

Important Note

Please refer to the member ID card to determine appropriate authorization and claims submission process. Please see below for additional information.

Important Telephone Numbers

Behavioral Health Crisis Line Members may call this number 24 hours a day for a Behavioral Health Crisis. For non-crisis related concerns, please call Member Services.	1-855-606-3622	Nurse Advice Line Members may call this number to speak to a nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.	1-800-919-8807
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Convenient Self-Service

Wellcare offers robust technology options to save you time. Below represent the fastest most effective ways to get what you need.

[Wellcare Secure Provider Portal](#)

	Portal	Chat	(IVR) Interactive Voice Response
Authorization Requirements*	<u>Fastest Result</u> ✓	<u>Available</u>	Available
Authorization Status*	<u>Fastest Result</u> ✓	<u>Available</u>	Available
Authorizations Request*	<u>Fastest Result</u> ✓	<u>Available</u>	N/A
Benefit Information	<u>Fastest Result</u> ✓	<u>Available</u>	Available
Claims Status	<u>Fastest Result</u> ✓	<u>Available</u>	Available
Co-Payment	<u>Fastest Result</u> ✓	<u>Available</u>	Available
Eligibility Verification	<u>Fastest Result</u> ✓	<u>Available</u>	Available
Submit Appeals	<u>Fastest Result</u> ✓	<u>Available</u>	N/A
Appeals Status	<u>Fastest Result</u> ✓	<u>Available</u>	N/A
Submit Claim Disputes	<u>Fastest Result</u> ✓	<u>Available</u>	N/A
Submit Claims	<u>Fastest Result</u> ✓	<u>Available</u>	N/A
Submit Corrected Claims	<u>Fastest Result</u> ✓	<u>Available</u>	N/A

Wellcare understands that having access to the right tools can help you and your staff streamline day-to-day administrative tasks.

The Provider Portal will help with those routine tasks.

Provider Portal Registration – [click here](#)

Provider Portal Training – [click here](#)

i *Note: Includes Pharmacy Medical Requests supplied by Physician. For Pharmacy Benefit-related questions, please see the below Pharmacy page.

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Provider Services:

Interactive Voice Response System Phone: 1-855-538-0454 DSNP Access & Liberty Phone: 1-833-857-5715
TTY: 711

WellCare Telephone Numbers

<u>Care & Disease Management Referral</u>		<u>Risk Management</u>	
Phone: 1-866-635-7045	TTY: 711	Phone: 1-866-685-8664	Fraud, Waste & Abuse Hotline
Fax: 1-866-287-3286	Hours: M-F 8-7 p.m. Eastern	<u>Community Connections Help Line</u>	
		Phone: 1-866-775-2192	

Claim Submission Information

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Submission Inquiries: Support from Provider Services: 1-855-538-0454

For inquiries related to your electronic or paper submissions to Wellcare, please contact our EDI team at EDI-Master@wellcare.com.

Electronic Funds Transfer & Electronic Remittance Advice:

Register online using the simplified, enhanced provider registration process at PaySpan.com or call 1-877-331-7154. For more details on PaySpan, please refer to your [Provider Manual](#).

Clearinghouse Connectivity:

Wellcare has partnered with Change Healthcare, as our preferred EDI Clearinghouse. You may connect directly to Change Healthcare; or in some cases your existing clearinghouse, billing service, or trading partner may maintain existing reciprocal agreements with Change Healthcare. We encourage you to contact your claims vendor and determine if they have connectivity to Change Healthcare. If not, you may want to consider contacting Change Healthcare to establish free connectivity to Wellcare for your EDI transactions.

Change Healthcare offers Submitter/Client Connectivity Services at 1-877-411-7271. All Clearinghouses, Practice Management Vendors or Billing Services may call Change Healthcare at 1-800-527-8133 for connectivity services.

CHANGE HEALTHCARE CLEARINGHOUSE PAYER IDs (CPIDs)

Claim Type	Fee-for-Service (CH-Chargeable) Submissions	Encounter (RP-reporting only) Submissions
Professional	1844	3211
Institutional	8551	4949

WELLCARE PAYER IDs – If your clearinghouse or billing system is not connected to Change Healthcare and requires a 5-digit Payer ID, please use the following according to the file type (Fee-for-Service or Encounters):

- Fee For Service (FFS) is defined in the Transaction Type Code BHT06 as CH, which means Chargeable, expecting adjudication.
- Encounters (ENC) is defined in the Transaction Type Code BHT06 as RP, which means Reportable only, NOT expecting adjudication.

Claim Type	Fee-for-Service (CH-Chargeable) Submissions	Encounter (RP-reporting only) Submissions
Professional or Institutional	14163	59354

Free Direct Data Entry (DDE) and Small Batch File Solutions (use same Wellcare Payer IDs defined above):

AdminisTEP offers a web browser for single submission direct data entry (DDE) or batch upload for professional and institutional submissions, claim status and reporting and inquiry functions at **no cost to you**. To sign up, go to <http://www.administep.com/Signup.aspx> or call 1-888-751-3271.

ConnectCenter™ *for physicians* offers a web browser for direct data entry (DDE) or batch upload capability at **no cost to you**. To sign up, go to <http://physician.connectcenter.changehealthcare.com>. For registry questions, submitter/clients may contact Payer Connectivity Services at 1-877-411-7271. Direct questions regarding functionality of ConnectCenter to Change Healthcare at 1-800-527-8133, **opt 2**.

- Providers will be required to enter a **credit card** upon initial enrollment to verify them as a valid submitter.
- Only Wellcare submissions are free of charge and please ensure you use **vendor code 212750** when you register.

Paper Submission Guidelines:

Wellcare follows the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines for paper claim submissions. Since **Oct. 28, 2010**, Wellcare accepts only the original “red claim” form for claim and encounter submissions. Wellcare does not accept handwritten, faxed or replicated claim forms.

Claim forms and guidelines may be found at www.wellcare.com/Florida/Providers/Medicare/Claims.

Mail paper claim submissions to:

WELLCARE HEALTH INSURANCE OF FLORIDA , INC	SUNSHINE STATE HEALTH PLAN, INC.
Wellcare Claims Department P.O. Box 31372 Tampa, FL 33631-3372	Wellcare Claims Department P.O. Box 31224 Tampa, FL 33631-3224

Claim Payment Disputes

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The claim payment appeals process is designed to address claim denials for issues related to untimely filing, incidental procedures, unlisted procedure codes, non-covered codes, etc. Submit claim payment appeals in writing to WellCare within **90 calendar days** of the date on the EOP. Submit all claims payment disputes with supporting documentation at <https://provider.wellcare.com/>.

Mail all claim payment appeals with supporting documentation to:

Wellcare
 Claim Payment Appeals
 P.O. Box 31370
 Tampa, FL 33631-3370

Note: Any appeals related to a claim denial for lack of prior authorization, services exceeding the authorization, insufficient supporting documentation or late notification must be sent to the Appeals (Medical) address in the section below. Examples include Explanation of Payment Codes DN001, DN004, DN0038, DN039, VSTEX, DMNNE, HRM16 and KYREC. However, this is not an all-encompassing list of Appeals codes. Anything else related to authorization or medical necessity that is in question should be sent to the Appeals P.O. Box with all substantiating information (please do not include image of claim) such as a summary of the appeal, relevant medical records and member-specific information.

Claim Payment Policy Disputes

The Claim Payment Policy Department has mailboxes for provider issues related strictly to payment policy. Appeals for payment policy-related issues must be submitted to Wellcare in writing within **90 calendar days** of the date of denial on the EOP. Please provide all relevant documentation (please do not include image of claim), which may include medical records, in order to facilitate the review. Submit all Claims Payment Policy Disputes related to Explanation of Payment Codes beginning with IH###, CE###, CV### (Medical records required) or PD### at: <https://provider.wellcare.com/>

Mail all disputes related to Explanation of Payment Codes beginning with IH###, CE###, CV### (Medical records required) or PD### to:

Wellcare
 Claim Payment Policy Appeals
 P.O. Box 31426
 Tampa, FL 33631-3426

Mail all medical records and initial reviews and Appeals related to Explanation of Payment Codes beginning with CPI##:

By Mail (U.S. Postal Service) Phone: 1-844-458-6739 Fax: 1-267-687-0994
 OPTUM
 P.O. Box 52846
 Philadelphia, PA 19115

By Delivery Services (FedEx, UPS)
 OPTUM
 458 Pike Road
 Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006
By Secure Internet Upload
 Refer to Optum's Medical Record Request letter for further instructions.

Mail all disputes related to Explanation of Payment Codes LT###, RVLT# to:

Wellcare
 CCR
 P.O. Box 31394
 Tampa, FL 33631-3394

Mail all disputes related to Explanation of Payment Codes RVPI# to:

PICRA
 PO Box 31416
 Tampa, FL 33631-3416

Recovery/Cost Containment Unit (CCU)

Refund(s) in response to a Wellcare overpayment notification should include a copy of the overpayment notification, any applicable attachment(s) and be sent to:

Wellcare – Comprehensive Health Management
 Atten: Recovery/Cost Containment Unit (CCU)
 PO Box 947945
 Atlanta, GA 30394-7945

If you do not agree with the proposed Wellcare overpayment notification related to adjustments RVXX (Except RV059, which should refer to the Claim Payment Disputes section above), you may request an Administrative Review by submitting a dispute in writing within **45 days** of the recovery letter date. Your request should detail why you disagree with the findings and must include any supporting evidence/documentation you believe is pertinent to your position.

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<p>Mail or fax your Administrative Review request to:</p>	<p>Wellcare Fax: 1-813-283-3284 Attn: CCU Recovery P.O. Box 31658 Tampa, FL 33631-3658</p>
<p>Additional documentation received after your initial Administrative Review request will not be considered. A Final Determination will be rendered within 30 days of Wellcare's receipt of your request. If you do not submit a dispute or render payment within the time period referenced above, we will take action to recover the amount owed as allowed by law, or as outlined within the contract between you and Wellcare.</p>	
<p>Administrative Reviews related to Explanation of Payment Codes and Comments beginning with DN227, DN228 or RV213 must be submitted in writing and include at a minimum: a summary of the review request, the member's name, member's identification number, date(s) of service, reason(s) why the denial should be reversed, copies of related documentation and all applicable medical records related to both stays to support appropriateness of the services rendered.</p>	
<p>Mail or fax your dispute to:</p>	<p>COTIVITI HEALTHCARE Fax: 1-203-202-6607 Attn: Wellcare Clinical Chart Validation Hillcrest III Building 731 Arbor Way, Suite 150 Blue Bell, PA 19422</p>
<p>Provider Identified Refund(s) without receiving overpayment notification should include the reason for the overpayment as well as any details that assist in identifying the member and Wellcare Claim ID.</p>	
<p>Please submit to:</p>	<p>Wellcare – Comprehensive Health Management Atten: Recovery/Cost Containment Unit (CCU) PO Box 947945 Atlanta, GA 30394-7945</p>

Note: For single-claim checks, please use the [Refund Check Informational Sheet](#) to help Recovery post accurately and timely. For checks in excess of **25 claims**, please complete the [Refund Referral Grid](#) and email all supporting documentation, including the grid, to OverpaymentRefunds@wellcare.com to assist with expedited posting. Please note that only check referrals will be accepted by this email box. Anything other than check referrals will not be responded to and will be closed.

Appeals

All non-participating Medicare provider appeals must be submitted within **60 calendar days** and they must also submit a signed waiver of liability (WOL) with their request for processing. Participating Providers also can seek an appeal through the Appeals Department within **90 calendar days** of a claim denial for lack of prior authorization, services exceeding the authorization, insufficient supporting documentation or late notification. Examples include Explanation of Payment Codes DN001, DN004, DN0038, DN039, VSTEX, DMNNE, HRM16 and KYREC. However, this is not an all-encompassing list of Appeals codes. Anything else related to authorization or medical necessity that is in question should be sent to the Appeals P.O. Box with all substantiating information (please do not include image of claim) like a summary of the appeal, relevant medical records and member-specific information.

Mail or fax all medical appeals with supporting documentation to:
Wellcare Fax: 1-866-201-0657
Appeals Department
P.O. Box 31368
Tampa, FL 33631-3368

Grievances

Member grievances may be filed verbally by contacting Customer Service or submitted in writing via fax or mail. You may also file a grievance on behalf of the member with his/her written consent. Additionally, provider complaints related to any administrative issue such as Wellcare's policies and procedures or authorization/referral process must be submitted within **45 calendar days** of the event giving rise to the complaint.

Mail, Phone, Email or Fax member grievances to:
Wellcare Phone: 1-877-902-6784 Fax: 1-866-388-1769
Grievance Department
P.O. Box 31384
Tampa, FL 33631-3384
Email: Operationalgrievance@wellcare.com or pdpgrievance@wellcare.com

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Wellcare Partners

eviCore

[eviCore](#) is our in-network vendor for the following programs, and clinical criteria can be accessed through the corresponding program links: [Lab Management](#), [Pain Management](#), [Physical and Occupational Therapy*](#) and [Sleep Diagnostics](#).

Contact eviCore for **all authorization-related** submissions for the services listed above rendered in outpatient places of service (including the home setting**). Please click on the hyperlinks above for a listing of the specific services and related criteria included in the eviCore programs.

Web submissions are fast and convenient. If the procedure requested meets clinical criteria, the web provides an immediate approval that can be printed for easy reference. Member eligibility and authorization requests may be submitted via the [eviCore Provider Web Portal](#). A searchable [Authorization Lookup and Eligibility Tool](#) is also available online and criteria can be accessed through the program links above.

Urgent Authorizations and Provider Services: 1-888-333-8641

*Please refer to Coastal Care Services, Inc. information below to determine if PT/OT services rendered in a home setting should be redirected there instead.

**Excluding Episode of Care Requests. Please contact Wellcare for all services rendered during an Episode of Care.

NIA aka National Imaging Associates

NIA (National Imaging Associates) is our in-network vendor for the following programs and clinical criteria can be accessed through the corresponding program links: [Advanced Radiology](#) and [Advanced Cardiology](#).

Contact NIA for all authorization-related submissions for the services listed above rendered in outpatient places of service (including the home setting*). Please click on the hyperlinks above for a listing of the specific services and related criteria included in the NIA program. Web submissions are faster and if the procedure requested meets clinical criteria, the web provides an immediate approval that can be printed for easy reference. Member eligibility and authorization requests may be submitted via the NIA Provider Web Portal. A searchable [Authorization Lookup](#) tool is also available online and criteria can be accessed through the program links above.

Urgent Authorization and Provider Services: 1-800-424-5388

HealthHelp®

[HealthHelp](#) is our in-network vendor for the following programs, and provider resources can be accessed through the corresponding program links: [Radiation Therapy and Medical Oncology](#).

Contact HealthHelp for **all authorization-related** submissions for the services listed above rendered in all outpatient places of service. Please click on the links above for a listing of the specific services and related resources included in the HealthHelp programs.

Member eligibility and authorization request materials may be accessed via the [HealthHelp Portal](#). A searchable [Authorization Lookup](#) is also available online to check the status of your authorization request, and criteria can be accessed through the program links above.

Urgent Authorizations and Provider Services: 1-888-210-3736

TurningPoint®

[TurningPoint](#) is our in-network Surgical Quality & Safety Management Program vendor for the following programs [Orthopedic Surgery](#) and [Spinal Surgery](#). The provider resources can be accessed through the vendor portal, link listed below. Contact TurningPoint for **all authorization-related** submissions for the services listed above rendered in any inpatient and outpatient places of service. Please click on the link below for a listing of the specific services and related resources included in the TurningPoint programs.

Member eligibility and authorization request materials may be accessed via the [TurningPoint Portal](#). A searchable [authorization lookup](#) is also available online to check the status of your authorization request, and criteria can be accessed through the program link.

For Urgent Authorizations and Provider Services, please contact 1-866-533-8562.

CareCentrix

[CareCentrix](#) is our in-network vendor for the following programs and provider resources can be accessed through the corresponding program links: [Skilled Nursing Facility](#), [Long Term Acute Care](#) and [Inpatient Rehab](#).

Contact CareCentrix for **all authorization-related** submissions for the services listed above. Please click on the links above for a listing of the specific services and related resources included in the CareCentrix programs.

Urgent Authorizations and Provider Services: 1-888-571-6028

Coastal Care Services, Inc.

For members residing in Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Sarasota, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties only, [Coastal Care Services](#) is our in-network vendor for select Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Home Health Services.

Please contact Coastal Care for DME items such as Standard Wheelchairs, Oxygen, CPAP, Ambulatory Aides, Hospital Beds, Power Operated Vehicles, Ostomy and Wound Care Supplies, and Respiratory Devices. Please contact Coastal Care for Home Health services such as Skilled Nursing, Social Worker, Home Care Aide, Therapy (Physical, Occupational, & Speech), Wound Care, Patient Education & Training, and Medication Management.

Provider Services: 1-833-204-4535 Utilization Management: 1-855-481-0505 Fax: 1-855-481-0606

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Contracted Networks

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dental</u> Liberty</p> <p>Providers Phone: 1-888-352-7924</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Hearing</u> Hear USA</p> <p>Phone: 1-800-333-3389, Option 2 Fax: 1-888-303-6327</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Transportation</u> modivcare, fka Logisticare</p> <p>Phone: 1-877-682-9026 – Centene Wellcare FL MCR Reservations Phone: 1-877-682-9027 – Centene Wellcare FL MCR Ride Assist</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Vision</u> Premier Eye Care</p> <p>Phone: 1-800-738-1889</p> <p>*Vision benefits vary. Please contact Provider Services to verify coverage.</p>

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Pharmacy Services

Pharmacy Services:

Including after-hours and weekends (CVS Caremark™)

1-855-538-0454

Rx BIN

004336

Rx PCN

MEDDADV

Rx GRP

788257

AcariaHealth™ (a division of Envolve Pharmacy Solutions)

AcariaHealth is a national comprehensive specialty pharmacy focused on improving care and outcomes for patients living with complex and chronic conditions. AcariaHealth is comprised of dedicated healthcare professionals who work closely with physician offices, including support with referral and prior authorization processes. This collaboration allows our patients to receive the medicine they need as fast as possible.

Representatives are available from Monday–Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.

*AcariaHealth™ Pharmacy #26, Inc.
8715 Henderson Rd., Tampa, FL 33634
Phone: 1-866-458-9246 (TTY 1-855-516-5636)
Fax: 1-866-458-9245
Website: www.acariahealth.com

*Effective on or about July 2021

CVS Caremark™ Mail Service

1-866-808-7471

TTY: 1-866-236-1069

Fax: 1-866-892-8194

Medication Appeals:

Fax: 1-866-388-1766

Mail or fax [Request for Redetermination \(medication appeal\) form](#) with supporting documentation to:

Wellcare
Pharmacy Appeals Department
P.O. Box 31383
Tampa, FL 33631-3383

Medication appeals may also be initiated by contacting Provider Services. Please note that all appeals filed verbally also require a signed, written appeal.

Formulary Inclusions:

To request consideration for addition of a drug to Wellcare's formulary, you may submit a medical justification to Wellcare in writing at:

Wellcare, Clinical Pharmacy Department
Director of Formulary Services
Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
P.O. Box 31577
Tampa, FL 33631-3577

Coverage Determination Requests:

Fax: 1-866-388-1767

Submit a [Coverage Determination Request Form](#) with supporting documentation to:

Online: [Coverage Determination Request Form](#)

Mail: Wellcare

Pharmacy – Coverage Determinations

P.O. Box 31397

Tampa, FL 33631-3397

Submit a [Coverage Determination Request Form](#) for:

- Drugs not listed on the formulary
- Drugs listed on the formulary with a prior authorization (PA)
- Duplication of therapy
- Prescriptions that exceed the FDA daily or monthly quantity limits
- Most self-injectable and infusion drugs (including chemotherapy) administered in a physician's office
- Drugs listed on the formulary with a quantity limit (QL)
- Drugs that have a step edit (ST) and the first-line therapy is inappropriate

For Home Infusion/Enteral services:

Once Authorization Approval is obtained through Wellcare, if required, please contact one of our providers below to initiate service.

Coram®:

Phone: 1-800-423-1411 or Fax: 1-866-462-6726

Option Care Health™ aka Option Care and BioScrip Infusion Services® and Crescent Healthcare:

Phone: 1-833-466-0358

KabaFusion – Orlando:

Phone: 1-407-425-7114 or Fax: 1-407-425-0642

KabaFusion – Boca Raton:

Phone: 1-561-353-4663 or Fax: 1-561-353-4666

HealthHelp will manage Medical Oncology Services. Please see below for HealthHelp Contact Information.

Web-based information:

www.wellcare.com/Florida/Providers/Medicare/Pharmacy

- [Wellcare Formulary](#)
- [Participating Pharmacies](#)
- [Authorization Lookup Tool*](#)
- **ⓘ** *Note: Includes Pharmacy Medical Requests supplied by Physician
- [Pharmacy Services Forms](#)
- [Exactus Pharmacy Solutions](#)

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WELLCARE'S PRIOR AUTHORIZATION LIST

Prior Authorization (PA) Requirements

This Wellcare prior authorization list supersedes any lists that have been distributed to our providers. Please ensure that older lists are replaced with this updated version. Authorization changes are denoted by a **Pa** symbol for easy identification. Requirements that have been edited for *clarification only* are denoted with a **Q** symbol.

Wellcare supports the concept of the Primary Care Physician (PCP) as the "medical home" for its members. PCPs may refer members to network specialists when services will be rendered in an office, clinic or free-standing facility. **A written or faxed script to the specialist is required.** The reason for the referral and the name of the specialist must be documented in the medical record. **The specialist must document receipt of the request for a consultation and the reason for the referral in the medical record. No communication with Wellcare is necessary.**

Pa For members enrolled in a PPO plan, authorization is not required for nonparticipating providers and facilities, however, services on the medical necessity/authorization required list below must be covered services within the benefit plan and considered medically necessary for the plan to pay a portion of the out-of-network claim.

For members enrolled in a non-PPO plan, all services rendered by nonparticipating providers and facilities require authorization, including requests to use the member's Point-of-Service benefits. Specialists must coordinate all services with the member's PCP. It is the responsibility of the provider rendering care to verify that the authorization request has been approved before services are rendered.

Urgent Authorization Requests and Admission Notifications: Call 1-855-538-0454 and follow the prompts.

- Notification is required for Inpatient Hospital admissions **by the next business day** after admission (except normal maternity delivery admissions). Telephone authorizations must be followed by a fax submission of clinical information.
- Outpatient authorizations for urgent and time-sensitive services may be submitted by phone when warranted by the member's condition. Please include CPT and ICD-10 codes with your authorization request. Standard authorization requests may be submitted [online](#) or via fax to the numbers listed on the associated forms located [here](#).
- [Web submissions](#) are faster, and if the procedure requested meets clinical criteria, the Web provides an approval that can be printed for easy reference.
- Obtaining authorization does not guarantee payment, but rather only confirms whether a service meets Wellcare's determination criteria at the time of the request. Wellcare retains the right to review benefit limitations and exclusions, beneficiary eligibility on the date of service, the medical necessity of services, and correct coding and billing practices.
- Lab codes performed in a lab setting should be directed to Quest. Testing must be consistent with CLIA guidelines.
- Wellcare may delegate Prior Authorization to the contracted MSO, IPA, or Medical Groups who then determine prior authorization requirements for their assigned members.
 - IPAs must make every attempt to authorize services that are the financial responsibility of Wellcare to a provider within Wellcare's contracted network. If a member requires out-of-network services because Wellcare is not contracted with a provider of like specialty, the IPA is required to notify Wellcare's Utilization Management Department prior to issuing an authorization. The Utilization Management Department will discuss the case with the Wellcare Contracting Department and notify the IPA accordingly such that an authorization may be issued. For services that are the financial responsibility of the IPA, the IPA is required to follow its organization's policy in reference to authorization of out-of-network providers.
 - Emergency admissions that are outside the IPA/Group's service area are monitored by the Wellcare Utilization Management Department. Wellcare's Medical Management Department will be responsible for issuing an authorization, performing concurrent review, and working with the IPA to coordinate transfer of the member to an in-network facility once the member has been stabilized.
 - For specific authorization requirements, please follow your group's direction.

Behavioral Health Services

[Wellcare Secure Provider Portal](#)

For Urgent and Inpatient Hospitalization Authorizations and Provider Services Phone: 1-855-538-0454

Please [log in](#) to submit your Outpatient Authorization Requests & Inpatient Clinical Submissions.

To fax a request, please access our forms [here](#)

Web-based information: www.wellcare.com/Florida/Providers/Medicare/Behavioral-Health

- In order to obtain authorization, notification of an Inpatient admission is required on the next business day following admission.
- Inpatient concurrent review generally done by telephone, but a fax option is available and the forms and fax numbers can be found [here](#). Psychological testing requests are to be submitted via fax. All other levels of care requiring authorization, including outpatient services, can be submitted online.
- For more information on Authorization Requirements, click [here](#) and select the "Behavioral Health Authorization List" PDF under **Other Resources**.

PROCEDURES and SERVICES	Authorization Required	Comments
Emergency Behavioral Health Services	No	
Non-contracted (nonparticipating) Provider Services	Yes	All services from nonparticipating providers require prior authorization. *Excluding members enrolled in a PPO plan

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Behavioral Services	See Comments	Please refer to the Behavioral Health Authorization List under Other Resources for authorization requirements.
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Emergency Services

PROCEDURES and SERVICES	Authorization Required	Comments
Emergency Behavioral Health Services	No	
Emergency Care Services	No	
Emergency Transportation Services (excluding Air and Water Ambulances)	No	
Urgent Care Services	No	

Inpatient Services
[Wellcare Secure Provider Portal](#)
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 To fax a request, please access our forms [here](#)
 Inpatient Discharge Planning Requests Fax: 1-813-283-9285

PROCEDURES and SERVICES	Authorization Required	Comments
Elective Inpatient Procedures	Yes	Clinical updates required for continued length of stay.
Hospice	Yes	
Inpatient Admissions	Yes	Clinical updates required for continued length of stay.
Long-Term Acute Care Hospital (LTACH) Admissions	Yes – See Comments	Contact CareCentrix for authorization: CareCentrix Phone: 1-888-571-6028
Observations	See Comments	Elective procedures that convert to an observation stay are subject to Outpatient authorization requirements. Authorization Lookup Tool Services performed during an urgent or emergent observation stay, such as Advanced Radiology or Cardiology, do not require authorization. Clinical updates required for continued length of stay.
Orthopedic Surgery	Yes – See Comments	Contact Turning Point for prior authorization: Turning Point Portal Phone: 1-866-533-8562 Fax: 1-850-391-3229
Rehabilitation Facility Admissions	Yes – See Comments	Contact CareCentrix for authorization: CareCentrix Phone: 1-888-571-6028
Skilled Nursing Facility Admissions	Yes – See Comments	Contact CareCentrix for authorization: CareCentrix Phone: 1-888-571-6028
Spinal Surgery	Yes – See Comments	Contact Turning Point for prior authorization: Turning Point Portal Phone: 1-866-533-8562 Fax: 1-850-391-3229

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*Please see [Select DME and Home Health Services](#) grid below to determine members and services reviewed by Coastal Care

PROCEDURES and SERVICES	Authorization Required	Comments
Advanced Radiology Services: CT, CTA, MRA, MRI, Nuclear Cardiology, Nuclear Medicine, PET & SPECT Scans	Yes – See Comments	Contact National Imaging Associates for authorization: National Imaging Associates Provider Web Portal Phone: 1-800-424-5388 Advanced Radiology Program Criteria Radiology Request Forms
Select Outpatient Procedures	Yes – See Comments	Please refer to the Authorization Lookup Tool for prior authorization requirements.
Cardiology Services: Cardiac Imaging, Cardiac Catheterization, Diagnostic Cardiac Procedures and Echo Stress Tests	Yes – See Comments	Contact National Imaging Associates for authorization: National Imaging Associates Provider Web Portal Phone: 1-800-424-5388 Cardiology Program Criteria Cardiology Worksheets
Dialysis	No	
Select Durable Medical Equipment and Home Health Services For members residing in: Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Sarasota, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties: DME services handled by Coastal Care include: Standard Wheelchairs, Oxygen, CPAP, Ambulatory Aides, Hospital Beds, Power Operated Vehicles, Ostomy and Wound Care Supplies, Respiratory Devices Home Health Services handled by Coastal Care include: Skilled Nursing, Social Worker, Home Care Aide, Therapy (Physical, Occupational, & Speech), Wound Care, Patient Education & Training, and Medication Management	Yes – See Comments	Contact Coastal Care for authorization: Coastal Care Services Utilization Management: 1-855-481-0505 Fax: 1-855-481-0606
For all other counties and excluded services: Durable Medical Equipment Purchases and Rentals DME consists of pieces of equipment that will assist with activities of daily living. (Customized Wheelchair Equipment, Diabetic Supplies, Neuromuscular stimulators, Bone Growth Stimulators, Speech Generating Devices, Specialty Beds, Implantable Devices, Life Vest Defibrillator, Transplant Related services, High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation, ESRD Related services)	Yes – See Comments	All DME rentals require authorization. DME purchase items reimbursed at OR below \$500 per line item do NOT require authorization. *For Home Infusion/Enteral Services, please refer to the Pharmacy Section above for the preferred provider if the authorization is required.

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Hearing Aids	Yes – See Comments	Please contact Hear USA for authorization: Phone: 1-800-333-3389 Fax: 1-888-303-6327
Hospice Care Services	No	
Investigational & Experimental Procedures and Treatment	Yes	Refer to Clinical Coverage Guidelines Wellcare Secure Provider Portal
Laboratory Management (Certain Molecular and Genetic Tests)	Yes – See Comments	Contact eviCore for authorization: eviCore Provider Web Portal Phone: 1-888-333-8641 Wellcare Lab Management Program Criteria Molecular and Genetic Testing Quick Reference Guide
Medical Oncology Services	Yes	Contact HealthHelp for authorization: HealthHelp Portal Phone: 1-888-210-3736 Medical Oncology Program Services
Non-contracted (nonparticipating) Provider Services	Yes	All services from non-participating providers require prior authorization. *Excluding members enrolled in a PPO plan
Orthopedic Surgery	Yes – See Comments	Contact Turning Point for prior authorization: Turning Point Portal Phone: 1-866-533-8562 Fax: 1-850-391-3229
Orthotics and Prosthetics Orthotics support or correct a weak or deformed body part, or restrict or eliminate motion in a diseased or injured part of the body. Prosthetics are artificial devices to replace a missing body part, such as a limb or an eye.	Yes – See Comments	Purchase items reimbursed at or below \$500 per line item do NOT require authorization.
Pain Management Treatment (Certain Pain Management Treatments)	Yes – See Comments	Contact eviCore for authorization: eviCore Provider Web Portal Phone: 1-888-333-8641 Pain Management Program Criteria Musculoskeletal Management Request Forms
Physical and Occupational Therapy (including home-based therapy except for members residing in counties listed above, where home health services are handled by Coastal Care Services) *Excluding Episode of Care Requests. Please contact Wellcare for all services rendered during an Episode of Care	Yes – See Comments	Contact eviCore for authorization: eviCore Provider Web Portal Phone: 1-888-333-8641 Physical and Occupational Therapy Program Criteria PT/OT Worksheets
Radiation Therapy Management	Yes – See Comments	Contact HealthHelp for authorization: HealthHelp Portal Phone: 1-888-210-3736 Radiation Therapy Management Program Resources
Sleep Diagnostics	Yes – See Comments	Contact eviCore for authorization: eviCore Provider Web Portal Phone: 1-888-333-8641 Sleep Diagnostics Program Criteria Sleep Management Worksheets
Speech Therapy Services	Yes	Wellcare Secure Provider Portal For members receiving Speech Therapy services in the home setting, please refer to counties listed above under Select Durable Medical Equipment and Home Health Services to determine if request should be handled by Coastal Care Services.

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Spinal Surgery	Yes – See Comments	Contact Turning Point for prior authorization: Turning Point Portal Phone: 1-866-533-8562 Fax: 1-850-391-3229
Transplant Services	Yes	Please submit clinical records for prior authorization for all transplant phases.

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