



EVIDENCE-BASED  
SPECIALTY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT



# Provider Overview of WellCare of Connecticut, Inc. Radiology Program

In partnership with



WellCare of Connecticut, Inc., has partnered with CareCore National to provide quality support in managing prior authorization for outpatient radiology services at participating WellCare sites.

CareCore will begin managing prior authorization requests  
effective **February 28, 2011**

During this transition, please note the following:

- For pre-service prior authorization requests for radiologic services *rendered on or after February 28, 2011*, you may contact CareCore beginning February 14, 2010
- For pre-service prior authorization requests for radiologic services *rendered prior to February 28, 2011*, continue to submit prior authorization requests to WellCare
- For non-radiologic services, continue to submit prior authorization requests to WellCare



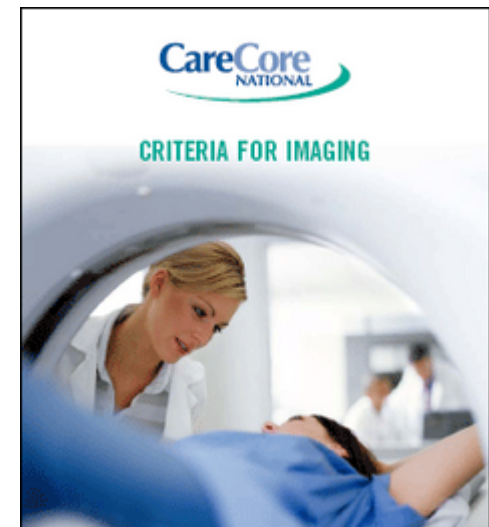
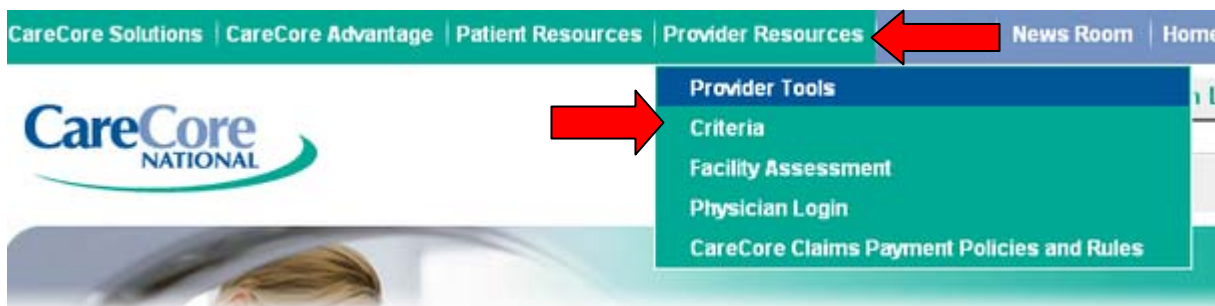
- Is the nation's largest and fastest growing radiology benefits management firm
- Has the industry's most extensive and current set of evidence-based criteria
- Offers Quality and Utilization Management programs to health plans
- Provides comprehensive and robust tools to appropriately manage radiology benefits

We work with each client to strategically identify opportunities to improve utilization and enhance quality through seamless solutions that integrate all aspects of patient-centered care.

Our extensive evidence-based criteria are based on standards published by nationally and internationally recognized medical societies, and are supplemented by peer reviewed literature.

The criteria are updated on an annual basis.

For more information on our criteria, or criteria set by WellCare, visit [www.carecorenational.com](http://www.carecorenational.com), select **Provider Resources**, then **Criteria**.



CareCore National offers additional useful resources that may be accessed at [www.carecorenational.com](http://www.carecorenational.com).

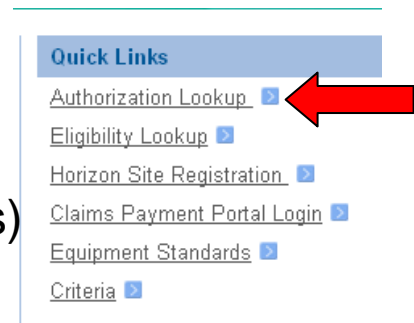


Under **Provider Resources**, in addition to Criteria, you will find:

- **Provider Tools** – provides access to online fax forms
- **Physician Login** – provides access to our Provider Portal upon successful registration. By becoming a registered user, you may submit authorizations online, saving time and money.

On the **Main Page**, you will find links for:

- **Authorization Lookup** (see slides 23 and 24 for further details)
- **Eligibility Lookup** (see slide 25 for further details)



Modalities for radiology include:

- CT / CTA
- MRI / MRA
- PET
- Nuclear Medicine
- Nuclear Cardiology



## Authorizations are required in the following out-patient settings:

- Freestanding Imaging Center (stationary as well as mobile)
- Out-patient Hospital (excluding observation unit)
- Physician Office
- Ambulatory Surgical Centers



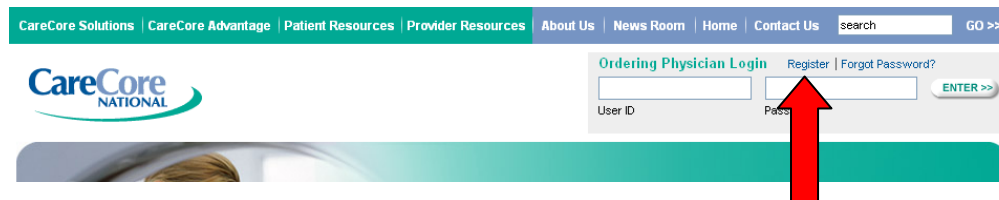
## Setting Exclusions:

- Hospital (in-patient)
- Emergency Room
- Observation Unit
- Urgent Care Center

You must be a registered user to access the following at

[www.carecorenational.com](http://www.carecorenational.com):

- Online Authorization Requests



To become a registered user, click on **Register** on the main page. You will need the following information to complete your registration:

- Contact Name
- Address
- Email Address
- Phone Number

For each physician registering:

- Tax ID
- NPI
- WellCare Provider ID

The ordering physician/designee is responsible for obtaining the authorization.

- A designee may be a member of the ordering physician's office staff, or the facility

Authorization requests may be submitted via:

Phone: **1-888-333-8641**

Fax: **1-866-896-2152**

Web: [www.carecorenational.com](http://www.carecorenational.com)



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To begin an authorization request by phone, fax or the web, the following minimum information is required:

- Patient's ID, name, date of birth
- Physician's information
- Requested study and/or CPT code
- Diagnosis code
- Site for requested study
- Clinical information pertaining to requested study  
(i.e. medication and their durations, findings of recent physical examination; results of lab blood tests; recent CT, MR, or PET results; biopsy results)

The following physician information is required when requesting an authorization:

Web requests:

- Must be a registered user
- Upon login, physician information will be pre-populated, saving time
- Site name, TIN or NPI

Phone requests:

- Provider name
- Verification of address and fax number

Fax requests:

- Fully complete the appropriate fax form template found at [www.carecorenational.com](http://www.carecorenational.com)

Upon initiation of an authorization request, you will be provided a  
Case Number.

A case number is assigned to every request and are used *for reference purposes only*.

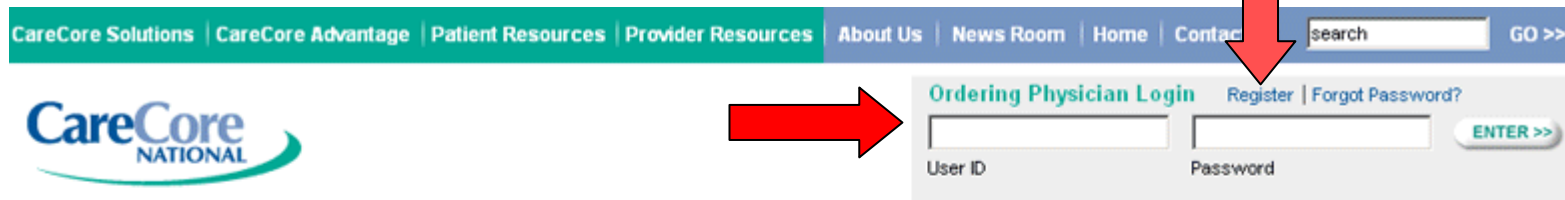
A case number:

- Cannot be used as an authorization number
- Are not valid for claims payment
- Is a 10-digit numeric value

Example: **1004567890**

As a registered user, authorization requests may be initiated online at [www.carecorenational.com](http://www.carecorenational.com).

Click **Register** if you have not created an account.



## Provider Web Portal

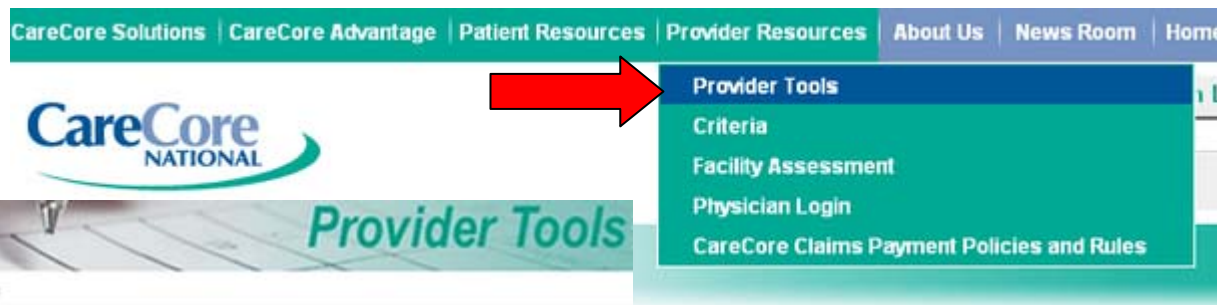
[Clinical Certification](#) | [Physician Criteria](#) | [Manage Your Account](#) | [Cardiology Approval Report](#)

Welcome to the CareCore National Web Portal. You are logged in as **JSMITH**.

[Request a clinical certification >>](#)

[Look up an existing authorization >>](#)

[Check member eligibility >>](#)



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## Provider Tools

### PROCESS TUTORIALS

- CareCore National Provider Overview >>
- Myocardial Perfusion Imaging (MPI) Training Module >>
- Provider Phone Submission Process >>
- Provider Fax Submission Process >>
- CareCore National's Enhanced Website Now Provides Real Time Authorization Clinical Certification >>
- Provider Web Submission Module >>
- Online Cardiology Prior Authorization Module >>
- Breast MRI Online Tutorial >>
- Horizon BCBSNJ Radiation Therapy Provider Overview >>
- Direct Access for Providers Using MCNet >>
- Sleep Management Provider Overview >>
- Horizon BCBSNJ Site Registration >>
- Oxford Radiation Therapy Provider Overview >>

### FAX FORMS

#### RADIOLOGY

- Generic Fax Form >>
- CT/CTA Fax Form >>
- MR/MRA Fax Form >>
- OB Ultrasound Fax Form >>
- PET Scan Fax Form >>

To fax a request:

Download, print and fill out the appropriate fax form from [www.carecorenational.com](http://www.carecorenational.com)

Select **Provider Resources:**  
**Provider Tools**

Fax the completed form to:  
**1-866-896-2152**



An Authorization Number is issued to the ordering physician when medical necessity (evidence-based clinical criteria) has been demonstrated. This should not be confused with a Case Number.

Authorizations are valid for 45 calendar days from the date of approval.

The format is an alpha code followed by numerical values and the CPT code.  
Example: **A012123456-70450**

If the request passes all criteria and medical necessity is established:

- For cases submitted online or via phone, authorization numbers are issued immediately (online and verbally)
- For cases submitted via phone or fax, the ordering provider will receive a fax notification of the authorization number for their records

If the authorization request does not pass all criteria:

- The request is sent to a CareCore physician for review. Within **2 business days**, he/she will approve, deny or put the request “On Hold”
- If the request is “On Hold”, the referring provider has **14 calendar days** from the original authorization request date to provide the additional information requested for CareCore to render a decision

The referring provider will be informed of the reason for denial.

The referring provider may request a Peer-to-Peer discussion with a CareCore National Medical Director to review the decision within **3 business days** of the issuance of the denial.

If a provider resubmits an authorization request for a service that has already been denied within 45 calendar days of the original request, CareCore National will consider this request as an appeal and will forward to WellCare for review.

Cases inconsistent with evidence-based criteria may not be certified.

In the event an adverse determination is issued, both the provider and the patient will be notified by letter.

Letters of non-certification (Notice of Adverse Determination) will include the guidelines for appeals.

For member appeals, you have the following timeframes to submit a pre-service appeal:

Connecticut Medicare - 60 calendar days

*All pre-service appeals should be submitted to, and determinations will be made by WellCare.*

Pre-service member appeals may be submitted to WellCare by:

- Fax at **866-201-0657**
- Mail to:

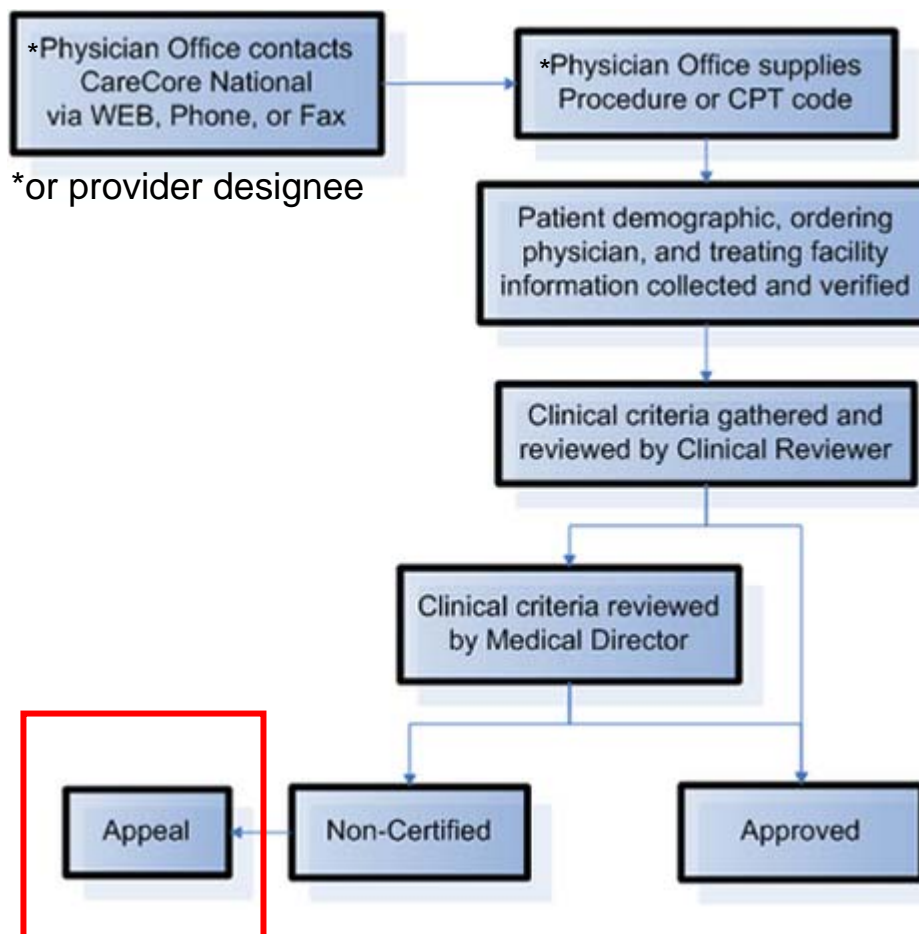
Attn: Appeals Department  
PO Box 31368  
Tampa, FL 33631-3368

Resolution of the pre-service appeal will occur within the following timeframes:

Standard Appeal	Within 30 calendar days
*Expedited Appeal	Within 72 hours

*\*Expedited appeals are defined as where the member's life, health, or ability to regain maximum function would be in jeopardy by waiting the standard time frame for making a determination.*

# RECAP: AUTHORIZATION REQUESTS



*Intake and review of authorization requests are handled by CareCore*

*Appeals are submitted to, and determinations made by, WellCare*

The ordering physician may speak with a Medical Director at any point during the case management process.

A provider may call **1-888-333-8641** and select the option to speak with a Medical Director, or an internal staff member may transfer the physician to the physician's line.



Only one of the following may speak to a Medical Director:  
Physician, Physician's Assistant, or Nurse Practitioner.

In an instance where a CPT code for the authorized procedure differs from the CPT code for the rendered procedure, the ordering or rendering provider may be required to contact CareCore National to modify the request.

Call **1-888-333-8641** and select **Customer Service**.

The following modifications to authorized procedures are required:

- Change in modality
- Adding contrast for MRI
- Addition of contiguous body parts

You have up to **2 business days** from the date of service to request a modification.

- Any time the CPT code changes, a new Authorization Number will be given

Radiology authorizations cannot be accessed via WellCare's provider portal. Visit [www.carecorenational.com](http://www.carecorenational.com) and click on the **Authorization Lookup** link under Quick Links.

## Authorization Lookup

Please select the HealthPlan you wish to search under:

\* Provider ID:

Please select a search method:

**Search by Patient Info**

Patient ID:

Patient Date of Birth:

MM/DD/YYYY

**Search by Case Info**

Case Number:

or

Authorization Number:



### Quick Links

[Authorization Lookup](#)

[Eligibility Lookup](#)

[Horizon Site Registration](#)

[Claims Payment Portal Login](#)

[Equipment Standards](#)

[Criteria](#)

Or you may contact CareCore at  
**1-888-333-8641**

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https://carriers.carecorenational.com/PreAuthorization/screens/authorizationlookup.aspx

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**Provider Web Portal**

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### Authorization Lookup

Authorization Number:	A027076232
Case Number:	1017662737
Status:	Approved
ApprovalDate:	3/30/2010 1:13:50 PM
Service Code:	73221
Service Description:	[REDACTED]
Patient Name:	[REDACTED]
Member Code:	[REDACTED]
Site Name:	LEVY RICHARD
Site Address:	365 BROADWAY KINGSTON, NY 12401
Expiration Date:	5/14/2010 1:13:50 PM
Date Last Updated:	3/30/2010 1:15:21 PM
Correspondence:	<a href="#">VIEW CORRESPONDENCE</a>

Authorization Number:	A026546582
Case Number:	1017133396
Status:	Approved
ApprovalDate:	2/22/2010 2:13:48 PM
Service Code:	70551
Service Description:	[REDACTED]
Patient Name:	[REDACTED]
Member Code:	[REDACTED]
Site Name:	LEVY RICHARD
Site Address:	365 BROADWAY KINGSTON, NY 12401
Expiration Date:	4/8/2010 2:13:49 PM



Ordering Physician Login Register | Forgot Password?

User ID Password



## Eligibility Lookup

Please select the HealthPlan you wish to search under:

\* Provider ID:

\* Patient ID:  [?]

Patient Member Code:

\* Patient Date of Birth:

MM/DD/YYYY

Quick Links

- [Authorization Lookup](#)
- [Eligibility Lookup](#)

[www.carecorenational.com](http://www.carecorenational.com)

For WellCare members, you may continue to use the following options in addition to CareCore's Eligibility Lookup tool:

- Registered users may use [www.wellcare.com](http://www.wellcare.com) for Medicare members
- Access WellCare's Integrated Voice Response (IVR) system
- Contact WellCare's Customer Service

1. Continue to submit claims to WellCare
2. An authorization number must be included on all claims submitted

Please note the following scenarios. In the event you:

- Have multiple CareCore authorization numbers for the same claim and same date of service, only **one CareCore Authorization Number** needs to be submitted on the claim
- Have CareCore auth(s) and WellCare auth(s) for the same patient and same date of service, only the **WellCare Authorization Number** needs to be submitted on the claim



Medicare Provider Services:  
**1-866-579-8006**  
<http://wellcare.com>

The following resources can be found online under **Provider Resources**, then click **Provider Training Resources**:

- Provider training presentation
- *Requesting Authorization for Advanced Radiology Services* Job Aid
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Quick Reference Guide (QRG)



Contact CareCore National at **1-888-333-8641** or you can find tutorials and fax forms online at <http://www.carecorenational.com/provider-tools.asp>



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