Sleep Management Platform Migration

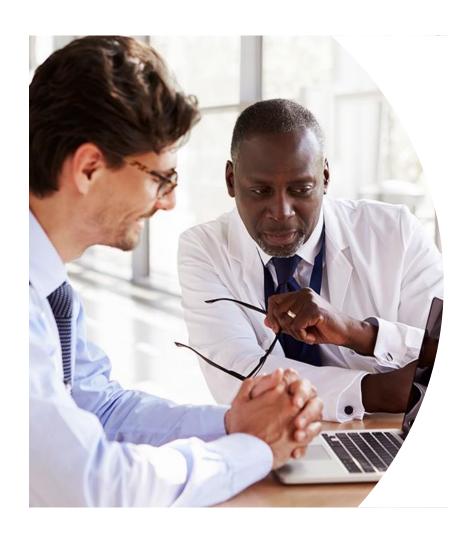
Health Alliance Plan of Michigan







Agenda



- What is Changing: Migration to CareCore National Portal
- CareCore National Portal Overview
- CareCore National Portal Features
- Provider Resources
- Questions
- Appendix
 - Sleep Management Program Overview
 - Peer-to-Peer Scheduling Tool



What is Changing: Platform Migration



Platform Migration: Effective July 1, 2025

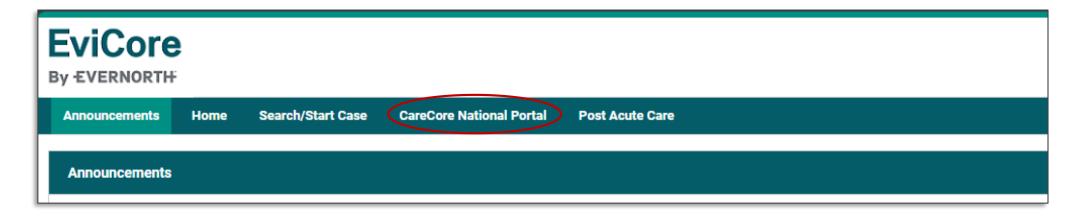


- EviCore currently accepts prior authorization requests for Health Alliance Plan of Michigan members through the MedSolutions portal. Beginning <u>July 1, 2025</u>, these requests should be entered through the CareCore National portal at EviCore.com.
- If a provider has an existing login, the <u>same</u> credentials are used for both portals and a new account does <u>not</u> need to be created.
- Any authorizations requested prior to July 1, 2025 can still be viewed on the MedSolutions portal, but as of July 1, 2025, all new requests must be created on the CareCore National portal, as shown below.





Welcome Screen | MedSolutions



- If your login takes you to the MedSolutions Portal, you can click the CareCore National Portal button (as seen above)
 to seamlessly toggle back and forth between the two portals.
- As you can see from the Announcements on this screen, many health plan programs are migrating from the MedSolutions Portal to the CareCore National portal.



Welcome Screen | CareCore National



- You can access the MedSolutions Portal at any time.
- Click the MedSolutions Portal on the banner to seamlessly toggle back and forth between the two portals.
- Any authorizations requested prior to July 1, 2025 can still be viewed on the MedSolutions portal.

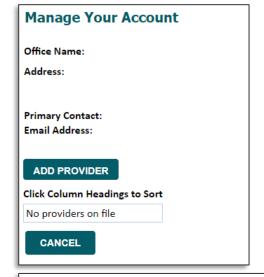


EviCore Provider Portal | Add Providers

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

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

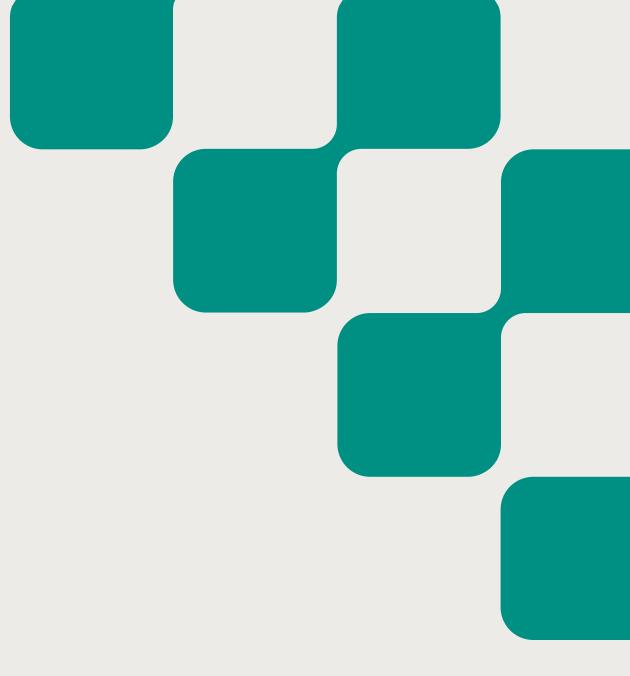
- Click the Manage Your Account tab to add provider information.
- Select Add Provider.
- Enter the NPI, state, and zip code to search for the provider.
- Select the matching record based upon your search criteria.
- Once you have selected a practitioner, your registration will be complete.
- You can 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
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FIND MATCHES CANCEL



Submitting Requests





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How to Request Prior Authorization

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

- 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 www.EviCore.com



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Monday – Friday

7 AM – 7 PM (local time)

Fax: 866-999-3510



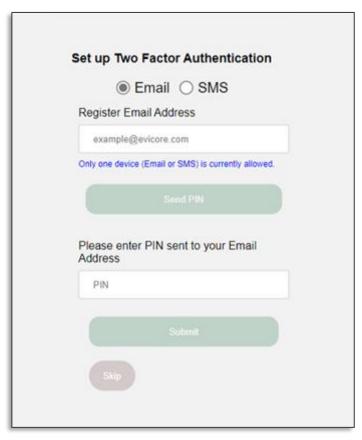
Setting Up Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

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.
- Once you select **Send PIN**, 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.

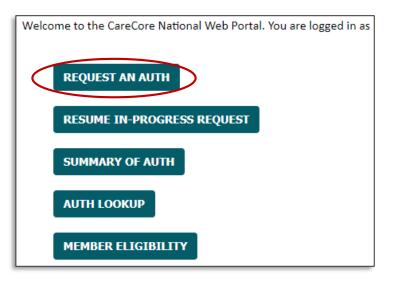




Initiating a Case



 To initiate a prior authorization request via the EviCore portal, select Request an Auth or Clinical Certification.





Select a Program

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

Request an Authorization

To begin, please select a program below:

- Durable Medical Equipment(DME)
- Gastroenterology
- Lab Management Program
- Medical Drug Management
- Medical Oncology Pathways
- Musculoskeletal Management
- Pharmacy Drugs (Express Scripts Coverage)
- Radiation Therapy Management Program (RTMP)
- Radiology and Cardiology
- Sleep Management

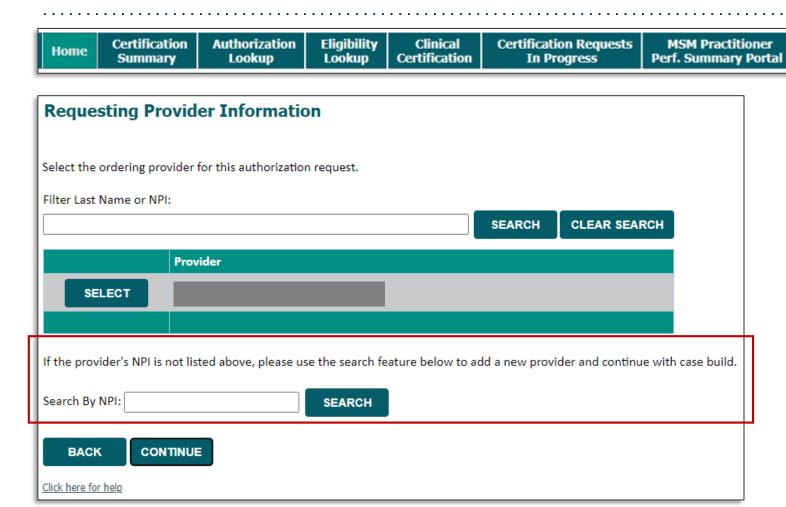
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Click here for help

Select **Sleep Management** from the program list and continue.



Select Provider



 Select the provider who is referring the patient for treatment.

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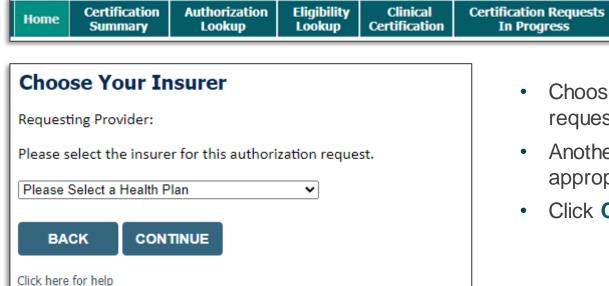
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Select Health Plan



 Choose the appropriate health plan for the request.

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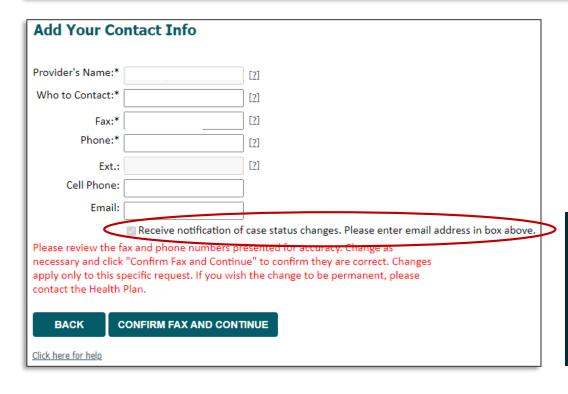
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- Another drop down will appear to select the appropriate address for the **provider**.
- Click CONTINUE.



Enter Contact Information

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- Enter/Edit the provider's name and appropriate information for the point of contact.
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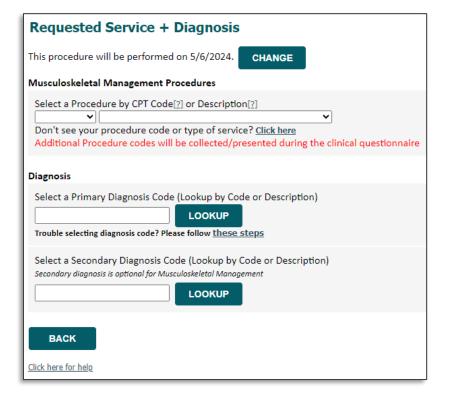
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Clinical Certification Request | Procedure and Diagnosis Codes





- Enter the expected treatment start date.
- Enter the primary CPT code.
- Add diagnosis code(s).

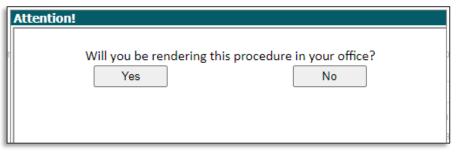


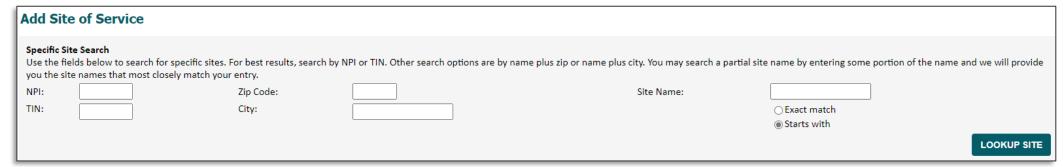


Clinical Certification Request | Site Selection



 Answer the question regarding the location of the procedure to be performed.





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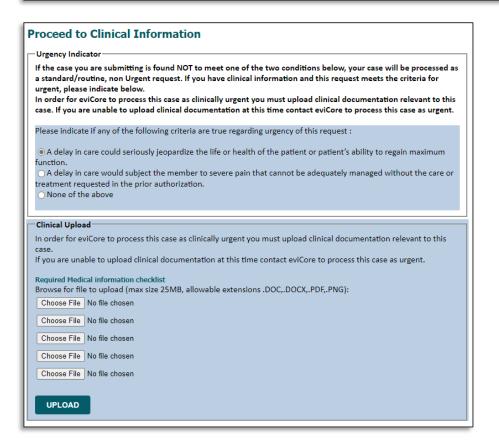
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- Verify that all information is entered and correct.
- Check the acknowledgement statement.
- Once you enter the clinical collection phase of the process, the answers to the clinical questions will not save unless the case is completed.
- You will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



Clinical Certification Request | Standard or Urgent Request

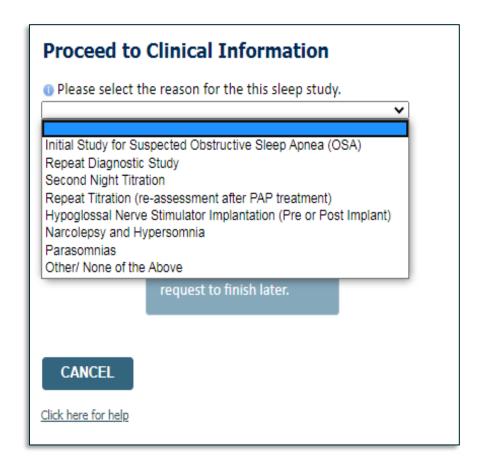
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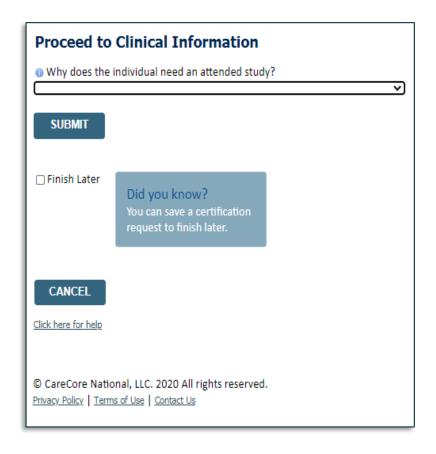
- If the case is standard, select Yes.
- If your request is urgent, select No.
- When a request is submitted as urgent, you will be required to upload relevant clinical information.
- Upload up to **FIVE** documents. (.doc, .docx, or .pdf format; max 5MB size)
- Your case will only be considered urgent if there is a successful upload.

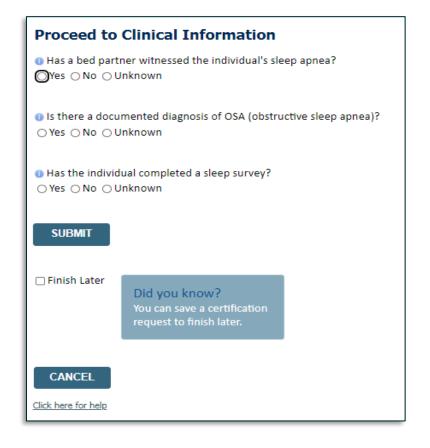




If you have continued as a standard request, select a reason for the study from the dropdown list.

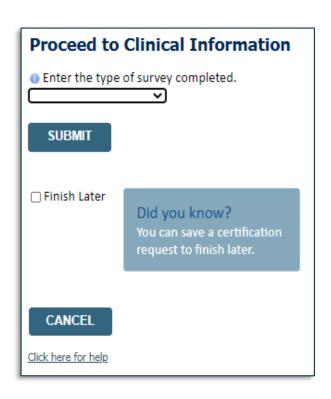


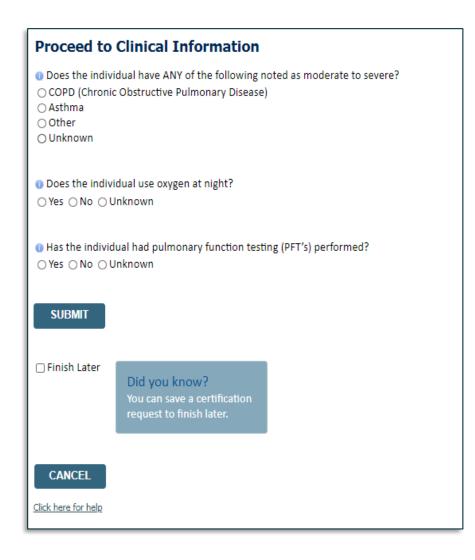




- Clinical Certification questions may populate based upon the information provided.
- You can save your request and finish later if needed,
 - Note: You will have until the end of the day to complete the request.
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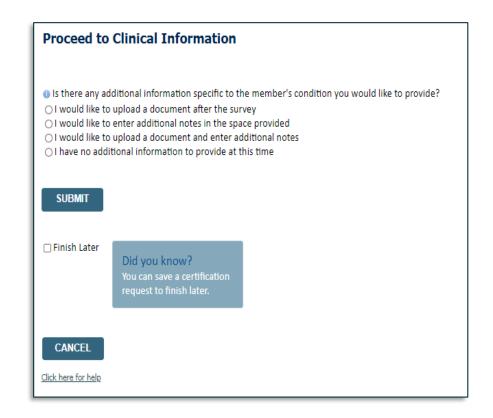


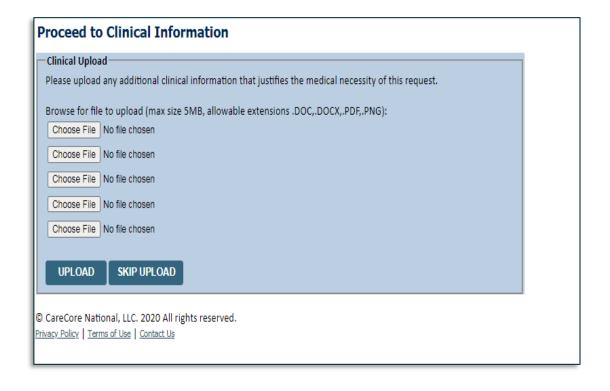






Additional Information | Upload Clinical

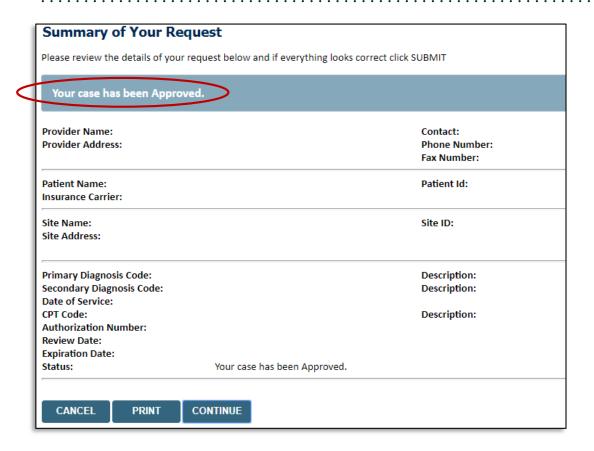


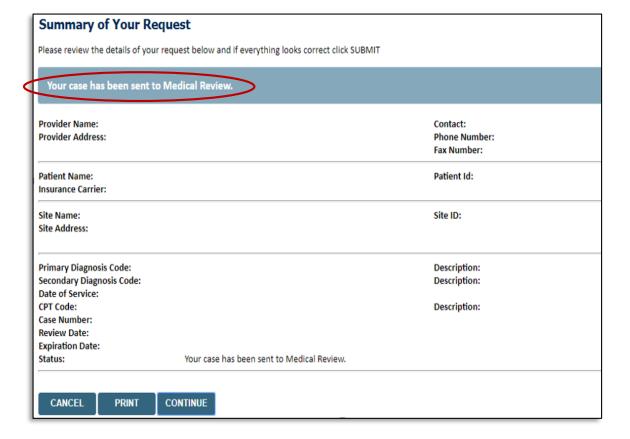


 You will have the opportunity to provide any additional information and upload applicable clinical information.



Outcome Determination





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Initiating a Sleep DME Request





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Select a Program

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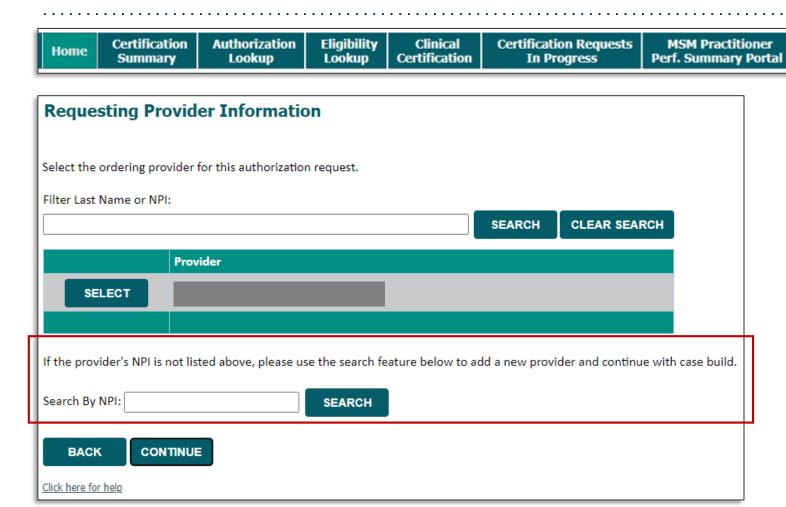
Request an Authorization To begin, please select a program below: Durable Medical Equipment(DME) Gastroenterology Lab Management Program Medical Drug Management Medical Oncology Pathways Musculoskeletal Management Pharmacy Drugs (Express Scripts Coverage) Radiation Therapy Management Program (RTMP) Radiology and Cardiology Sleep Management CONTINUE Click here for help

- Select Sleep Management from the program list and continue.
- Choose Durable Medical Equipment from the dropdown, then click Continue.





Select Provider



 Select the provider who is referring the patient for treatment.

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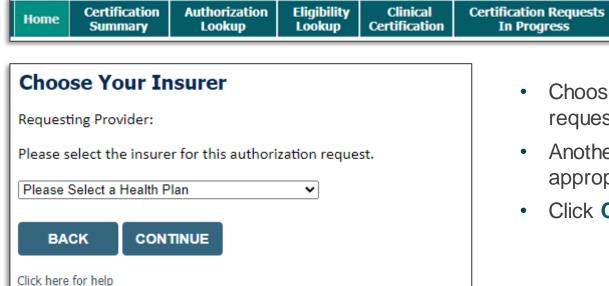
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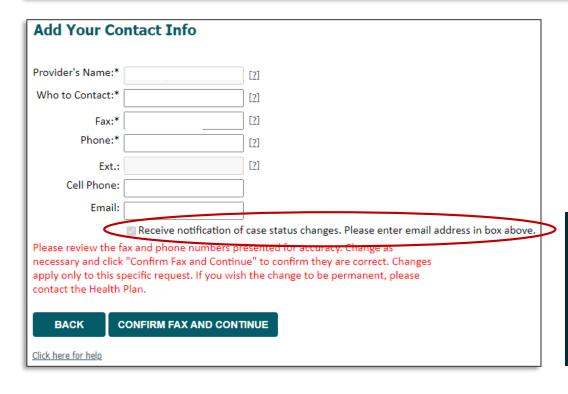
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- Another drop down will appear to select the appropriate address for the **provider**.
- Click CONTINUE.



Enter Contact Information

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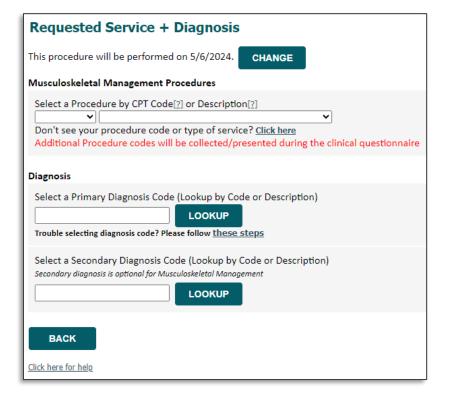
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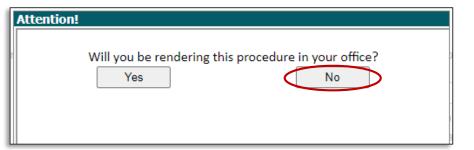


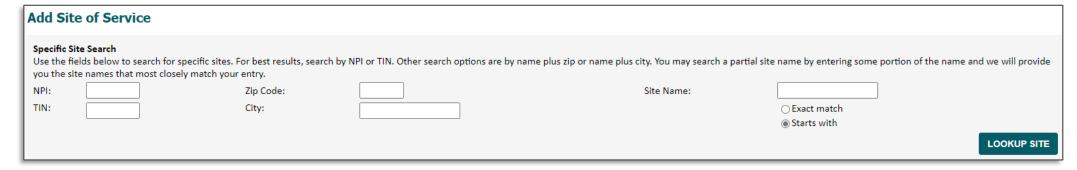


Clinical Certification Request | Site Selection



 For this question, choose No, as this does not apply to sleep-related DME requests.





- 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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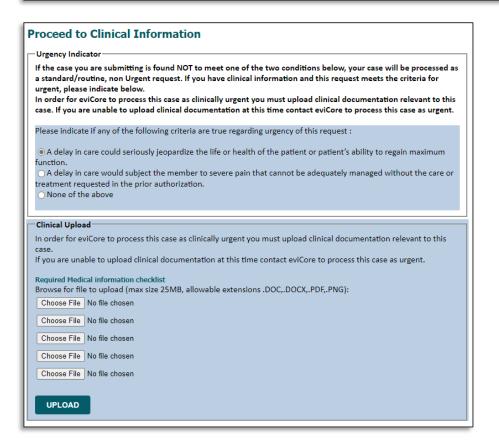
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Clinical Certification Request | Standard or Urgent Request

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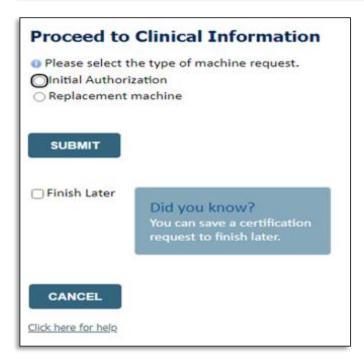




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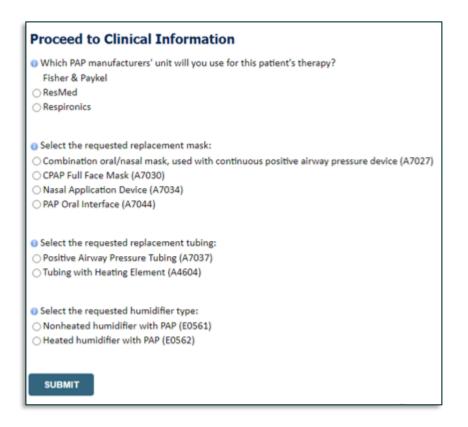


- If the request is for a PAP device, please choose initial or replacement.
- You can save your request and finish later if needed.
 - Note: You will have until the end of the day to complete the request.
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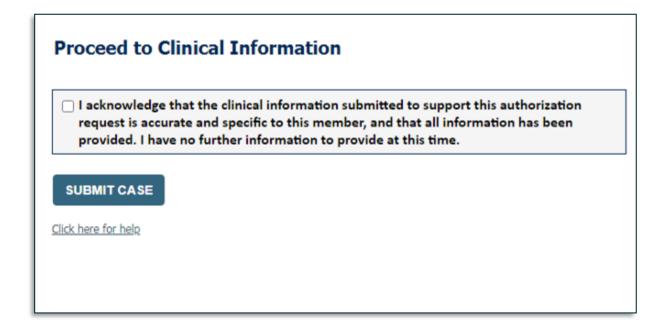


Clinical Information | Finish Questions & Submit Case

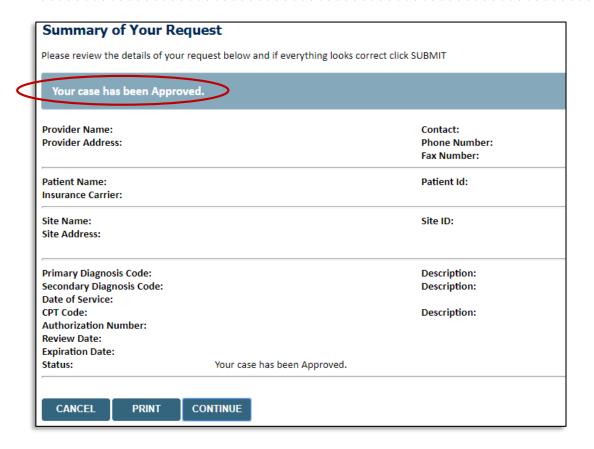
 On the screen below, answer the questions, then click SUBMIT.

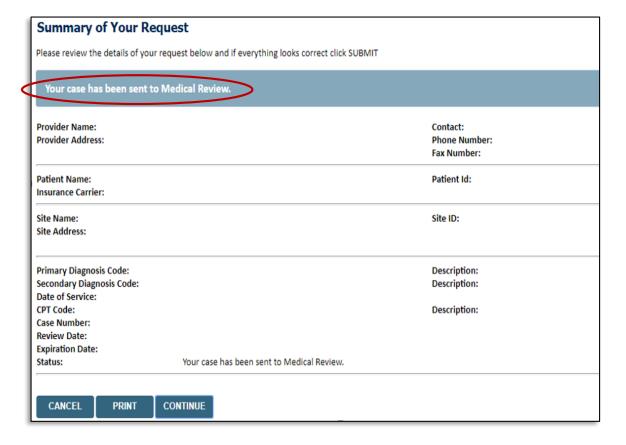


- Next, check the attestation, then click SUBMIT CASE.
- The request will either be pended for medical review or approved.



Outcome Determination





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Compliance Details for CPAP

Authorization Number:

Case Number:

Status: Approved

Approval Date: Service Code:

CHANGE SERVICE CODE

Service Description: POSITIVE AIRWAY PRESSURE (PAP)

Site Name:

Expiration Date:

Date Last Updated:

Correspondence: U

UPLOADS & FAXES

Manufacturer	Active	PAP Start Date	Total Usage Days	Usage Hours	30-Day Count	30-Day %
Respironics	True	6/4/2019	30	5.08	21	70.00
Respironics	True	6/4/2019	32	5.17	21	70.00
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Approval Date:

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CHANGE SERVICE CODE

Service Description: POSITIVE AIRWAY PRESSURE (PAP)

Site Name:

Expiration Date:

Date Last Updated:

Correspondence: UPLOADS & FAXES

Manufacturer	Active	PAP Start Date	Total Usage Days	Usage Hours	30-Day Count	30-Day %
Respironics	False	11/3/2019	2	0.95	0	0.00
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• For CPAP authorizations, **compliance information** is accessible to review under the authorization screen once EviCore receives usage data from the online systems.



EviCore Portal Features





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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.

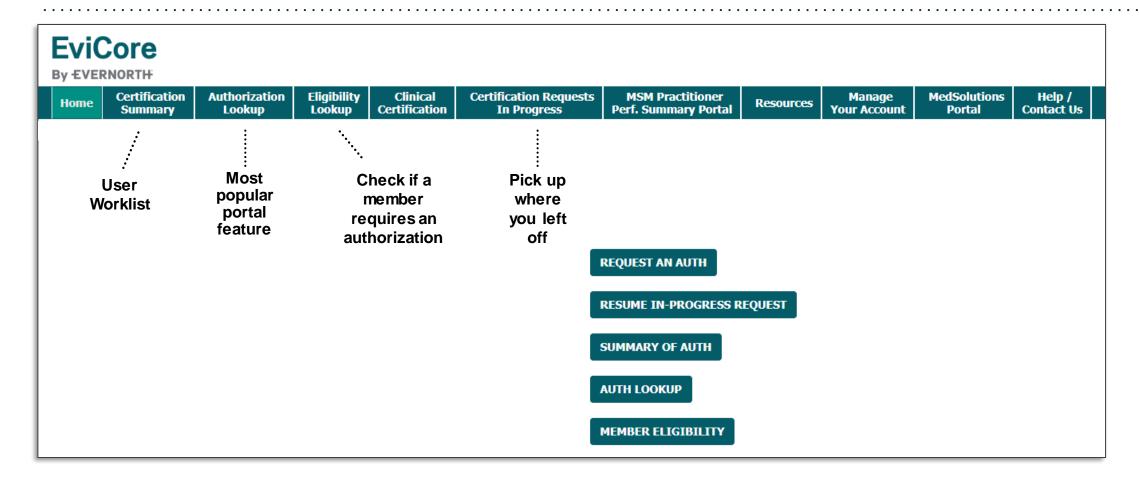
Certification Summary

Track recently submitted cases.



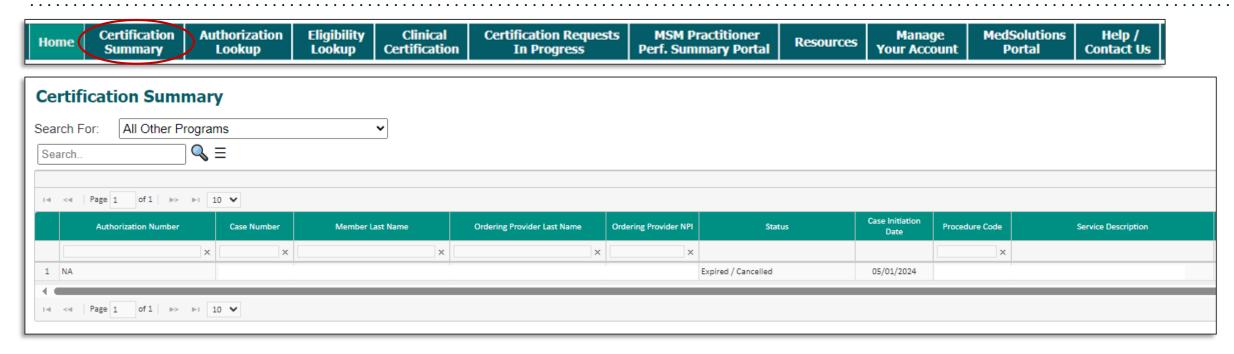


Provider Portal | Feature Access





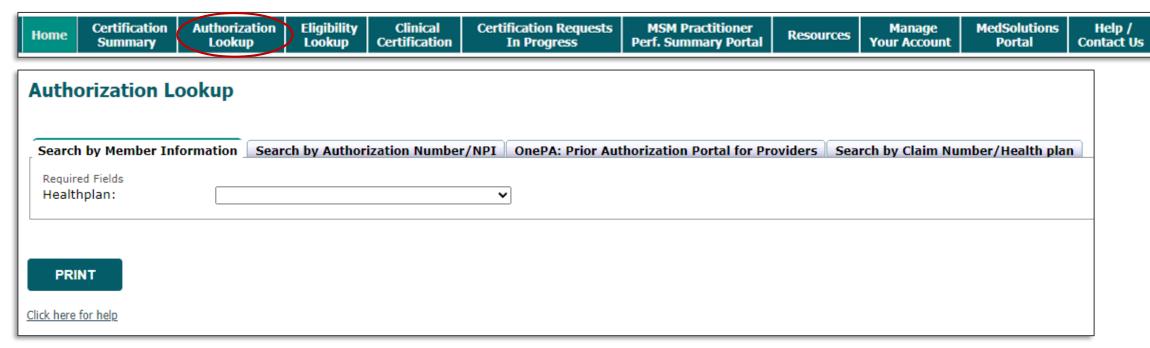
Certification Summary | User Worklist



- 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.



Provider Resources





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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 **888-564-5487.** Representatives are available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time.



Ongoing Provider Portal Training

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

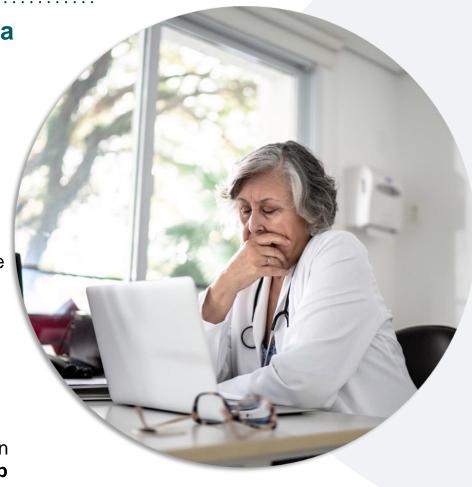
All online orientation sessions are free of charge and will last approximately one hour. Advance registration is required, so follow the instructions below to sign up:

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 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 pages include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 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/hap

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**.





Provider Resource Review Forum

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

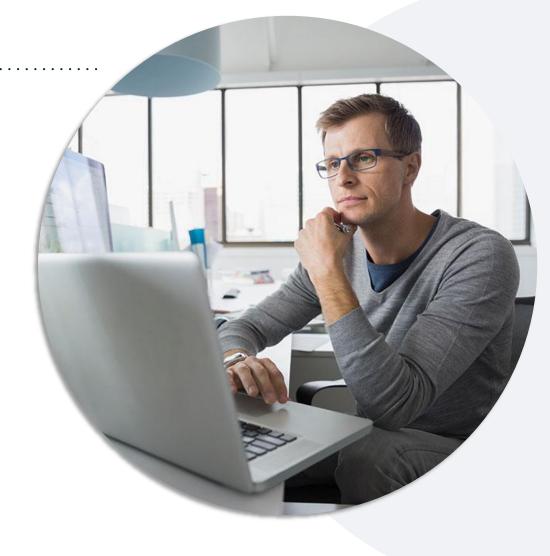
We invite you to attend a **Intro to EviCore Online Resources** session to learn how to navigate **EviCore.com** and understand all the resources available on the Provider's Hub.

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!

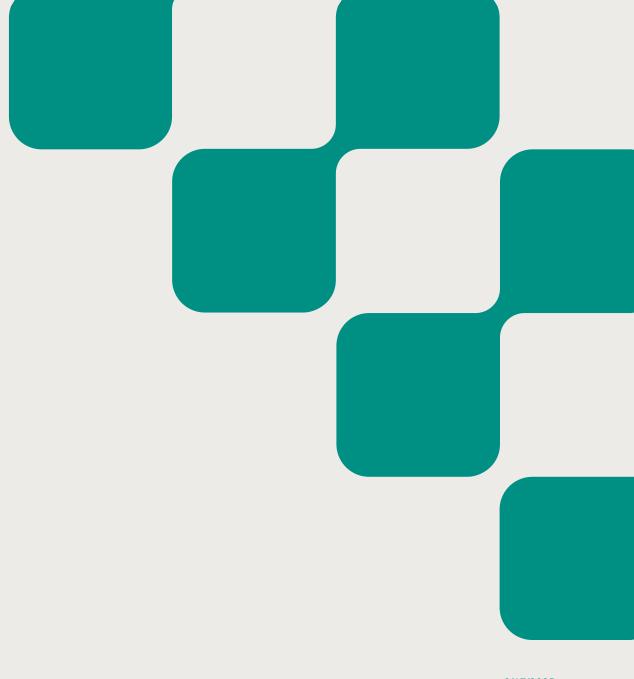
To subscribe:

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





Thank You





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Appendix





Program Overview





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Health Alliance Plan of Michigan Prior Authorization Services

Applicable Membership

- Commercial
- Medicare

Prior authorization applies to the following services

- Outpatient or Home-based
- Elective/Non-emergent
- Medically Necessary

Prior authorization does NOT apply to services performed in

- Emergency Rooms
- Observation Services
- Inpatient Stays



It is the responsibility of the ordering provider to request prior authorization approval for services.



Prior Authorization Required

- 95800/95801/95806 Home Sleep Testing
- 95782/95807/95808/95810 Attended Polysomnography (PSG)
- 95783/95811 Attended Polysomnography with PAP titration
- 95805 Multiple Sleep Latency Test (MSLT)

To find a list of CPT codes that require prior authorization through EviCore, please visit:

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



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)



Referring (Ordering) Provider

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

Rendering Facility

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

Supporting Clinical

- Pertinent clinical information to substantiate medical necessity for the requested service
- CPT 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.



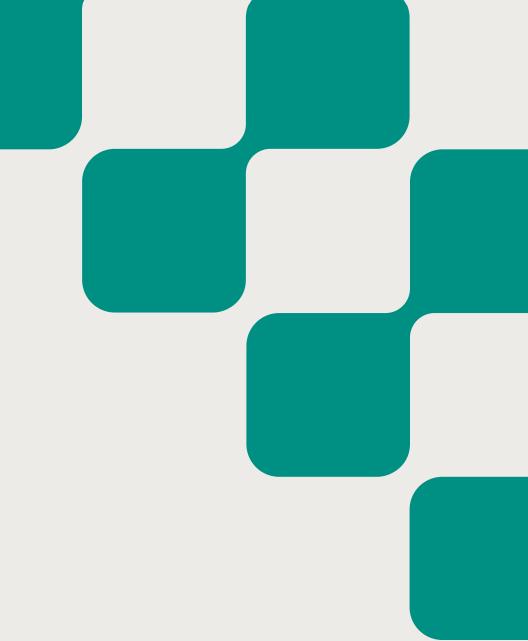
Providing Additional Information

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:

- Additional clinical information must be submitted to EviCore in advance of the due date referenced.
 - Additional clinical information should be submitted to EviCore for consideration per the instructions received, clinical can be faxed
 to 866-999-3510 or uploaded directly into the case via the provider portal at www.EviCore.com (preferred)
- 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 must occur prior to the due date referenced
- If the additional clinical documentation is shared with EviCore via fax or uploaded on the portal, that clinical will be sent on to be reviewed for medical necessity determination. Once the documentation is shared, the case advances to review and the case is <u>not</u> held further for a Pre-Decision Clinical Consultation, even if the due date has not yet lapsed
- Once the determination is made, status will be available on <u>www.EviCore.com</u> and notifications will go out to the ordering provider, rendering provider and member.



Sleep Study Site of Service Authorization



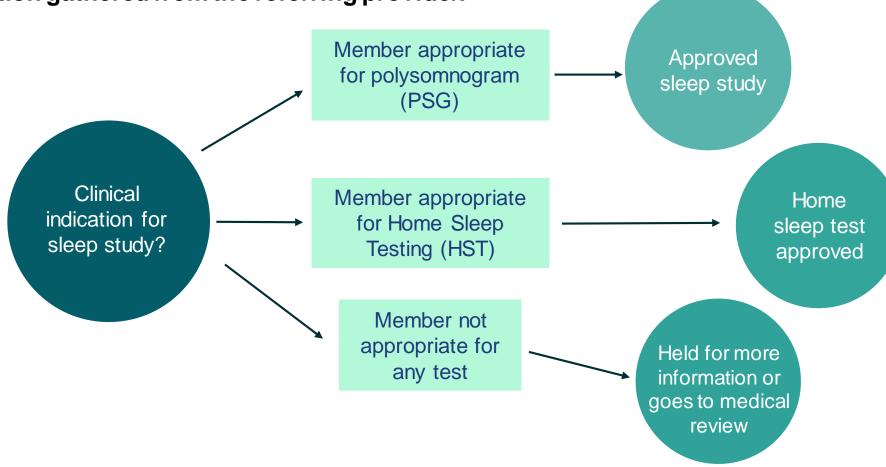


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Sleep Study Referral Workflow

EviCore's Clinical Pathways direct to the appropriate site of service or treatment based on the

information gathered from the referring provider.





Sleep Study Site of Service Authorization



Sleep Study testing that meets medical necessity for the appropriate site of service will be authorized by EviCore.

What happens if an attended sleep study is requested, but Home Sleep Testing (HST) is more appropriate?

- If the member meets medical appropriateness criteria for a HST, an authorization for an attended study will **not** be given.
- The ordering clinician will be offered the choice to **suspend** the request for an attended study in favor of a HST.
- If the provider selects the HST option, the CPT code will be changed to G0399/95806 and the HST will be approved.
- If the provider does **not** select the HST option, the case will go to medical review and could lead to an **adverse determination** of the requested attended sleep study.



Sleep Study | Clinical Guidelines Summary

Home Sleep Apnea Test - Home Sleep Apnea Testing (HSAT) is the preferred study.

Attended Sleep Study Indications - Attended sleep studies are the most appropriate test when a patient has one or more comorbid diagnoses that make an HST an inappropriate choice for sleep apnea testing. In addition, an attended study would be appropriate if the patient DOES NOT have the mobility, dexterity or cognitive ability to use an HSAT safely at home or HSAT has been attempted and is inconclusive.

- When code **95811** is approved but <u>split-night criteria was not met</u>, in order to "downcode" the authorization to 95810, the provider should call EviCore within 15 days of the service date.
- When code **95810** is approved but <u>split-night criteria was met</u>, in order to "upcode" the authorization to 95811, the provider should call EviCore within 15 days of the service date.

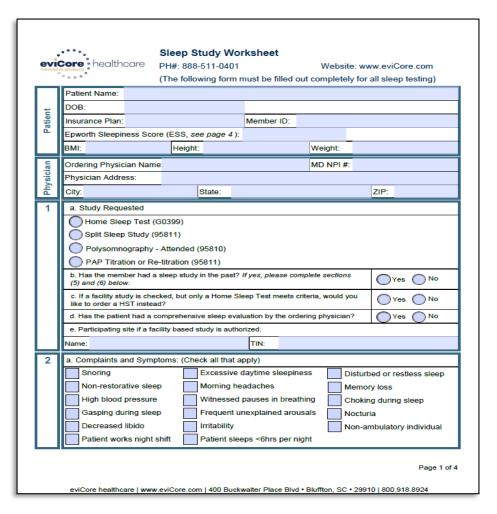
Multiple Sleep Latency Testing- Multiple sleep latency testing (MSLT) is a tool to help diagnose and treat patients with severe daytime sleepiness due to suspected narcolepsy or other central hypersomnias. If obstructive sleep apnea is suspected, this should be evaluated first before proceeding with PSG/MSLT. Standard protocol for this procedure is that a PSG **MUST** be completed the night before the MSLT. Therefore, MSLT requests should be accompanied by a request for an attended sleep study.

Repeat Sleep Testing - The patient MUST be compliant with the current treatment. Repeat testing is generally not necessary to supply new PAP equipment.

To access the Clinical Guidelines, please visit: EviCore Sleep Management Clinical Guidelines



Sleep Study Worksheet



- Worksheets for attended sleep studies and multiple sleep latency tests (MSLT) procedures are available on the EviCore website.
- The provider should complete this worksheet prior to contacting EviCore for an authorization.
- Please Note: The worksheet is a tool to help providers prepare for prior authorization requests via the web portal (preferred method) or by phone and <u>should not</u> be faxed to EviCore to build a case.

To access the Clinical Worksheets, please visit: www.EviCore.com/provider/online-forms



Prior Authorization Outcomes, Special Considerations & Post-Decision Options



Prior Authorization Outcomes

Determination Outcomes:

- Approved Requests: Authorizations are valid for 180 calendar days from the date of determination.
- 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 post decision options for denied codes, including denied Site of Care (if applicable).
- **Denied Requests:** Based on evidence-based guidelines, if a request is determined as inappropriate, 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 provider.
- Web initiated cases will receive e-notifications when a user opts to receive.
- Members will receive a letter by mail.
- Approval information can be printed on demand from the EviCore portal: <u>www.EviCore.com</u>

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Special Circumstances

Alternative Recommendations

- An alternative recommendation may be offered, based on EviCore's evidencebased clinical guidelines.
- The ordering provider can either accept the alternative recommendation or request a reconsideration for the original request.
- Providers have up to 14 calendar days to contact EviCore to accept the alternative recommendation.

Authorization Update

- If updates are needed on an existing authorization, you can contact EviCore by phone at 888-564-5487.
- 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.





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 **888-564-5487** 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

- Providers can request a reconsideration review.
- Reconsiderations must be requested within 15 business days after the determination date.
- A verbal reconsideration (Peer-to-Peer) can be requested via a Clinical Consultation with an EviCore physician.

Appeals

- EviCore <u>will</u> process first-level appeals for Commercial providers. Please refer to the denial letter for instructions.
- Commercial appeals must be submitted to EviCore within 45 calendar days from the initial determination.
- Please refer to the determination letter for specific appeal instructions.
- Member requests for appeals should be referred to the health plan.



Post-Decision Options | Medicare Members

My case has been denied. What's next?

Clinical Consultation

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

Reconsideration

Medicare cases do not include a Reconsideration option.

Appeals

- EviCore will not process first-level appeals.
- Please refer to the determination letter for instructions and requirements to submit an appeal.



Special Circumstances

Retrospective (Retro) Authorization Requests

- Must be submitted within 365 calendar days from the date of service.
- Reviewed for clinical urgency and medical necessity.
- Retro requests are processed within the following timeframes after receiving all necessary information:
 - Commercial 30 calendar days
 - Medicare 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 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.





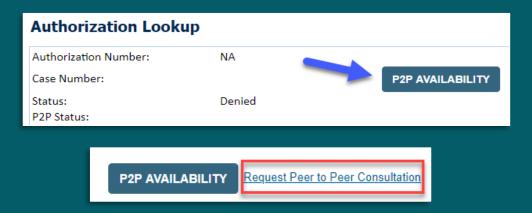
Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Scheduling Tool





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.*

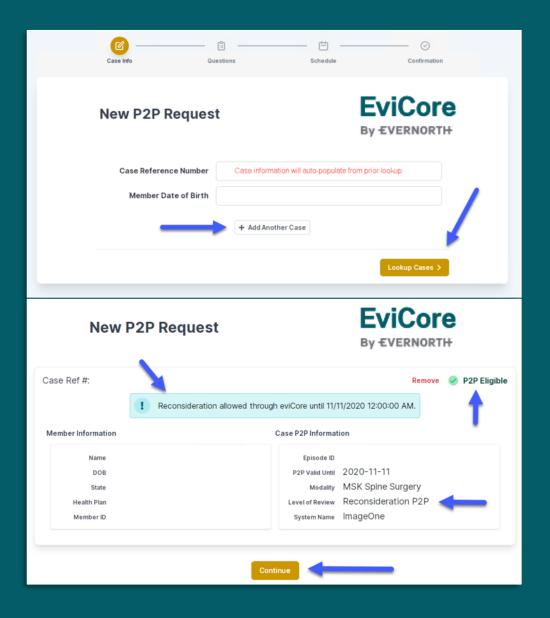




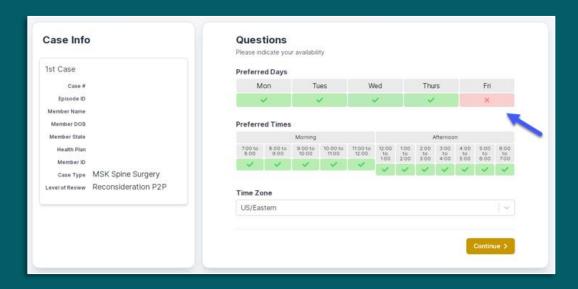
*In some instances, a Peer-to-Peer consultation is allowed, but the case decision can not be changed. In such cases, you can still request a **Consultative-Only Peer-to-Peer.** You can also click on the **ALL POST-DECISION OPTIONS** button to learn what other action can be taken.

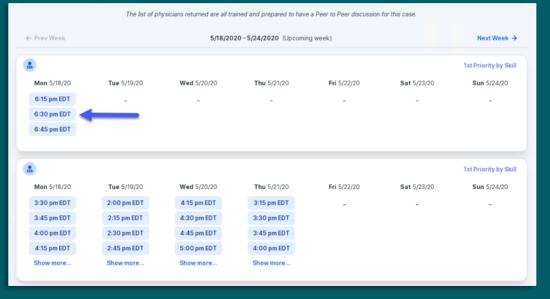
Once the **Request Peer-to-Peer Consultation** link is selected, you will be transferred to our scheduling software via a new browser window.

- 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.

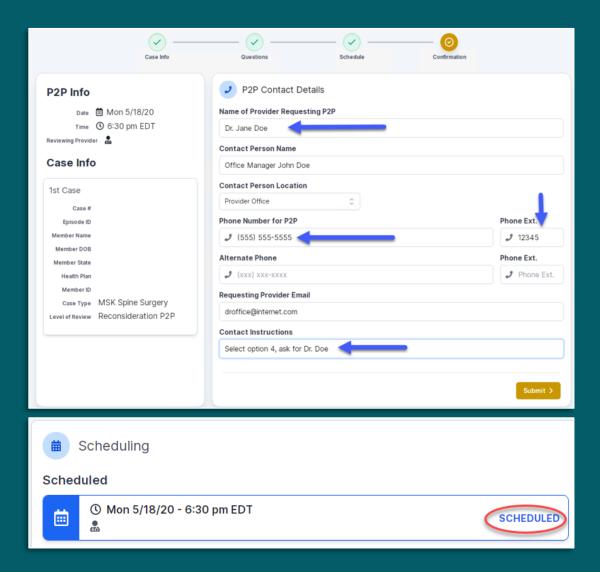


- 1. You will be prompted with a list of EviCore Physicians/Reviewers and appointment options.
- 2. Select any of the listed appointment times to continue.
- 3. You will be prompted to identify your preferred days and times for a Peer-to-Peer consultation (all opportunities will be automatically presented).
- 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.



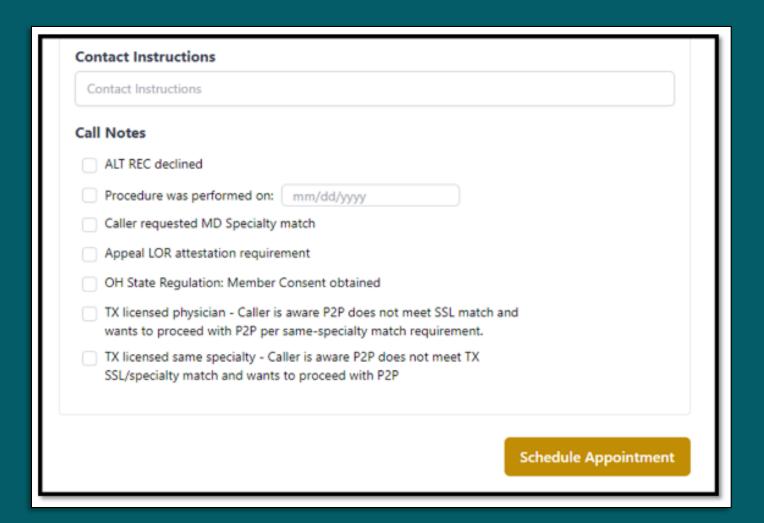
P2P Contact Details

- 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,** enter a cancellation reason.
- 5. Close the browser once finished.

