



PROVIDER BULLETIN

A bulletin for the Molina Healthcare of Ohio provider networks



COVID-19 Prior Authorization Update

Information for Medicaid network providers

Ohio is experiencing another surge in COVID-19 (Coronavirus) cases, hospitalization and Intensive Care Units (ICU) admissions across the state.

Effective Aug. 27, 2021 the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), Medicaid Managed Care Plan (MCPs) and MyCare Ohio plans (for services where Medicaid is the primary payer) is temporarily lifting Prior Authorization (PA) requirements for Long-Term Acute Care Hospitals (LTACH), Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) and Inpatient Rehabilitation facilities (IRF) admissions.

Molina shall assist providers with discharge planning activities including:

- Ensuring the member is transferred to the appropriate facility and level of care
- Adding services for the member's home care needs
- Expediting referrals to participating providers
- Ensuring all plans are in place before the member discharge

Upon admission, *Molina requests notification to ensure appropriateness of the level of care, to continue concurrent stay review and assist with discharge planning and safe transition to the next level of care.* Providers should submit a member face sheet via the Molina Medicaid Prior Authorization fax number at 866-449-6843.

The face sheet should include at least two member identifiers such as:

- Member name,
- Date of birth, or
- Medicaid Identification (ID) number

The face sheet should also include the date of admission.

Molina will continue to determine member level of care upon admission.

Updates will be provided by Molina as additional information is received, including an end date to this temporary policy.

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