



Instructions

Complete this form and submit it along with supporting clinical documentation when requesting prior authorization for admissions to and extensions of stays at skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and acute inpatient rehabilitation (IPR) facilities.

For SNFs/acute IPRs in Michigan. You must submit prior authorization requests through the e-referral system starting June 1, 2023. Complete this form and attach it and the supporting clinical documentation to the request in the e-referral system. After the fourteenth extension request or anytime the e-referral system is not available, fax your requests and the supporting clinical documentation to the numbers shown below.

For non-Michigan SNFs/acute IPRs that have access to Availity®. You can fax the completed form and the supporting clinical documentation to the numbers below or you can submit them through the e-referral system, which you can access through Availity as follows:

1. Log in to Availity.
2. Enter the member's contract number from their ID card. Be sure to include the alpha prefix. Availity will determine the member's plan and take you to the Pre-Service Review for Out-of-Area and Local Members screen.
3. Click *e-referral*, under the Authorization Vendors heading.

For non-Michigan SNFs/acute IPRs that don't have access to Availity. Fax the completed form and the supporting clinical documentation as follows:

- UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust (URMBT) Blue Cross non-Medicare requests: Fax to 1-866-915-9811.
- Other Blue Cross commercial requests: Fax to 1-866-411-2573.
- BCN commercial requests: Fax to 1-866-534-9994.

IMPORTANT: Incomplete submissions or missing clinical documentation may cause delays or nonapprovals.

- For all SNF and IPR requests, also attach the hospital admission H&P, PM&R consultation and most recent PT/OT notes.
- For SNF requests for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Federal Employee Program® Basic Option and FEP Blue Focus members, include a completed [Consent for Case Management form](#), signed by the member. No consent form is required for Standard Option members.

Note for discharge planning:

- For BCN commercial members: For DME, P&O and diabetes supplies, contact Northwood, Inc., at 1-800-393-6432.
- For Blue Cross commercial members: For information about DME and diabetes supplies, contact Provider Inquiry at 1-800-249-5103 to determine benefits.

NOTE: If non-emergency air ambulance transport is needed, prior authorization is required. To request prior authorization, follow the instructions on the document titled [Non-emergency air ambulance prior authorization program: Overview for Michigan and non-Michigan providers](#). Do this prior to the flight.

By submitting this form, you are attesting to the following:

- You've verified the member's eligibility and benefits for skilled nursing facility and inpatient rehabilitation services and you understand that authorization is not a guarantee of payment.
- Michigan facilities must be contracted with Blue Cross or BCN; facilities outside of Michigan must participate with their local Blue plan.
- All information is from within 24 to 48 hours before the SNF/IPR admission or is from the last covered day.
- The member is cognitively capable and is able to actively and willingly participate in therapy.
- For SNF services, the member is receiving at least 1 hour of therapy 5 days a week.
- For IPR services, the member is receiving at least 3 hours of therapy, 5 days a week, and is able to sit for 1 hour a day.

Type data into every field unless otherwise noted. Enter N/A if not applicable.

Type of request: Initial authorization Continued stay / extension of stay

SNF / IPR information			
Facility name	Facility NPI	Facility type: <input type="checkbox"/> SNF <input type="checkbox"/> Acute inpatient rehabilitation	
Name of contact person at SNF/IPR	Phone number of contact person at SNF/IPR	Fax number of contact person at SNF/IPR	
SNF/IPR street address	SNF/IPR city	SNF/IPR state	SNF/IPR ZIP code
Participates with local Blue plan <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	SNF/IPR admission date	Admitting diagnosis with ICD-10 code	
Attending physician name		Attending physician phone (for non-Michigan facilities only)	
Attending physician address (for non-Michigan facilities only)			

Patient information			
Patient name	Patient date of birth	Subscriber ID	Patient phone number

Complications	
Medical history	
Name of surgical procedure	Date of surgical procedure

Admission information			
Height	Weight	Estimated length of stay	Prior level of function (home)

Cognition	
Cognition – A&O: x _____ or Other:	

Vital signs	Bowel / bladder
Vital signs: T P R BP	Bowel: <input type="checkbox"/> Continent <input type="checkbox"/> Incontinent
Diet	Bladder: <input type="checkbox"/> Continent <input type="checkbox"/> Incontinent
Type: <input type="checkbox"/> NPO <input type="checkbox"/> TPN <input type="checkbox"/> Tube feeding	Catheter: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Type:
Calories / day: _____ CCs / day: _____	Ostomy: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
	Post-op complications of ostomy: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

Oxygen delivery		
Delivery mechanism: <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Type:	Flow rate:	Saturation:
Vent: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Saturation:	Vent settings:	

Suction per 24 hours	
<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes:	Frequency:

Respiratory treatment	
<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes:	Frequency: Type:

Tracheostomy

No Yes: Type:

Pain

Pain: No Yes: Location:

Medication: No Yes: Drug: Route: Dose: Frequency:

Pain scale: Before management: After management:

Significant medication changes at reassessment that affect functioning

List the changes:

IV medications

IV / PICC line: No Yes: Complete the medication information below:

Medication name	Dose	Frequency	Start date	End date

Skin status

Skin is intact Skin is not intact: Complete the fields below:

#1 wound or incision: No Yes: Size L x W x D (cm):

Location and stage: Treatment (type, frequency):

#2 wound or incision: No Yes: Size L x W x D (cm):

Location and stage: Treatment (type, frequency):

Mobility: current functioning

PT / OT — Date of notes: Focus goal:

Bed mobility/assist needed Total assist Max assist Mod assist Min assist CGA SBA Mod ind Ind

Transfers Total assist Max assist Mod assist Min assist CGA SBA Mod ind Ind

Gait / assist needed Total assist Max assist Mod assist Min assist CGA SBA Mod ind Ind

Gait / distance Gait / assistive device None Type:

Stairs: Current number of stairs patient can climb: Number of stairs in home:

Stairs / assist needed Total assist Max assist Mod assist Min assist CGA SBA Mod ind Ind

Comments:

Self-care: current functioning

Occupational therapy – focus goal:

Bathing / UE Total assist Max assist Mod assist Min assist CGA SBA Mod ind Ind

Bathing / LE Total assist Max assist Mod assist Min assist CGA SBA Mod ind Ind

Dressing / UE Total assist Max assist Mod assist Min assist CGA SBA Mod ind Ind

Dressing / LE Total assist Max assist Mod assist Min assist CGA SBA Mod ind Ind

Toileting / hygiene management Total assist Max assist Mod assist Min assist CGA SBA Mod ind Ind

ADL transfers Total assist Max assist Mod assist Min assist CGA SBA Mod ind Ind

Speech therapy: current status

No speech therapy needed Dysphagia evaluation / modified barium swallow assessment needed

Result / aspiration risk / recommendations:

Care management

Blue Cross and BCN offer care management assistance for discharge planning.

Would you like a referral made to our Care Management department? Yes No

Discharge plans (must be initiated at admission)

Note: Submit discharge summary once member has been discharged from the facility.

Discharge date (tentative):

Discharge goal:

Discharge location: Assisted living Long-term care Foster care Home alone Home with HHC
 Home with family support Other:

Name of support and phone number

Name	Phone number	Name	Phone number
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Family/friend _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Child _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Home health care _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Child _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	_____

Home evaluation date:

Home – number of levels: 1 level 2 levels 3 levels Other:

Home – number of steps: At entry: At bed / bath:

Lives with:

Supervision needs at discharge:

Equipment needs at discharge:

Discharge barriers:

Additional notes

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