHES CANCEL



# Provider Resources





### **Contact EviCore's Dedicated Teams**

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

For eligibility issues (member or provider not found in system) or transactional authorization related issues requiring research.

• Email: <a href="mailto:clientservices@EviCore.com">clientservices@EviCore.com</a>

Phone: (800) 646-0418 (option 4).

### **Provider Engagement**

Regional team that works directly with the provider community.

#### **Patricia Allen**

Email: <u>pallen@EviCore.com</u>

Phone: 800-918-8924 x 24176.

### **Web-Based Services and Portal Support**

Live chat

Email: <u>portal.support@EviCore.com</u>

Phone: 800-646-0418 (option 2)





### **Call Center**

Call 855-252-1125, representatives are available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time.

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### +Provider Resource Website

EviCore's Client and Provider Services team maintains provider resource pages that contain client- and solution-specific educational materials to assist providers and their staff on a daily basis.

### This page will include:

- Frequently asked questions
- Quick reference guides
- Provider training
- CPT code list

To access these helpful resources, visit: Zing Health Provider Resources | EviCore by Evernorth

Contact our Client and Provider Services team via email at ClientServices@EviCore.com or by phone at 1-800-646-0418 (option 4)



### **EviCore's Provider Newsletter**

Stay up-to-date with our free provider newsletter

- +To subscribe:
- Visit <u>EviCore.com</u>
- Scroll down to the section titled Stay Updated With Our Provider Newsletter
- Enter a valid email address





### **Provider Resource Review Forum**

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 learn how to navigate **EviCore.com** and understand all the resources available on the Provider's Hub.

#### Learn how to access:

- EviCore's evidence-based clinical guidelines
- Clinical worksheets
- Existing prior authorization request status information
- Search for contact information
- Podcasts & insights
- Training resources

### Register for a Provider Resource Review Forum:

Provider's Hub > Scroll down to EviCore Provider Orientation Session Registrations > Upcoming



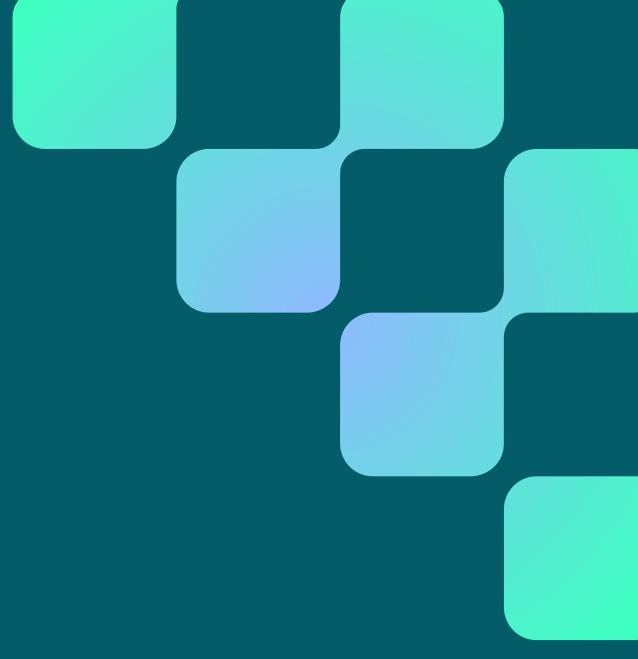


# +Provider Resources | Contacts and Helpful Links

**Web-Based Services** portal.support@EviCore.com 800-646-0418, option 2 **Client Provider Operations** clientservices@EviCore.com **Provider Engagement:** 800-918-8924, ex. 24176 pallen@EviCore.com Patricia Allen, Sr. Regional Provider Engagement Manager **Worksheets** EviCore.com/provider/online-forms **Clinical Guidelines** EviCore.com/provider/clinical-guidelines **Request a Clinical Consultation** EviCore.com

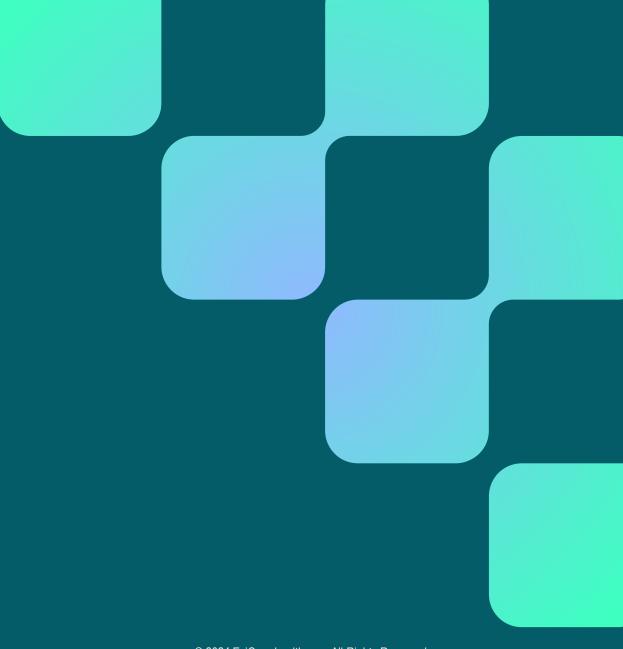


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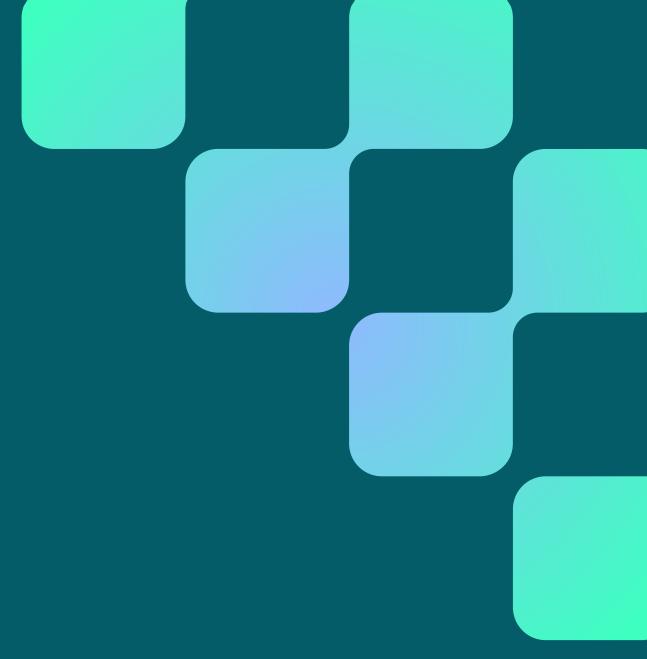


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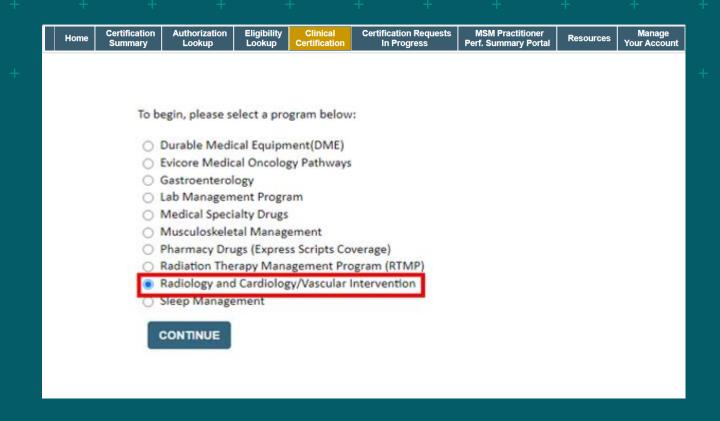
# Portal Case Submission





### **Initiating a Case**

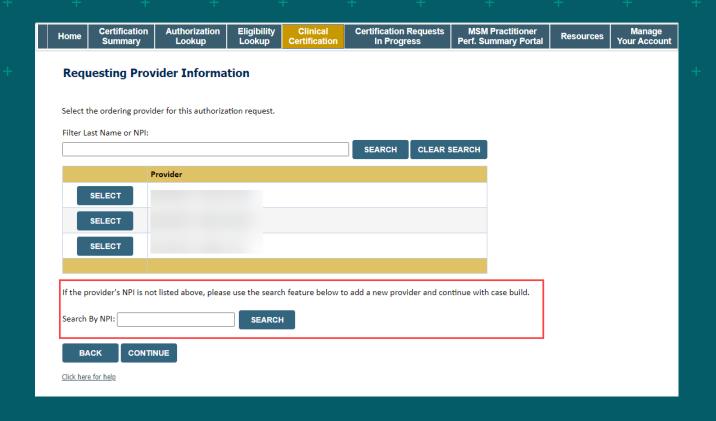
- + Click **Clinical Certification** to begin a new request
- + Select the **Program** for your certification





# Search for and Select Provider

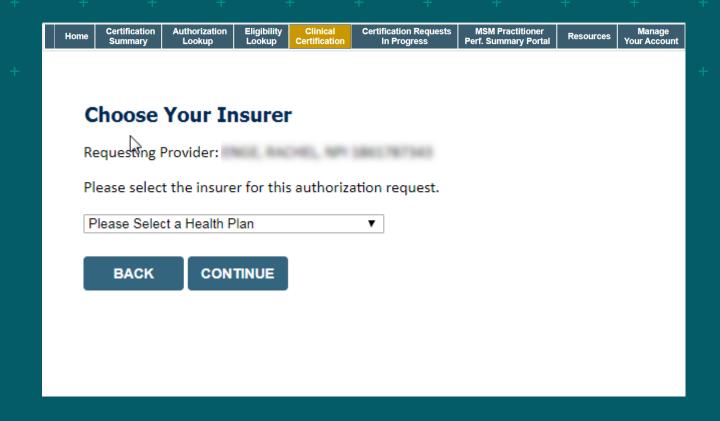
Search for and select the **Practitioner/Group** for whom you want to build a case





### **Select Health Plan**

- + Choose the appropriate **Health Plan** for the request
- Another drop down will appear to select the appropriate address for the **provider**
- + Select CONTINUE

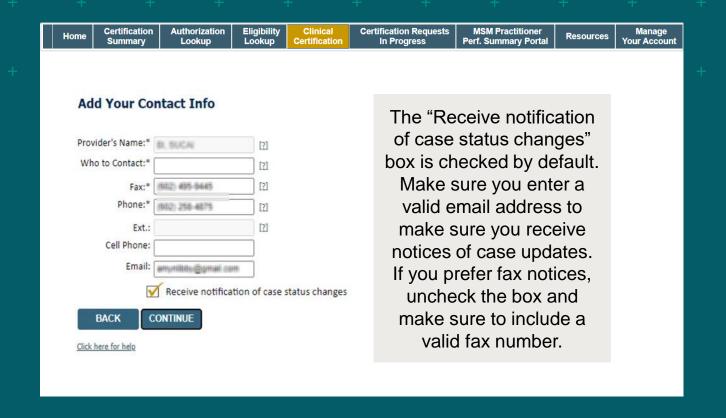




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# **Enter Contact Information**

- + Enter the **Provider's name** and appropriate information for the point of contact individual
- + Provider name, fax and phone will pre-populate, edit as necessary

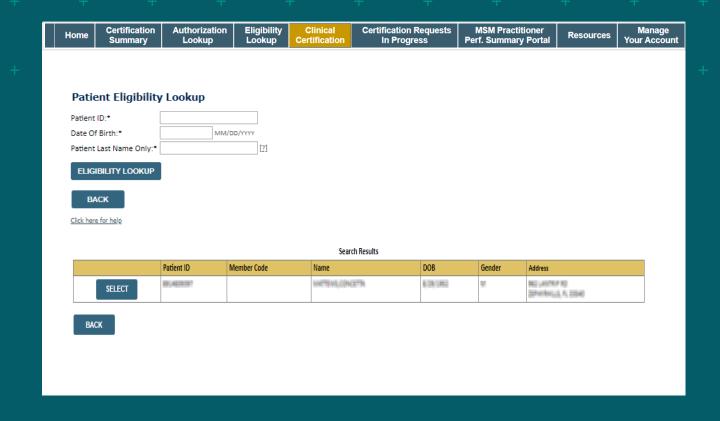




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# **Enter Member Information**

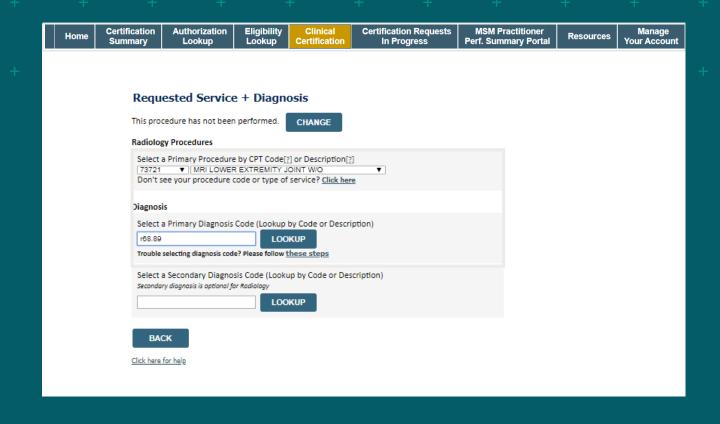
- + Enter member information, including: patient ID number, date of birth, and last name then click ELIGIBILITY LOOKUP
- + Confirm your patient's information and click **SELECT** to continue





# **Enter Requested Procedure and Diagnosis**

- + Select appropriate **CPT** and **Diagnosis codes**
- Note: For Vascular Intervention requests, if your code is part of a bundle, all codes in that bundle will automatically be added to the request.



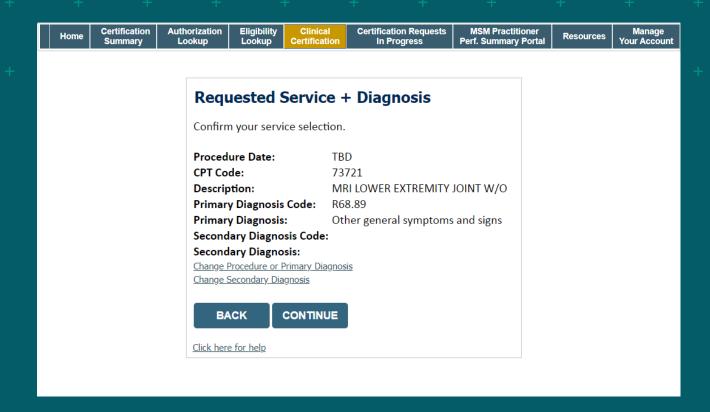


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#### **Verify Service Selection**

- + Verify requested service & diagnosis
- + Edit any information if needed by selecting Change Procedure or Primary Diagnosis
- + Click **CONTINUE** to confirm your selection

#### **SOLUTION SPECIFIC**





#### **Site Selection**

- + Search for the **site of service** where the procedure will be performed (for best results, search with NPI, TIN, **and** zip code)
- + **Select** the specific site where the procedure will be performed

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## +Clinical Certification Request | Clinical Certification

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#### **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 I his 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.

**BACK** 

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



## +Clinical Certification Request | Standard or Urgent Request?

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#### Proceed to Clinical Information

a standards/r	u are submitting is found NOT to meet one of the two conditions below, your case will be processed a outine, non Urgent request. If you have clinical information and this request meets the criteria for e indicate below.
	viCore to process this case as clinically urgent you must upload clinical documentation relevant to this re unable to upload clinical documentation at this time contact eviCore to process this case as urgent.
Please indicat	e if any of the following criteria are true regarding urgency of this request :
	care could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the patient or patient's ability to regain maximum
	care would subject the member to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or quested in the prior authorization. He above
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- If the case is standard, select Yes
- If your request is urgent, select No
- When a request is submitted as urgent, you will be **required** to upload relevant clinical information
- Upload up to FIVE documents

   (.doc, .docx, or .pdf format; max 5MB size)
- Your case will only be considered urgent if there is a successful upload

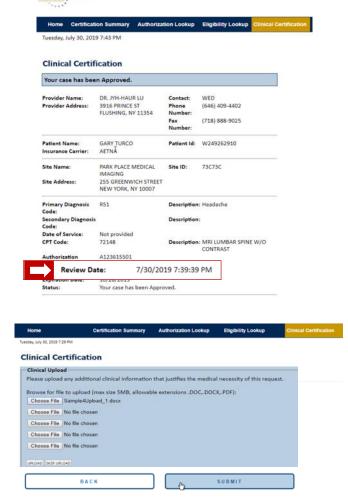


#### Improved Provider Experience |

## Real-Time Decision or Clinical Documentation Upload



You'll be asked to complete a short series of clinical questions which may result in an immediate approval. If an immediate approval does not occur, you'll be prompted to upload clinical information.

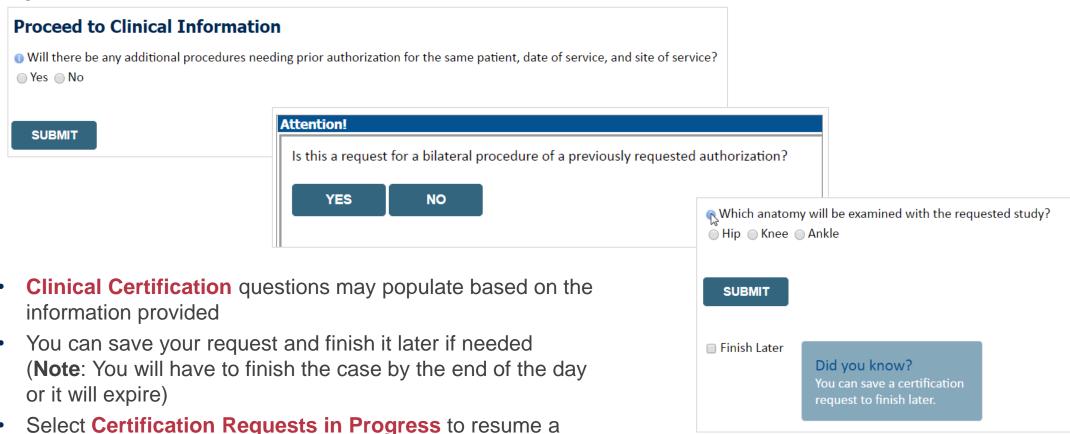




## +Clinical Certification Request

#### Proceed to Clinical Information

#### **Example Questions**





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## Clinical Certification Request | Request for Clinical Upload

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# Clinical Upload In order for eviCore to process this case as clinically urgent you must upload clinical documentation relevant to this case. If you are unable to upload clinical documentation at this time contact eviCore to process this case as urgent. Required Medical information checklist Browse for file to upload (max size 25MB, allowable extensions .DOC, .DOCX, .PDF, .PNG): Choose File No file chosen Physical Exam findings Physical Exam findings Treatment such as medications, physical therapy, surgery; chemotherapy, Please include dates and duration of treatment.

Recent relevant laboratory work

Pertinent medical history and family history

If **additional information** is required, you will have the option to upload more clinical information. Review the list of *required medical information* EviCore requires in order for the prior authorization to meet medical necessity.

#### Tips:

- Providing clinical information via the web is the fastest and most efficient method
- 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



Direct link to document: Required Medical Information Check List.pdf (evicore.com)

For imaging exam requests for cancer, indicate if the exam is requested for initial staging or restaging following treatment or

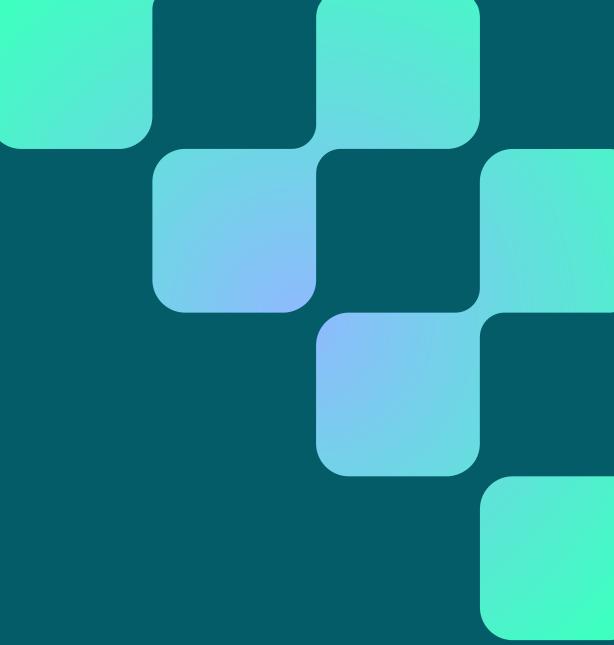
## +Clinical Certification Request | Criteria Met

**Summary of Your Request** Please review the details of your request below and if everything looks correct click SUBMIT Your case has been Approved. Provider Name: DR. BHARATH MANU AKKARA VEETS Contact: Provider Address: 1,200 6TH AVE N Phone Number: SAINT CLOUD, MN 56303 Fax Number: Patient Name: SECTION AND IN Patient Id: Insurance Carrier: Site Name: CHARLES MADE AND ADDRESS. Site ID: Site Address: ET DESCRIPTION OF COMMERCIAL SECTION Primary Diagnosis Code: R68.89 Other general symptoms and signs Description: Secondary Diagnosis Code: Description: Date of Service: Not provided CPT Code: 73721 MRI LOWER EXTREMITY JOINT W/O Description: Authorization Number: **Review Date:** 5/13/2020 1:52:08 PM **Expiration Date:** 6/27/2020 Status: Your case has been Approved. CANCEL CONTINUE

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



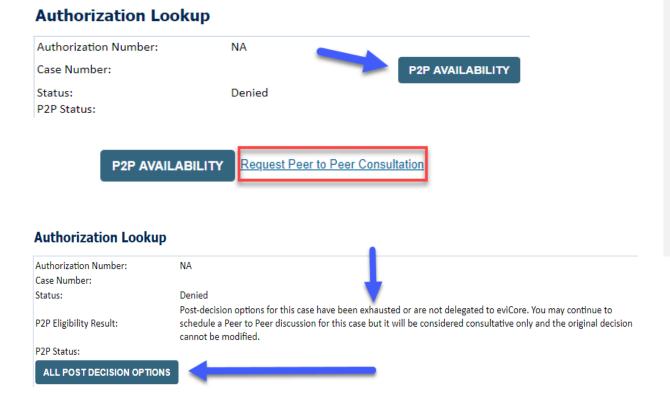
# Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Scheduling Tool





## Provider Resources | Schedule a P2P Request

If your case is eligible for a Peer-to-Peer (P2) consultation, a link will display, allowing you to proceed to scheduling without any additional messaging



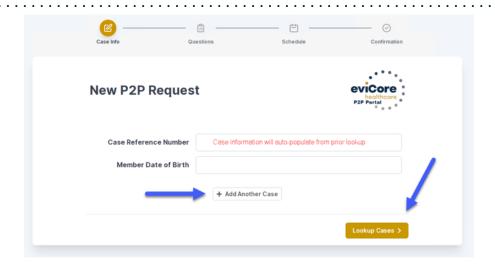
- Log-in to your account at <u>EviCore.com</u>
- Perform Clinical Review Lookup to determine the status of your request
- Click on the P2P AVAILABILITY button to determine if your case is eligible for a Peer-to-Peer consultation
- Note carefully any messaging that displays\*

\*In some instances, a Peer-to-Peer consultation is allowed, but the case decision can not be changed. In such cases, you can still request a **Consultative-Only Peer-to-Peer**. You can also click on the **ALL POST-DECISION OPTIONS** button to learn what other action can be taken.

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

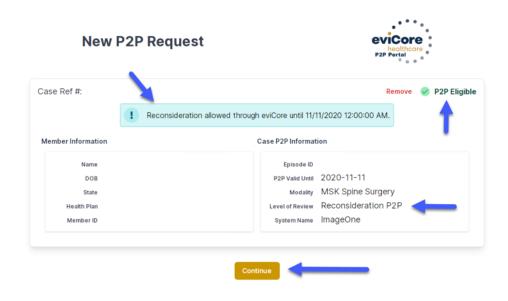


## +Provider Resources | Schedule a P2P Request (con't.)



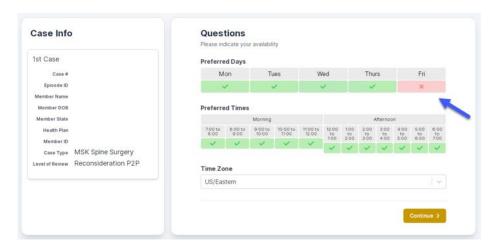
- Upon first login, you will be asked to confirm your default time zone
- You will be presented with the Case Number and Member Date of Birth
- Add another case for the same Peer-to-Peer appointment request by selecting Add Another Case
- To proceed, select Lookup Cases

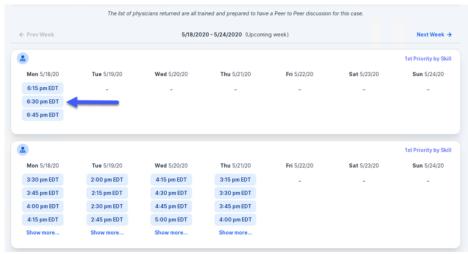
- You will receive a confirmation screen with member and case information, including the Level of Review for the case in question
- Click Continue to proceed





## +Provider Resources | Schedule a P2P Request (con't.)

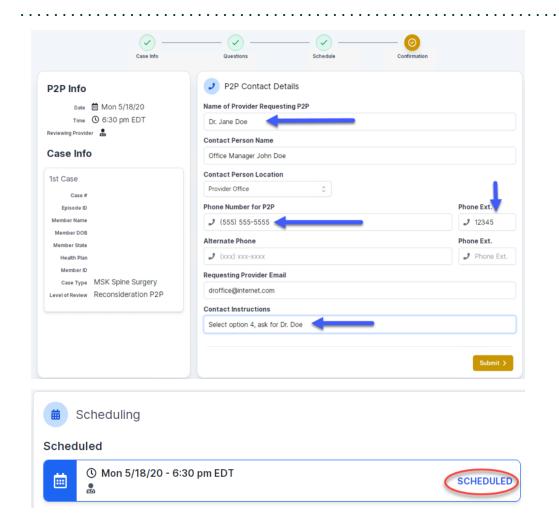




- You will be prompted with a list of EviCore Physicians / Reviewers and appointment options
- Select any of the listed appointment times to continue
- You will be prompted to identify your preferred days and times for a Peer-to-Peer consultation (all opportunities will be automatically presented)
- Click on any green checkmark to deselect that option and then click Continue



## +Provider Resources | Schedule a P2P Request (con't.)



Update the following fields to ensure the correct person is contacted for the Peer-to-Peer appointment:

- Name of Provider Requesting P2P
- Phone Number for P2P
- Contact Instructions

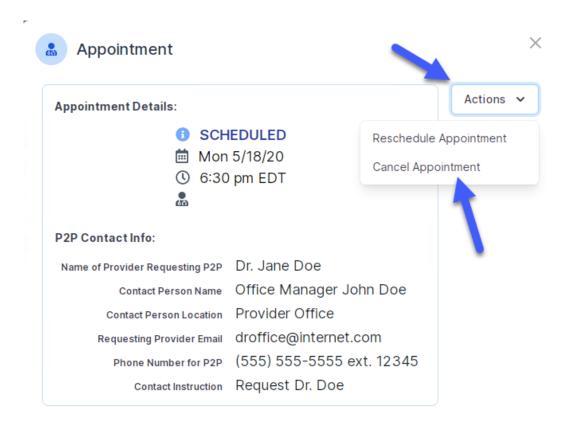
Click **Submit** to schedule the appointment

You will be presented with a summary page containing the details of your scheduled appointment

Confirm contact details



#### +Provider Resources | Cancel or Reschedule a P2P Appointment



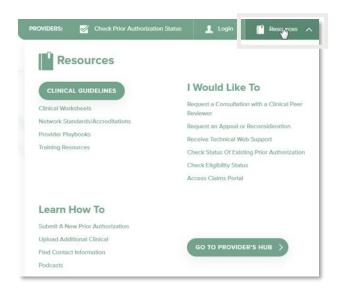
#### To cancel or reschedule an appointment:

- Access the scheduling software and select My P2P
   Requests on the left-pane navigation
- Select the request you would like to modify from the list of available appointments
- When the request appears, 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, select a new date or time as you did initially
  - o **If choosing to cancel,** input a cancellation reason
- Close the browser once finished



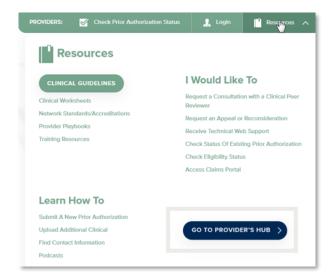
## +Provider Resources | EviCore Provider's Hub

## Providers and staff can access important tools and resources at <a href="EviCore.com">EviCore.com</a>



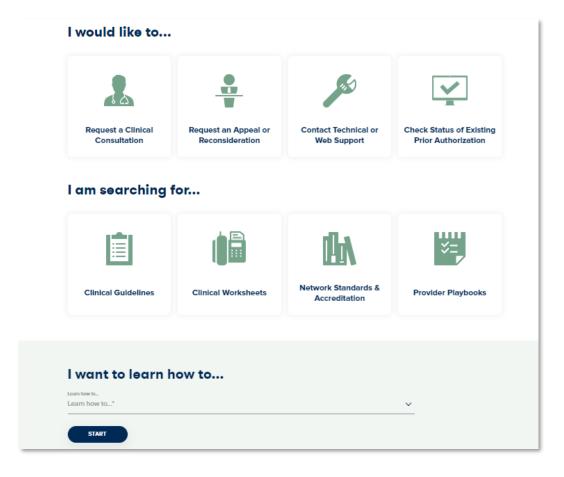


Open the **Resources** menu in the top right of the browser



#### Step 2

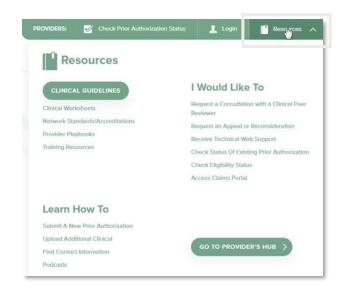
Select GO TO PROVIDERS HUB to access clinical guidelines, schedule consultations (P2P), and more

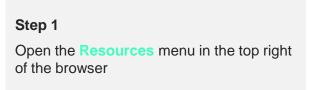


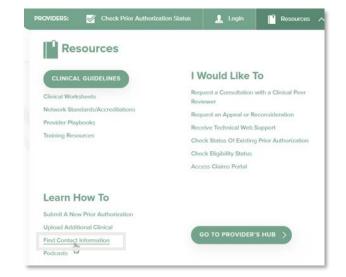


## +Provider Resources | Quick Reference Tool

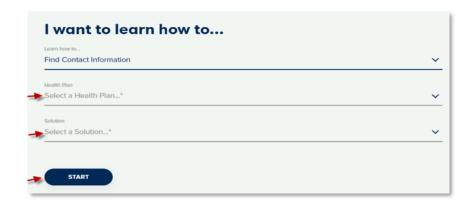
Where can I locate plan-specific contact information?







Step 2
Select Find Contact Information



#### Step 3

- Use Select a Health Plan and Select a Solution to populate the contact phone and fax numbers
- · This will also advise which portal to use for case requests

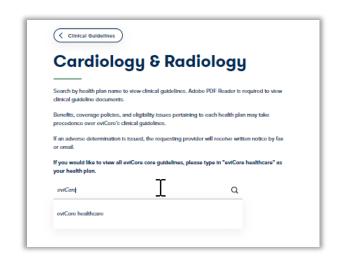


## +Provider Resources | Clinical Guidelines

How do I access EviCore's clinical guidelines?







#### Step 1

- Open the Resources menu in the top right of the browser
- Select Clinical Guidelines

#### Step 2

Select the solution/program associated with the requested guidelines

#### Step 3

- Search by health plan name to view clinical guidelines
- If you would like to view all guidelines, type in "EviCore healthcare" as your health plan



## Thank You

