

Cigna Healthcare Home Health Quick Reference Guide (QRG)



Cigna Healthcare Precertification Services

To find a complete list of home health (HH)
Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
(HCPCS) codes which require precertification and
can be requested through EviCore.com, please
visit: Cigna Healthcare Provider Resources | EviCore by Evernorth

 Navigate to the Solution Resources tab to access the Home Health Resources, including the list of HCPCS codes.

Review Cigna Healthcare coverage policies at: Cigna for Health Care Professionals

- + Get questions answered: Resource> Precertification
- + Home Health and Infusion

Required Information

- Precertification Details: Site of care demographics, patient demographics, services requested, home health ordering physician demographics, anticipated date of discharge
- + Clinical Information: ICD-10 code, clinical progress notes, medication list, wound or incision/location and stage (if applicable), discharge summary (when available)
- Mobility and Functional Status: Prior and current level of functioning; focused therapy goals (physical and/or occupational therapies); therapy progress notes, including level of participation; discharge plans (including discharge barriers, if applicable)

Precertification Scope

Precertification of home health care will include the following services:

- + Nursing
- + Therapies
- + Social work
- + Home health aides

Home Health Care Coordination

Care Coordination will provide the following services:

- Assist ordering provider and customers with finding a participating servicing provider
- + Service validation with customers to verify start-of-care date
- Validate with the customer that services received are meeting health care needs
- + Follow up with the servicing provider when there is an issue with the delivery of home health care
- Work with a Cigna Healthcare case manager to ensure the customer receives ongoing services (when applicable) with a focus on total health care needs

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Precertification Approvals

The timeframe to process a standard request will vary by the service type requested, plan and/or state mandates. Precertification approvals will be communicated to the ordering physician and rendering provider by Cigna Healthcare. Customers will receive a precertification letter by mail. Precertification approval status can be viewed on demand via

Care Coordination contact information:

Email: carecoordination@evicore.com

Phone: 800-298-4806, option 7, extension 20142

Fax: 888-444-1027

the EviCore portal at Provider's Hub | EviCore by Evernorth

Submitting the Request

Web Portal

The EviCore online portal Provider's Hub | EviCore by Evernorth is the quickest and most efficient way to request precertification and check authorization status.

Intake / Call Center: 866-668-9250

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST; Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST. For faster service, you will need all pertinent clinical information on hand before you call.

Fax: 855-826-3724

Denial Notifications

When a request does not meet medical necessity requirements based on evidence-based guide-lines, an adverse determination is made, and the request is denied. In those cases, a denial letter with the rationale for the decision, reconsideration options, and appeal rights will be issued to the provider and customer by Cigna Healthcare. Adverse determination status can be viewed on demand via the EviCore portal at Provider's Hub | EviCore by Evernorth

Special Circumstances

Retrospective requests should be submitted directly to Cigna Healthcare for review and determination. Cigna Healthcare uses the NCQA/URAC definition of urgent: when a delay in decision-making may seriously jeopardize the life or health of the customer. Cigna Healthcare will decide on an urgent case within 72 hours.

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Cigna Healthcare Claims Submission

All claims should be submitted directly to Cigna Healthcare or to the payor. Cigna Healthcare 's payor ID number is 62308. Check the customer's ID card for the claims address. Detailed claims information is available on the Cigna Healthcare website (CignaforHCP.com > Get questions answered: Resource> Reimbursement and Payment Policies) or by contacting Cigna Healthcare Customer Service at 800.88Cigna (800.882.4462).

Provider Resource Page

The EviCore Client Resource page Cigna Provider Resources | EviCore by Evernorth contains web registration/ submission information, frequently asked questions documents, EviCore Provider Manual, and other important resources that are kept up-to-date for your convenience.

Services Requests

Please submit requests electronically via the EviCore Communication Relationship Management (ECRM) portal accessed here: ECRM Consumer Service Portal - ECRM Consumer Support

Authorization from Cigna Healthcare does not guarantee claim payment. Services must be covered by Cigna Healthcare, and the customer must be eligible at the time services are rendered. Claims submitted for services may be subject to benefit denial. Please verify the customer's benefits and eligibility with Cigna Healthcare. Regardless of the benefit determination, the final decision regarding any health care services or treatment is between the customer and their health care provider.

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