

# Prior authorization requirements

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## **Utilization management program**

Our utilization management (UM) decisions are based on medical necessity of the requested care and services, as well as the member's coverage according to their benefit plan. We do not reward providers or other individuals for issuing denials of coverage, service or care. Nor do we make decisions about hiring, promoting or terminating these individuals based on the idea or thought that they will deny benefits. In addition, we do not offer financial incentives for UM decision makers to encourage decisions resulting in underutilization.

We will ensure that services for members are sufficient in the amount, duration, or scope to reasonably achieve the purpose for which services are furnished. We will not arbitrarily deny or reduce the amount, duration, or scope of a required service solely because of the diagnosis, type of illness, or condition of the member (42 CFR §438.210(a)(ii)).

Regarding UM issues, staff are available at least eight hours a day Monday through Friday during normal business hours for inbound collect or toll-free calls and can receive inbound communication by fax after normal business hours. Messages will be returned within one business day. Our staff will identify themselves by name, title and organization name when initiating or returning calls. TDD/TTY services and language assistance services are available for members as needed, free of charge.

For questions about the UM process, including requesting a free copy of our UM criteria/guidelines, call Provider Services at 833-731-2162.

# Medical Policies, Clinical UM Guidelines, and medical drug benefit Clinical Criteria

There are several factors that impact whether a service or procedure is covered under a member's benefit plan. *Medical Policies, Clinical UM Guidelines*, and medical drug benefit *Clinical Criteria* are resources that help us determine if a procedure is medically necessary. These guidelines are available to you as a reference when interpreting prior authorization and claim decisions through the following websites:

- Medical Policies & Clinical UM Guidelines
- Medical Drug Benefit Clinical Criteria

In addition, the following criteria/quidelines may be used:

- Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual (TMPPM)
- MCG Care Guidelines (based on specific provider contracts, McKesson InterQual® Level of Care criteria) are also used when no specific health plan medical policies exist.
- Carelon Medical Benefits Management, Inc. (formerly known as AIM Specialty Health) guidelines are utilized for the following types of services:
  - Cardiology
  - Genetic testing

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- Radiation oncology
- Radiology (high-tech)
- Sleep studies

Please refer to their website, **careloninsights.com**, for additional information.

- Behavioral Health utilizes the American Society for Addiction Medicine (ASAM) *Patient Placement Criteria* for substance use disorder treatment authorizations, with the exception of detoxification which uses MCG Care Guidelines.
- Superior Vision of Texas utilizes health plan criteria and guidelines for medical/surgical reviews.

The prior authorization catalog is a comprehensive, searchable document containing a list of codes and code descriptions and an effective date for each prior authorization. The catalog can be viewed on our provider website in the Prior Authorization Requirements webpage ("Medicaid and CHIP Precertification Effective dates").

Federal law, state law, contract language, including definitions and specific contract provisions/exclusions, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements as well as the *Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual (TMPPM)*,

https://www.tmhp.com/resources/provider-manuals/tmppm, are used when determining eligibility for coverage and supersede any other UM criteria.

## Precertification Lookup Tool and submission portal

Determine if specific outpatient procedures and/or services require prior authorization through the Precertification Lookup Tool, which can be found on Availity Essentials through Payer Spaces or the health plan provider website through the following link:

**Precertification Lookup Tool:** provider.wellpoint.com/tx > Resources > Prior Authorization Requirements > Precertification lookup

Prior authorization requests or notifications can be submitted digitally through Availity Essentials and is the preferred method.

#### Availity Essentials: availity.com

Inpatient elective and nonemergent admissions always require prior authorization. All elective services provided by or arranged at a nonparticipating provider or facility require prior authorization, except for emergency medical conditions, emergency behavioral health conditions and minimum required maternity stays where a prior authorization is not required. Some services/procedures have Medicaid allowable limits or age restrictions and should be verified through the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual (TMPPM).

For questions, please contact Provider Services at **833-731-2162**. Staff are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. local time excluding state-observed holidays. Providers may leave a confidential voicemail after-hours, and messages will be returned within the next business day.

Additional information is available in the Prior Authorization Contact Information section of this document and is also available on the provider website.

## **Required documentation**

A completed prior authorization request is required to eliminate delays in processing, which includes all required essential information, documentation, current clinical information, and a signed authorization form by the requesting provider.

The following essential information, per HHSC Uniform Managed Care Manual Chapter 3.22 is required for all prior authorization request submissions:

- Member name
- Member number or Medicaid/CHIP number
- Member date of birth
- Requesting provider's name and National Provider Identifier (NPI)
- Service requested Current Procedural Terminology (CPT°), Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), or Current Dental Terminology (CDT)
- Service requested start and end date(s)
- Quantity of service units requested based on the CPT, HCPCS, or CDT requested

To prevent delays, the health plan requests the following information be included with the request to allow for timely processing:

- Rendering provider's name, NPI, and Tax Identification Number
- Diagnosiscode
- Physician signature

These are critical fields we need to build a prior authorization in our system.

**Note:** Requests that have essential information missing, incorrect, or illegible will be considered incomplete and the following will occur:

- The requesting provider will receive a notification that the submitted request could not be processed due to missing essential information.
- The notification will outline an explanation of why the submitted request was not processed as submitted and will include instructions to resubmit the prior authorization request with complete essential information.
- The request will be processed when the requested information is received.
- The date we receive the fully completed request will be designated as the prior authorization request received date.

To ensure timely processing, providers should respond to requests for missing or incomplete information as quickly as possible.

Additional information is available in the Forms and Documentation Required for Prior Authorization Requests section of this document.

#### Information needed for a member that is hospitalized

For services or equipment that will be necessary for the care of the hospitalized member immediately after discharge, ensure all required documentation is submitted with the request along with any required signatures to eliminate delays in processing. For additional information, please refer to the Discharge Planning section of this document.

#### Submission timelines

#### **Initial requests**

For prior authorization with all supporting documentation is recommended to be submitted a minimum of three business days prior to the start of care. Failure to comply with notification rules may result in an administrative denial. Additional information is available in the Administrative Denials section of this document.

The **Start of Care** (SOC) date is the date agreed to by the physician, the service provider, and the member or responsible adult and is indicated on the submitted prior authorization request as the SOC date. SOC date may include prior authorization requests for home health skilled nursing and aide services, private duty nursing (PDN), physical therapy (PT), occupational therapy (OT), and speech therapy (ST) services. These services may require that the provider assess the member and initiate care prior to submitting a prior authorization request within three business days of the SOC date for initial or new PDN services. During the prior authorization process, providers are required to deliver the requested services from the SOC date. Exceptions to the start of care date may include requests for home health skilled nursing, aide services, private duty nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy services. Additional information regarding exceptions is discussed below.

#### **Exceptions:**

- Therapy (PT/OT/ST) Services: Initial prior authorization requests must be received no later than five business days from the date therapy treatments are initiated. Requests received after the five business day period will be denied for dates of service that occurred before the date that the prior authorization request was received.
- **Home Health Skilled Nursing:** Following the RN's initial assessment or evaluation of the client in the home setting for home health service needs, the agency-employed RN who completed the home evaluation must contact the health plan for prior authorization within three business days of the SOC.

#### • Private Duty Nursing:

- Initial requests must be submitted within three business days of the SOC date.
- Initial requests may be prior authorized for a maximum of 90 days.
- Completed initial requests must be received and dated by the Prior Authorization department within three business days of the SOC. The request must be received by the Prior Authorization department no later than 5 p.m., Central time, on the third day to be

considered received within three business days. If a request is received more than three business days after the SOC, or after 5 p.m., Central time, on the third day, authorization is given for dates of service beginning three business days before receipt of the completed request.

#### Prior authorization recertification process

A physician or health care provider can submit a medical prior authorization recertification request at least every 60 calendar days prior to the expiration of the current authorization of service(s) on file.

#### **Exceptions:**

The health plan requires that the following prior authorization recertification requests be received up to 30 calendar days before the expiration of the current authorized service(s).

- Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy:
  - A complete recertification request must be received no earlier than 30 calendar days before
    the current authorization period expires. Requests for recertification services received after
    the current authorization expires will be denied for dates of service that occurred before the
    date the submitted request was received.
- Private Duty Nursing (PDN)/Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers (PPECC):
  - A recertification request must be submitted at least seven calendar days before, but no more than 30 calendar days before, a current authorization period will expire.
  - All authorization timelines apply to recertifications.
  - Completed extension requests must be received and dated by the Prior Authorization department at least seven calendar days before, but no more than 30 days before, the current authorization expiration date. The request must be received by the Prior Authorization department no later than 5 p.m., Central time, on the seventh day, to be considered received within seven calendar days. If a request is received less than seven calendar days before the current authorization expiration date, or after 5 p.m., Central time, on the seventh day, authorization is given for dates of service beginning no sooner than seven calendar days after the receipt of the completed request by the Prior Authorization department.

## **Extension process**

If the member requests an extension, there is justification for a need for additional information, or an extension is in the best interest of the member, the health plan may extend the time frame up to 14 calendar days for standard authorization requests. For expedited extensions, the health plan can extend the 72-hour time frame up to 14 calendar days if the member requests an extension or there is a justification for a need for additional information and the extension is in the best interest of the member.

#### Prior authorization review

Upon receipt of a request for prior authorization, an assistant verifies eligibility and benefits prior to forwarding to the nurse or other qualified reviewer. The reviewer examines the request and

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supporting medical documentation to determine the medical appropriateness of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures using criteria/guidelines. When the clinical information received meets medical necessity criteria, we issue a reference number to the requesting provider.

## Prior authorization not required

If a request is submitted for a service for which prior authorization is not required, the provider will receive a response stating that prior authorization is not required. This is not an approval or a guarantee of payment. Claims for services are subject to all plan provisions, limitations and patient eligibility at the time services are rendered.

## Incomplete prior authorization requests

If the prior authorization documentation is incomplete or inadequate, the reviewer is unable to process the request. In such instances, we will notify the provider and member in writing no later than three business days after the prior authorization request received date to submit the additional documentation necessary to make a decision, and a notice will be sent to the member based on their preferred method for receiving prior authorization request notices. If the member does not choose a preferred method, a notice will be sent by mail to the member.

The written request for additional information will include the following information:

- A statement that the health plan has reviewed the prior authorization request and is unable to make a decision about the requested services without the submission of additional information.
- A clear and specific list and description of the incomplete documentation/information that must be submitted in order to consider the request complete.
- An applicable timeline for the provider to submit the missing information.
- Information on the manner through which a provider may contact the health plan.

We may also contact the provider by phone to obtain the information necessary to resolve the incomplete request.

Final determination of the prior authorization request will be completed within three business days after the date the missing information is provided. The requested SOC date will be honored when the provider is able to submit a complete request within the timeline detailed in this section and in the Determination Timelines section of this document, and the health plan has determined that the requested services meet medical necessity.

If no additional information is received by the end of the third business day from the date the health plan sent the notice to the provider and the prior authorization request will result in an adverse determination, we will refer the request for medical director review with all information received with the request no later than seven business days after the prior authorization request received date. The medical director will make a determination based on the information previously received within three business days of the referral but no later than the tenth business day after the prior authorization request received date. If a holiday will result in the process exceeding 14 calendar days, we will adjust the timeline accordingly to not exceed 14 calendar days to make a determination for the prior authorization request.

Additionally, if the request does not meet criteria for approval, the requesting provider will be afforded the opportunity to discuss the case with the medical director prior to issuing the denial. For information on this process, refer to the Peer-to-Peer Review Process section of this document.

#### **Determination timelines**

Utilization review timeliness standards are as follows:

Program	Authorization type	Decision time frame
Medicaid	Routine/non-urgent	3 business days
CHIP	Routine/non-urgent	2 business days (approval)
		3 business days (adverse determination)
Medicaid and CHIP	Urgent/expedited	3 calendar days
Medicaid and CHIP	Concurrent	1 business day
Medicaid and CHIP	Post-service	30 calendar days

#### • Medicaid Notifications:

 A written notice of final determination will be provided no later than the next business day following a prior authorization request determination.

#### • CHIP Notifications:

- For routine and urgent approvals, written/letter notification is required no later than the second business day after the date of the request.
- For a member that is not hospitalized at the time of an adverse determination, notification will be provided within three business days in writing to the requesting provider and the member.

#### Medicaid/CHIP:

- For a member who is hospitalized at the time of the request, within one business day of receiving the request for services or equipment that will be necessary for the care of the member immediately after discharge, including if the request is submitted by an out-of-network provider, provider of acute care inpatient services, or a member.
- Within one hour of receiving the request for post-stabilization or life-threatening conditions, except for emergency medical conditions and emergency behavioral health conditions where a prior authorization is not required.
- Providers can confirm that an authorization is on file by accessing Availity Essentials,
   Availity.com, or by calling Provider Services at 833-731-2162. If coverage of an admission has not been approved, the facility should contact Provider Services to resolve the issue.

#### **Expedited requests**

A member or physician may request to expedite a determination when the member, or member's physician, believes that waiting for a decision under the standard time frame could cause any of the following:

- Serious jeopardy to the life, health, safety, or the member's ability to regain maximum function, based on a prudent layperson's judgement.
- Serious jeopardy to the life, health or safety of the member or others, due to the member's psychological state.
- In the opinion of a practitioner with knowledge of the member's medical or behavioral condition, would subject the member to adverse health consequences without the care or treatment that is the subject of the request.

- In the case of a pregnant woman, serious jeopardy to the life, health, or safety of the fetus.
- In the opinion of a practitioner with knowledge of a member's medical condition, subject the member to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or treatment that is the subject of the request. The practitioner must be allowed to act as the authorized representative of that member.

The following situations are examples that do not meet criteria for an expedited request:

- The date of service is greater than one week from the request date.
- Clinical documentation does not support criteria for an expedited request as defined above
- Any request for therapy (occupational, speech or physical therapy) greater than two days from the request date.

## Inpatient admission reviews

For inpatient admissions, our utilization review clinician determines the member's medical status through onsite review and/or communication with the hospital's utilization review department. Appropriateness of stay is documented, and concurrent review is initiated. Cases that do not meet medical necessity or have quality care concerns may be referred to the medical director for review. If a case does not meet medical necessity criteria, the attending provider will be afforded the opportunity to discuss the case with the medical director prior to the determination. For additional information, refer to the Peer-to-Peer Review Process section of this document. When appropriate, members may be referred to a Population Health Program.

#### Information needed for a member that is hospitalized

For services or equipment that will be necessary for the care of the hospitalized member immediately after discharge, ensure all required documentation is submitted with the request along with any required signatures to eliminate delays in processing. For additional information, please refer to the Discharge Planning section of this document.

## Inpatient concurrent reviews

Each network hospital will have an assigned UM clinician that will conduct a concurrent review of the hospital medical record to determine the authorization of coverage for a continued stay. The review will be performed either at the hospital or by fax, telephone, or through accessing electronic medical records.

The UM clinician will conduct continued stay reviews daily and review discharge plans unless the patient's condition is such that it is unlikely to change within the upcoming 24 hours, at which time the reviews can be done less frequently than daily.

We will authorize the covered length of stay one day at a time based on the clinical information supporting the continued stay. Exceptions to the one-day length of stay authorization will be made for confinements when the length of stay is predetermined by state law. Examples of confinement and/or treatment include Cesarean section or vaginal deliveries. Exceptions are made by the medical director on a case-by-case basis.

When the clinical information received meets medical necessity criteria, approved days and bed level (if appropriate) coverage will be communicated to the hospital for the continued stay. If medical necessity criteria are not met for the ongoing inpatient stay, the medical director will afford the attending physician the opportunity to discuss the case prior to making a determination. For additional information, refer to the Peer-to-Peer Review Process section of this document.

If the medical director's decision is to deny the request, the appropriate notice of action will be mailed to the hospital, treating or attending practitioner, and member. The notice of action includes an explanation of the member's appeal rights and state fair hearing/Independent Review Organization (IRO) rights and process.

When the UM clinician reviews the medical record at the hospital, he or she also may attempt to meet with the member (and member's family if appropriate) to discuss any discharge planning needs. The UM clinician will also attempt to verify that the member or family is aware of the name, address and telephone number of the member's PCP. The UM clinician will conduct continued stay reviews daily and review discharge plans unless the patient's condition is such that it is unlikely to change within the upcoming 24 hours and discharge planning needs cannot be determined. In that situation, reviews can be done less frequently than daily.

## Peer-to-peer review process

Prior to issuing an adverse determination, a medical director will offer a reasonable opportunity to the requesting provider to discuss the member's plan of treatment and the clinical basis for the medical necessity determination. If you receive a notification that a case is under review and would like to discuss the case with our medical director, please contact the applicable department shown below.

#### Contact numbers:

Physical health: 817-861-7768

• Behavioral health: **844-719-1806** 

Staff are available at least eight hours a day, Monday through Friday, during normal business hours.

Be prepared to provide the following information:

- Name of person/physician our medical director needs to call
- Contact number
- Convenient time for a return call
- Authorization/reference number for the case
- Member's name, DOB, and the health plan ID number

If you or your office staff reach our voicemail, leave the name of the best contact person and their phone number so we can reach out for additional information. The medical director will make every effort to return calls within one business day.

The peer-to-peer review timeline is as follows:

- No less than one business day prior to issuing a prospective utilization review adverse determination
- No less than five business days prior to issuing a retrospective utilization review adverse determination
- Prior to issuing a concurrent or post-stabilization review adverse determination

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If the notification received indicates the case was denied, you may contact us within two business days of receipt of the notification to set up a peer-to-peer review for possible reconsideration. After two business days, the case will need to follow the appeal process outlined in the copy of the member denial letter received.

If services are not approved based on medical necessity, the appropriate notice of action will be mailed to the member, the servicing provider, and the requesting/ordering provider. The notice includes an explanation of the medical director's determination and the member's internal appeal rights and state fair hearing/external independent review rights and process.

#### Administrative denials

An administrative denial is a denial of services based on reasons other than medical necessity. Administrative denials are made when a contractual requirement is not met, such as late notification of admissions, failure to obtain a prior authorization, or benefit limitations.

If the health plan overturns its administrative decision, the case will be reviewed and, if approved, the claim will be reprocessed or the requestor will be notified of the action that needs to be taken.

## Discharge planning

Discharge planning is designed to assist the provider in the coordination of the member's discharge when acute care (hospitalization) is no longer necessary to ensure a seamless transition from the inpatient setting to outpatient services to improve health outcomes for our members. Our UM clinician will help coordinate discharge planning needs with the hospital utilization review staff and attending physician. The attending physician is expected to coordinate with the member's provider(s) regarding follow-up care after discharge and the provider(s) is responsible for contacting the member to schedule all necessary follow-up care.

In the case of a behavioral health discharge, the attending facility is also responsible for ensuring the member has secured an appointment for a follow-up visit with a HEDIS® qualified behavioral health provider. The follow-up visit must occur within seven calendar days of discharge.

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When additional or ongoing care is necessary after discharge, we work with the provider to plan the member's discharge to an appropriate setting for extended services. These services can often be delivered in a nonhospital facility such as a:

- Hospice facility
- Convalescent facility
- Home health care program (for example, home I.V. antibiotics) or skilled nursing facility

When the provider identifies medically necessary and appropriate services for the member, we will assist the provider and the discharge planner in providing a timely and effective transfer to the next appropriate level of care.

For prior authorization requests for a member who is hospitalized at the time of the request, please clearly document at the top of the request to indicate that the member is hospitalized and has discharge planning needs. To eliminate delays in processing, please ensure all required documentation is submitted with the request along with any required signatures to the applicable department shown below.

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#### Contact numbers (fax):

- Inpatient Discharge Planning Physical Health: 888-708-2599
- Inpatient Discharge Planning Behavioral Health: **844-430-6805**

Staff are available at least eight hours a day Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

Discharge plan authorizations for ongoing outpatient care follow nationally recognized standards of care and medical necessity criteria. Authorizations include but are not limited to transportation, home health, durable medical equipment (DME), pharmacy, follow-up visits to practitioners, and outpatient procedures.

## Medicaid/CHIP prior authorization contact information

Requests for prior authorization may be submitted for review and approval as indicated below:

- Digital submission (preferred method): Availity.com
- Inpatient/Outpatient surgeries; other general requests:
  - Fax: **800-964-3627**
  - Phone: 833-731-2162
- Inpatient Discharge Planning (fax only):
  - Physical Health: **888-708-2599**
  - Behavioral Health: 844-430-6805
- Specialized Care Services (fax only):
  - Back and spine procedures: 800-964-3627
  - Durable Medical Equipment (DME): **866-249-1271**
  - Home Health Nursing (PDN, SNV, HHA): 866-249-1271
  - Medical injectable/infusible drugs: 844-512-8995 (for additional information, refer to the Pharmacy Prior Authorizations document on our provider website)
  - Pain management injections and wound care: **866-249-1271**
  - Therapy (physical, occupational and speech): **844-756-4608**
- Behavioral Health Services:
  - Digital submission (preferred method) at Availity.com
  - Behavioral Health Inpatient: **844-430-6805** (fax)
  - Behavioral Health Outpatient: **844-442-8010** (fax)
- Carelon Medical Benefits Management, Inc. (formerly known as AIM Specialty Health®):
  - Phone: **833-342-1260**
  - Online: careloninsights.com
    - Cardiology
    - Genetic testing
    - Radiation oncology
    - Radiology (high-tech)
    - Sleep studies
- Superior Vision of Texas (Medical/Surgical):
  - o Fax: **855-313-3106**

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- o Email: ecs@superiorvision.com
- Nursing Facility: 844-206-3445 (fax)
- Ambulance Transportation (nonemergent):
  - o Physical Health nonurgent: **866-249-1271** (fax)
  - o Behavioral Health nonurgent: **844-442-8010** (fax)
  - o Urgent: **833-731-2162** (phone)
  - o Refer to the Ambulance Transportation Services (Nonemergent) section of the Medicaid/CHIP provider manual for additional information.

#### STAR Kids:

- Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS)/Personal Attendant Services (PAS):
- 844-756-4604 (fax)
- STAR+PLUS/LTSS/PAS requests are to be submitted by service area (fax only):

Austin: 877-744-2334

El Paso: 888-822-5790

Houston/Beaumont: 888-220-6828

Lubbock: 888-822-5761

San Antonio: 877-820-9014

Tarrant/West RSA: 888-562-5160

• **Urgent Services: 833-731-2162 (**phone)

For questions, call Provider Services at **833-731-2162**. Staff are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. local time excluding state-observed holidays. You may leave a confidential voicemail after-hours and your call will be returned the next business day.

Documentation and forms required for prior authorization requests are available on our provider website at **provider.wellpoint.com/tx**.

#### Member assistance with prior authorizations

Members who have questions regarding prior authorizations may contact Member Services. Members can also **live chat** with a representative or send a **secure message** once a member logs into their account:

- CHIP, STAR, STAR+PLUS: **833-731-2160 (TTY 711),** available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Central time
- STAR Kids: **844-756-4600 (TTY 711),** available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Central time

If you have any questions regarding pharmacy prior authorizations/preapprovals, contact Pharmacy Member Services, available 24/7, using the information below:

• CHIP, STAR, STAR+PLUS: 833-235-2022 (TTY 711)

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• STAR Kids: **833-370-7463 (TTY 711)** 

## Forms and documentation required for prior authorization requests

### To request a prior authorization, we will accept the following standard forms:

- The health plan's Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form
- Texas Standard Prior Authorization Request Form for Health Care Services

The provider website includes links to forms under the Forms section.

#### Other forms available on the provider website include:

- Therapy Prior Authorization Request Form
- Mental Health Targeted Case Management & Rehabilitative Services Form
- Behavioral health:
  - Initial Review Form
  - Concurrent Review Form
  - Psychological Testing Request Form
  - Neuropsychological Testing Request Form
  - Treatment Plan Request Form for Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Nonemergency ambulance:
  - Nonemergency Ambulance Prior Authorization Request Form
  - Nonemergency Ambulance Exception Form
- Pharmacy:
  - Texas Standard Prior Authorization Request Form for Prescription Drug Benefits
  - Medical Injectables Prior Authorization Form

The following table outlines the required forms and documentation needed for prior authorization requests. Current clinical documentation includes, but not limited to, applicable progress notes, imaging reports, lab or test reports, and consultation reports.

This list does not represent whether the service requires prior authorization or is a covered benefit. Verification that the service/procedure requires prior authorization is recommended prior to submitting the request.

Note: For any specified service with a change in provider, a signed notification by the member will be required.

## Forms and documentation required for prior authorization requests

Service	Forms	Documentation
Abortion	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Acupuncture	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Adaptive Equipment/Aids	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> <li>If applicable, documentation of primary insurance denial of coverage of services</li> <li>For STAR+PLUS and STAR Kids members requesting LTSS services, the member/legally authorized representative must request the services and an unmet need must be identified on assessment by the LTSS team.</li> </ul>
Adult Day Care/ Day Health Services	N/A	For STAR+PLUS/STAR Kids members requesting LTSS services, the member/legally authorized representative must request the services and an unmet need must be identified on assessment by the LTSS team.
Adult Foster Care	N/A	For STAR+PLUS/STAR Kids members requesting LTSS services, the member/legally authorized representative must request the services and an unmet need must be identified on assessment by the LTSS team.

Service	Forms	Documentation
Allergy Testing	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Allergy Treatment	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Ambulatory Surgical Center services	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Ambulance – NEMT	<ul> <li>Completed Nonemergency Ambulance Prior Authorization Request Form</li> <li>If applicable, the Nonemergency Ambulance Exception Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual</li> <li>Please note, completed forms may not be submitted by ambulance provider as per Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual.</li> </ul>
Anesthesia	Dental (6 and under):  Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or  TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form  Additional Requirements: Criteria for Dental Therapy Under General Anesthesia Form	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual</li> </ul>

Service	Forms	Documentation
	THSteps Dental Mandatory Prior Authorization Request Form	
Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)	<ul> <li>Completed Treatment Plan Request Form for Autism Spectrum Disorders; or</li> <li>CCP Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician ABA Referral</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual</li> </ul>
Assisted Living/Residential Care	N/A	For STAR+PLUS/STAR Kids members requesting LTSS services, the member/legally authorized representative must request the services and an unmet need must be identified on assessment by the LTSS team.
Assistive/Augmentative Communication Devices	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual</li> </ul>
Attendant Care Services	N/A	For STAR+PLUS/STAR Kids members requesting LTSS services, the member/legally authorized representative must request the services and an unmet need must be identified on assessment by the LTSS team.
Audiology/Hearing Aids, Supplies & Fittings	Completed Medicaid Prior     Authorization Request Form;     or	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas</li> </ul>

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	TDI Standard Prior     Authorization Request Form	Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual
Bariatric Surgery	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation (Preoperative psychological evaluation)</li> <li>Surgery must be provided by a facility inTexas that is one of the following:         <ul> <li>Accredited by the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP).</li> <li>A children's hospitalthat has a bariatric surgery program and provides access to an experienced surgeon who employs a team that is capable of long-term follow-up of the metabolic and psychosocial needs of the clientand family.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Behavioral Health – Crisis Intervention	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order or designee</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Behavioral Health – Crisis Stabilization	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order or designee</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>

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Behavioral Health – Hospital Based Detoxification Services	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order or designee</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Behavioral Health – Hospital Based Services – MD Services	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order or designee</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Behavioral Health – Hospital Based Services – Inpatient Professional	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order or designee</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Behavioral Health – Inpatient – Psychiatric/ Chemical Dependency	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order or designee</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Behavioral Health – Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), Psychiatric	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order or designee</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Behavioral Health – Substance Abuse/Chemical Dependency	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order or designee</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Behavioral Health – Outpatient/Ambulatory Detoxification Services	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order or designee</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>

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Behavioral Health – Outpatient Mental Health – MD Services	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order or designee</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Behavioral Health – Outpatient Substance Abuse	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order or designee</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Behavioral Health – Partial Hospital, Psychiatric	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order or designee</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Behavioral Health – Psychological Testing	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order or designee</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Behavioral Health – Respite Care	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order or designee</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Birthing Center	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Blood Administration and Other Blood Products	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>

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Bone Mass/Density Study – Bone Biopsy/Photon Absorptiometry	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Botox Injections	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Breast Reduction	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Burn Pressure Garments	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Cardiac Rehabilitation Services	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual.</li> </ul>
Chemotherapy	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Chiropractic Services	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Chore Services	N/A – Not a benefit	N/A

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Circumcisions	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
	Authorization Request Form	
Clinical Trials	Completed Medicaid Prior     Authorization Request Form;     or	<ul><li>Current signed <i>Physician Order</i></li><li>Current clinical documentation</li></ul>
	TDI Standard Prior     Authorization Request Form	
Cochlear Implants	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual.</li> </ul>
Colorectal Cancer Screening –  Barium Enema  Flexible Sigmoidoscopy  FOBT (Fecal Occult Blood Test)  Screening Colonoscopy	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Corrective Vision Surgery	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Court Ordered Services	Notification from Courts	<ul><li>Current signed CourtOrder</li><li>Current clinical documentation (if available)</li></ul>
Deep Brain Stimulators	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>

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Dental – Routine	Dental MCO to review.	
Dental Services – Medical/Accidental	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form; and</li> <li>Criteria for Dental Therapy Under General Anesthesia Form</li> </ul>	Health Plan reviews for Level 4 sedation/general anesthesia and facility for 6 years of age and under.  Dental MCO to review for procedure.
Waiver Dental Services	DentaQuest to review.	For STAR+PLUS members requesting LTSS services, the member/ legally authorized representative must request the services and an unmet need must be identified on assessment by the LTSS team.
Dermatology services	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Diabetic Screening	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>

Service	Forms	Documentation
Diabetic Supplies	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual.</li> <li>See pharmacy guidelines for glucometer and glucometer supplies</li> <li>For Service Provider changes:         <ul> <li>Change of provider letter ("Client Choice Statement")</li> <li>Client must sign/date letter, include name of previous and current providers, and effective date for the change</li> <li>Refer to TMPPM requirements</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Diagnostic Testing Laboratory	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Dialysis at Free- Standing Clinic	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Dialysis (ESRD) – Locations Other Than Free-Standing Clinics	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>

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DME – Durable Medical Equipment	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form;</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Current signed <i>Physician Order</i></li><li>Current clinical documentation</li></ul>
	<ul><li>or</li><li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li></ul>	as required per the Texas  Medicaid Provider Procedures  Manual.
	<ul> <li>Additional requirements:</li> <li>Home Health Services (Title XIX) DME/ Medical Supplies Physician Order Form</li> <li>For Wheelchairs including</li> </ul>	Miscellaneous codes (for example E1399) either the Title XIX form or a detailed and itemized list of parts with descriptions, quantity and cost must be submitted
	For Wheelchairs including     Power Wheelchairs:     Wheelchair/Scooter/ Stroller     Seating Assessment Form     (THSteps-CCP/Home Health Services)	Custom Wheelchairs  Documentation must include either the Title XIX or a detailed and itemized list of parts, quantity and cost
	Applicable forms as per Texas     Medicaid Provider Procedures     Manual	If applicable, documentation of primary insurance denial of coverage of services
		For Service Provider changes:  Change of provider letter ("Client Choice Statement")
		<ul> <li>Client must sign/date letter, include name of previous and current providers, and effective date for the change</li> </ul>
		<ul><li>Refer to TMPPM requirements</li></ul>
DME and Supplies Exceptional Circumstances Provision (members 21 years of age or older)	<ul> <li>Completed Home Health Services (Title XIX)</li> <li>DME/Medical Supplies</li> <li>Physician Order Form, Special Medical Prior Authorization (SMPA) Request Form, Prior Authorization Request for Oxygen Therapy Devices and Supplies, Wound Care</li> </ul>	To request prior authorization for home health DME and supplies under the Exceptional Circumstances provision, providers must submit a written notice to the health plan. The written notice must include:  • Completed copies of all of the
	Sopplies, Woona Care	necessary forms for the requested home health DME or

Equi	ment and Supplies Order etc.	supplies, such as the Home Health Services (Title XIX) DME/Medical Supplies Physician Order Form, Special Medical Prior Authorization (SMPA) Request Form, Prior Authorization Request for Oxygen Therapy Devices and Supplies, Wound Care Equipment and Supplies Order Form etc. The forms must be signed and dated by the prescribing physician along with a cover letter indicating the forms are being submitted under the Home Health DME and Supplies Exceptional Circumstances provision.  The client's specific diagnosis, medical needs and the reasons why they can only be met by the requested home health DME or supply.  A clear, concise description of the requested DME or supply.
		<ul> <li>The manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) for the requested DME or supply or an invoice documenting the provider's cost.</li> <li>Letters of Medical Necessity (LOMN) from the client's prescribing physician and other</li> </ul>
		retail price (MSRP) for the requested DME or supply or an invoice documenting the provider's cost.  Letters of Medical Necessity (LOMN) from the client's

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		have failed or have been ruled out.  For Service Provider changes:  Change of provider letter ("Client Choice Statement")  Client must sign/date letter, include name of previous and current providers, and effective date for the change  Refer to TMPPM requirements
Donor Human Milk	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> <li>Additional requirements:</li> <li>Donor Human Milk Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual</li> </ul>
Drugs/Biologicals (Non- Self Administered)	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Services	None	The health plan will pay for all ECI covered services in the amount, duration, scope and service setting established by the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)
Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT)	Completed Medicaid Prior     Authorization Request Form;     or	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>

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	TDI Standard Prior     Authorization Request Form	
Emergency Services	None	None
Enteral Nutrition	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid         <ul> <li>Prior Authorization</li> <li>Request Form; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request         <ul> <li>Form</li> </ul> </li> <li>Additional Requirements:         <ul> <li>CCP Prior Authorization</li> <li>Request Form (if applicable)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual</li> <li>For Service Provider changes:</li> <li>Change of provider letter ("Client Choice Statement")</li> <li>Client must sign/date letter, include name of previous and current providers, and effective date for the change</li> <li>Refer to TMPPM requirements</li> </ul>
EPSDT/Texas Health Steps Services performed by a Texas Health Steps Provider	N/A	N/A
Erectile Dysfunction Treatment	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Experimental and Investigational	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>

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Family Planning Benefit, Consults, Supplies, and Equipment	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> <li>No prior authorization for family planning services available for STAR/STAR Kids/STAR+PLUS nondual (not covered for CHIP)</li> </ul>
Financial Management	N/A	For STAR+PLUS/STAR Kids members requesting LTSS services, the member/legally authorized representative must request the services and an unmet need must be identified on assessment by the LTSS team.
Federally Qualified Healthcare Clinic (FQHC) Services	None	None
Genetic Testing or DNA Testing	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Glaucoma Screening	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
HIV/AIDS Testing/Treatment	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Home Delivered Meals	N/A	For STAR+PLUS/STAR Kids members requesting LTSS services, the member/legally authorized representative must request the services and an unmet need must be identified on assessment by the LTSS team.

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Home Environment Evaluation	N/A	For STAR+PLUS/STAR Kids members requesting LTSS services, the member/legally authorized representative must request the services and an unmet need must be identified on assessment by the LTSS team.
Home Infusion/Total Parenteral Nutrition	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual</li> <li>For Service Provider changes:         <ul> <li>Change of provider letter ("Client Choice Statement")</li> <li>Client must sign/date letter, include name of previous and current providers, and effective date for the change</li> <li>Refer to TMPPM requirements</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Home Modification	N/A	For STAR+PLUS/STAR Kids members requesting LTSS services, the member/legally authorized representative must request the services and an unmet need must be identified on assessment by the LTSS team.
Hospice Care	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	For STAR, STAR Kids, and STAR+PLUS, hospice care is through Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).  For CHIP members, the following is required for inpatient services:  Current signed Physician Order  Current clinical documentation  Notification is required for outpatient hospice services.

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Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> <li>Additional Requirements:</li> <li>Special Medical Prior Authorization (SMPA) Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual</li> </ul>
Hypnosis	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Hysterectomy	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> <li>Additional Requirements:</li> <li>Sterilization Consent Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Immunizations	N/A	N/A
Incontinence/Ostomy Supplies	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas         Medicaid Provider Procedures         Manual</li> <li>For Service Provider changes:         <ul> <li>Change of provider letter</li></ul></li></ul>

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		– Refer to TMPPM requirements
Infertility Services and Treatment	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Injections	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Inpatient Hospital Facility Services (Acute)	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Inpatient Rehabilitation – Freestanding (members 20 years of age and younger)	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> <li>Additional requirements:</li> <li>CCP Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> <li>Therapy goals related to client individual needs and treatment plan</li> </ul>

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Intermediate Care Facility Services	Completed Medicaid Prior     Authorization Request Form;     or	<ul><li>Current signed <i>Physician Order</i></li><li>Current clinical documentation</li></ul>
	TDI Standard Prior     Authorization Request Form	
Lead Blood Screening	Completed Medicaid Prior     Authorization Request Form;     or	<ul><li>Current signed <i>Physician Order</i></li><li>Current clinical documentation</li></ul>
	TDI Standard Prior     Authorization Request Form	
Mammograms (Screening and Diagnostic)	Completed Medicaid Prior     Authorization Request Form;	<ul><li>Current signed <i>Physician Order</i></li><li>Current clinical documentation</li></ul>
	<ul><li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li></ul>	•
Methadone	Completed Medicaid Prior     Authorization Request Form;     or	Current <i>Physician Order</i> signed by MD/DO
	TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form	Complete current supporting clinical documentation
Nebulizers, Kits and Spacers (Supplies)	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual</li> </ul>
		For Service Provider changes:  • Change of provider letter ("Client Choice Statement")
		<ul> <li>Client must sign/date letter, include name of previous and current providers, and effective date for the change</li> </ul>
		<ul><li>Refer to TMPPM requirements</li></ul>

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Newborn Care Services	Completed Medicaid Prior     Authorization Request Form;     or	<ul><li>Current signed Physician Order</li><li>Current clinical documentation</li></ul>
	TDI Standard Prior     Authorization Request Form	
Nurse Midwife Services	Completed Medicaid Prior     Authorization Request Form;     or	<ul><li>Current signed Physician Order</li><li>Current clinical documentation</li></ul>
	TDI Standard Prior     Authorization Request Form	
Nursing Facility Services (Nursing Home Add-on services)	Completed Medicaid Prior     Authorization Request Form;     or	<ul><li>Current signed <i>Physician Order</i></li><li>Current clinical documentation</li></ul>
	TDI Standard Prior     Authorization Request Form	
Nursing Services: See PDN and SNV section	N/A	N/A
Nutritional Assessment/Risk Reduction/Education	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
OB Ultrasound (Routine and High Risk)	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Obesity Surgery (for Bariatric Surgery see Bariatric Surgery section)	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Observation	N/A	N/A
Obstetrical Care Services	Completed Medicaid Prior     Authorization Request Form;     or	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>

Service	Forms	Documentation
	TDI Standard Prior     Authorization Request Form	
Occupational Therapy	<ul> <li>Completed Therapy Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> <li>Additional requirements:</li> <li>THSteps-CCP Prior Authorization Request Form</li> <li>Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupational or Speech Therapy (PT, OT, ST) Prior Authorization Request Form</li> <li>Special Medical Prior Authorization (SMPA) Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Signed Physician Order or signed Prior Authorization Form or signed Plan of Care (cannot be older than 60 days from DOS) including frequency and duration</li> <li>Duration requirements:         <ul> <li>Under 21 years of age: Request cannot exceed 180 days</li> </ul> </li> <li>Over 21 years of age: Request cannot exceed 60 days</li> <li>Current clinical documentation including:         <ul> <li>Evaluation and Treatment Plan or Plan of Care (POC) with the required elements</li> </ul> </li> <li>Clinical documentation cannot be older than 60 days from requested DOS</li> <li>For Service Provider changes:         <ul> <li>Change of provider letter ("Client Choice Statement")</li> <li>Client must sign/date letter, include name of previous and current providers, and effective date for the change</li> <li>Refer to TMPPM requirements</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Oncology Services	Completed Medicaid Prior     Authorization Request Form;     or	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>

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	TDI Standard Prior     Authorization Request Form	
Ophthalmology Services (Surgical and Non-Surgical)	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Optometry (Medical Conditions of the Eye)	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Orthopedic Services	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Orthotics	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual</li> <li>For STAR+PLUS/STAR Kids members requesting LTSS services, the member/legally authorized representative must request the services and an unmet need must be identified on assessment by the LTSS team.</li> </ul>
Osteopathic Manipulation (Treatments)	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>

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Other Alternative Medical Therapies	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Current signed <i>Physician Order</i></li><li>Current clinical documentation</li></ul>
	TDI Standard Prior     Authorization Request Form	
Out of State/ Country	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Current signed <i>Physician Order</i></li><li>Current clinical documentation</li></ul>
	TDI Standard Prior     Authorization Request Form	
Outpatient Hospital	Completed Medicaid Prior  Authorization Request Form	Current signed Physician Order
Services	Authorization Request Form; or	Current clinical documentation
	TDI Standard Prior     Authorization Request Form	
Over-the-Counter (OTC)	Completed Medicaid Prior  Authorization Request Forms	Current signed Physician Order
Drugs	Authorization Request Form; or	Current clinical documentation
	TDI Standard Prior     Authorization Request Form	
Oxygen and Related Respiratory Equipment	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas</li> </ul>
	TDI Standard Prior     Authorization Request Form	Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual
		For Service Provider changes:  • Change of provider letter ("Client Choice Statement")
		<ul> <li>Client must sign/date letter, include name of previous and current providers, and effective date for the change</li> </ul>
		<ul><li>Refer to TMPPM requirements</li></ul>

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Pain Management	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation per Carelon Medical Benefits Management Inc. guidelines/ Medical and/or Clinical Policies from the health plan</li> <li>For Service Provider changes:         <ul> <li>Change of provider letter ("Client Choice Statement")</li> <li>Client must sign/date letter, include name of previous and current providers, and effective date for the change</li> <li>Refer to TMPPM</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
		requirements
Personal Care Services	N/A	For STAR+PLUS/STAR Kids     members requesting LTSS     services, the member/legally     authorized representative must     request the services and an     unmet need must be identified     on assessment by the LTSS team.
Personal Emergency Response	N/A	For STAR+PLUS/STAR Kids     members requesting LTSS     services, the member/legally     authorized representative must     request the services and an     unmet need must be identified     on assessment by the LTSS team.
Pest Control	N/A	For STAR+PLUS/STAR Kids     members requesting LTSS     services, the member/legally     authorized representative must     request the services and an     unmet need must be identified     on assessment by the LTSS team.

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Physical Therapy	<ul> <li>Completed Therapy Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> <li>Additional requirements:         <ul> <li>THSteps-CCP Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul> </li> <li>Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupational or Speech Therapy (PT, OT, ST) Prior Authorization Request Form</li> <li>Special Medical Prior Authorization (SMPA) Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Signed Physician Orderor signed Prior Authorization Form or signed Plan of Care (cannot be older than 60 days from DOS) including frequency and duration</li> <li>Duration requirements:</li> <li>Under 21 years of age: Request cannot exceed 180 days</li> <li>Over 21 years of age: Request cannot exceed 60 days</li> <li>Current clinical documentation including:</li> <li>Evaluation and Treatment Plan or Plan of Care (POC) with the required elements</li> <li>Clinical documentation cannot be older than 60 days from requested DOS</li> <li>For Service Provider changes:</li> <li>Change of provider letter ("Client Choice Statement")</li> <li>Client must sign/date letter, include name of previous and current providers, and effective date for the change</li> <li>Refer to TMPPM requirements</li> </ul>
Physician Home Visits	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Podiatry Services	Completed Medicaid Prior     Authorization Request Form;     or	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>

Service	Forms	Documentation
	TDI Standard Prior     Authorization Request Form	
Portable X-Ray Service	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Pre-Admission Testing	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Prescription Drugs – Self-Administered Drugs	<ul> <li>Completed Pharmacy         Medicaid Prior Authorization         Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form         for Prescription Drug Benefits</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Preventative Health Services – Adult	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Private Duty Nursing/Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center (PPECC) (age restriction birth- 20 years of age)	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> <li>Additional requirements:</li> <li>THSteps- CCP Prior Authorization Request Form</li> <li>Plan of Care Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas         Medicaid Provider Procedures         Manual</li> <li>For Service Provider changes:         <ul> <li>Change of provider letter</li></ul></li></ul>

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	Nursing Addendum to Plan of Care for private duty nursing and/or PPECC	effective date for the change – Refer to TMPPM requirements
Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) Testing	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Prosthetics	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual</li> <li>For STAR+PLUS/STAR Kids members requesting LTSS services, the member/legally authorized representative must request the services and an unmet need must be identified on assessment by the LTSS team.</li> </ul>
Pulmonary Rehabilitation	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual</li> </ul>
Radiation Therapy	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Radiology – Diagnostic	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>

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Radiology – Nuclear Medicine	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Reconstructive Procedures	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Respiratory Therapy	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Respite Care Services in Assisted Living Facility (ALF), Nursing Facility (NF), Adult Foster Care (AFC), In Home	• N/A	For STAR+PLUS/STAR Kids members requesting LTSS services, the member/legally authorized representative must request the services and an unmet need must be identified on assessment by the LTSS team.
Second Opinions	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>

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Skilled Nursing Visits	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> <li>Additional requirements:</li> <li>Plan of Care Form or Oasis Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation as required per the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual</li> </ul>
	Special Medical Prior     Authorization (SMPA) Request     Form	
Sleep Studies and Sleep Therapy (Reviewed by Carelon Medical Benefits Management Inc.)	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Smoking Cessation Programs/Supplies	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Social Services	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>

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Speech Therapy	<ul> <li>Completed Therapy Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	Signed Physician Order or signed Prior Authorization Form or signed Plan of Care (cannot be older than 60 days from DOS) including frequency and duration
	<ul><li>Additional requirements:</li><li>THSteps-CCP Prior Authorization Request</li></ul>	Duration requirements:  • Under 21 years of age: Request cannot exceed 180 days
	Form  Texas Medicaid Physical, Occupational or Speech Therapy (PT, OT, ST) Prior	Over 21 years of age: Request cannot exceed 60 days
	Authorization Request Form  • Special Medical Prior Authorization (SMPA) Request Form	Current clinical documentation including:  • Evaluation and Treatment Plan or Plan of Care (POC) with the required elements
		Clinical documentation cannot be older than 60 daysfrom requested DOS
		For Service Provider changes:  • Change of provider letter ("Client Choice Statement")
		<ul> <li>Client must sign/date letter, include name of previous and current providers, and effective date for the change</li> </ul>
		<ul><li>Refer to TMPPM requirements</li></ul>
Sterilization and Reversal	Completed Medicaid Prior     Authorization Request Form;     or	<ul><li>Current signed <i>Physician Order</i></li><li>Current clinical documentation</li></ul>
	TDI Standard Prior     Authorization Request Form	
	Additional requirements:  • Sterilization Consent Form	

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Take Home Supplies	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current signed Physician         Order     </li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Thermography/ Thermograms	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior Authorization Request Form; or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>

TMJ Treatment	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>
Transplant Donor	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul> <ul> <li>Current signed Physician Order</li> <li>Current clinical documentation</li> </ul>
Transplants	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>
Urgent Care Services	<ul> <li>Completed Medicaid Prior         Authorization Request Form;         or</li> <li>TDI Standard Prior         Authorization Request Form</li> </ul>
Vision – • Optical Appliances (Lenses & Frames) • Routine Exams	Reviewed by Superior Vision of Texas

Weight Reduction	Completed Medicaid Prior	•	Current signed Physician Order
Program	Authorization Request Form; or	•	Current clinical documentation
	TDI Standard Prior     Authorization Request Form		