Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapies

Blue Care Network of Michigan





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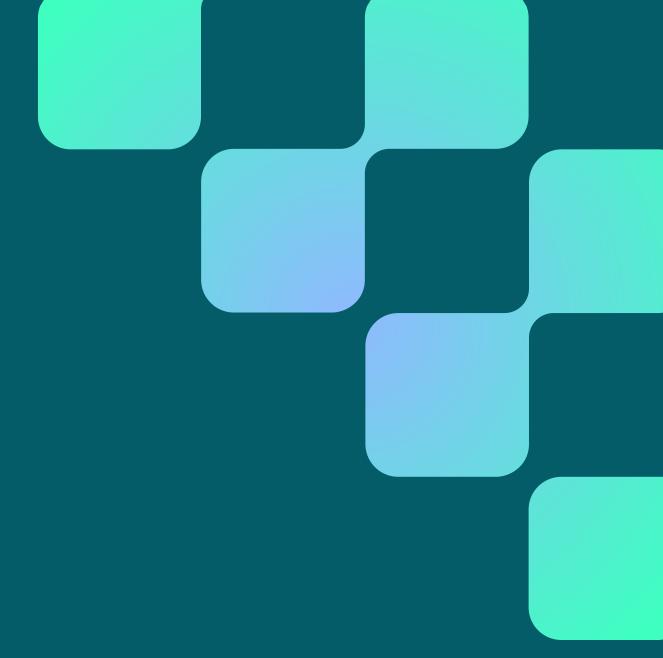
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Solution Overview





Blue Care Network of Michigan Prior Authorization Services

Applicable Membership:

- BCN HMO (Commercial)
- BCN Advantage (Medicare)

Prior authorization applies to the following services:

- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Physical Medicine services performed by chiropractors*

*BCN HMO beneficiaries only

Prior authorization from EviCore 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: https://www.EviCore.com/resources/healthplan/blue-care-network

Evidence-Based Guidelines

The Foundation of Our Solutions







Aligned with National Societies

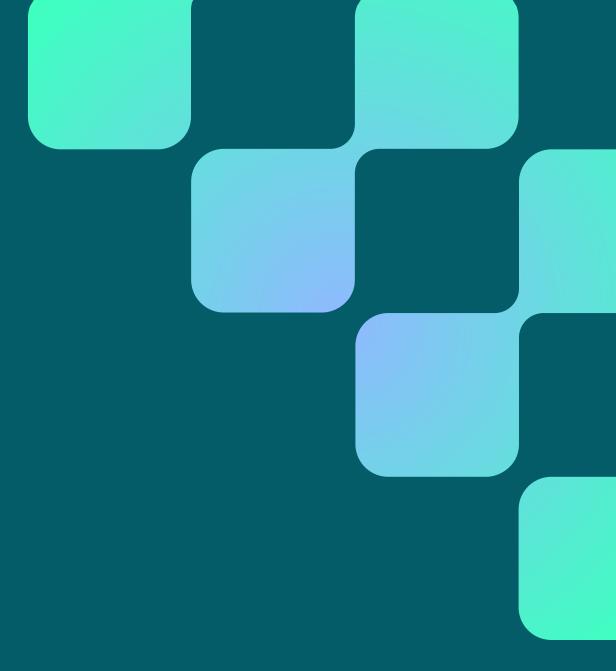
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- American Society of Nuclear Cardiology
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

- American Thyroid Association
- American Urological Association
- Centers for Disease Control
- College of American Pathologists
- Endocrine Society
- Heart Rhythm Society
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network
- North American Spine Society
- The Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine
- United States Food and Drug Administration
- United States Preventive Services Task Force



Clinical Approach





Prior Authorization Program

Fundamental Approach

- Clinical reviewers evaluate clinical information to determine whether services meet medical necessity criteria.
- Providers are encouraged to request authorization before care is delivered to ensure payment for services rendered.
- A request can be made as early as 7 calendar days prior to requested start date.

Clinical Philosophy

- Support patient-centered care founded on best available evidence.
- Promote functionally oriented and measureable treatment programs.
- Focus on skilled, medically necessary treatment interventions.
- Empower patient independence.
- Eliminate practice variation that cannot be explained or justified.



Prior Authorization Program

Goals

- Authorize medically necessary services which require the skills of a licensed professional.
- Promote evidence-based practice.
- Identify and review treatment interventions where evidence does not support use.
- Provide evidence-based guidelines to support authorization decisions and educate practitioners.
- Decrease or eliminate unexplained practice variation and unnecessary visits.
- Manage costs efficiently so members can continue to receive quality care and skilled services.



Prior Authorization Program

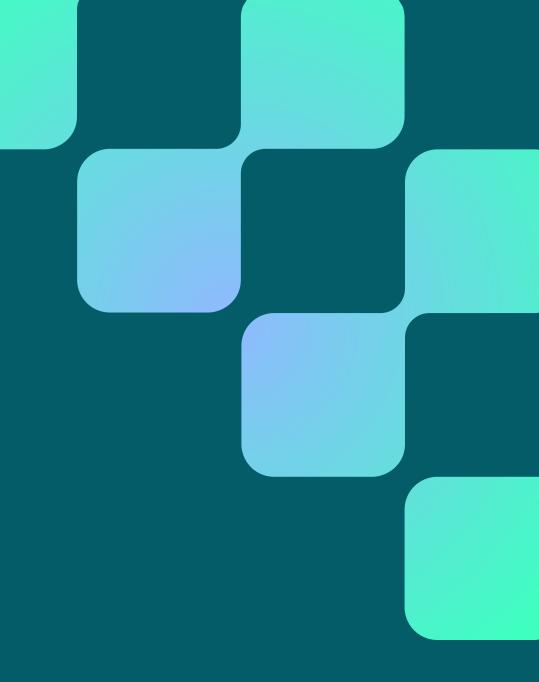
Medical Necessity

- The services must be specific and effective treatment for the condition.
- The condition is expected to improve significantly in a reasonable (and generally predictable) period of time. Therapy duration should <u>not</u> be ongoing without end.
- The amount, frequency, and length of the services must be reasonable under accepted standards of practice.
- The medical benefit is designed to allow therapy to return the patient to essential activities of daily living.
 - It was <u>not</u> designed to allow continued therapy to return to recreational or athletic activities.
 - It was <u>not</u> designed to cover therapy for the purpose of improving or maintaining general fitness.

You can view the therapy guidelines at https://www.EviCore.com/provider/clinical-guidelines



Submitting Requests





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 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 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 submissions.

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



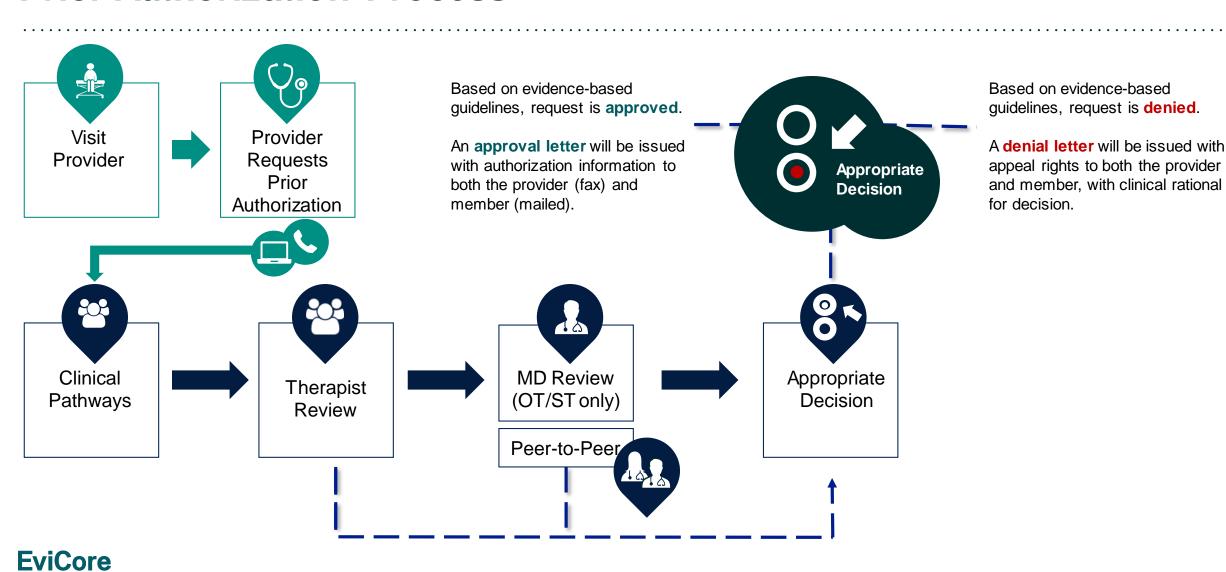
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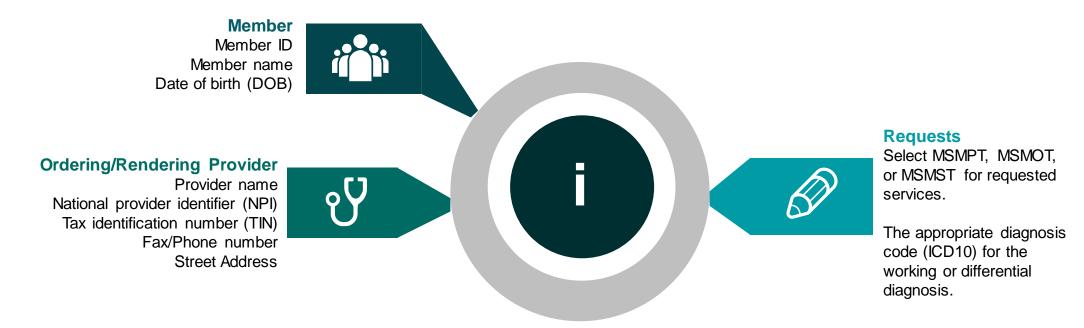


Prior Authorization Process

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Information Required for Request



Clinical information needed for requests:

- Patient's subjective complaints, objective examination findings, and level of function.
- Baseline clinical information from the initial evaluation.
- Current clinical information from follow-up visit.
- Provider's impression of the member's response to therapy (follow-up visits).
- Information from patient-reported functional outcome measures, progress notes, and/or clinical worksheets.
- · Complexities that will impact the therapy plan of care.



Prior Authorization Process | Clinical Information

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.
 - The **clinical worksheets** are specific to conditions and designed to assist with the submission of the patient and provider information for medical necessity review.
 - Worksheets should be used as a guide for questions and the provider will be prompted to answer when completing the online requests.
 - These worksheets should be completed by the provider during the initial consultation/evaluation and treatment planning, collecting the clinical information to allow for ease of submission.
 - Physical & occupational therapy requests have the ability for a real time decision for the first **two (2)** requests for an episode of care.
 - The clinical worksheets are available on the EviCore website.
- Be prepared to provide patient-reported functional outcome measures with your submission (for example: ODI, NDI, DASH/QuickDASH, LEFS, HOOS JR, KOOS JR).
- Clinical information should be current typically something collected within 14 days prior of the request.
- Missing or incomplete clinical information will delay case processing.



Prior Authorization Process

Clinical Pathway

- 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 number of visits for a condition.
- Acknowledges complexities that may require a greater frequency or intensity of care.
- Allows providers to provide additional information for cases that are not "average."



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 treatment frequency and duration does not 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 treatment.
- Clinical documentation should include the member's response to care, functional improvement, and remaining functional deficits.
- Consider whether the skills of a provider are still necessary and, if it is, identify the specific interventions that require that skill.



Prior Authorization Process

If you are requesting authorization before treatment begins:

- Complete your initial evaluation, then submit for prior authorization within 2 business days. The initial evaluation does not require prior authorization.
- Start date should be the **first day of treatment** (Date of initial evaluation or visit following if treatment was not provided during the initial evaluation visit).
- When requesting ongoing or continuing care, you can submit up to 7 calendar days prior to the next start date for authorization.
- Notification requires submission of the following information:
 - Patient demographics
 - Provider demographics
 - Minimal clinical information
 - Type of condition
 - Post-surgical therapy? If so, please provide the date of surgery.
 - Functional outcome measures
- If there was prior therapy, questions will be asked to determine if this is a new condition.



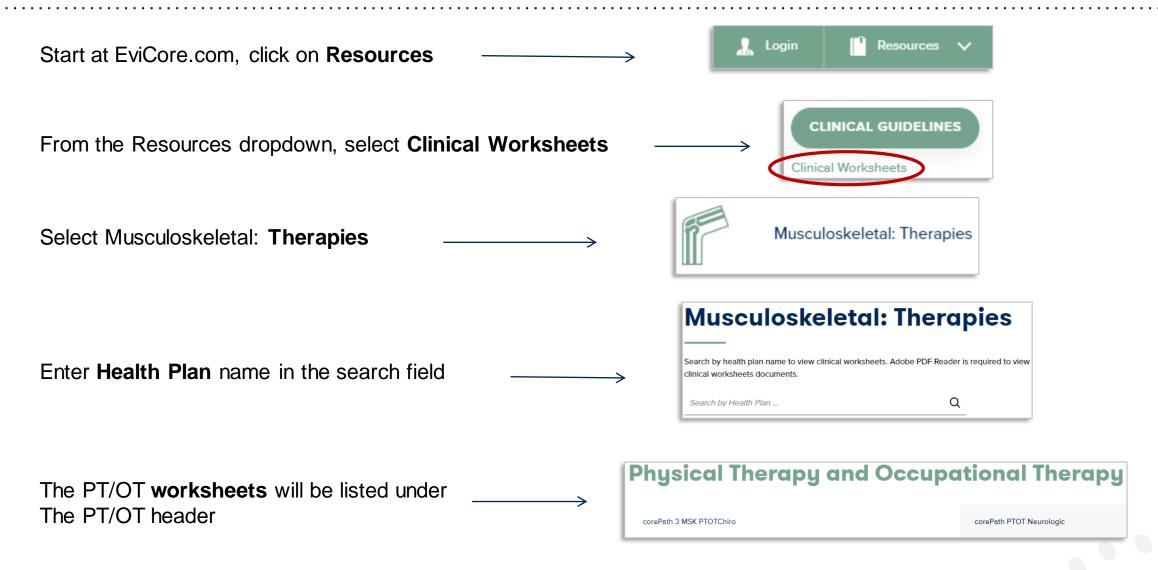
Prior Authorization Process

How to Request Additional Visits:

- Additional visits may be requested as early as 7 calendar days prior to the requested start date.
- The start date will be the first date you need additional visits to begin.
- Clinical information should be current. Recommended timeframes:
 - Adult and non-developmental pediatric patients = 14 calendar days
 - Developmental pediatric patients = 30 calendar days
- Use the appropriate Clinical Worksheet as a guide. Please provide initial and current functional outcome measure scores.
- If condition is complex or the worksheet does not capture aspects of the condition you want to convey, this information can be given as "additional information" via upload, fax, or text box summary.
- Address any complexities that will impact the therapy plan of care.
- Provider's impression of the member's response to care.

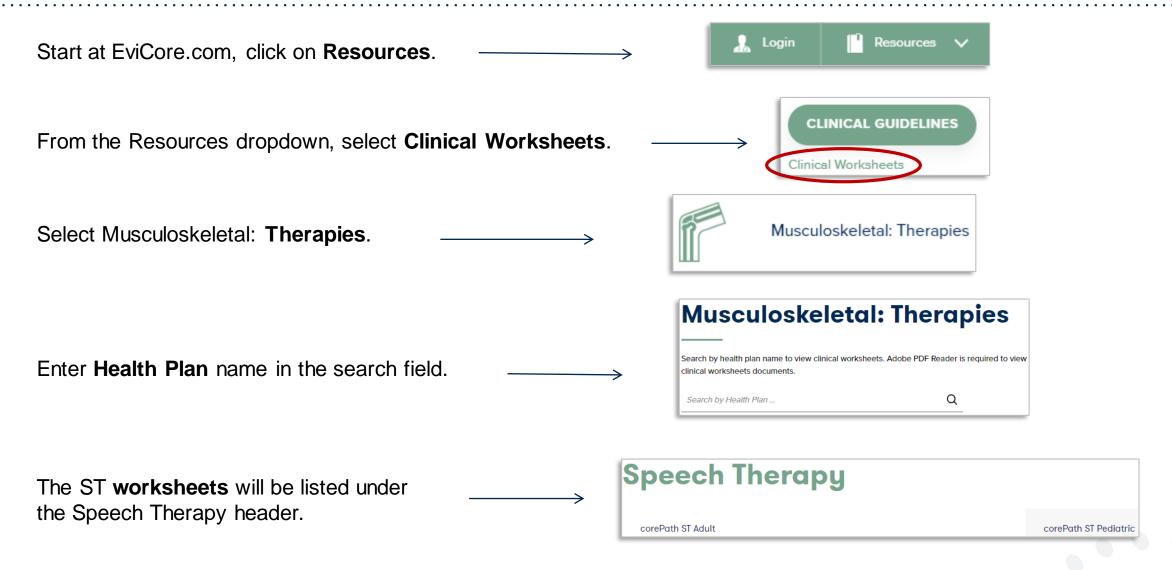


Link to Clinical Worksheets | Physical & Occupational Therapy





Link to Clinical Worksheets | Speech Therapy





PT-OT-ST | Summary of Portal Benefits

- ☑ Elimination of pre-set waivers
- ✓ Increased provider satisfaction
- ☑ Reduced administrative burden for providers
- ✓ Increased opportunity for real-time decisions
- ☑ Expanded, member-focused decisions
- Decreased case review turn-around-times.
- ☑ Patients able to receive the right amount of care in a timely manner.





Prior Authorization Process | Important Concepts

+Authorization decisions include:

- Visits or units (depending on health plan)
- Approved time period (i.e, 6 visits, authorized from 1/1/25 to 1/31/25)
- EviCore recommends approved visits be spread over the approved period to prevent a gap in care.



Prior Authorization Process | Important Concepts

Overlapping Requests

- Request for more visits within the existing approved time period.
- Review to determine if additional visits are medically necessary.

Authorization Extensions

- Providers can request a one-time 30-day authorization extension.
- Provider must request extension prior to the original authorization's expiration date.
- Date extension can be requested via the online portal.



Prior Authorization Process | 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 a member is receiving treatment from a different therapist within the same clinic with a new plan of care for a specialty condition (vestibular treatment, wound care, etc.), then a separate authorization may be indicated. Be sure to submit under the appropriate ICD10 code and state this request is for a new condition by a different therapist.
- When treating more than one condition, please 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.



Insufficient Clinical | Additional Documentation Needed

Additional Documentation to Support Medical Necessity

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

The Provider must submit the additional information to EviCore

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. EviCore will review the additional documentation and reach a determination

Determination notifications will be sent.





Prior Authorization
Outcomes,
Special Considerations
&
Post-Decision Options



Prior Authorization Outcomes

Approvals and Denials

Approved Requests

 All requests are processed within three (3) business days of receipt of all necessary clinical information.

Denied Requests

- Communication of the denial determination and rationale.
- Letter contains reconsideration options based on the members health plan and line of business.
- Instructions on how to request a Clinical Consultation (Peer-to-Peer).

Authorization Letter

- The letter will be faxed to the ordering provider.
- The member will receive the letter by mail.
- Approval information can be printed on demand from the EviCore portal.

Denial Letter

- The letter will be faxed to the ordering provider and rendering facility.
- The member will receive the letter by mail.
- The letter contains the denial rationale and reconsideration options based on the members health plan and line of business, including instructions on how to request a Clinical Consultation (peer-to-peer).

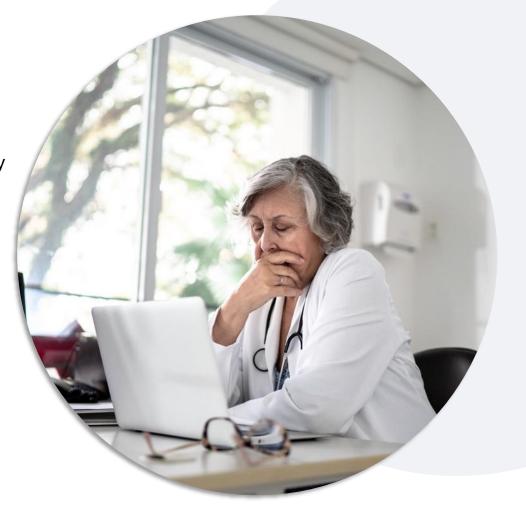




Special Circumstances

Authorization Update

- If updates are needed on an existing authorization, you should contact EviCore by phone.
- While EviCore needs to know if changes are made to the approved request, any change could result in the need for a separate clinical review and require a new request (and the original approved request would need to be withdrawn).
- If the authorization is not updated, it may result in a claim denial.





Providing Additional Information (Medicare Intent to Deny)

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

There are three ways to supply the requested information to EviCore for review:

- EviCore will notify providers telephonically and in writing before a denial decision is issued on Medicare cases.
 - Additional clinical information must be submitted to EviCore prior to the due date referenced in the request.
- Additional clinical information should be submitted to EviCore for consideration per the instructions received, clinical can be faxed to 855-774-1319 or uploaded directly into the case via the provider portal at www.EviCore.com
- Alternatively, providers can choose to request a Pre-Decision Clinical Consultation instead of submitting additional clinical information.
 This consultation can be requested via the EviCore website (see the end of this presentation for instructions).
 - The Pre-Decision Clinical Consultation (Peer-to-Peer) must occur prior to the due date referenced in the request.
- 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 <u>www.EviCore.com</u>.



Post-Decision Options | Commercial Members

My case has been denied. What's next?

Your determination letter is the best immediate source of information to assess what options exist on a case that has been denied.

You may also call EviCore at **855-774-1317** to speak with an agent who can provide available option(s) and instruction on how to proceed.

Alternatively, select **All Post Decisions** under the authorization lookup function on **EviCore.com** to see available options.



Reconsiderations

- Reconsiderations must be requested within 45 calendar days of the determination date.
- Reconsiderations can be requested in writing or verbally via a Clinical Consultation with an EviCore medical director.

Appeals

- EviCore <u>will</u> process first-level appeals.
- Appeal requests must be submitted to EviCore within 180 calendar days from the initial determination date.
- A written notice of the appeal decision will be mailed to the member and faxed to the ordering provider.



Post-Decision Options | Medicare Members

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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 <u>do not</u> include a reconsideration option.

Appeals

- EviCore <u>will not</u> process first-level appeals for Medicare members.
- Please refer to the denial notice for instructions and requirements to submit an appeal.



Special Circumstances

Retrospective (Retro) Authorization Requests

- Must be submitted within 180 calendar days from the date of services.
- Reviewed for clinical urgency and medical necessity.
- Retro requests are processed within three (3) business days.
- When authorized, the start date will be the submitted date of service.
- Clinical submitted for retrospective review should include:
 - The requested number of visits and date range.
 - Information from patient-reported functional outcome measures, progress notes, and/or clinical worksheets.

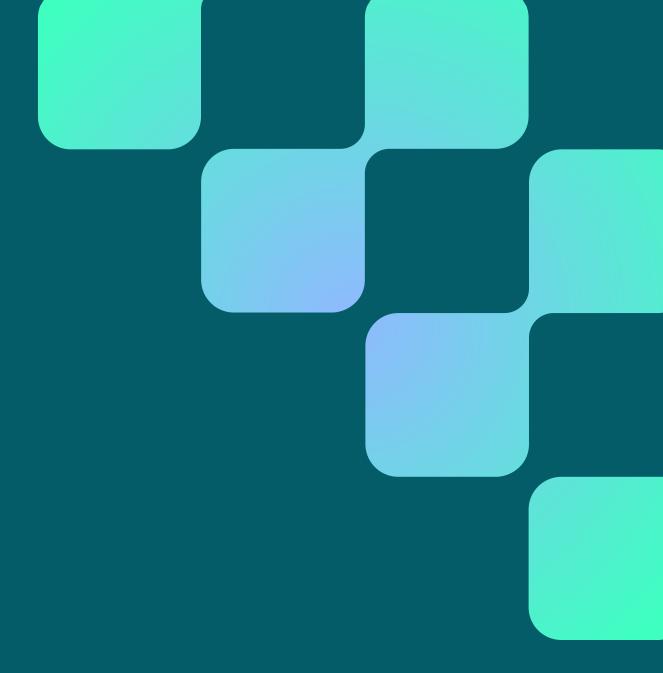
Urgent Prior Authorization Requests

- 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 to 72 hours.





Provider Portal Overview





EviCore Provider Portal | Access and Compatibility

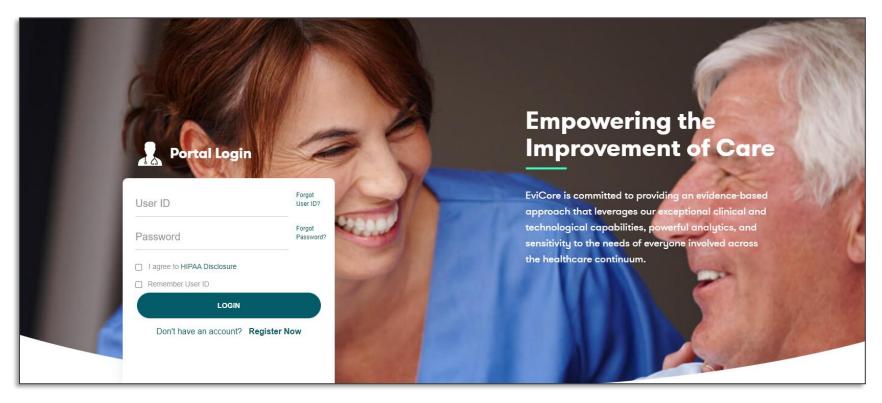
Most providers are already saving time submitting clinical review requests online vs. telephone.

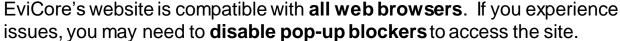
To access resources on the EviCore Provider Portal, visit EviCore.com/provider.

Already a user?

Log in with User ID & Password.

Don't have an account? Click Register Now.

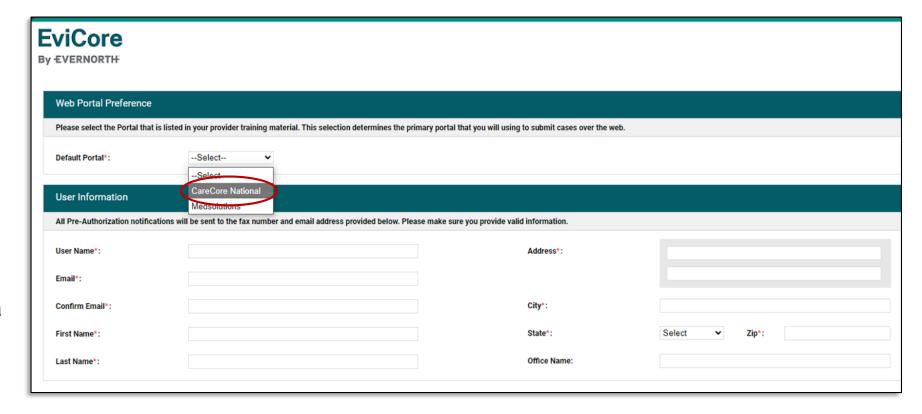






Creating an EviCore Provider Portal Account

- 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)

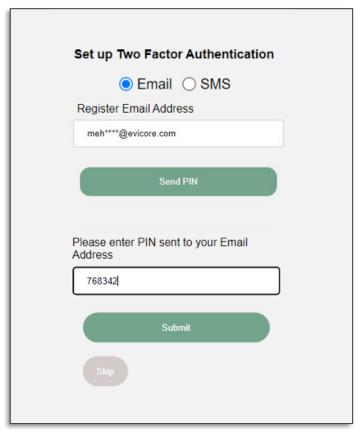
To safeguard your patients' private health information (PHI), we have implemented a multi-factor authentication (MFA) process.

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.



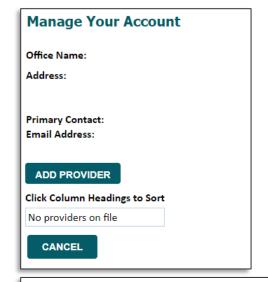


EviCore Provider Portal | Add Providers

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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.

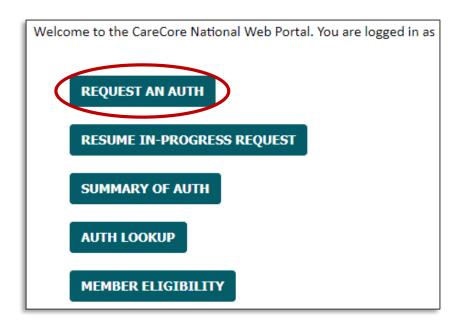


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Initiating a Case

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- Click the Clinical Certification tab to get started.
- Choose Request an Auth to begin a new case request.



Select Program

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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" Always select "Build a New Case" for the 1st authorization request from EviCore.

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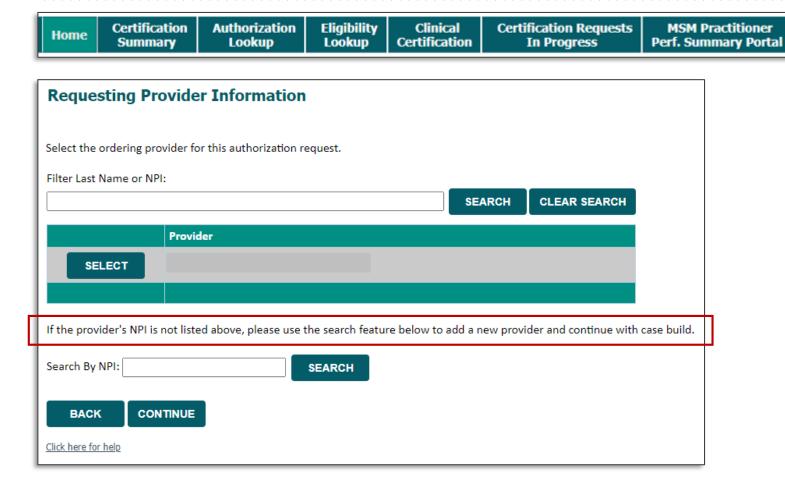
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Clinical Certification Request | Search and Select Provider



 Search for and select the Provider/Group for whom you want to build a case. This is the list of providers you added to your account.

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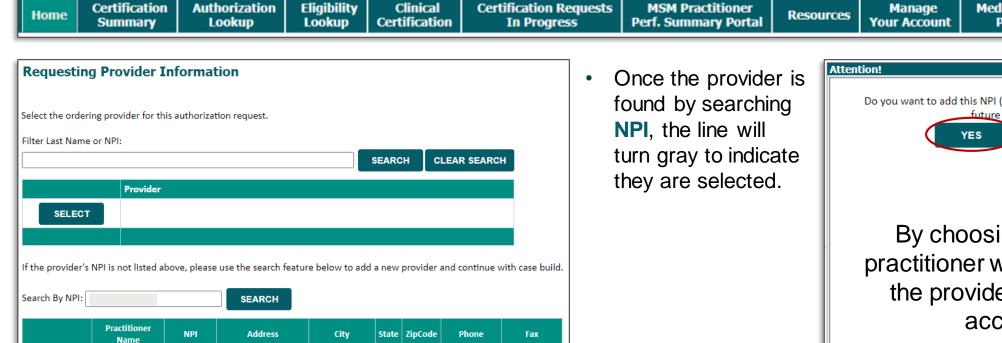
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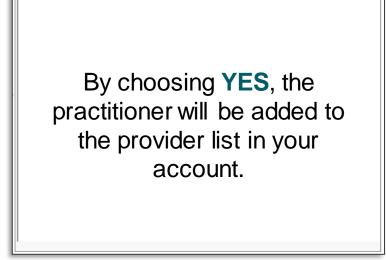
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 If the Provider/Group is not on your list of providers added to your account, you can now Search by NPI.



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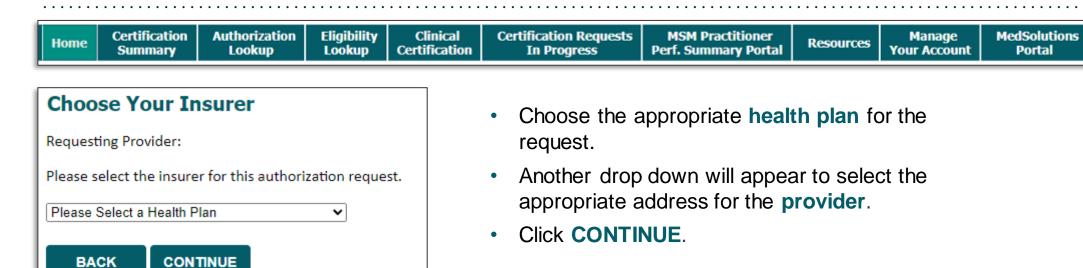
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Search Results

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Confirm the patient's information and click SELECT to continue.

When entering patient details, please review and confirm the spelling of the patient's name. Verify accuracy of the patient's ID and date of birth.



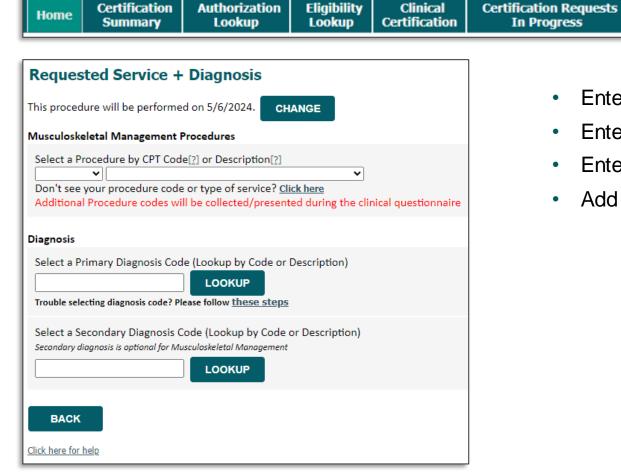
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Clinical Certification Request | Procedure and Diagnosis Codes

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Enter **MSMPT** for Physical Therapy.

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Enter **MSMOT** for Occupational Therapy.

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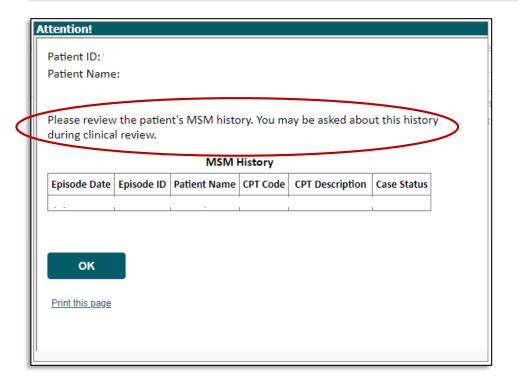
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- Enter **MSMST** for Speech Therapy.
- Add diagnosis code(s).

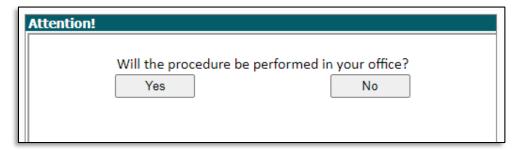


Clinical Certification Request | Verify Service Selection



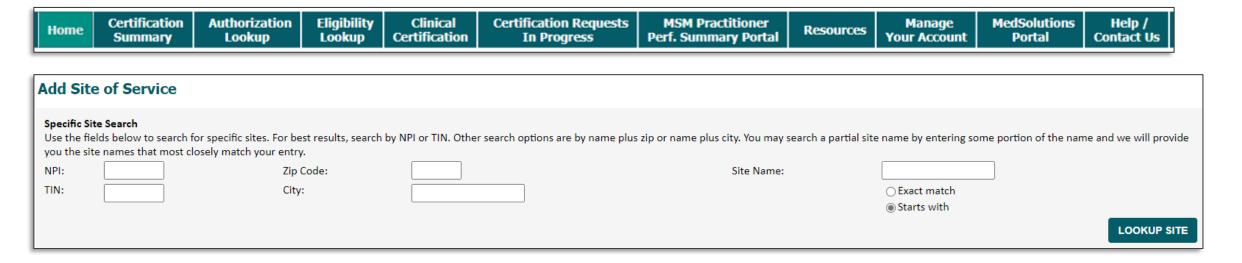


- Review the patient's history before proceeding to site selection.
- <u>Note</u>: Place of service can vary depending on health plan rules.





Clinical Certification Request | Site Selection



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



Clinical Certification Request | Clinical Certification

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

Once you have clicked "CONFIRM AND 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 online request, be sure to complete the clinical review before exiting the system. Even if you will be submitting additional information at a later time, please continue through the final summary page. Failure to formally submit your full request will cause the record to expire with no additional correspondence from eviCore.

 I acknowledge that the clinical information I am about to submit for this authorization request is accurate and specific to this member, and that all information will be provided for this request.

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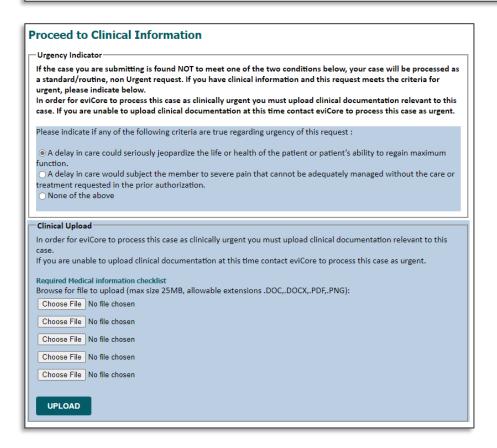
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- Verify that all information is entered and correct.
- Check the acknowledgement statement.
- Once you enter the clinical collection phase of the process, the answers to the clinical questions will not save unless the case is completed.
- You will not have the opportunity to make changes after this point.



Clinical Certification Request | Standard or Urgent Request?

Certification Authorization Eligibility Clinical **Certification Requests** MSM Practitioner MedSolutions Help / Manage **Home** Resources **Your Account** Summary Lookup Lookup Certification In Progress Perf. Summary Portal Portal Contact Us





- 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.

Clinical Certification Request | Required Medical Information Checklist

Eligibility Clinical **Certification Requests** Certification Authorization MSM Practitioner **Home** Certification Perf. Summary Portal Lookup In Progress Summary Lookup Clinical Upload In order for eviCore to process this case as clinically urgent you must upload clinical documentation relevant to this 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 Choose File No file chosen Specialty Therapies (PT/OT/ST) Choose File No file chosen Primary and Secondary Diagnosis/ICD10 Choose File No file chosen Co-morbidities/Complexities that will impact the therapy plan of care Choose File No file chosen Surgery - Date and type **UPLOAD** Functional Outcome Measures/Patient Reported Outcome Scores Standardized test scores (a minimum of annually for pediatric neurodevelopmental conditions

Below the Clinical Upload description, select Required Medical Information Checklist.

Manage

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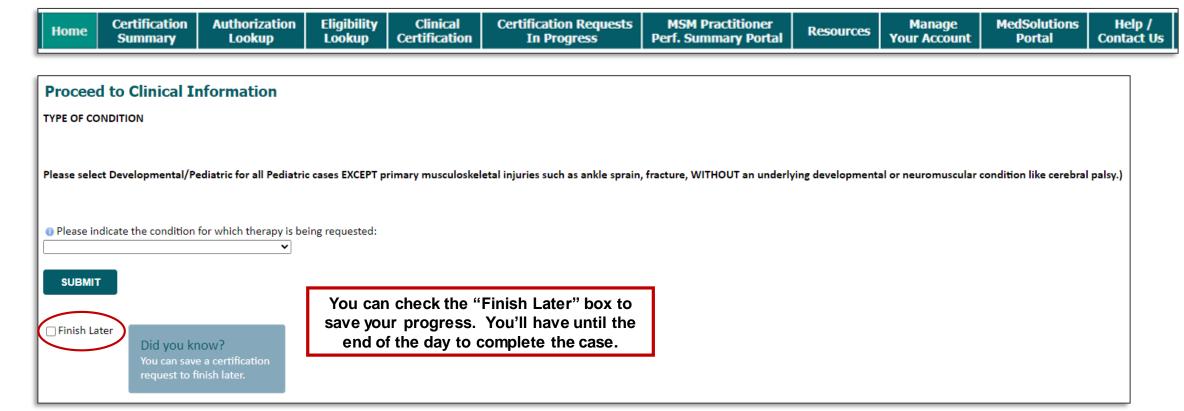
Help /

Contact Us

- Once you open the document, you will search for the Specialty Therapies section to review the list of required medical information EviCore requires in order for the prior authorization request to meet medical necessity.
- Direct link to document: <u>Required Medical</u> Information Check List.pdf (EviCore.com)

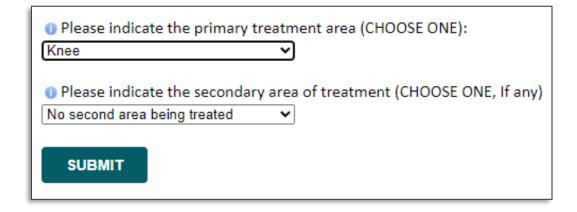


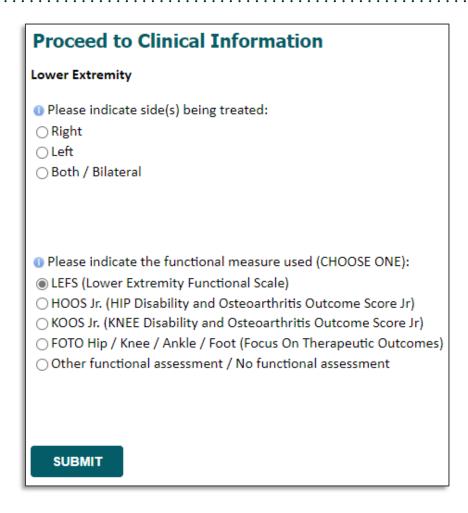
Clinical Collection





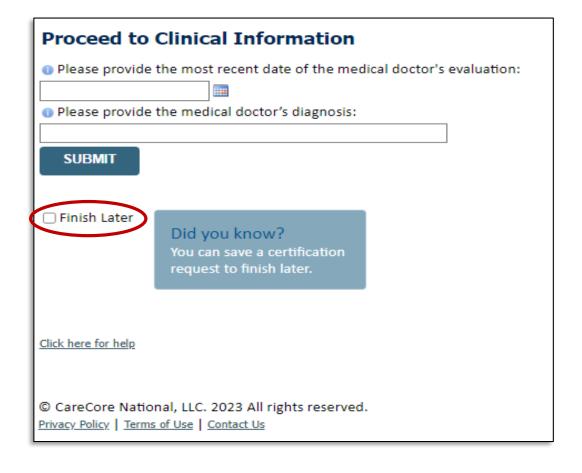
Clinical Collection | From the Clinical Worksheets







Clinical Collection



- If you need to confirm information you've entered, or need to add additional information, check Finish Later, then submit.
- You will then have <u>until the end of the day</u> to complete the request.
- If needed, any changes or updates can be made by phone.



Criteria Met

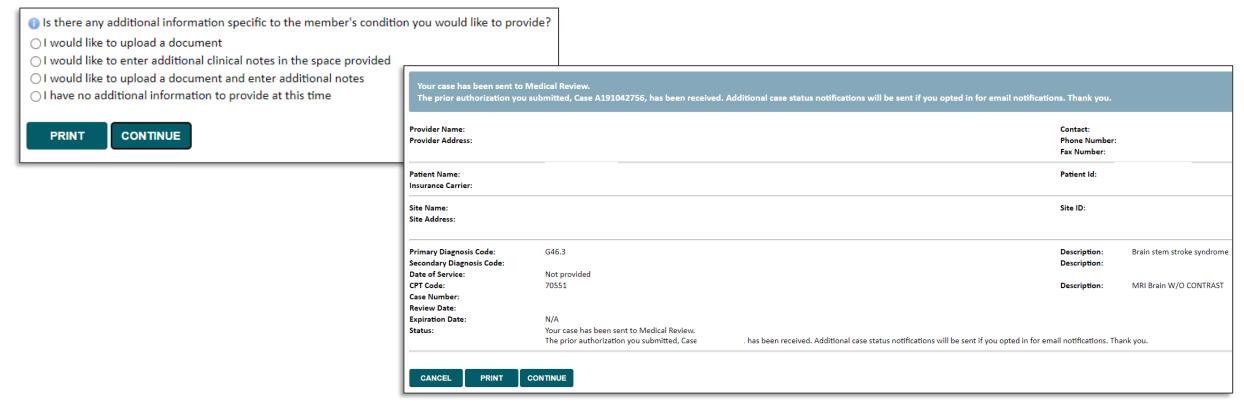
You have been approved for 4 visits. Please use these visits before requesting more visits. Your therapist may submit another notification if authorization for additional care is necessary. To check for full benefits and eligibility information for the specific medical service, log in to www.premera.com as a provider and utilize the Prior Authorization tool and/or Benefit and Eligibility tool. Your case has been approved for 4 visits Provider Name: Contact: Provider Address: Phone Number: (999) 999-9999 Fax Number: (999) 999-9999 Patient Name: Patient Id: Insurance Carrier: Site Name: Site ID: Site Address: Primary Diagnosis Code: M54.51 Description: Vertebrogenic low back pain Secondary Diagnosis Code: Description: CPT Code: Description: **Authorization Number:** Review Date: Approved Treatment Start Date: **Expiration Date:** Status: You have been approved for 4 visits. Please use these visits before requesting more visits. Your therapist may submit another notification if authorization for additional care is necessary. To check for full benefits and eligibility information for the specific medical service, log in to www.premera.com as a provider and utilize the Prior Authorization tool and/or Benefit and Eligibility tool. Your case has been approved for 4 visits CONTINUE CANCEL

- Once the clinical pathway questions are completed and the answers have met the clinical criteria, an approval will be issued.
- You can print the certification and store in the patient's record if needed.



Criteria Not Met

- Once you complete the clinical questions, you will have an opportunity to upload additional clinical information.
- You will also receive a summary of your request to print for your records.

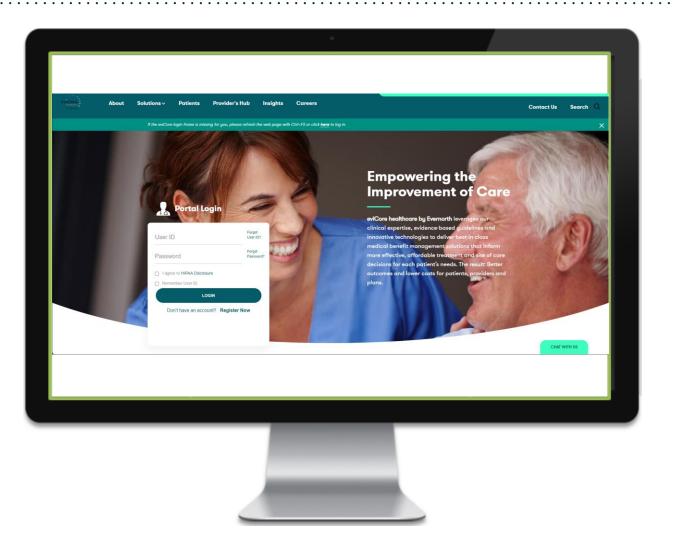




Provider Portal Demo

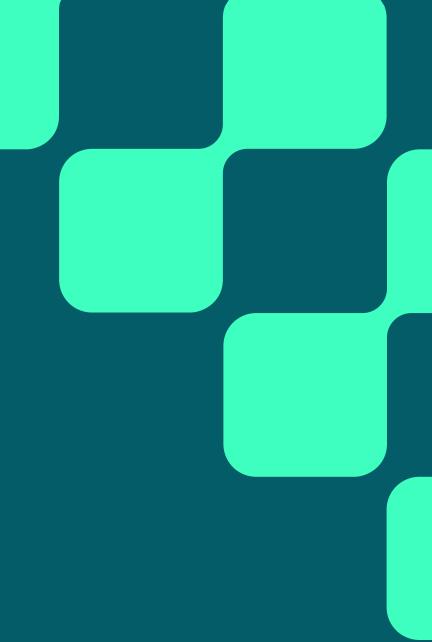
The EviCore online portal is the quickest, most efficient way to request prior authorization and check authorization status.

Click HERE to view a video demo (2 min)



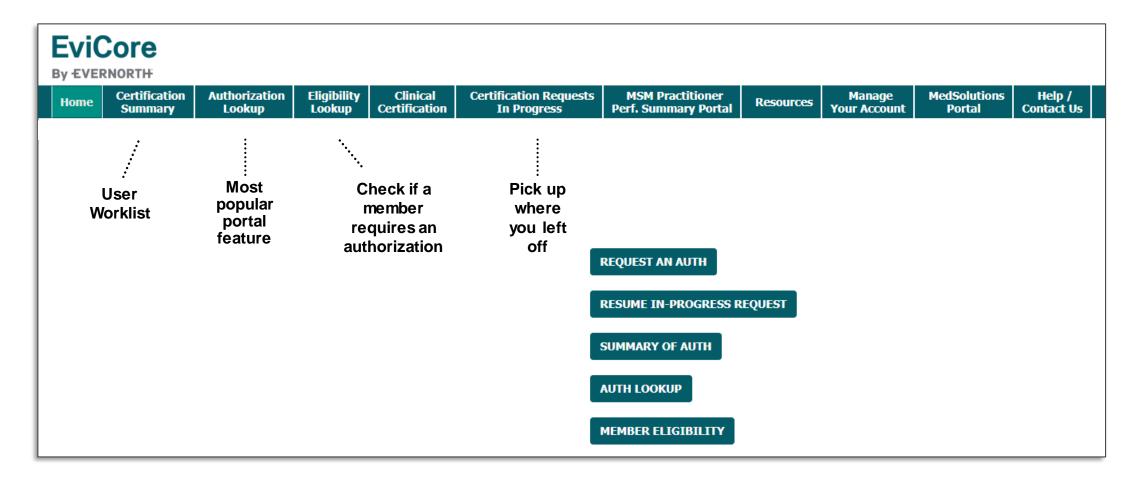


EviCore Portal Features





Provider Portal | Feature Access





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.

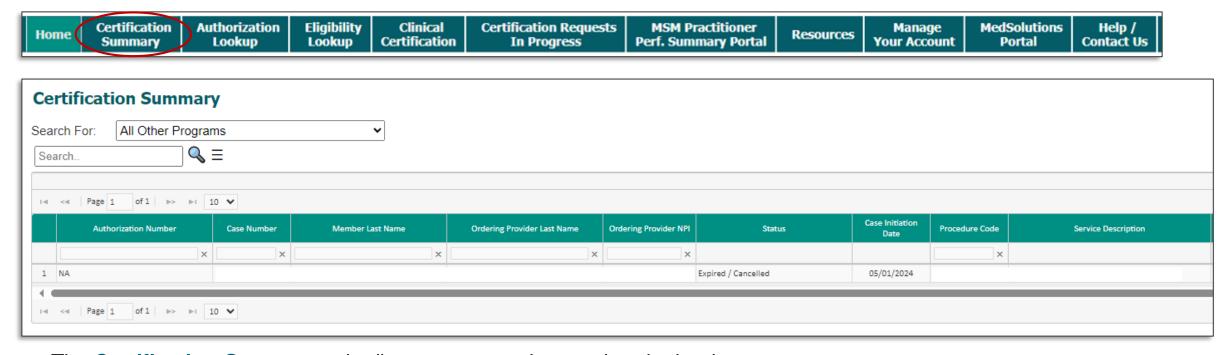
Certification Summary

Track recently submitted cases.





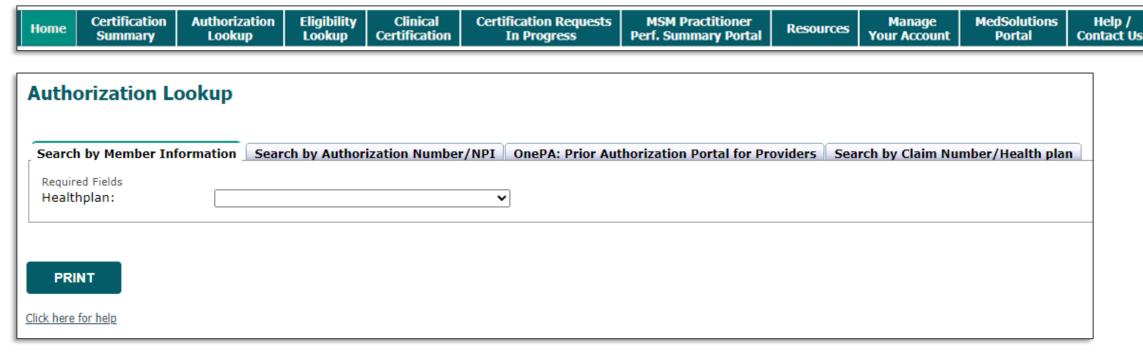
Certification Summary | User Worklist



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



Authorization Lookup



- You can lookup an authorization case status on the portal.
- Search by member information OR
- Search by authorization number with ordering NPI.
- Initiate appeals and/or schedule Peer-to-Peer calls.
- View and print any correspondence.







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: ClientServices@EviCore.com

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

Web-Based Services and Portal Support

Live chat

Email: Portal.Support@EviCore.com

Phone: 800-646-0418 (option 2)

Provider Engagement

Regional team that works directly with the provider community.

Provider Engagement Manager Territory List



Call Center/Intake Center

Call **855-774-1317.** Representatives are available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time.



Provider Resource Website

Provider Resource Pages

EviCore's Provider Engagement team maintains provider resource pages that contain educational material to assist providers and their staff on a daily basis. The provider resource page includes, but is not limited to, the following educational material:

- Provider training material
- CPT code list
- Quick Reference Guide (QRG)
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

To access these helpful resources, please visit:

https://www.evicore.com/resources/healthplan/blue-care-network

EviCore also maintains online resources <u>not</u> specific to health plans, such as guidelines and our required clinical information checklist.

To access these helpful resources, visit EviCore's **Provider's Hub**.





Ongoing Provider Portal Training

The EviCore Portal Team offers general portal training, twice a week, every week.

All online orientation sessions are free of charge and will last approximately one hour. Advance registration is required, so follow the instructions below to sign up:

How to register:

- 1. Go to http://EviCore.webex.com/
- 2. Click on the "hamburger" menu on the far left hand side (below the EviCore logo), then choose Webex Training.
- 3. On the **Live Sessions** screen, click the **Upcoming** tab. In the search box above the tabs, type: **EviCore Portal Training.**
- 4. Choose the date and time for the session you would like to attend, and click the **Register** link beside it. (You will need to register separately for each session.)
- 5. Complete the required information and click the Register button.

Immediately after registering, you will receive an e-mail containing the toll-free phone number, meeting number, conference password, and a link to the web portion of the conference. Please keep the registration e-mail so you will have the Web conference information for the session in which you will be participating.



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 **Intro to EviCore Online Resources** session 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

To register, go to EviCore.com, then:

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





EviCore's Provider Newsletter

Stay up to date with our free provider newsletter!

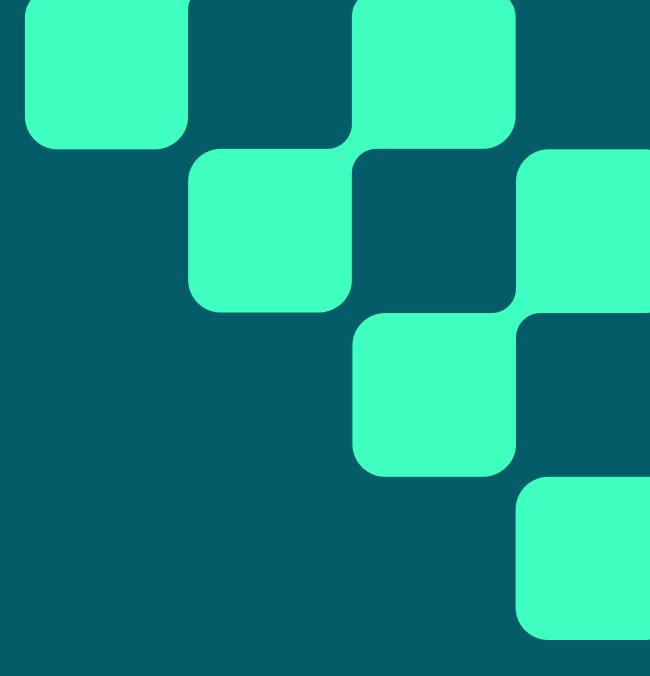
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- Visit <u>EviCore.com</u>.
- Scroll down to the section titled Stay Updated With Our Provider Newsletter.
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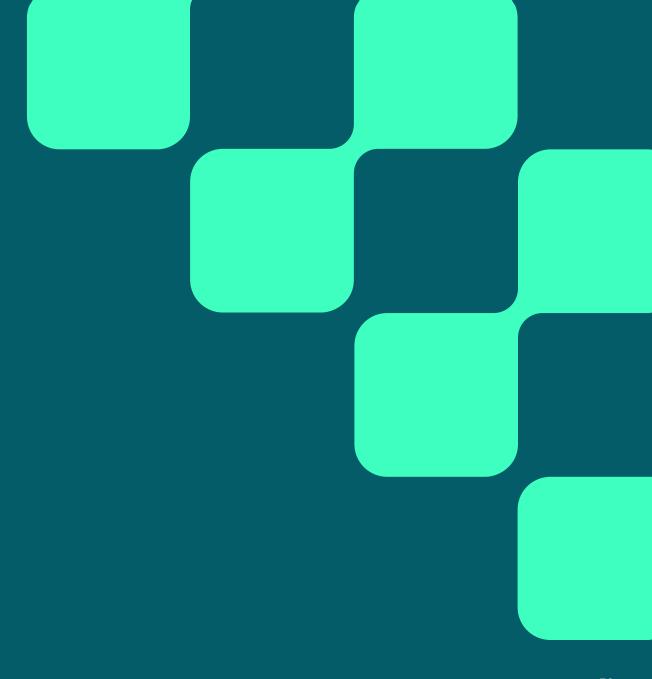


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Appendix



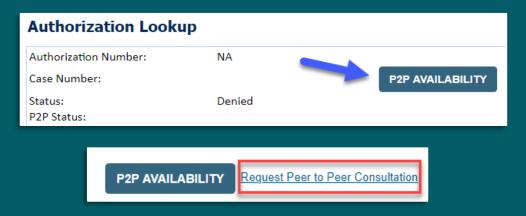


Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Scheduling Tool



If your case is eligible for a Peer-to-Peer (P2P) consultation, a link will display, allowing you to proceed to scheduling without any additional messaging.

- Log-in to your account at EviCore.com.
- 2. 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
- 4. Note carefully any messaging that displays.*

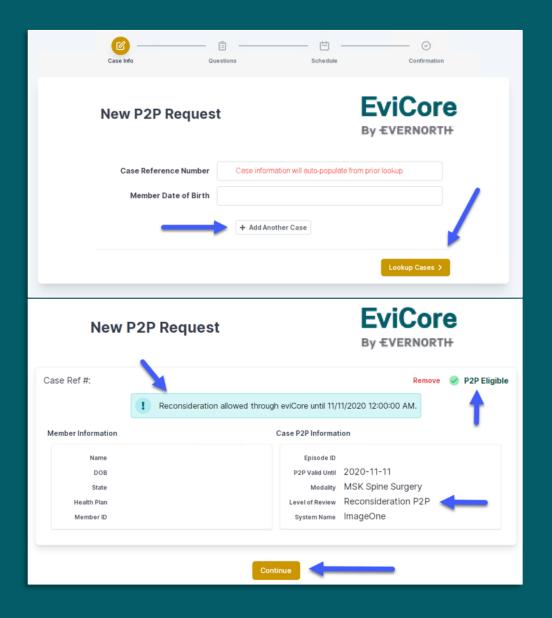




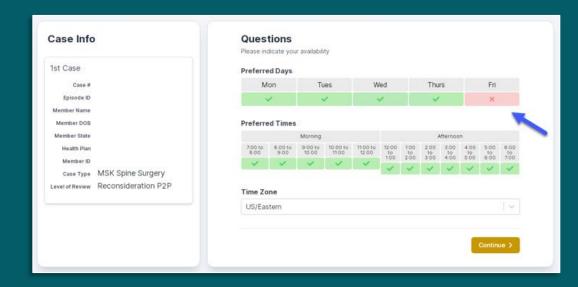
*In some instances, a Peer-to-Peer consultation is allowed, but the case decision can not be changed. In such cases, you can still request a **Consultative-Only Peer-to-Peer.** You can also click on the **ALL POST-DECISION OPTIONS** button to learn what other action can be taken.

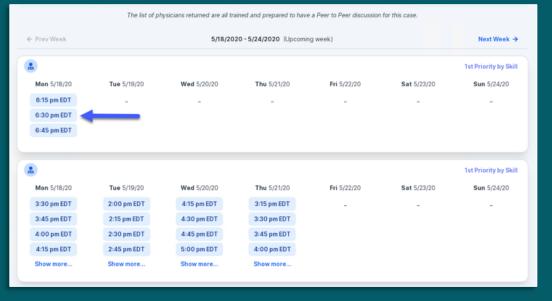
Once the **Request Peer-to-Peer Consultation** link is selected, you will be transferred to our scheduling software via a new browser window.

- 1. Upon first login, you will be asked to confirm your default time zone.
- 2. You will be presented with the case number and member date of birth.
- 3. Add another case for the same Peer-to-Peer appointment request by selecting **Add Another Case**.
- 4. To proceed, select Lookup Cases.
- 5. You will receive a confirmation screen with member and case information, including the level of review for the case in question.
- 6. Click **Continue** to proceed.

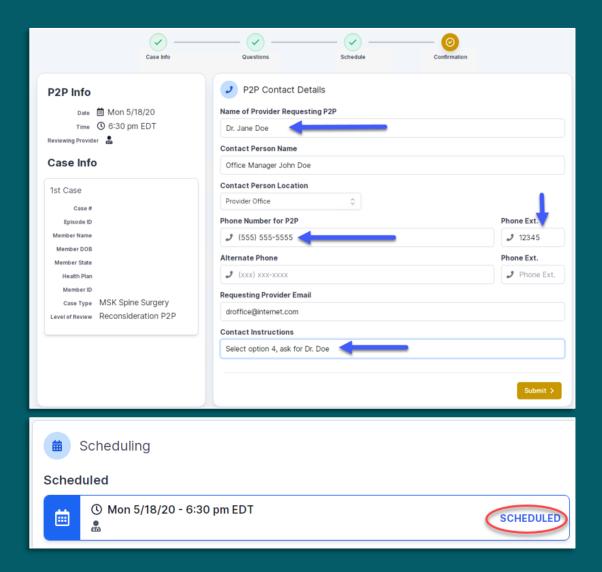


- 1. You will be prompted with a list of EviCore Physicians/Reviewers and appointment options.
- 2. Select any of the listed appointment times to continue.
- 3. You will be prompted to identify your preferred days and times for a Peer-to-Peer consultation (all opportunities will be automatically presented).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





- 1. 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
- 2. Click **Submit** to schedule the appointment.
- 3. You will be presented with a summary page containing the details of your scheduled appointment.
- 4. Confirm contact details.



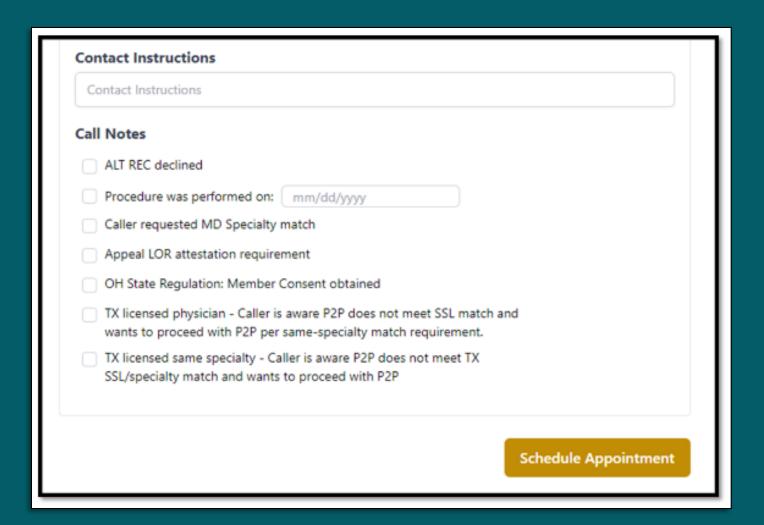
P2P Contact Details

- Use the radio button option to select who will perform the P2P with the EviCore Medical Director.
- 2. Open fields will manually open to input the provider's first, last name, and their credential.



Call Notes

- 1. Use the radio button to select options if applicable.
- 2. If "Procedure was performed on" is selected, then the date is required.



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.
- 2. Select the request you would like to modify from the list of available appointments.
- 3. When the request appears, click on the schedule link. An appointment window will open.
- 4. 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.
 - + **If choosing to cancel**, input a cancellation reason.
- 5. Close the browser once finished.

