RADIATION ONCOLOGY

Proton Beam Therapy

BCBSOK MA



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Solution Overview



BCBSOK MA Prior Authorization Services

EviCore will begin accepting prior authorization requests for Proton Beam Therapy services on 10/1/2025 for dates of service 10/1/2025 and after.



Applicable Membership

+ Medicare Only

Prior authorization applies to the following services

- + Outpatient
- + Elective/Non-emergent

Prior authorization does NOT apply to services performed in:

- + Emergency Rooms
- + Observation Services
- + Inpatient Stays

Providers should verify patient eligibility and benefits prior to treatment.

Prior Authorization Services

IMPORTANT NOTE: Patients Currently in Treatment – Continuity of Care

If a patient is undergoing treatment before the start of the program on 10/1/2025, will the treatment need authorization?

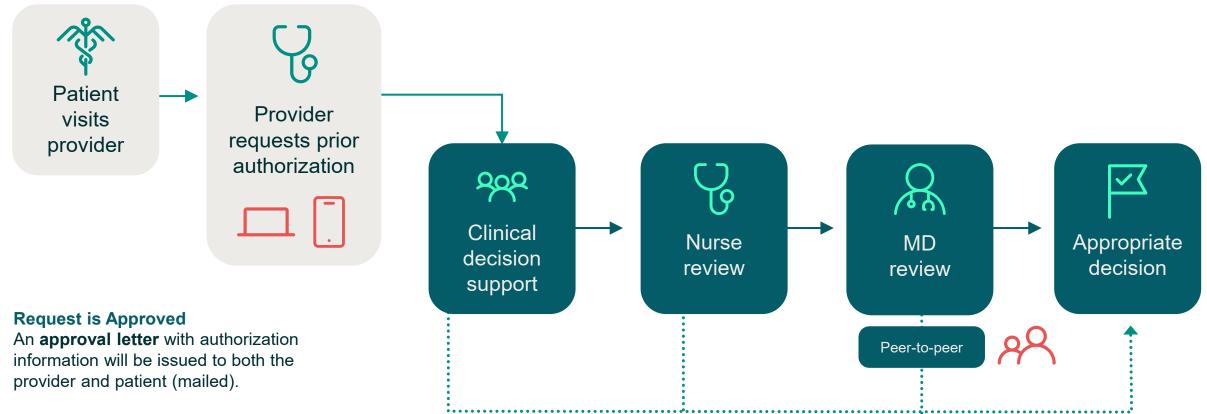
- + BCBSOK MA will honor all radiation oncology courses of treatment that are in progress as of EviCore's management, effective 10/1/2025.
- + As such, the provider is not required to submit request for treatment that began prior to 10/1/2025 through EviCore. The start of treatment is defined as the first date of service whereby radiation therapy treatment was administered to the patient.
- + In addition, authorizations previously submitted through 9/31/2025 should **not** be resubmitted through EviCore.
- + Modifications to those existing authorizations, such as date extensions, are handled directly by the health plan. *Please* contact the health plan to request any changes to an active authorization.



Submitting Requests



Pre-service prior authorization workflow



Request is Denied

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



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:** 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 evicore.com/provider Or by phone: 855-252-1117 Monday – Friday 7 AM – 7 PM (local time) Or by fax: 866-699-8160

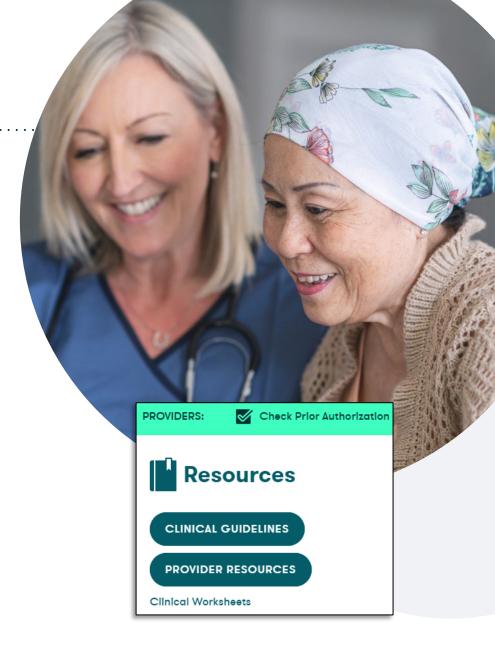


Holistic Treatment Plan Review | Proton Beam Radiation Therapy

EviCore relies on information about the patient's unique presentation and physician's intended treatment plan to authorize all services.

- EviCore is only delegated to authorize Proton Beam Therapy. If alternative treatment is requested, your authorization will be expired, and you will be redirected to the health plan.
- Once in the EviCore portal, providers specify the cancer type or body part being treated rather than requesting individual CPT and HCPCS codes.
- The intended treatment plan for the diagnosis is compared to the evidence-based guidelines developed by our Medical Advisory Board.
- For Medicare Cases, LCD and NCDs are followed if there is one applicable to the treatment.
- Following review, the approved or denied treatment technique and number of fractions will be communicated to the provider and patient.

For questions about billing best practices or about the clinical guidelines utilized by EviCore, please visit the resource page on EviCore.com. Go to: EviCore.com → resources → clinical guidelines → Radiation Oncology → Search for "BCBS OK"





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:



Patient

- ✓ Health Plan ID
- Patient name
- ✓ Date of birth (DOB)



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



Rendering Facility

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



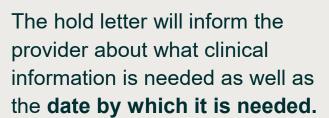
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Additional Documentation Needed

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:









The provider must submit the additional information to EviCore.



EviCore will review the additional documentation and reach a determination.

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.

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 patient, and status will be available on EviCore.com

There are three ways to supply the requested information:

- 1. Fax to 866-252-1117
- 2. Upload directly into the case via the provider portal at EviCore.com
- 3. Request a Pre-Decision Clinical Consultation
 This consultation can be requested via the
 EviCore website (see slide 48 for instructions),
 and must occur prior to the due date referenced



Prior Authorization Outcomes, Special Considerations & Post-Decision Options



Prior Authorization Determination Outcomes

Determination Outcomes

- + Approved Requests: Authorizations are valid for 45-240 calendar days from the date of the determination.
- + 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 7 business days from the date of services



Any submitted beyond this timeframe will be administratively denied



Reviewed for clinical urgency and medical necessity



Processed within 30 calendar days



When authorized, the start date will be the submitted date of service





Special Circumstances

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 patient



Can be initiated on provider portal or by phone



Urgent cases are typically reviewed within 24 to 72 hours





Special Circumstances

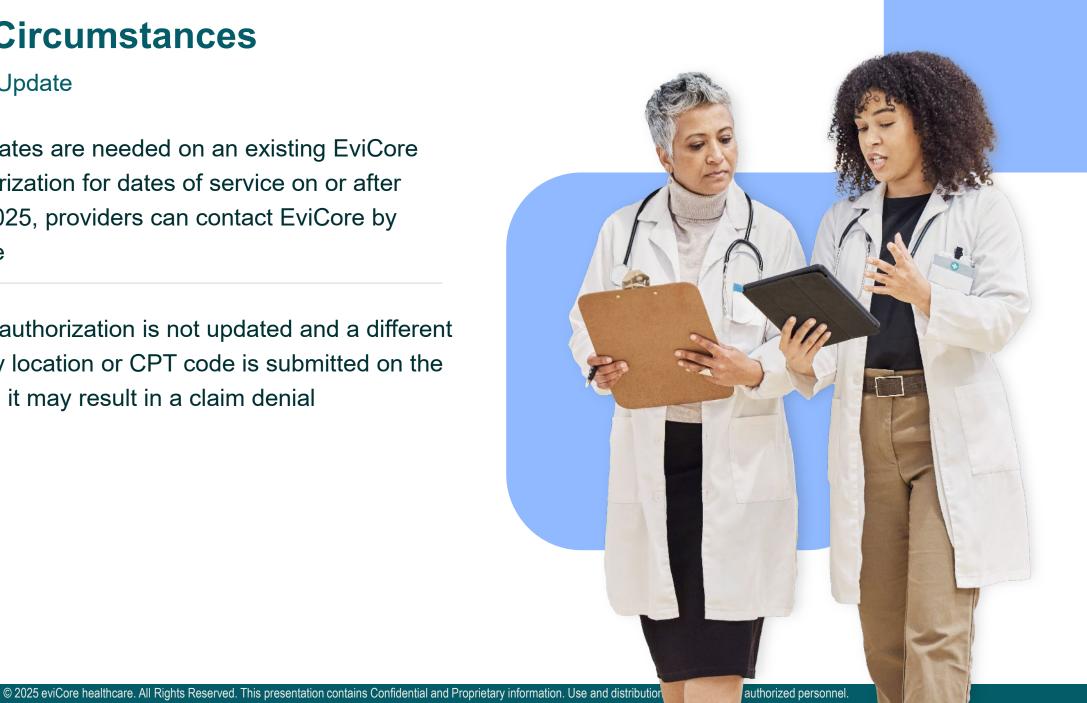
Authorization Update



If updates are needed on an existing EviCore authorization for dates of service on or after 8/1/2025, 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





Medicare Members

My case has been denied. What's next?

- + 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.



Reconsiderations

+ Medicare cases do not include a reconsideration option

Appeals



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

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 patient 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



Access and Compatibility

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

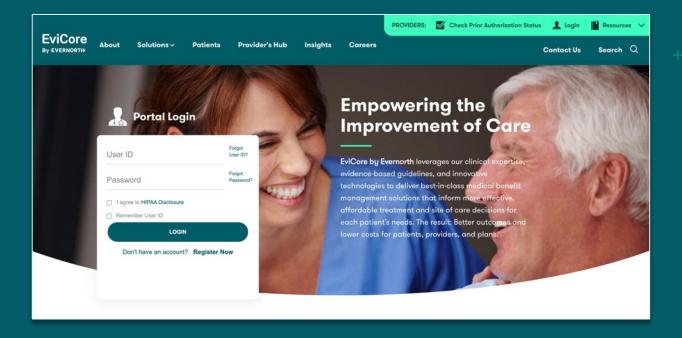
Access resources on the EviCore Provider Portal

Visit evicore.com/provider

Already a user?

Log in with User ID & Password

Don't have an account? Click Register Now



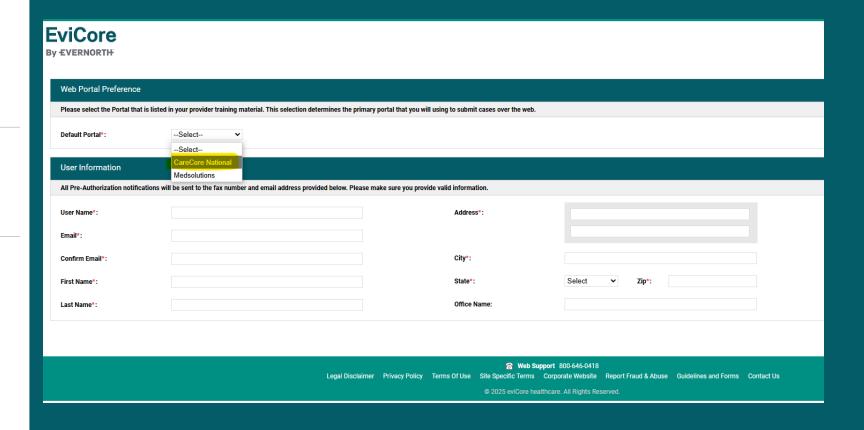
EviCore's website is compatible with all web browsers. If you experience issues, you may need to disable pop-up blockers to access the site.

Creating an Account

Select <u>CareCore National</u> 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)

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

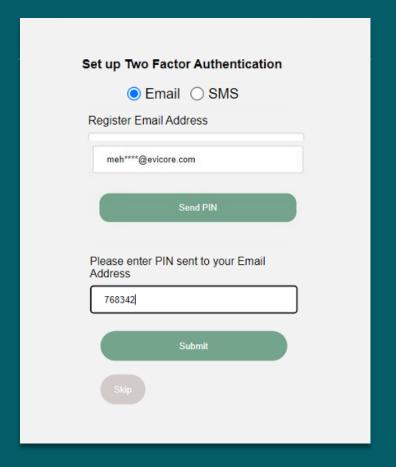
After you log in, you will be prompted to register your device for MFA.

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.

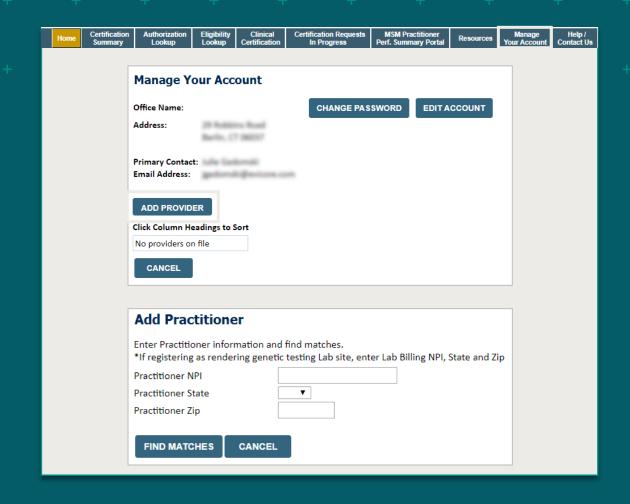
After entering the provided PIN in the portal display, you will successfully be authenticated and logged in.





Add Providers

- + You can add providers and their NPI's 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
- + 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





Provider Resources



Client and Provider Services

For eligibility issues (patient 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.

Scott Jarrett

Email: <u>scott.Jarrett@evicore.com</u>

Phone: 615.487.8129

Call Center

Call **855-252-1117**, representatives are available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time

Contact EviCore's Dedicated Teams



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

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



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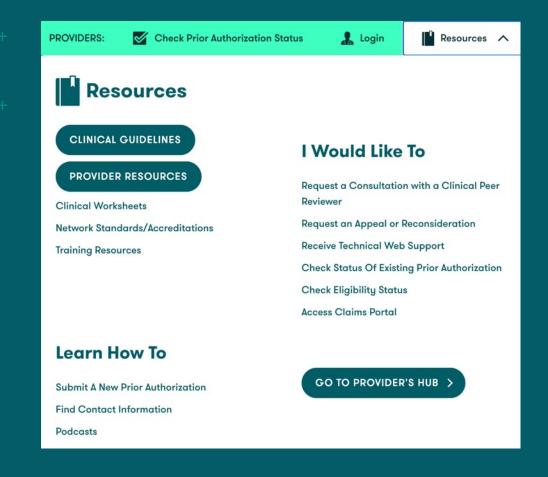




Quick Reference Tool

Where can I locate plan-specific contact information?

- 1. Open the **Resources** menu in the top right of the browser
- 2. Select Find Contact Information
- 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



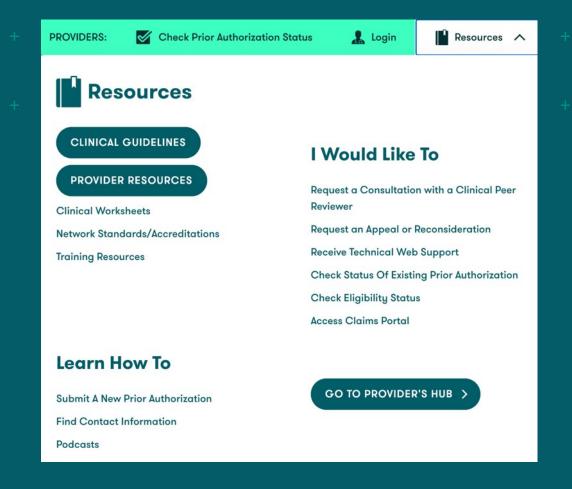


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EviCore Provider's Hub

Providers and staff can access important tools and resources at EviCore.com

- 1. Open the **Resources** menu in the top right of the browser
- 2. Select **GO TO PROVIDERS HUB** to access clinical guidelines, schedule consultations (P2P), and more

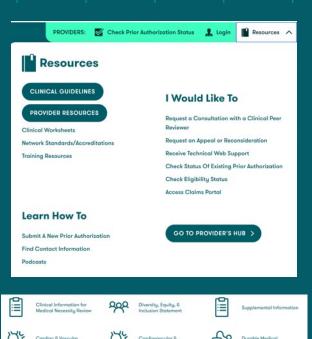




Clinical Guidelines

How do I access EviCore's clinical guidelines?

- Open the **Resources** menu in the top right of the browser
- 2. Select Clinical Guidelines
- 3. Select the solution/program associated with the requested guidelines
- 4. Search by health plan name to view clinical guidelines > *BCBS OK*
- 5. If you would like to view all guidelines, type in "EviCore healthcare" as your health plan





EviCore coverage policies include background and supporting information and citations for sources used to develop the policy. Some clinical policies may have a supplemental literature summary available which will provide additional commentary regarding clinical benefits and harms to the patient population being served. Additional literature summaries may be accessed by selecting 'Supplemental Information' and then entering "EviCore by Evernorth" in the search by health plan function.

Search by Health Plan ...

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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



Contacts and Helpful Links

Web-Based Services portal.support@evicore.com

800-646-0418, option 2

Client Provider Operations <u>clientservices@evicore.com</u>

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Worksheets evicore.com/provider/online-forms

Clinical Guidelines <u>evicore.com/provider/clinical-guidelines</u>

Request a Clinical Consultation <u>evicore.com</u>







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Portal Case Submission



Initiating a Case

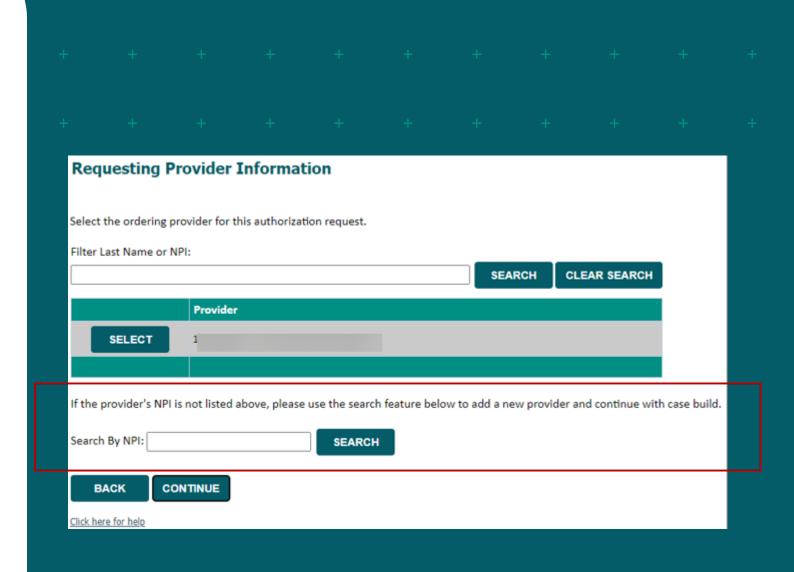
- + Click Clinical Certification to begin a new request
- + Select the **Program** for your certification

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



Search for and Select Provider

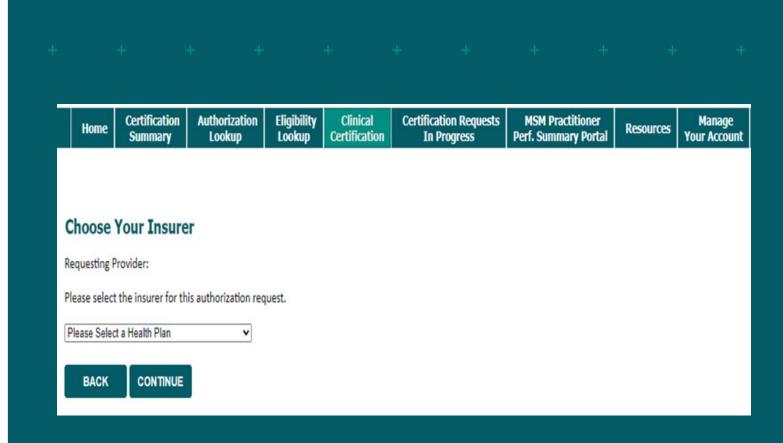
Search for and select the **Practitioner/Group** for whom you want to build a case





Select Health Plan

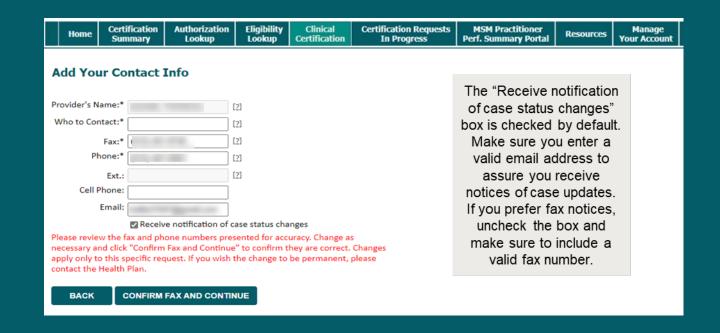
- + Choose the appropriate **Health Plan** for the request
- Another drop down will appear to select the appropriate address for the **provider**
- + Select CONTINUE





Enter Contact Information

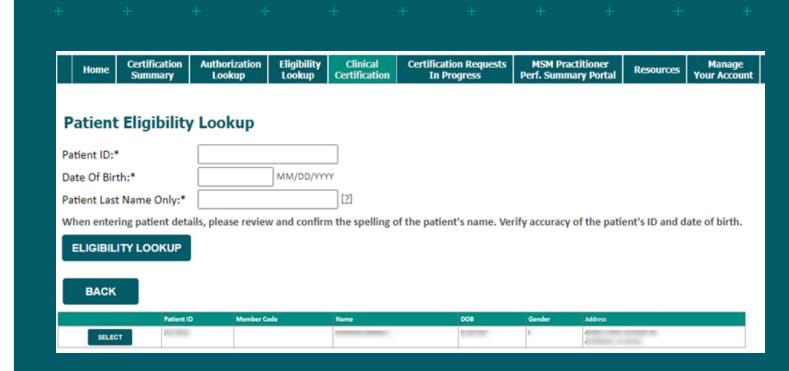
- + Enter the **Provider's name** and appropriate information for the point of contact individual
- + Provider name, fax and phone will pre-populate, edit as necessary





Enter Patient Information

- + Enter **patient 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

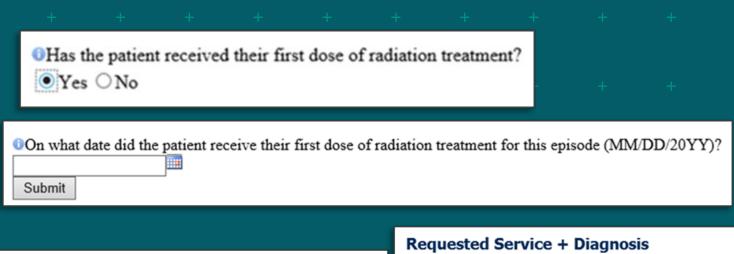




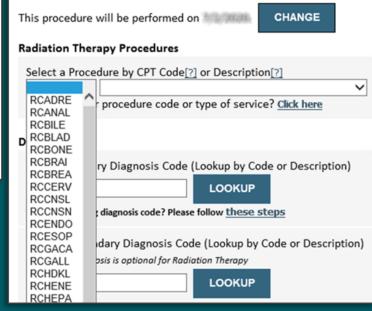
Enter Requested Procedure and Diagnosis

- You will be asked the expected treatment start date, the date of the member's initial radiation therapy treatment. The case will be backdated to cover simulation and treatment planning.
- You will then be asked to enter the patient information (patient ID number, date of birth and last name), click Eligibility Lookup and verify the patient.
- Next, select the cancer type/body
 part being treated (RC code) and
 diagnosis code associated with
 the member's cancer type





Patient Eligibility Lookup Patient ID:* Date Of Birth:* Patient Last Name Only:* [2]





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

Requested Service + Diagnosis

Confirm your service selection.

Treatment Start: 7/2/2020

CPT Code: RCADRE

Description: ADRENAL CANCER

Primary Diagnosis Code: C17.2

Primary Diagnosis: Malignant neoplasm of ileum

Secondary Diagnosis Code:

Secondary Diagnosis:

Change Procedure or Primary Diagnosis

Change Secondary Diagnosis

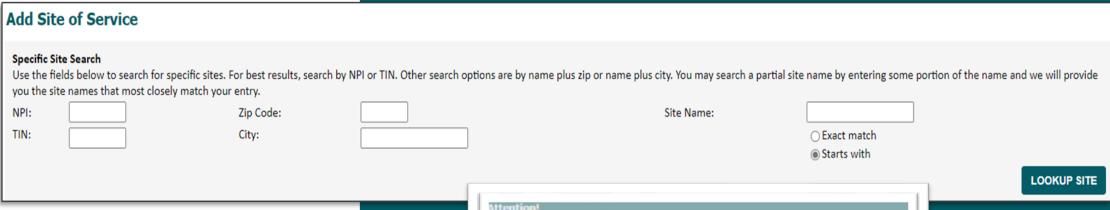
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Click here for help



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





Clinical Certification

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

Proceed to Clinical Information

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.

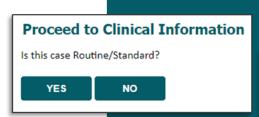
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CONFIRM AND CONTINUE



Standard or Urgent Request?

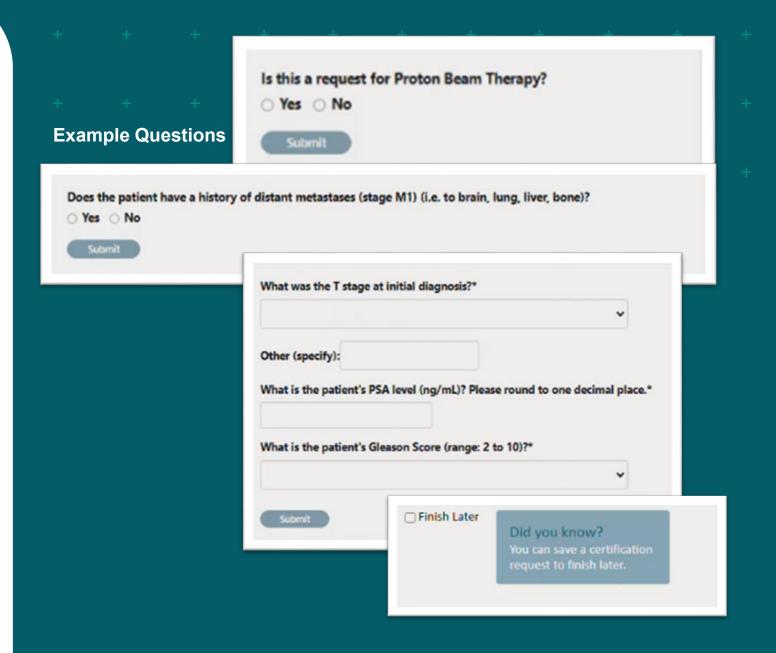
- + If the case is **standard**, select **Yes**
- + If your request is **urgent**, select **No**
- + When a request is submitted as urgent, you will be **required** to upload relevant clinical information
- + Upload up to **FIVE documents** (.doc, .docx, or .pdf format)
- + Your case will only be considered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



Proceed to Clinical Information Urgency Indicator If the case you are submitting is found NOT to meet one of the two conditions below, your case will be processed as a standard/routine, non Urgent request. If you have clinical information and this request meets the criteria for urgent, please indicate below. 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. Please indicate if any of the following criteria are true regarding urgency of this request: A delay in care could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the patient or patient's ability to regain maximum A delay in care would subject the member to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or treatment requested in the prior authorization. None of the above 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 **UPLOAD**

Proceed to Clinical Information

- Clinical Certification questions may populate based on the information provided
- + You can save your request and 'Finish later' if needed. Please make sure to complete the case by the end of the day to avoid the case expiring.
- Select Certification Requests in Progress to resume a saved request (this function is not available for single sign on (SSO) users)



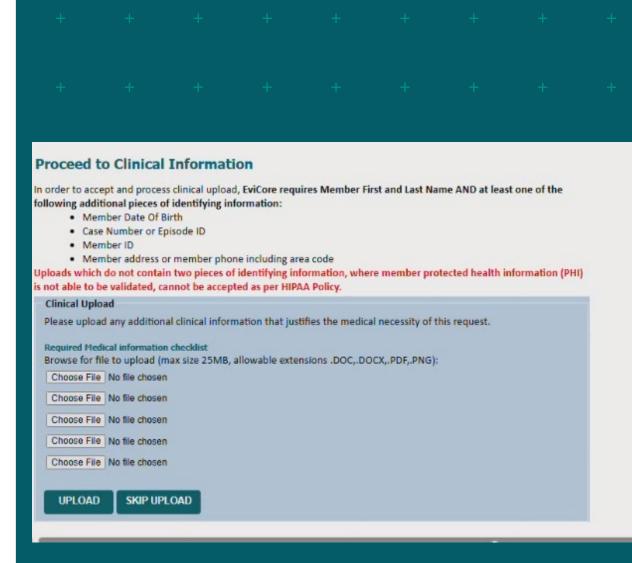


Request for Clinical Upload

If **additional information** is required, you will have the option to upload more clinical information for review.

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'

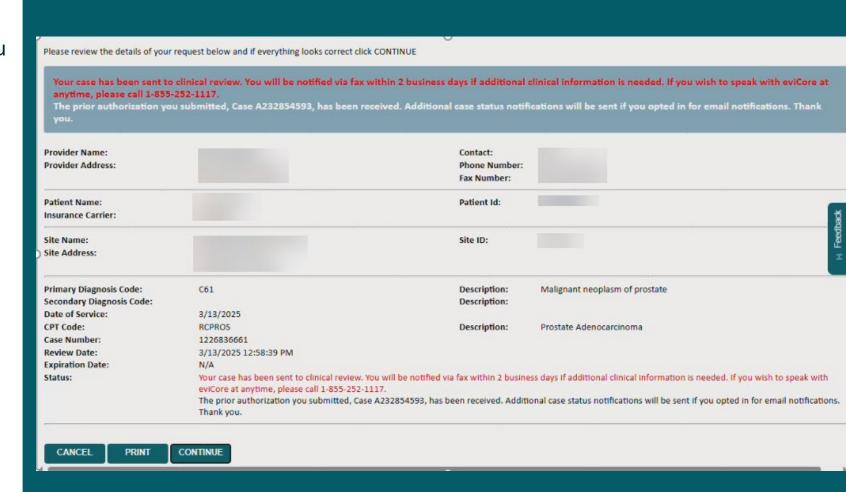




Clinical Review

If your request cannot be immediately approved during the initial submission, you will get a summary stating the case has been sent to clinical review.

You can print the summary of the request for your records, then click CONTINUE.

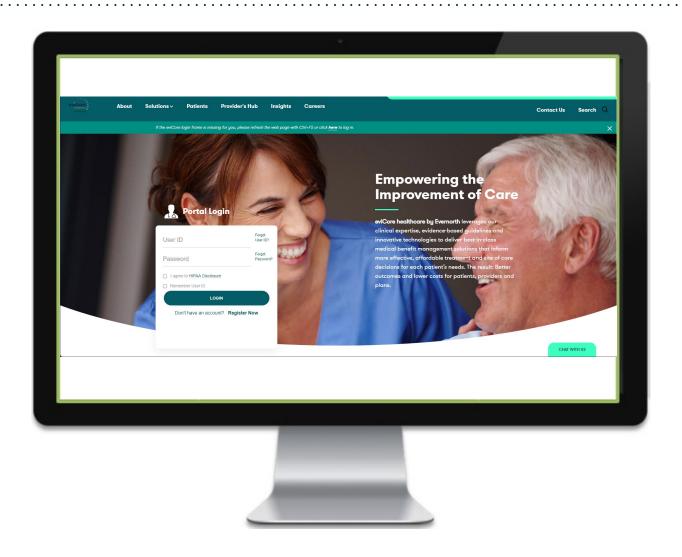




Provider Portal Demo | Radiation Oncology

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)





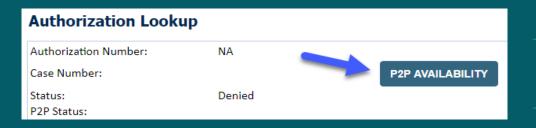
Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Scheduling Tool



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

- 1. Log-in to your account at EviCore.com
- 2. Perform **Clinical Review Lookup** to determine the status of your request
- 3. 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*





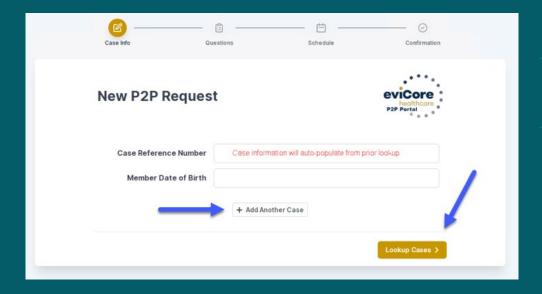


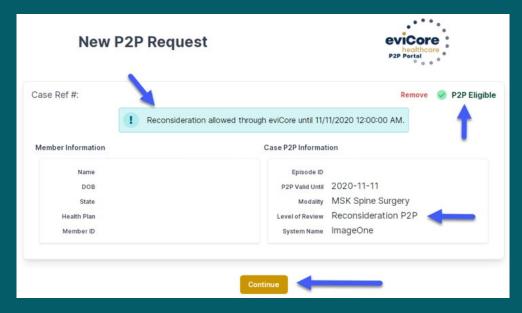
*In some instances, a Peer-to-Peer consultation is allowed, but the case decision can not be changed. In such cases, you can still request a **Consultative-Only Peer-to-Peer**. You can also click on the **ALL POST-DECISION OPTIONS** button to learn what other action can be taken.

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

Schedule a P2P Request (con't.)

- 1. Upon first login, you will be asked to confirm your default time zone
- 2. You will be presented with the Case Number and Patient 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 patient and case information, including the Level of Review for the case in question
- 6. Click Continue to proceed

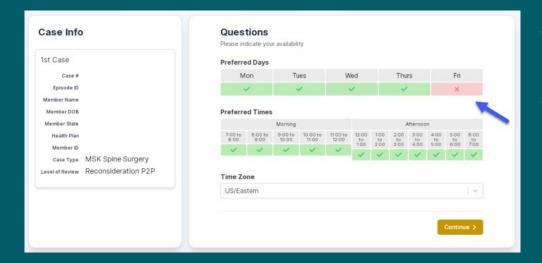


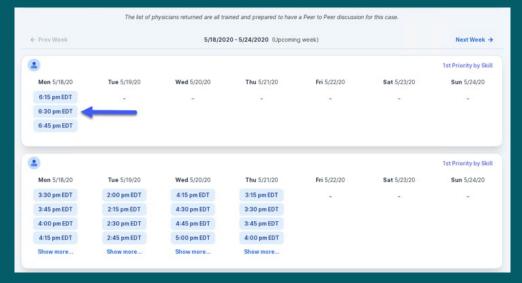




Schedule a P2P Request (con't.)

- 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)
- 4. Click on any green checkmark to deselect that option and then click Continue

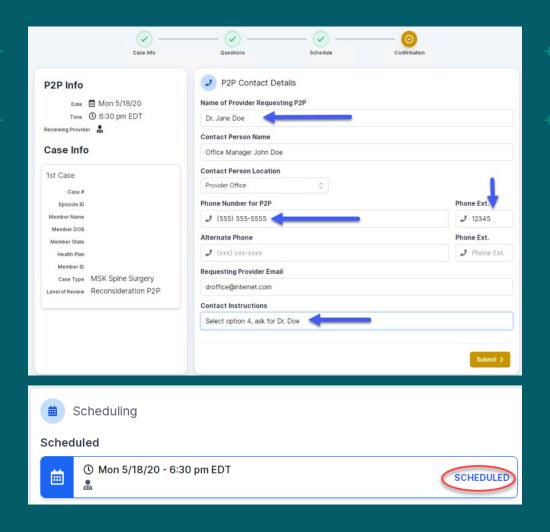






Schedule a P2P Request (con't.)

- 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
- You will be presented with a summary page containing the details of your scheduled appointment
- 4. Confirm contact details

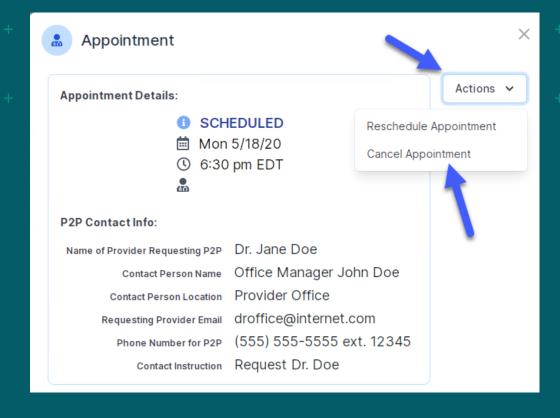




Cancel or Reschedule a P2P Appointment

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



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