How to Make Prior Authorizations Work for You

















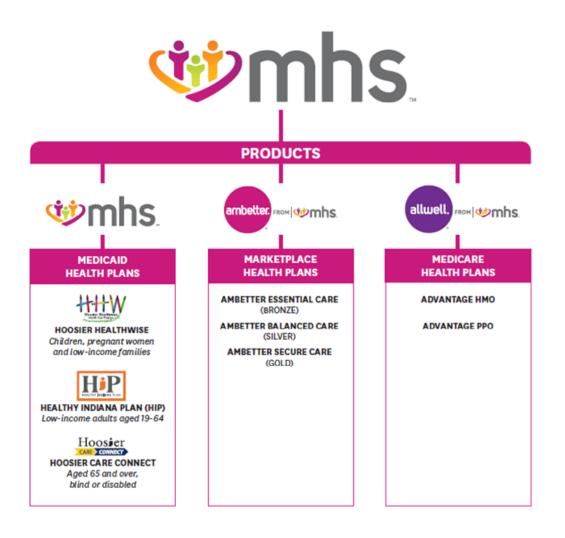


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MHS Products





Prior Authorization (Medical Services):

Prior Authorization (PA) is an approval from MHS to provide services designated as needing authorization before treatment and/or payment.

- Inpatient (IP) authorizations = IP + 10 digits
- Outpatient (OP) authorizations = OP + 10 digits
- Emergent ER Symptoms suggesting imminent, life-threatening condition no PA required, but notification requested within two (2) business days.
- Urgent concurrent = Emergent inpatient admission. Determination timeline within24 hours of receipt of request.
- Pre-service non urgent = Elective scheduled procedures. Determination within 15 calendar days. Benefit limitations apply (dependent on product).



MHS Medical Management will review state guidelines and all available clinical documentation and seek Medical Director input as needed.

- PA for observation level of care (up to 72 hours for Medicaid or 48 hours for Ambetter and Allwell), diagnostic services do not require an authorization for contracted facilities.
- If the provider requests an inpatient level of care for a covered/eligible condition, or procedure and documentation supports an outpatient/observation level of care, MHS will send the case for Medical Director review.



MHS Medicaid Prior Authorization

Outpatient Services:

- *All elective procedures that require prior authorization must have submitted request to MHS at least two (2) business days prior to the date of service.
- *All urgent and emergent services do not require prior authorization, but admissions must be called in to MHS within two (2) business days following the admit.
- Members must be Medicaid Eligible on the date of service.

*Failure to obtain prior authorization for non urgent and emergent services will result in a denial for related claims.

^{*} Prior Authorizations are **not** a guarantee of payment.



Ambetter Prior Authorization

Members who are enrolled in Ambetter HMO and EPO plans must utilize in-network participating providers. Members and Providers can identify participating providers by using the Find a Provider tool located on mhsindiana.com

When an out-of-network provider is utilized, except in the case of emergency services, the member will be 100% responsible for all charges.

Note: All out of network services require prior authorization, excluding emergency room services.



Ambetter Timeframes for PA Requests and Notifications

Service Type	Timeframe
Scheduled admissions	Prior Authorization required five business days
	prior to the scheduled admission date
Elective outpatient services	Prior Authorization required five business days
	prior to the elective outpatient service date
Emergent inpatient admissions	Notification within one business day
Observation – 48 hours or less	Notification within one business day for non-
	participating providers
Observation – greater than 48 hours	Requires inpatient prior authorization within one
	business day
Maternity admissions	Notification within one business day
Newborn admissions	Notification within one business day
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)	Notification within one business day
admissions	
Outpatient Dialysis	Notification within one business day
Organ transplant initial evaluation	Prior Authorization required at least 30 days prior
	to the initial evaluation for organ transplant
	services.
Clinical trials services	Prior Authorization required at least 30 days prio
	to receiving clinical trial services.



Ambetter Utilization Determination Timelines

Туре	Timeframe
Prospective/Urgent	72 hours (three calendar days)
Prospective/Non-Urgent	15 calendar days
Concurrent/Urgent	24 hours (one calendar day)
Concurrent/Non-Urgent	15 calendar days
Retrospective	30 calendar days



Allwell Timeframes for PA Requests and Notifications

Service Type	Timeframe
Elective/scheduled admissions	Required five (5) business days prior to the scheduled admission date
Emergent inpatient admissions	Notification required within one (1) business day
Emergency room and post stabilization, urgent care and crisis intervention	Notification requested within one (1) business day



Allwell Utilization Determination Timelines

Level of Urgency

Туре	Timeframe
Standard	Expeditiously as the member's health condition required, but no later than 14 calendar days after receipt of request
Standard Extension	Up to 14 additional calendar days (not to exceed 28 calendar days from receipt of original request)
Expedited	Expeditiously as the member's health condition requires, but no later than 72 hours after receipt of request
Expedited Extension	Up to 14 additional calendar days (not to exceed 17 calendar days after receipt of original request)
Concurrent	As soon as medically indicated; usually within 1 business day of request depending on the plan's policy



Transfers:

- MHS requires **notification and approval** for all transfers from one facility to another at least two business days in advance.
- MHS requires **notification** within two (2) business days following all emergent transfers. Transfers include, but are not limited to:
 - Facility to facility
 - Higher level of care changes require PA and it is the responsibility of the transferring facility to obtain.



Prior Authorization/Medicaid

Services that require prior authorization regardless of contract status:

- Injectable drugs (see <u>mhsindiana.com/provider-guides</u> for up-to-date list of codes)
- W Nutritional counseling (unless diabetic)
- Pain management programs, including epidural, facet and trigger point injections
- PET, MRI, MRA and Nuclear Cardiology/SPECT scans
- Cardiac rehabilitation
- Hearing aids and devices
- * Home and Institutional hospice (coverage varies by product)
- In-home infusion therapy
- Orthopedic footwear
- Respiratory therapy services
- Pulmonary rehabilitation
- W Home care (except after an IP admission with benefit limitations)



Is Prior Authorization Needed?

- MHS website: mhsindiana.com
- Quick reference guide
- Non-contracted provider services now align with PA requirements for contracted providers





Medicaid Pre-Auth Needed?

DISCLAIMER: All attempts are made to provide the most current information on the Pre-Auth Needed Tool. Become a Provider However, this does NOT guarantee payment. Payment of claims is dependent on eligibility, covered benefits, **CLAS Standards** provider contracts, correct coding and billing practices. For specific details, please refer to the provider manual. If you are uncertain that prior authorization is needed, please submit a request for an accurate response. MHS Provider Webinars **Partnered Member** Vision services need to be verified by Envolve Vision Events Complex Imaging, MRA, MRI, PET and CT scans need to be verified by NIA **Pharmacy Benefits** Information for Hoosier Healthwise dental services need to be verified by State **Providers** Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) and Hoosier Care Connect dental services need to be verified by Envolve Dental **Prior Authorization** Ambulance and Transportation services need to be verified by LCP Transportation **Transactions** Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse need to be verified by Cenpatico PaySpan Health Non-participating providers must submit Prior Authorization for all services **POWER Account** For non-participating providers, Join Our Network. Resource Center Are Services being performed in the Emergency Department or Urgent Care Center or are these Provider Information family planning services billed with a contraceptive management diagnosis? **Resource Center** YES NO **Provider Guides Dental Providers** Types of Services YES NO Presumptive Eligibility Is the member being admitted to an inpatient facility? Are services, other than DME, orthotics, prosthetics, and supplies, being Quality rendered in the home? Improvement Are anesthesia services being rendered for pain management? **HEDIS®** Are services for infertility? **Practice Guidelines** Is the member receiving dialysis? Immunization Information





Enter the code of the service you would like to check:

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No Pre-authorization required for all providers.



Information Needed to Complete All PAs:

- Member's Name, RID, and Date of Birth
- * Type of service needed (e.g. office visit, outpatient surgery, DME, inpatient admission, testing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy etc.)
- Date(s) of service
- Ordering Physician with NPI number
- Servicing Physician with NPI number
- HCPCS/CPT codes requested for approval
- **Diagnosis** code
- Contact person, including phone and fax numbers
- Clinical information to support medical necessity (home care requires a signed Plan of Care POC)
 - Including current (within three months) clinical that is pertinent to the requested service, history of symptoms, previous treatment and results, physician rationale for ordering treatments and/or testing (MD exam notes).

^{*}Providers must request updates to prior authorizations within 30 days from the original date of service before claim submission.



Need to Know



Fast Track/Retro Eligibility Effective 4/1/19

- BT201913 IHCP provides prior authorization process for individuals on Fast Track Prepayment.
- Providers must use the following process for inpatient stays to ensure that they can properly submit a retroactive PA request for individuals utilizing a Fast Track prepayment:
 - The provider must assist an individual in completing an application for health coverage.
 - As part of the application process, the provider will assist the individual with submitting a Fast Track prepayment.
 - After assisting with the application for health coverage, the provider must complete a Fast Track Notification Form (available on the Forms page at in.gov/medicaid/providers) and fax the form to the managed care entity (MCE) selected on the application. This process must be completed within 5 days of the date of admission. To locate the fax number for the applicable MCE, see the IHCP Quick Reference Guide at in.gov/medicaid/ providers.
 - After eligibility has been established, the MCE will return a Full Eligibility Notification Form (available on the Forms page at in.gov/medicaid/providers) to the provider via fax. This form will contain the member's MCE assignment and Member ID (also known as RID). The notification will occur within 7 days following eligibility discovery.
 - The provider will then be able to submit a PA request for the service rendered since the first day of the month of
 the Fast Track prepayment. Providers must submit the PA request within 60 days of receiving the Full
 Eligibility Notification Form. Providers must verify eligibility, using the IHCP Provider Healthcare Portal, prior
 to submitting the PA request.



Non Fast Track Retro Eligibility/Adults

- If an adult, 19 years or older, presents for services without insurance and the facility does not help the member apply for HPE or complete the HIP application, the facility must notify MHS of the admission within 60 days of becoming aware of the member's date of Medicaid eligibility.
- Please submit the IHCP PA form and the MHS Late Notification of Services Submission form with clinical information supporting the medical necessity for the admission.



Retro Eligibility/Newborns

Mother Covered by Indiana Medicaid MCE

- The facility must notify MHS of an admission of an infant who remains hospitalized after the mother is discharged within two (2) business days.
- The facility is responsible for determining the mother's coverage.
- The facility should assume that the member will be assigned to the mother's MCE.



Retro Eligibility/Newborns

Mother Not Covered by Indiana Medicaid MCE

- If the infant's mother is not covered by an MCE at the time of delivery, the facility must notify MHS of the admission within 60 days of becoming aware of the member's eligibility using the IHCP PA form and the MHS Late Notification of Services Submission form with clinical information supporting the medical necessity for the admission.
- It is presumed that the facility would become aware of the member's eligibility within one week of visibility on the State Portal.



Self-Referral Services/ Medicaid

Exceptions to prior authorization requirements.

Members can see these specialists and get these services without a direct referral from their PMP:

- Podiatrist
- Chiropractor
- Family planning
- Immunizations
- Routine vision care
- Routine dental care
- Behavioral health by type and specialty
- HIV/AIDS case management
- Diabetes self management

*Benefit limitations apply



Therapy Services (Speech, Occupational, Physical Therapy)

- Must follow billing guidelines (GP, GN, GO modifiers).
- National Imaging Associates, Inc. (NIA) conducts retrospective review to evaluate medical necessity:
 - If requested, medical records can be uploaded to RadMD.com or faxed to NIA at 1-800-784-6864.
 - Medical necessity appeals will be conducted by NIA:
 - Follow steps outlined in denial notification
 - NIA Customer Care Associates are available to assist providers at 1-800-424-5391.



Durable & Home Medical Equipment

- Members and referring providers do not need to search for a DME provider or provider of medical supplies to service their needs.
- Medline's web portal is used to submit orders and track delivery.
- Does not apply to items provided by and billed by physician office.
- **W** Exclusions applicable to specific hospital based DME/HME vendors.



Durable & Home Medical Equipment

- Requests should be initiated via MHS secure portal:
 - Web Portal: Simply go to <u>mhsindiana.com</u>, log into the provider portal, and click on "Create Authorization." Click DME and you will be directed to the Medline portal for order entry.
 - Fax Number: 1-866-346-0911
 - Phone Number: 1-844-218-4932



Outpatient Radiology PA Requests

- **MHS** partners with NIA for outpatient Radiology PA Process
- *PA requests must be submitted via:
 - NIA Web site at <u>RadMD.com</u>
 - 1-866-904-5096

*Not applicable for ER and Observation requests



Additional Information Needed

Bariatric Surgery:

Must include cardiac workup, pulmonary workup, diet and exercise logs, current lab reports, and psychologist report.

Pain Management:

- Must have documentation of at least six (6) weeks of therapy on area receiving treatment.
- Include previous procedures/surgeries, medications, description of pain, any contra-indications or imaging studies.
- Include prior injection test results for injection series.

Home Health:

- Physician's orders and signed plan of care, including most recent MD notes about the issue at hand.
- Whome care plan, including home exercise program.
- Progress notes for medical necessity determination.



Prior Authorization (PA) Request

Providers can <u>update</u> previously approved PAs <u>within 30 days</u> of the original date of service prior to claim denial for changes to:

- Dates of service
- CPT/HCPCS codes
- Provider

^{*}Providers may make corrections to the existing PA as long as the claim has not been submitted.



Prior Authorization (PA) Request

- MHS strives to return a decision on all PA requests within seven (7) business days of request.
- Reasons for a delayed decision may include:
 - Lack of information or incomplete request
 - Illegible faxed copies of PA forms i.e handwriting is illegible or fax is otherwise not readable
 - Request requiring Medical Director review
- **MHS** has up to **seven** (7) **days** to render PA decisions.



Prior Authorization (PA) Request

- PA approval requires the need for medical necessity.
- If your claim is denied, please contact Provider Services at 1-877-647-4848 to determine the cause of the denial.
- Medical Management does not verify eligibility or benefit limitations:
 - Provider is responsible for eligibility and benefit verification



Continuity of Care PA Request

**MHS will honor pre-existing authorizations from any other Medicaid program during the first 30 days of enrollment or up to the expiration date of the previous authorization, whichever occurs first, and upon notification to MHS. Include the approval from the prior MCE with the request.

*Reference: MHS Provider Manual Chapter 6



Pharmacy Requests

MHS Pharmacy Benefit Manager is Envolve Pharmacy Solutions:

- Preferred Drug Lists and authorization forms are available at mhsindiana.com/provider/pharmacy:
 - PA requests
 - Phone 1-866-399-0928
 - Fax non specialty drugs 1-866-399-0929
 - Specialty drugs 1-866-678-6976
 - pharmacy.envolvehealth.com
- Formulary integrated into many Electronic Health Records (EHR) solutions
- Online PA submission available through CoverMyMeds:
 - <u>covermymeds.com</u>
- **Online PA forms for Specialty Drugs on mhsindiana.com**



Web Portal

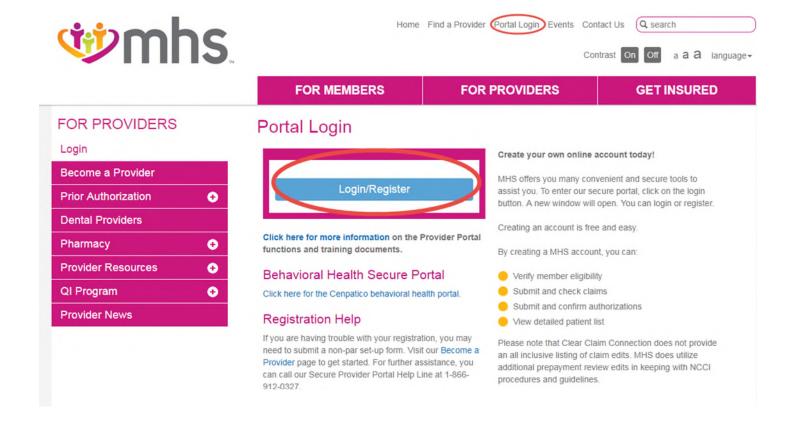


Web Authorization

- Providers can submit Prior Authorizations online via the MHS Secure Provider Portal at mhsindiana.com/login:
- When using the portal, providers can upload supporting documentation directly.
- Exceptions: Must submit hospice, home health and biopharmacy PA requests via fax 1-866-912-4245
- Providers can check the authorization status on the portal.

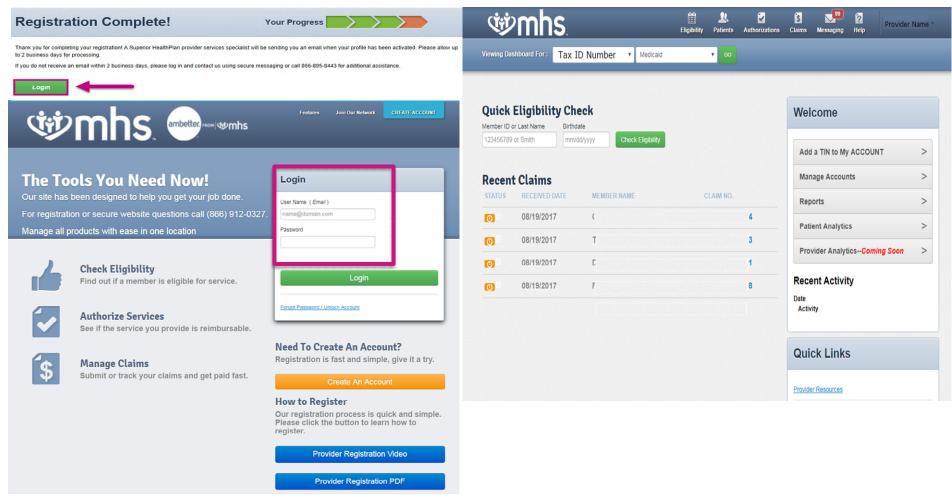


Secure Portal Registration or Login





Registration

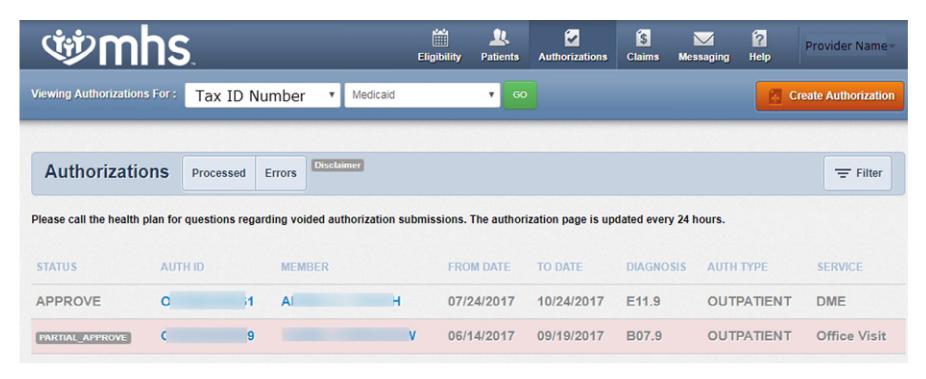


Please allow 24-48 hours for your account to be verified. An email will be sent once access to the portal tools have been granted to the respective account.



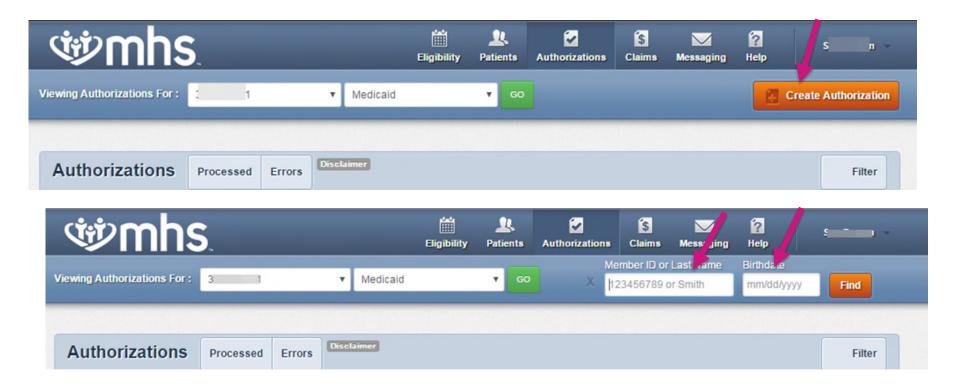
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View, create and filter group authorizations



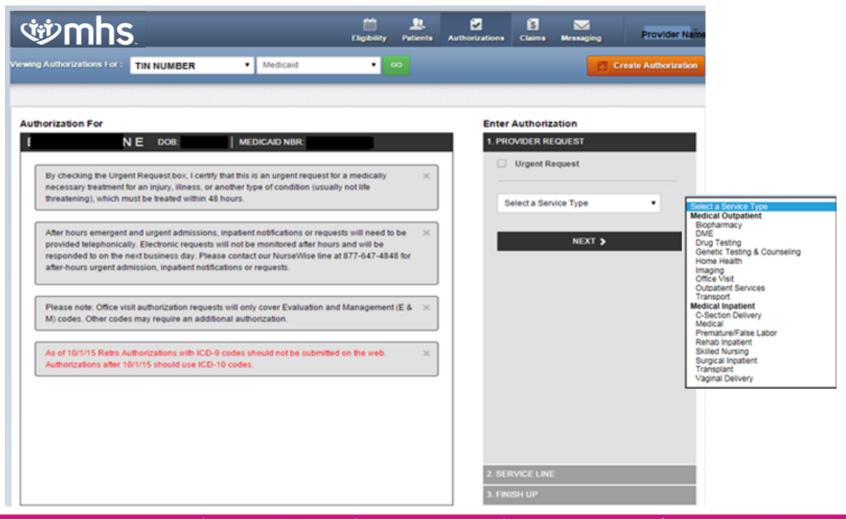


- **W** Click Create Authorization.
- **W** Enter **Member ID** or **Last Name** and **Birthdate**.



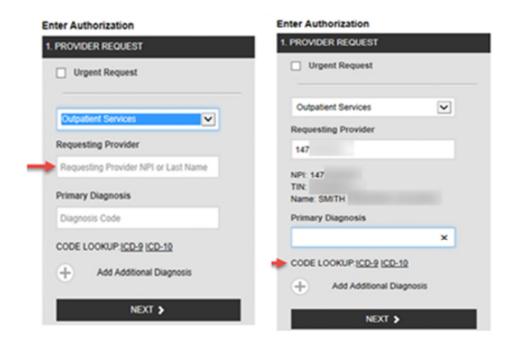


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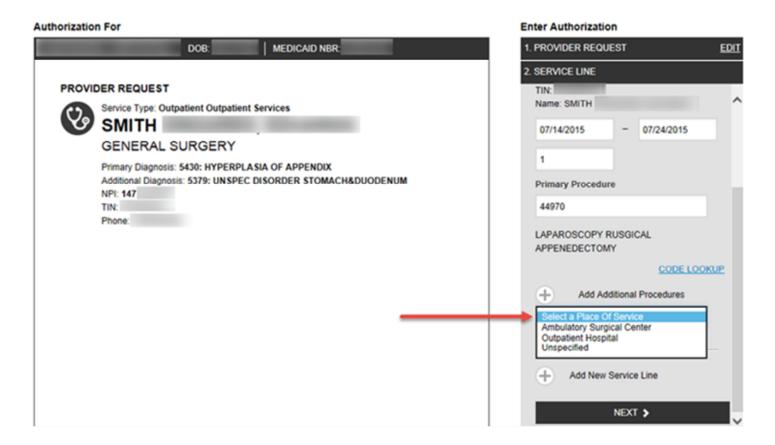


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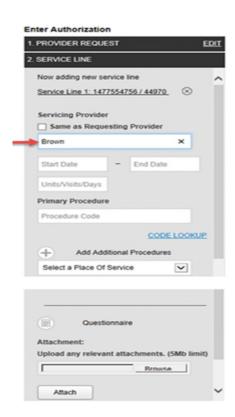


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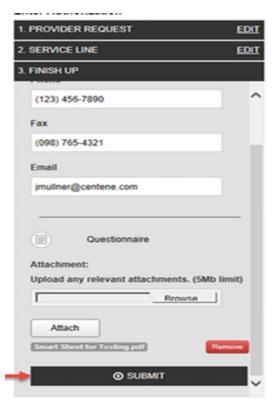
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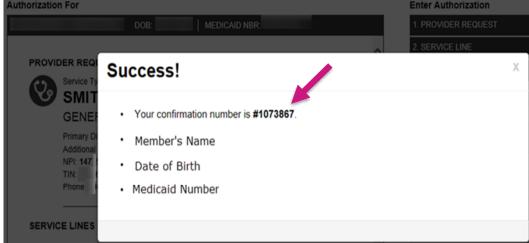


- Provider Request will appear on the left side of the screen.
- Update Servicing Provider:
 - Check box if same as Requesting Provider.
 - Update Servicing Provider information if not the same
- Update Start Date and End Date.
- Update Total Units/Visits/Days.
- Update Primary Procedure:
 - Code lookup provided.
- Add any additional procedures.
- Add additional Service Line if applicable:
 - All service lines added will appear on the left side of the screen.



- Submit a new Authorization:
 - Confirmation number.







Telephonic



Telephone Authorization

- Providers can initiate Prior Authorization via the MHS referral line by calling 1-877-647-4848:
 - Monday Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.)
 - After hours, MHS 24-hour nurse line available to take emergent requests.
- The PA process begins at MHS by speaking with the MHS nonclinical referral staff.
- For procedures requiring additional review, we will transfer providers to a "live" nurse line to facilitate the PA process.
- Please have all clinical information ready at time of call.





MHS Medical Management Department at 1-866-912-4245:

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Phone:					
Fax:					



Dates of Start	f Service Stop	Procedure/ Service Codes	Modifi	er(s)	Requested Service	Taxonomy	POS	Units	Dollars



Prior Authorization Denial and Appeal Process



PA Denial and Appeal Process

If MHS denies the requested service:

- And the member is still receiving services, the provider has the right to an expedited appeal. The attending physician must request the expedited appeal.
- *And the member already has been discharged, the attending physician must submit an appeal in writing within 60 days of the denial.

The attending physician has the right to a peer-to-peer discussion with an MHS physician:

- Providers initiate peer-to-peer discussions and expedited appeals by calling an MHS appeals coordinator at 1-877-647-4848.
- They must request peer-to-peer within 10 days of the adverse determination.

*Prior authorization appeals are also known as medical necessity appeals.



PA Denial and Appeal Process

Send Prior Authorization/Medical Necessity Appeals to:

Managed Health Services
Attn: Appeals Coordinator
PO Box 441567
Indianapolis, IN 46244

- Providers must initiate appeals within 60 days of the receipt of the denial letter for MHS to consider.
- We will communicate determination to the provider within 20 business days of receipt.
- A prior authorization appeal is different than a claim appeal request.

*This process is applicable to members and non-contracted providers.



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South Bend Clinic

St. Vincent Medical Group

American Health Network of Indiana
Columbus Regional Health
Community Physicians of Indiana
Good Samaritan Hospital Physician Services
HealthNet
Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County
Indiana University Health
Little Company of Mary Hospital of Indiana
Riverview Hospital



What You Learned Today:

- PA process and timelines
- **DME/HME** and Therapy PA requirements
- **PA** submission options
- Appeals Process



Questions?

Thank you for being our partner in care.