

Specialized Therapies-PT-OT-ST

Provider Orientation Session
for Vaya Health

2025

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Vaya Health Prior Authorization Services

EviCore will begin accepting prior authorization requests for Physical Therapy, Occupational, and Speech Therapy services starting June 17th, 2024 for dates of service July 1st, 2024 and after

Applicable Membership

- Vaya Total Care

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



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

Providers should verify member eligibility and benefits at Vaya Health Provider Services: 866-990-9172

Evidence-Based Guidelines

The Foundation of Our Solutions



Contributions from a panel of community physicians



Experts associated with academic institutions



Current clinical literature

Aligned with National Societies

- American Academy of **Neurology**
- American Academy of **Orthopedic Surgeons**
- American Academy of **Pediatrics**
- American Academy of **Sleep Medicine**
- American Association of **Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists**
- American Association of **Clinical Endocrinology**
- American Association of **Neurological Surgeons**
- American College of **Cardiology**
- American College of **Chest Physicians**
- American College of **Gastroenterology**
- American College of **Medical Genetics and Genomics**
- American College of **Obstetricians and Gynecologists**
- American **Massage Therapy** Association
- American **Occupational Therapy** Association
- American **Physical Therapy** Association
- American Society of **Acupuncturists**
- 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

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Clinical Approach

Prior Authorization Program

Prior authorization is required for:

- Physical Therapy (PT)
- Occupational Therapy (OT)
- Speech Therapy (ST)

To find a list of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes that require prior authorization through eviCore, please visit: <https://www.evicore.com/resources/healthplan/vayahealth>.

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 **not** 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 **not** designed to allow continued therapy to return to recreational or athletic activities.
 - It was **not** 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](https://www.evicore.com/provider)



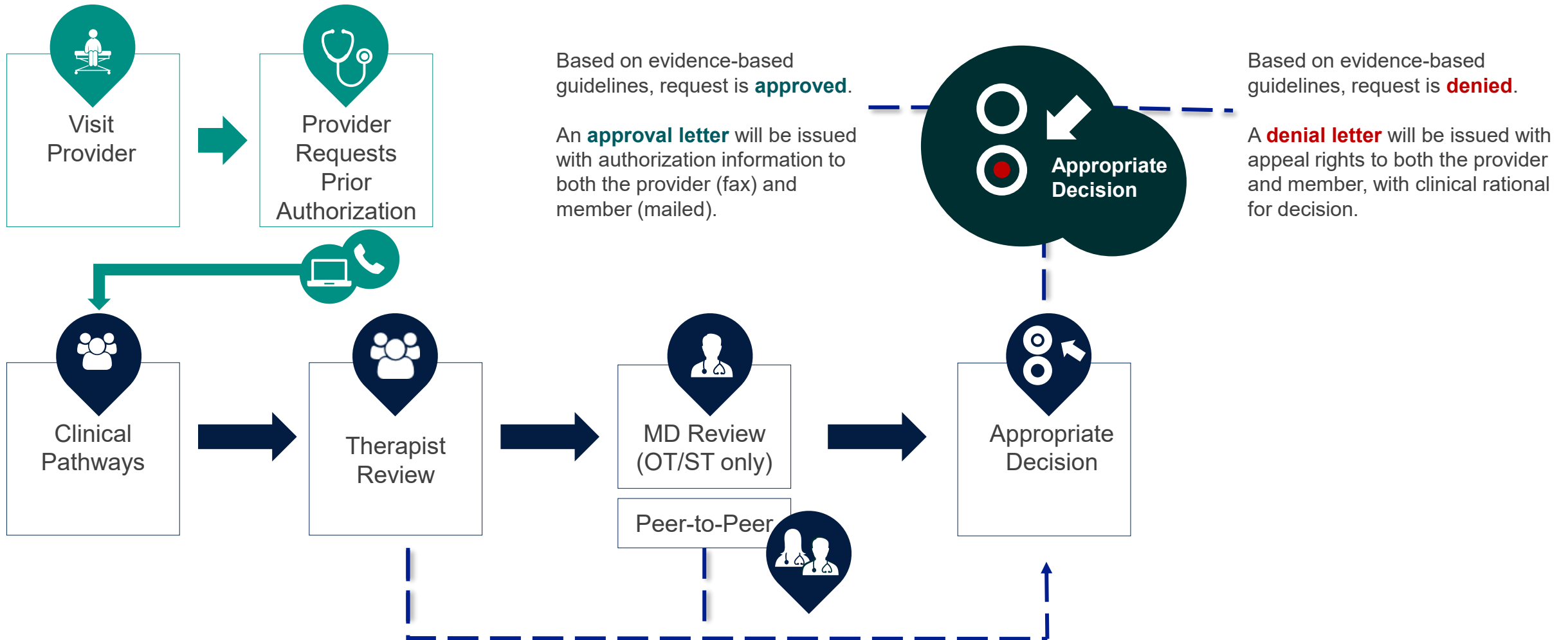
Phone: 855-754-5527

Monday – Friday
7AM – 7PM (local time)

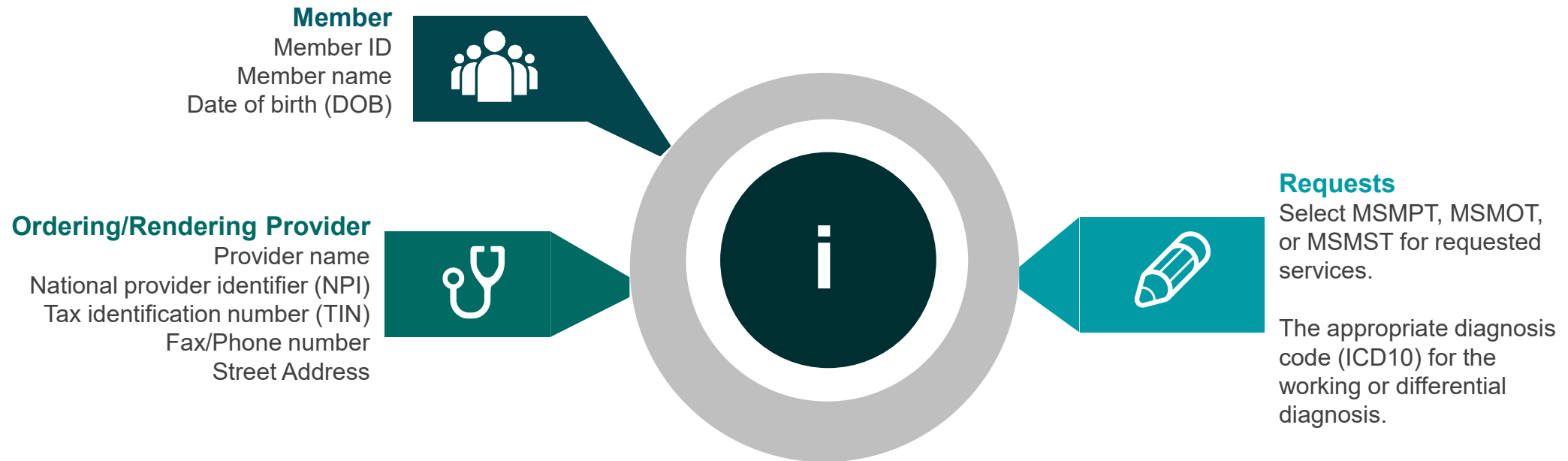
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Prior Authorization Process



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:

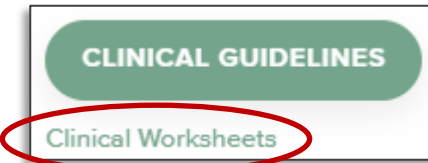
- Additional visits may be requested as early as **7 calendar days** prior to the requested start date.
- The **start date** will be the first date you need additional visits to begin.
- Clinical information should be **current**. Recommended timeframes:
 - Adult and non-developmental pediatric patients = **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

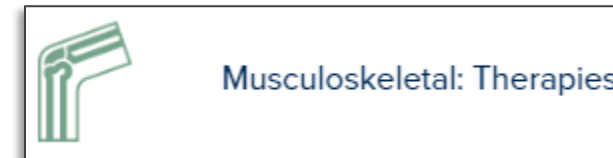
Start at EviCore.com, click on **Resources**



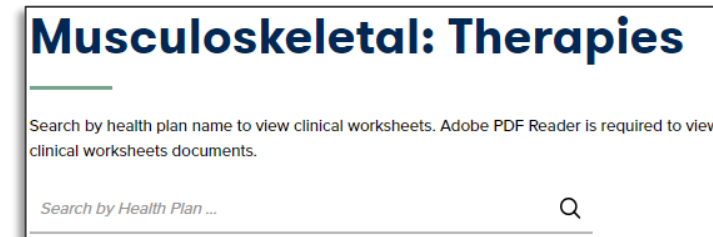
From the Resources dropdown, select **Clinical Worksheets**



Select Musculoskeletal: **Therapies**



Enter **Health Plan** name in the search field



The PT/OT **worksheets** will be listed under
The PT/OT header

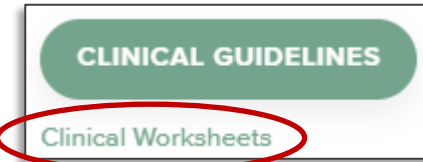


Link to Clinical Worksheets | Speech Therapy

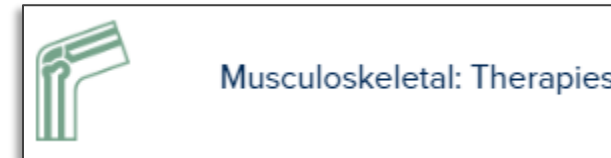
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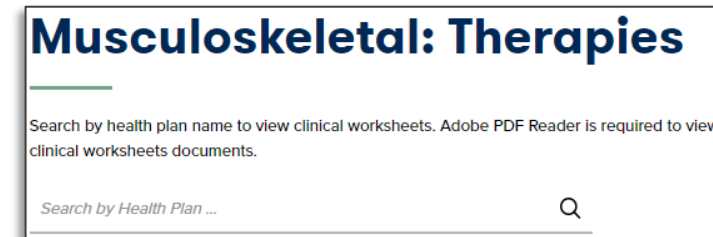
From the Resources dropdown, select **Clinical Worksheets**.



Select Musculoskeletal: **Therapies**.



Enter **Health Plan** name in the search field.



The ST **worksheets** will be listed under the Speech Therapy header.



PT-OT-ST | Summary of Portal Benefits

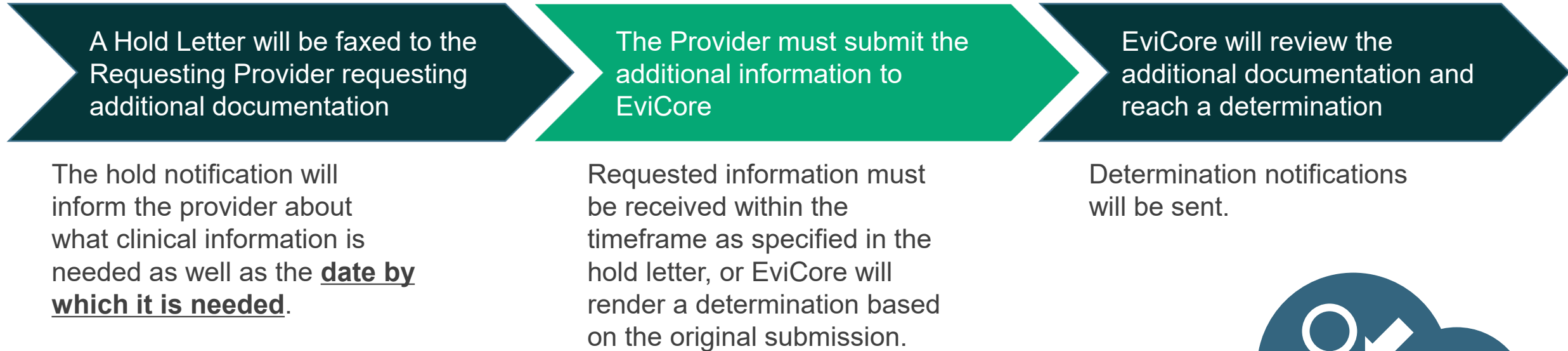
- ✓ Elimination of pre-set waivers
- ✓ Increased provider satisfaction
- ✓ Reduced administrative burden for providers
- ✓ Increased opportunity for real-time decisions
- ✓ Expanded, member-focused decisions
- ✓ Decreased case review turn-around-times.
- ✓ Patients able to receive the right amount of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



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:



Prior Authorization Process | Important Concepts

+Authorization decisions include:

- Visits or units (depending on health plan)
- Approved time period (i.e., 6 visits, authorized from 1/1/24 to 1/31/24)
- EviCore recommends approved visits be spread over the approved period to prevent a gap in care.

Overlapping Requests

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

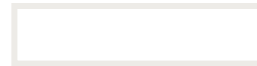
Prior Authorization Process | Important Concepts

Date extensions are available if you are unable to use all visits within the approved period.

- Extend for the period that is needed up to a maximum of **30 days**.
- The extension must be requested prior to the expiration of the authorization.

Extensions can be requested by the following methods:

- By phone at 855-754-5527
- Online at www.EviCore.com



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"

Prior Authorization Process | Important Concepts

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.



Prior Authorization Outcomes, Special Considerations & Post-Decision Options

Special Circumstances

Retrospective (Retro) Authorization Requests

- Retro requests are allowed for the first 90 days (date of service 7/1/24-9/29/24)
- After 90 days (9/29/24), retro authorizations are only allowed for retroactive enrollment.
- Requests other than retroactive enrollment will be administratively denied.
- Reviewed for **clinical urgency** and medical necessity.
- 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.



Special Circumstances

Alternative Recommendations

- An alternative recommendation may be offered, based on EviCore's evidence-based clinical guidelines.
- The ordering provider can either accept the alternative recommendation on the web or by phone during case build, and the recommended study will be approved instead of the original requested study.
- If the alternative recommendation is not accepted and the case is denied, the only option for the provider would be an appeal.

Authorization Update

- If updates are needed on an existing authorization, you can contact EviCore by phone at 855-754-5527.
- 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.

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Post-Decision Options

Medicaid 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 **855-754-5527** 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](https://www.evicore.com) to see available options.



Peer-to-Peer

- Requests must be submitted within 3 business days after the determination date.
- Untimely reconsideration requests will be treated as 1st level appeals.
- Requests can be submitted in writing or verbally via a Clinical Consultation with an EviCore physician.

Appeals

- EviCore will process first-level appeals.
- An appeal must be requested within 60 calendar days from the denial date.
- Only members and their authorized representatives may request an appeal.

Provider Portal Overview

EviCore Provider Portal | Access and Compatibility

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

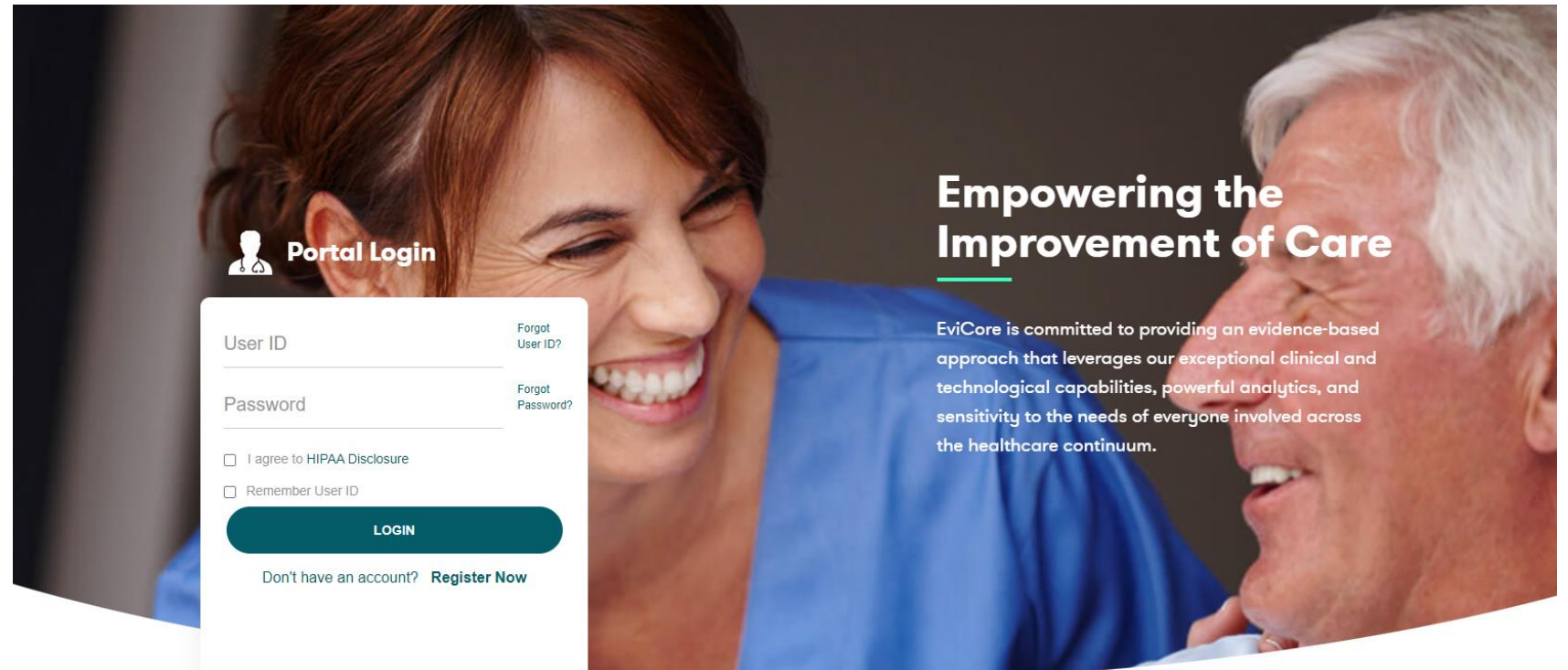
To access resources on the EviCore Provider Portal, visit EviCore.com/provider

Already a user?

Log in with User ID & Password.

Don't have an account?

Click **Register Now**.



Empowering the Improvement of Care

EviCore is committed to providing an evidence-based approach that leverages our exceptional clinical and technological capabilities, powerful analytics, and sensitivity to the needs of everyone involved across the healthcare continuum.

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

Creating an EviCore Provider Portal Account

Select **CareCore National** as the Default Portal.

Complete the User Information section in full and **Submit Registration**.

You will immediately be sent an email with a link to create a password. Once you have created a password, you will be redirected to the login page.

The screenshot shows the registration form for an EviCore Provider Portal account. At the top left is the EviCore healthcare logo. A red asterisk indicates a required field. The form is divided into two main sections: 'Web Portal Preference' and 'User Information'. The 'Web Portal Preference' section has a dropdown menu for 'Default Portal*' currently set to '--Select--'. The 'User Information' section contains several input fields: 'User Name*', 'Email*', 'Confirm Email*', 'First Name*', and 'Last Name*' on the left; 'Address*', 'City*', 'State*' (with a 'Select' dropdown), and 'Office Name' on the middle; and 'Phone*', 'Ext.', and 'Fax*' on the right. A 'Next' button is located at the bottom right of the form. The footer contains links for 'Legal Disclaimer', 'Privacy Policy', 'Corporate Website', 'Report Fraud & Abuse', 'Guidelines and Forms', and 'Contact Us', along with a phone number for 'Web Support' (800-646-0418) and a copyright notice for 2014 MedSolutions.

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.

Set up Two Factor Authentication

Email SMS

Register Email Address

meh****@evicore.com

Send PIN

Please enter PIN sent to your Email Address

768342

Submit

Skip

EviCore Provider Portal | Add Providers



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.

Manage Your Account

Office Name:
Address:

Primary Contact:
Email Address:

ADD PROVIDER

Click Column Headings to Sort

No providers on file

CANCEL

Add Practitioner

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

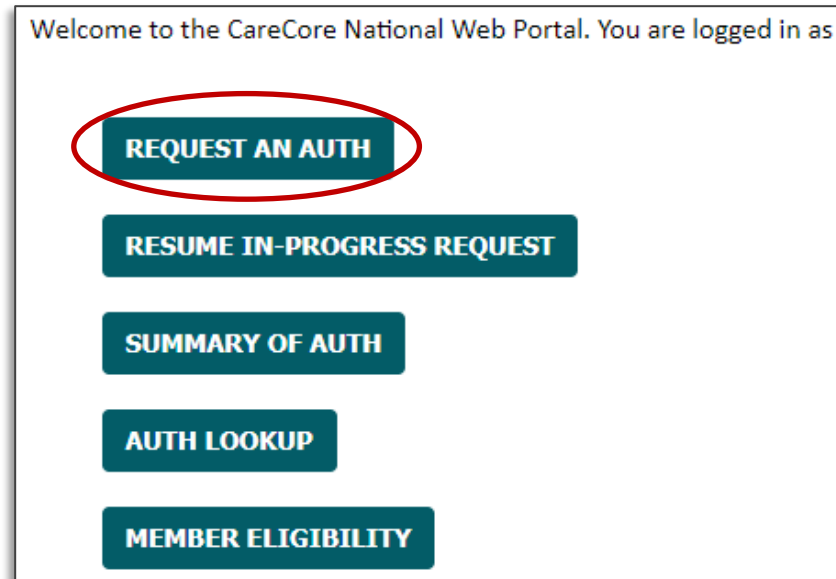
Practitioner NPI

Practitioner State

Practitioner Zip

FIND MATCHES **CANCEL**

Initiating a Case



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

Select Program

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

To begin, please select a program below:

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

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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.

- Select the **Program** for your certification.

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Clinical Certification Request | Search and Select Provider

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Requesting Provider Information

Select the ordering provider for this authorization request.

Filter Last Name or NPI:

SEARCH

CLEAR SEARCH

	Provider
SELECT	

If the provider's NPI is not listed above, please use the search feature below to add a new provider and continue with case build.

Search By NPI:

SEARCH

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- 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.
- 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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Clinical Certification Request | Search and Select Provider

Requesting Provider Information

Select the ordering provider for this authorization request.

Filter Last Name or NPI:

SEARCH **CLEAR SEARCH**

Provider	
SELECT	

If the provider's NPI is not listed above, please use the search feature below to add a new provider and continue with case build.

Search By NPI: **SEARCH**

	Practitioner Name	NPI	Address	City	State	ZipCode	Phone	Fax
SELECT								

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Attention!

Do you want to add this NPI () to your account for future requests ?

YES **NO**

By choosing **YES**, the practitioner will be added to the provider list in your account.

- Once the provider is found by searching **NPI**, the line will turn gray to indicate they are selected.

Clinical Certification Request | Select Health Plan

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Choose Your Insurer

Requesting Provider:

Please select the insurer for this authorization request.

Please Select a Health Plan

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

Clinical Certification Request | Enter Contact Information

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Add Your Contact Info

Provider's Name:* [?]

Who to Contact:* [?]

Fax:* [?]

Phone:* [?]

Ext.: [?]

Cell Phone:

Email:

Receive notification of case status changes. Please enter email address in box above.

Please review the fax and phone numbers presented for accuracy. Change as necessary and click "Confirm Fax and Continue" to confirm they are correct. Changes apply only to this specific request. If you wish the change to be permanent, please contact the Health Plan.

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- Enter/edit the **provider's name** and appropriate information for the point of contact.
- Practitioner name, fax, and phone will pre-populate; edit as necessary.


The e-notification box is checked by default to enable email notices for any updates on case status changes. Make sure to uncheck this box if you prefer to receive faxed notices.

Expected Treatment Date

Attention!

Time: 4/16/2024 11:37 AM

i What is the expected procedure date or treatment start date for this request? (MM/DD/20YY)



If the Date of Service is unknown, please enter today's date.

SUBMIT

Note: Prior authorization from EviCore should begin before the initial evaluation.

Clinical Certification Request | Enter Member Information

Patient Eligibility Lookup

Patient ID:*

Date Of Birth:* MM/DD/YYYY

Patient Last Name Only:* [?]

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.

ELIGIBILITY LOOKUP

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- Enter **member information**, including patient ID number, date of birth, and last name.
- Click **ELIGIBILITY LOOKUP**.

Search Results

	Patient ID	Member Code	Name	DOB	Gender	Address
SELECT						

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

Clinical Certification Request | Procedure and Diagnosis Codes

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Requested Service + Diagnosis

This procedure will be performed on 4/19/2024. [CHANGE](#)

Musculoskeletal Management Procedures

Select a Procedure by CPT Code[?] or Description[?]

MSMPT | PHYSICAL THERAPY

Don't see your procedure code or type of service? [Click here](#)

Additional Procedure codes will be collected/presented during the clinical questionnaire

Diagnosis

Primary Diagnosis Code: **M25.50**
Description: **Pain in unspecified joint**
[Change Primary Diagnosis](#)

Select a Secondary Diagnosis Code (Lookup by Code or Description)
Secondary diagnosis is optional for Musculoskeletal Management

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- Enter **MSMPT** for the CPT code.
- Add diagnosis code(s).

Clinical Certification Request | Verify Service Selection

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Attention!

Patient ID: _____ Time: _____
Patient Name: _____

Please review the patient's MSM history. You may be asked about this history during clinical review.

MSM History

Episode Date	Episode ID	Patient Name	CPT Code	CPT Description	Case Status

OK

[Print this page](#)

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

Attention!

Will the procedure be performed in your office?

Clinical Certification Request | Site Selection

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

Specific Site Search

Use the fields below to search for specific sites. For best results, search by NPI or TIN. Other search options are by name plus zip or name plus city. You may search a partial site name by entering some portion of the name and we will provide you the site names that most closely match your entry.

NPI:	<input type="text"/>	Zip Code:	<input type="text"/>	Site Name:	<input type="text"/>
TIN:	<input type="text"/>	City:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Exact match	
				<input checked="" type="radio"/> Starts with	

LOOKUP SITE

- 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.

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Clinical Certification Request | Clinical Certification

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Proceed to Clinical Information

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

Once you have clicked "**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.

BACK

CONFIRM AND CONTINUE

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

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Clinical Certification Request | Standard or Urgent Request?

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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 function.
- 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 case.

If you are unable to upload clinical documentation at this time contact eviCore to process this case as urgent.

Required Medical information checklist

Browse for file to upload (max size 25MB, allowable extensions .DOC,.DOCX,.PDF,.PNG):

Choose File No file chosen

Choose File No file chosen

Choose File No file chosen

Choose File No file chosen

Choose File No file chosen

UPLOAD

Proceed to Clinical Information

Is this case Routine/Standard?

YES

NO

- 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.

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Clinical Collection

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Proceed to Clinical Information

TYPE OF CONDITION

Please select Developmental/Pediatric for all Pediatric cases EXCEPT primary musculoskeletal injuries such as ankle sprain, fracture, WITHOUT an underlying developmental or neuromuscular condition like cerebral palsy.)

Please indicate the condition for which therapy is being requested:

SUBMIT

Finish Later

Did you know?

You can save a certification request to finish later.

You can check the “Finish Later” box to save your progress. You’ll have until the end of the day to complete the case.

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Clinical Collection | From the Clinical Worksheets

i Please indicate the primary treatment area (CHOOSE ONE):

i Please indicate the secondary area of treatment (CHOOSE ONE, If any)

SUBMIT

Proceed to Clinical Information

Lower Extremity

i Please indicate side(s) being treated:

Right
 Left
 Both / Bilateral

i Please indicate the functional measure used (CHOOSE ONE):

LEFS (Lower Extremity Functional Scale)
 HOOS Jr. (HIP Disability and Osteoarthritis Outcome Score Jr)
 KOOS Jr. (KNEE Disability and Osteoarthritis Outcome Score Jr)
 FOTO Hip / Knee / Ankle / Foot (Focus On Therapeutic Outcomes)
 Other functional assessment / No functional assessment

SUBMIT

Criteria Met

Summary of Your Request

Please review the details of your request below and if everything looks correct click CONTINUE

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:	Amy
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

CANCEL PRINT CONTINUE

- 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.

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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.

i Is there any additional information specific to the member's condition you would like to provide?

- I would like to upload a document
- I would like to enter additional clinical notes in the space provided
- I would like to upload a document and enter additional notes
- I have no additional information to provide at this time

PRINT

CONTINUE

Your case has been sent to Medical Review.

The prior authorization you submitted, Case A191042756, has been received. Additional case status notifications will be sent if you opted in for email notifications. Thank you.

Provider Name:
Provider Address:

Contact:
Phone Number:
Fax Number:

Patient Name:
Insurance Carrier:

Patient ID:

Site Name:
Site Address:

Site ID:

Primary Diagnosis Code: G46.3
Secondary Diagnosis Code:
Date of Service: Not provided
CPT Code: 70551
Case Number:
Review Date:
Expiration Date: N/A

Description: Brain stem stroke syndrome
Description:
Description: MRI Brain W/O CONTRAST

Status:
Your case has been sent to Medical Review.
The prior authorization you submitted, Case A191042756, has been received. Additional case status notifications will be sent if you opted in for email notifications. Thank you.

CANCEL

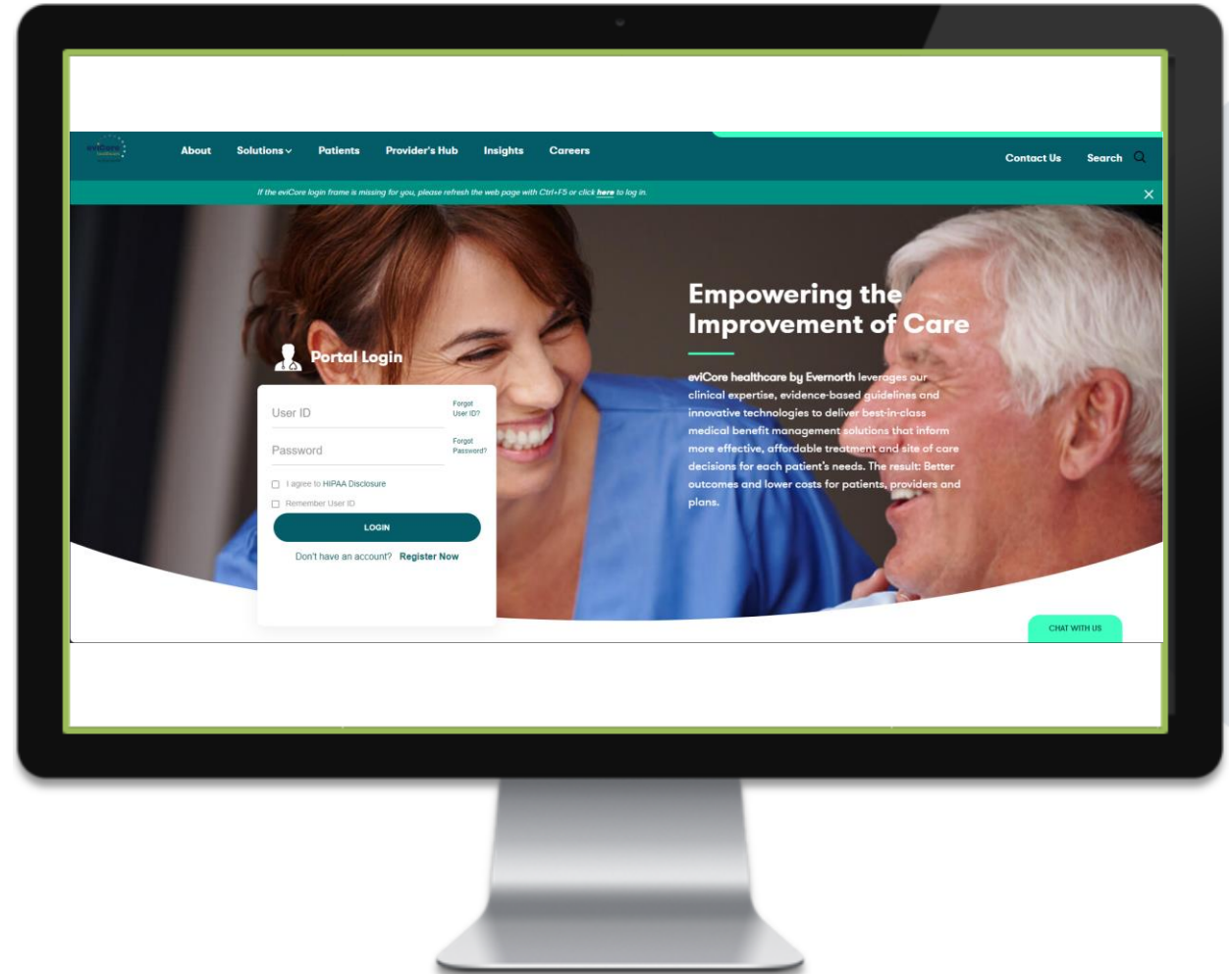
PRINT

CONTINUE

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)



Provider Resources

Client and Provider Services

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

- + Access: [ECRM Services](#)
- + ECRM educational resources: [ECRM Resources | EviCore by Evernorth](#)
- + Trouble using ECRM? Send an email to: ECRMSupport@EviCore.com

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

Call **855-754-5527**, 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:

<https://www.evicore.com/resources/healthplan/vayahealth>

EviCore's Provider Newsletter

Stay up-to-date with our free provider newsletter

To subscribe:

- Visit [EviCore.com](https://www.EviCore.com)
- Scroll down to the section titled **Stay Updated With Our Provider Newsletter**
- Enter a valid email address



Provider Resource Review Forum

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

We invite you to attend a **Provider Resource Review Forum** to learn how to navigate [EviCore.com](https://www.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





Thank You

Appendix


Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Scheduling Tool

How to Schedule a Peer-to-Peer (P2P)

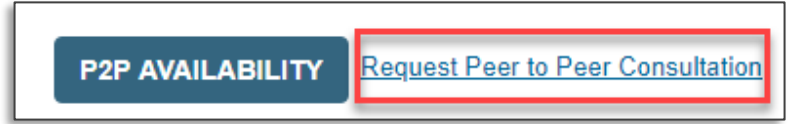
- Log into your account at www.EviCore.com
- Perform Authorization Lookup to determine the status of your request.
- Click on the **P2P Availability** button to determine if your case is eligible for a Peer-to-Peer conversation:

Authorization Lookup

Authorization Number:	NA
Case Number:	
Status:	Denied
P2P Status:	



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



How to Schedule a Peer-to-Peer

- Pay attention to any messaging that displays. In some instances, a Peer-to-Peer conversation is allowed, but the case decision cannot be changed. When this happens, you can still request a Consultative Only Peer-to-Peer. You may also click on the **All Post Decision Options** button to learn what other action may be taken.

Authorization Lookup

Authorization Number:	NA
Case Number:	Request Peer to Peer Consultation
Status:	Denied
P2P Eligibility Result:	Post-decision options for this case have been exhausted or are not delegated to eviCore. You may continue to schedule a Peer to Peer discussion for this case but it will be considered consultative only and the original decision cannot be modified.
P2P Status:	

ALL POST DECISION OPTIONS

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

How to Schedule a Peer-to-Peer

The screenshot shows the 'New P2P Request' form. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Case Info, Questions, Schedule, and Confirmation. The main heading is 'New P2P Request' with the eviCore healthcare P2P Portal logo. Below the heading, there are two input fields: 'Case Reference Number' with a red placeholder text 'Case information will auto-populate from prior lookup' and 'Member Date of Birth'. A blue arrow points to the 'Case Reference Number' field. Below these fields is a '+ Add Another Case' button, with a blue arrow pointing to it. At the bottom right is a yellow 'Lookup Cases >' button, with a blue arrow pointing to it.

- Upon first login, you will be asked to confirm your default time zone.
- You will be presented with the case number and member date of birth (DOB) for the case you just looked up.
- You can add another case for the same Peer-to-Peer appointment request by selecting **Add Another Case**.
- To proceed, select **Lookup Cases**.

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

The screenshot shows the 'New P2P Request' confirmation screen. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Case Info, Questions, Schedule, and Confirmation. The main heading is 'New P2P Request' with the eviCore healthcare P2P Portal logo. Below the heading, there is a 'Case Ref #' field with a 'Remove' button and a 'P2P Eligible' status. A blue arrow points to the 'Case Ref #' field. Below this is a light blue notification box with an exclamation mark icon and the text 'Reconsideration allowed through eviCore until 11/11/2020 12:00:00 AM.' A blue arrow points to this notification. Below the notification are two columns of information: 'Member Information' and 'Case P2P Information'. The 'Member Information' column includes fields for Name, DOB, State, Health Plan, and Member ID. The 'Case P2P Information' column includes fields for Episode ID, P2P Valid Until (2020-11-11), Modality (MSK Spine Surgery), Level of Review (Reconsideration P2P), and System Name (ImageOne). A blue arrow points to the 'Level of Review' field. At the bottom right is a yellow 'Continue' button, with a blue arrow pointing to it.

How to Schedule a Peer-to-Peer

Case Info

1st Case

Case #

Episode ID

Member Name

Member DOB

Member State

Health Plan

Member ID

Case Type MSK Spine Surgery

Level of Review Reconsideration P2P

Questions

Please indicate your availability

Preferred Days

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
✓	✓	✓	✓	✗

Preferred Times

Morning					Afternoon						
7:00 to 8:00	8:00 to 9:00	9:00 to 10:00	10:00 to 11:00	11:00 to 12:00	12:00 to 1:00	1:00 to 2:00	2:00 to 3:00	3:00 to 4:00	4:00 to 5:00	5:00 to 6:00	6:00 to 7:00
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Time Zone

US/Eastern

[Continue >](#)

- You will be prompted to identify your preferred days and times for a Peer-to-Peer conversation. All opportunities will automatically present. Click on any green check mark to deselect the option and then click **Continue**.

- You will be prompted with a list of EviCore physicians/reviewers and appointment options per your availability. Select any of the listed appointment times to continue.

The list of physicians returned are all trained and prepared to have a Peer to Peer discussion for this case.

← Prev Week 5/18/2020 - 5/24/2020 (Upcoming week) Next Week →

1st Priority by Skill

Mon 5/18/20	Tue 5/19/20	Wed 5/20/20	Thu 5/21/20	Fri 5/22/20	Sat 5/23/20	Sun 5/24/20
6:15 pm EDT	-	-	-	-	-	-
6:30 pm EDT	-	-	-	-	-	-
6:45 pm EDT	-	-	-	-	-	-

1st Priority by Skill

Mon 5/18/20	Tue 5/19/20	Wed 5/20/20	Thu 5/21/20	Fri 5/22/20	Sat 5/23/20	Sun 5/24/20
3:30 pm EDT	2:00 pm EDT	4:15 pm EDT	3:15 pm EDT	-	-	-
3:45 pm EDT	2:15 pm EDT	4:30 pm EDT	3:30 pm EDT	-	-	-
4:00 pm EDT	2:30 pm EDT	4:45 pm EDT	3:45 pm EDT	-	-	-
4:15 pm EDT	2:45 pm EDT	5:00 pm EDT	4:00 pm EDT	-	-	-
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How to Schedule a Peer-to-Peer

Confirm Contact Details

- Contact person name and email address will auto-populate per your user credentials.

The screenshot shows the 'P2P Contact Details' form. The 'P2P Info' section displays the date (Mon 5/18/20) and time (6:30 pm EDT). The 'Case Info' section lists details for the 1st Case, including Case #, Episode ID, Member Name, Member DOB, Member State, Health Plan, Member ID, Case Type (MSK Spine Surgery), and Level of Review (Reconsideration P2P). The 'P2P Contact Details' section includes the following fields:

- Name of Provider Requesting P2P:** Dr. Jane Doe
- Contact Person Name:** Office Manager John Doe
- Contact Person Location:** Provider Office
- Phone Number for P2P:** (555) 555-5555
- Phone Ext.:** 12345
- Alternate Phone:** (xxx) xxx-xxxx
- Phone Ext.:** Phone Ext.
- Requesting Provider Email:** droffice@internet.com
- Contact Instructions:** Select option 4, ask for Dr. Doe

A 'Submit >' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

- Be sure to update the following fields so that we can reach the right person for the Peer-to-Peer appointment:
 - Name of Provider Requesting P2P
 - Phone Number for P2P
 - Contact Instructions
- Click submit to schedule appointment. You will be presented with a summary page containing the details of your scheduled appointment.

The screenshot shows the 'Scheduling' summary page. It includes a calendar icon, the text 'Scheduling', and a 'Scheduled' status. Below this, a blue bar displays the date and time: Mon 5/18/20 - 6:30 pm EDT. A red oval highlights the word 'SCHEDULED' in the bottom right corner.

Canceling or Rescheduling a Peer-to-Peer

To cancel or reschedule an appointment:

- Access the scheduling software per the instructions above.
- Go to **My P2P Requests** on the left pane navigation.
- Select the request you would like to modify from the list of available appointments.
- Once opened, click on the schedule link; an appointment window will open.
- Click on the **Actions** drop-down and choose the appropriate action.
 - If choosing to reschedule, you will have the opportunity to select a new date or time as you did initially.
 - If choosing to cancel, you will be prompted to enter a cancellation reason.
- Close browser once done.

