

Provider Portal Training Guide

How to Submit an Authorization

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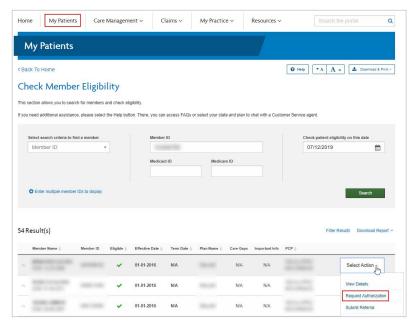


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There are two ways to submit an authorization via the secure **Provider Portal:**

Option 1:

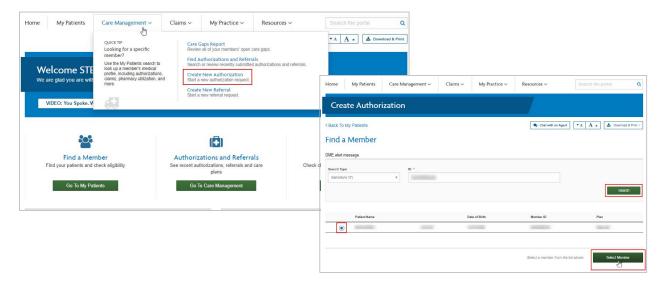
Navigate to the "My Patients" and search for the desired member. Then open the "select action" drop down. Here you will find the "Request Authorization" option:



Select "Request Authorization" to access the authorization request form.

Option 2:

From the "Care Management" tab, select "Create New Authorization." You will then be prompted to enter the associated Member ID.



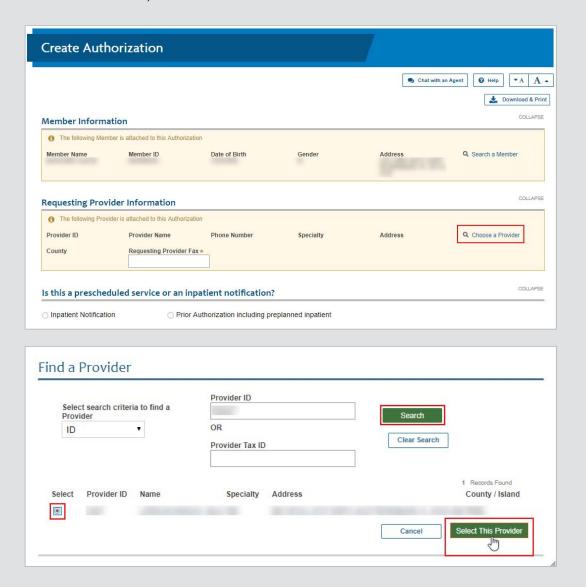
After advancing to the authorization form using either **option 1 or 2**, the member's information will be prepopulated. You must select a "**Requesting Provider**" by using the "**Choose a Provider**" tool. You will be presented with the option to search for the desired provider.

NOTE: This tool will only return active, participating providers.



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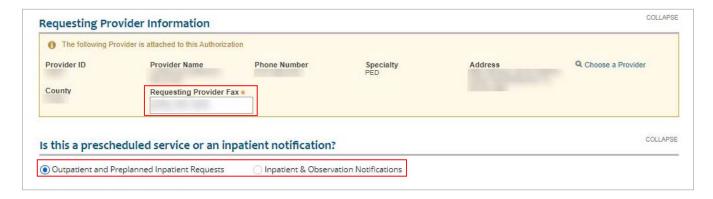
If you don't know your Wellcare Provider ID or Tax ID, **admin users** may obtain these details within the "**My practice**" section. Navigate to the "**My practice**" tab, select "**manage sub-group accounts**," then select "**Create new sub-group**." You will be able to view all Provider IDs and Tax IDs associated with this contract (Full screenshots and instructions can be found in the last section of this document).



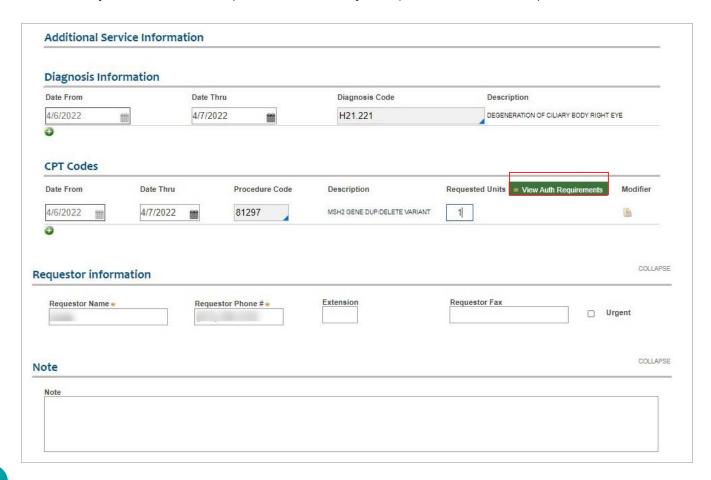
Next, insert a valid fax number using the following format: (111) 111-1111. Then make a selection to determine "Inpatient" or "Outpatient" for the request. Fields within the form will update, based on whether the authorization is identified as inpatient or outpatient.

Select "Inpatient Notification" or "Prior Authorization including preplanned inpatient" in the "Is this a prescheduled service or an inpatient notification?" field.

- Inpatient Notification Use for an inpatient/observation request
- Prior Authorization including preplanned inpatient Use for an outpatient request or preplanned inpatient request for a future date of service



Complete the fields in the following sections. For an outpatient authorization, you **must** check the "**View Auth Requirements**" button. (This is not necessary for inpatient authorizations.)



This action triggers a validation that considers factors such as the member's specific benefits and all previously entered criteria. The system will return a response of either "Auth Required," "No Auth Required," or "Vendor Auth Required".

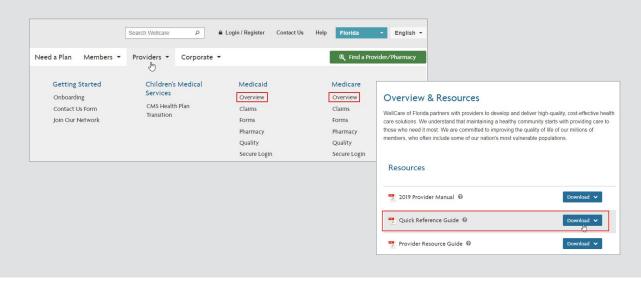
You are about to submit a retro authorization.
Review your dates.

NOTE: If you are submitting a retroactive authorization request for a prior date, you will be prompted to confirm that the dates are correct.



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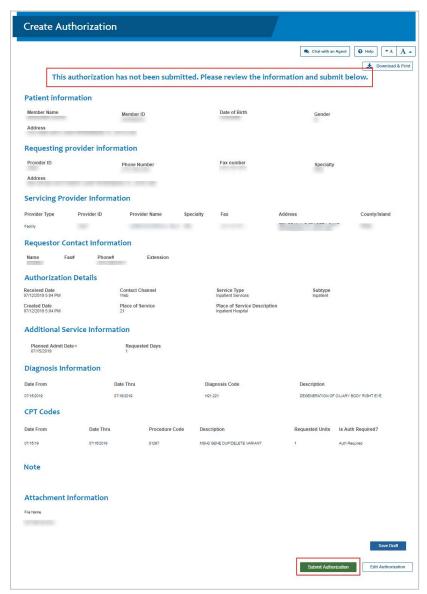
If the "Vendor Auth Required" response is returned, please consult the Quick Reference Guide (QRG) to obtain contact information for the delegated vendor. The QRG is found on the public website. Navigate to wellcare.com, choose your state, select "Providers," from the top navigation bar, then select "Overview" from either the Medicaid or Medicare menu. On the Overview page you will find the QRG, which references the delegated vendors for specific services.



All authorization submissions **require an attachment** prior to submission. You may attach Word, Excel and/or PDF documents up to 10 MB in size. Please attach only information that is pertinent to the current request.



Prior to submission, you will be prompted to review your selections, and given the options to "Edit" or "Submit":



A reference number will be provided once you submit the request. An authorization number will be sent to you via fax within state-regulated turn around times. You must use the authorization number to search for this authorization in the Provider Portal.

NOTE: An authorization cannot be viewed via the portal until it has moved to an in-progress state and the fax containing the authorization number has been sent.

There are several types of reference numbers:

ADMNT: This is a notice of admission

CR: This is a concurrent review. After the notice of admission, this is the clinical review that takes place. There can be multiple concurrent reviews for a single stay. Ex. If a member is admitted to the hospital, there will be an initial review and then one or more additional reviews confirming whether the member is ready for discharge.

PA: Prior authorization. This is an advance notice for outpatient services or for pre-planned inpatient services.

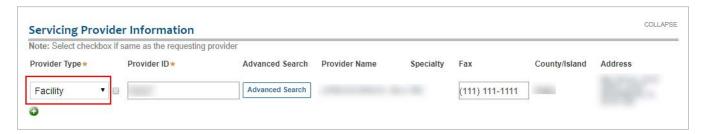
Authorization number: This number is required when submitting your claim(s) for payment.

Example of an ADMNT reference number:



Inpatient Authorizations

Inpatient authorization requests require at least one facility to be selected within the "Servicing Provider Information" section.



CPT codes are not required for inpatient stays when submitting an inpatient authorization request.

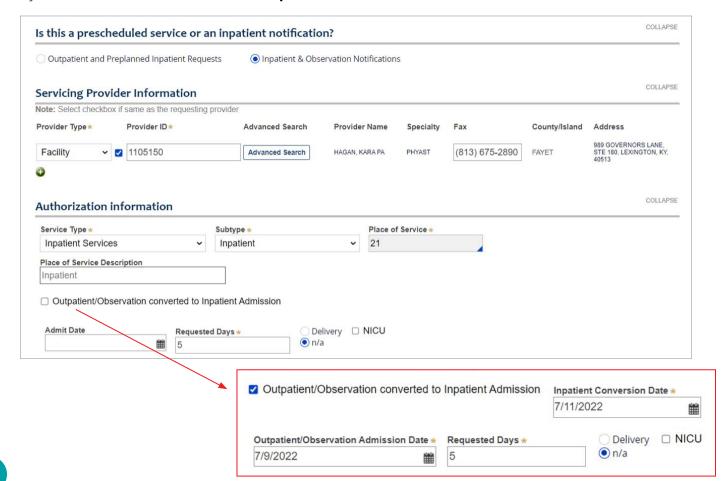
NOTE: Observation services cover the act of observation, not a preplanned service.

Inpatient, BH Inpatient, and BH Detox subtypes include a new option: **Outpatient/Observation converted to Inpatient Admission**.

When selected, two new fields replace the **Admit Date** field.

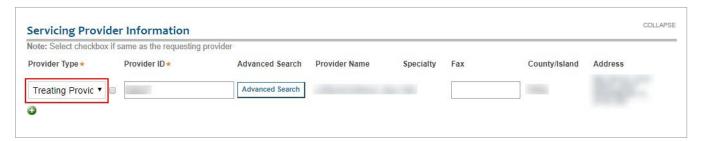
Outpatient/Observation Admission Date and Inpatient Conversion Date.

Timely notification of admission is based on **Inpatient Conversion Date**.



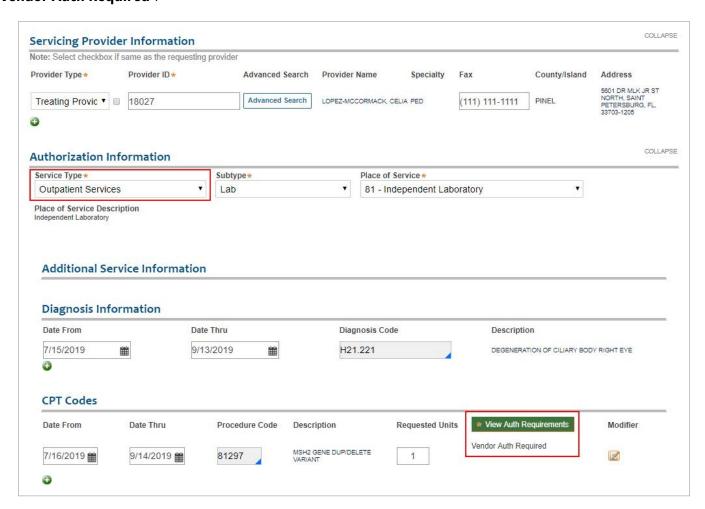
Outpatient Authorizations

Outpatient authorization requests require at least one treating provider to be selected within the "Servicing Provider Information" section.



After filling out the Outpatient authorization form, you must check the "**View Auth Requirements**" button (Inpatient authorizations do not require this check).

This action triggers a validation that consider factors such as the member's specific benefits and all previously entered criteria. The system will return a response of either "Auth Required," "No Auth Required," or "Vendor Auth Required".



Authorization Information

The "Authorization Information" section of the form is dynamic. Your initial "Service Type" selection will determine the available options.

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Use the following grid to help determine which options should be selected, based on the service needed:

| Service Description | MMP Service Type | MMP Sub Type | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|--|--|
| OUTPATIENT SERVICES | OUTPATIENT SERVICES | | | | |
| Ambulance | Outpatient Services | Transportation | | | |
| Ambulatory Surgery | Outpatient Services | Surgery | | | |
| CT Scan (Cat Scan) | Radiology | CAT Scan | | | |
| Office Visits | Office | Consult And Treat | | | |
| Dialysis | Outpatient Services | Dialysis | | | |
| Genetic Testing | Outpatient Services | Genetic Testing | | | |
| Home Health Services | Home Health | Home Health | | | |
| Hospice | Outpatient Services | Hospice | | | |
| Laboratory | Outpatient Services | Lab | | | |
| MRI | Radiology | MRI | | | |
| OB Global/Prenatal Notification | Outpatient Services | OB Global | | | |
| Outpatient Hospital | Outpatient Services | Outpatient Hospital Services | | | |
| RBA - Room Board & Anesthesia | Outpatient Services | Room Board & Anesthesia | | | |
| Radiology | Radiology | Radiology Services | | | |
| Rehabilitation Therapy (PT/OT/ST) | Outpatient Services | Occupational Therapy or Physical Therapy or Speech Therapy | | | |
| Radiation Therapy | Therapy | Radiation | | | |
| OB Ultrasound | Radiology | OB Ultrasounds | | | |
| Long Term Acute Care Hospital | Inpatient Services | Long Term Acute Care Hospital | | | |
| Medical Pharmacy | Medical Pharmacy | Medical Pharmacy | | | |

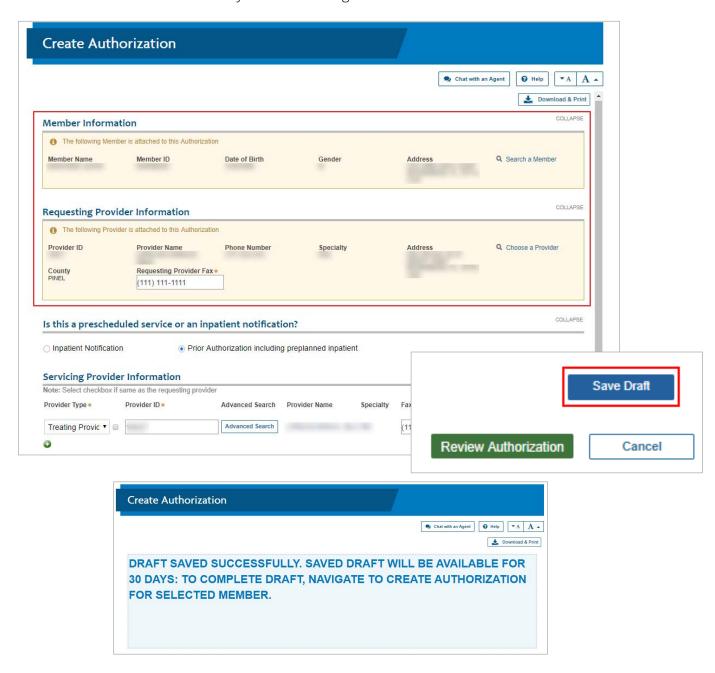
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| | Service Description* | MMP Service Type | MMP Sub Type |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | INPATIENT SERVICES | | _ |
| | Skilled Nursing Facility | Inpatient Services | Skilled Nursing Facility |
| | Observation Hospital | Inpatient Services | Observation Hospital |
| | Inpatient | Inpatient Services | Inpatient |
| | Outpatient Delivery | Inpatient Services | Outpatient Delivery |
| | Emergency Room | Inpatient Services | Emergency Room |
| | Inpatient Rehab | Inpatient Services | Inpatient Rehab |
| | Long Term Care SNF | Inpatient Services | Long Term Care SNF |
| A. | Waitlist | Inpatient Services | Waitlist |
| MEDICAL | Sub-Acute | Inpatient Services | Sub-Acute |
| | Intermediate Care Facility | Inpatient Services | Intermediate Care Facility |
| | Transplant Surgery | Inpatient Services | Transplant Surgery |
| | Intermediate Care Facility | Inpatient Services | Intermediate Care Facility |
| | Sub-Acute Rehab | Inpatient Services | Sub-Acute Rehab |
| | Bed Hold | Inpatient Services | Bed Hold |
| | Custodial Nursing Home | Inpatient Services | Custodial Nursing Home |
| | Community Residential | Inpatient Services | Community Residential |
| | Assisted Living Facility | Inpatient Services | Assisted Living Facility |
| | Custodial | Inpatient Services | Custodial Stay |
| | Hospice | Inpatient Services | Hospice |
| | Respite Services | Inpatient Services | Respite |
| | OUTPATIENT SERVICES | | |
| | Act Services | Behavioral Health | Behavioral Act Services |
| | Substance Abuse Rehab | Inpatient Behavioral Health | BH Substance Abuse Rehab |
| 픋 | Residential | Inpatient Behavioral Health | BH Residential |
| | Detox | Inpatient Behavioral Health | BH Detox |
| BEHAVIORAL HEAL | Sub-Acute | Inpatient Behavioral Health | BH Sub-Acute |
| 7 | INPATIENT SERVICES | | |
| 8 / | Inpatient | Inpatient Behavioral Health | BH-Inpatient |
| <u> </u> | BH Psych Test | Behavioral Health | Psych Test |
| ¥ | Targeted Case Management | Behavioral Health | BH Case Management |
| BE | BH Office/Consult | Behavioral Health | BH Office Visit |
| | BH Ongoing Treatment | Behavioral Health | BH Routine Outpatient |
| | BH ECT (shock therapy) | Behavioral Health | Electroconvulsive Therapy |
| | BH IOP Services | Behavioral Health | Intensive Outpatient Program Services |
| | BH Partial Day Treatment | Behavioral Health | Partial Hospitalization or Date Treatment |

How to Save a Draft Authorization

After identifying the authorization request as inpatient or outpatient, you will have the option to save the request as a draft. This draft will remain available for 30 days.

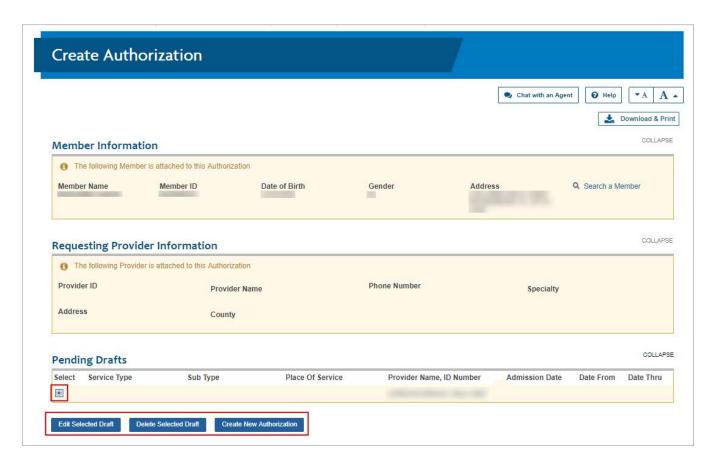
You may edit a saved draft at a later time, however **you may not change the inpatient or outpatient selection**. A new authorization must be initiated if you need to change this selection.



How to Retrieve a Draft Authorization

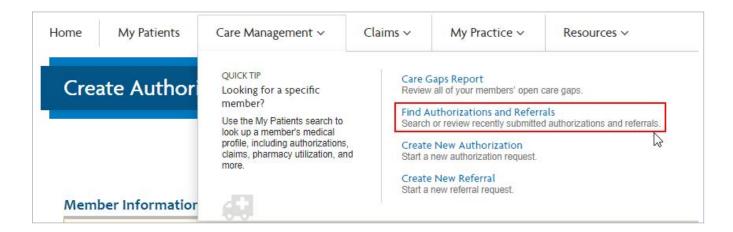
To retrieve a previously saved draft, navigate to the "**My Patients**" tab and search for the member for whom the authorization was previously saved. Open the "**Select Action**" drop down menu, then choose "**Submit Authorization**." Next, select the desired draft from the "**Pending Drafts**" panel, and choose from the three available options:

- · Edit Selected Draft
- Delete Selected Draft
- Create New Authorization



Check Authorization Status

Navigate to the "Care Management" tab and select "Find Authorizations and Referrals" to view the authorization status.



You may search for authorizations by the following criteria:

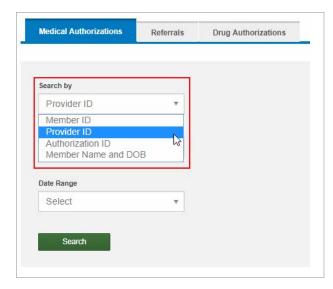


- Authorization ID
- · Member Name and Date of Birth
- Member ID
- Provider ID

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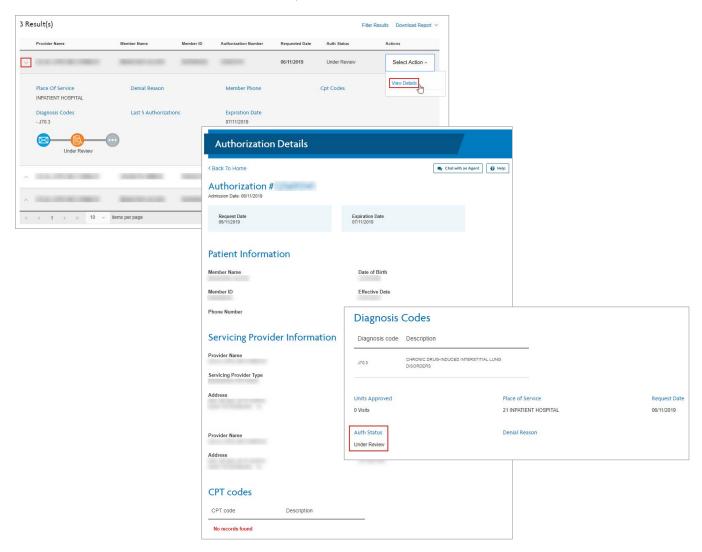
A date range search option is available if searching by:

- Member Name and Date of Birth
- Member ID
- Provider ID



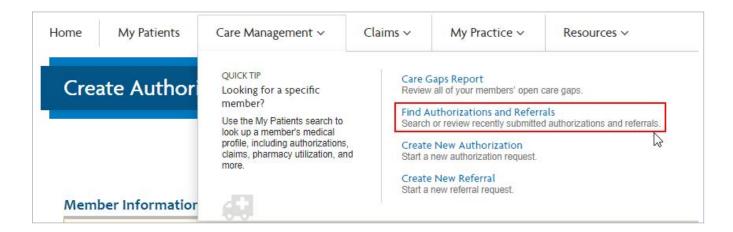
NOTE: Authorizations cannot be searched and viewed via the portal until the authorization has moved to an in-progress state and the fax containing the authorization number has been sent. (Authorization numbers are sent to you via fax within state-regulated turnaround times.)

Once search results are returned, each authorization has an expandable section that provides more detailed information about that authorization. You may also view the full authorization details by selecting the "View Details" from the "Select Action" drop down.



How to Update an Open Authorization

Navigate to the "Care Management" tab and select "Find Authorizations and Referrals" to view the authorization status.



You may search for authorizations by the following criteria:

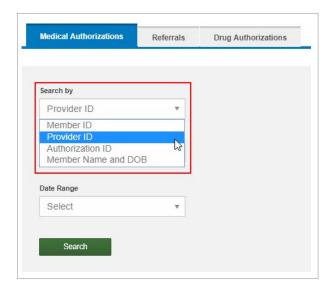


- Authorization ID
- · Member Name and Date of Birth
- Member ID
- Provider ID

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A date range search option is available if searching by:

- · Member Name and Date of Birth
- Member ID
- Provider ID

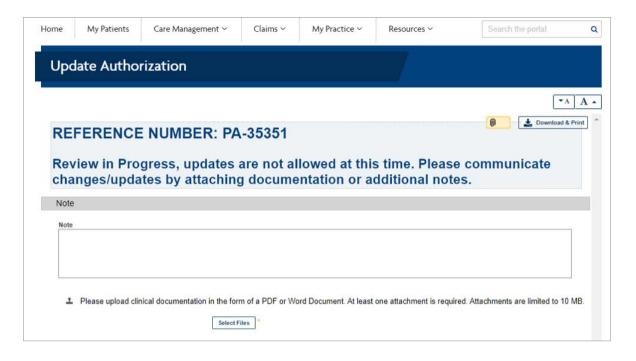


Once search results are returned, each authorization has an expandable section that provides more detailed information about that authorization. You may choose to update the authorization by selecting "Edit Authorization" from the "Select Action" drop-down menu.



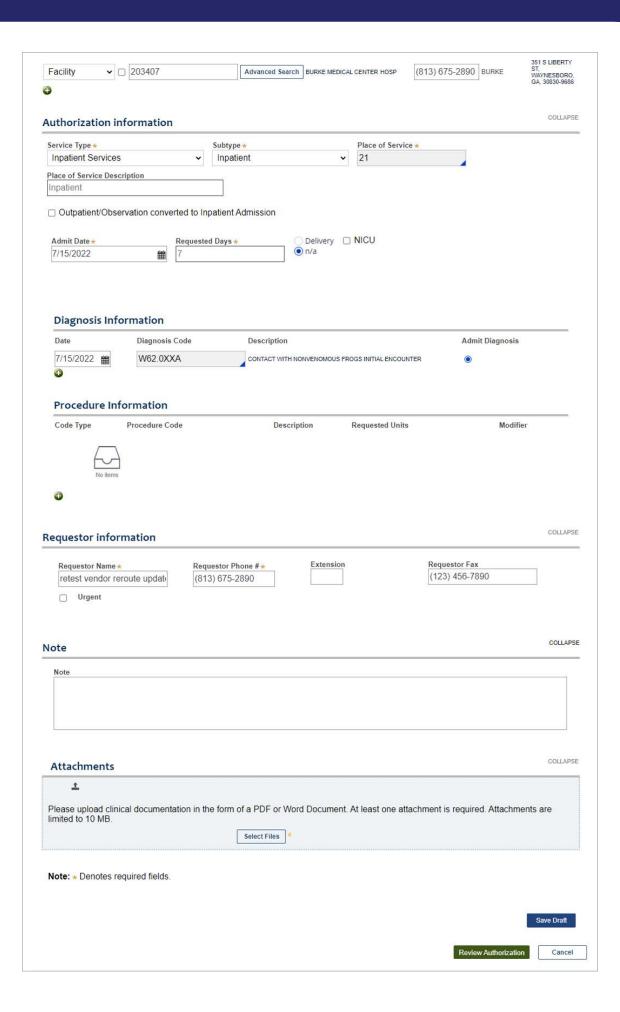
Not all authorizations allow updates. Some authorizations will only allow additional attachments and notes.

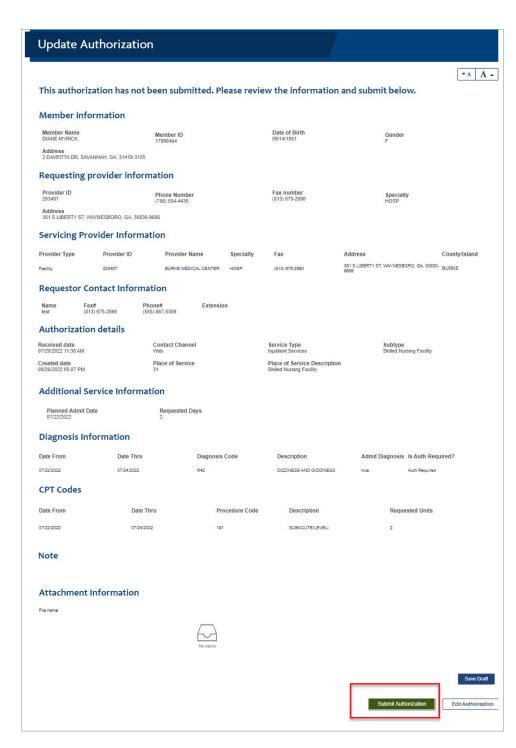




Some authorizations will allow changes to nearly all fields:

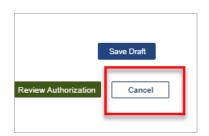
- Provider IDs
- Diagnosis
- Service Codes
- Dates
- Additional Information





After completing all necessary updates, select Review Authorization to view the changes before final submission. Click "Submit Authorization" to finish.

** PLEASE NOTE: Selecting "Cancel" will void the authorization request. **







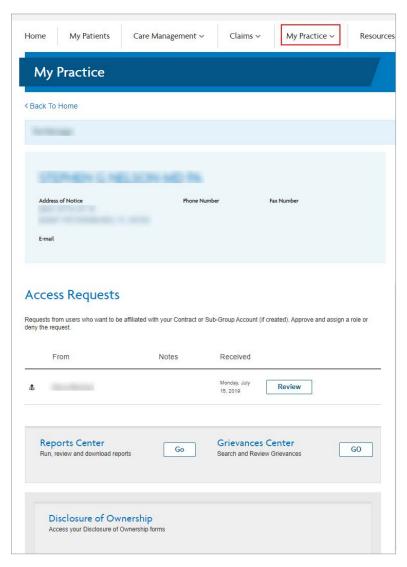
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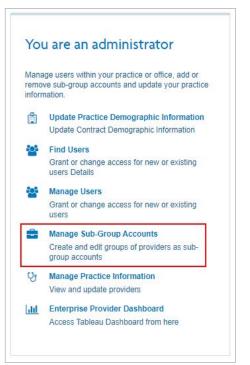
Authorizations Connected to Your Contract or Sub-group

Each contract/sub-group is associated with the participating Provider IDs/Tax IDs. Admin users can find authorizations within your contract/sub-group as identified within the "Manage Sub-groups" section found under the "My Practice" tab by selecting "Manage Sub-group Accounts" then selecting "Create New Sub-group."

On the following page, you will be able to view all Provider IDs and Tax IDs associated with this contract. Use the filter option to review specific information of interest.

NOTE: An authorization can only be viewed if the associated PID/Tax ID is found within this section of the site.









Tip:

Your Provider Representative can initiate updates to this page, if necessary.

