

Important Telephone Numbers

Provider Services Eligibility Verification, Claims, Utilization Mgmt., Provider Complaints and Language Line	1-855-538-0454	Nurse Advice Line Members may call this number to speak to a nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.	1-800-581-9952
Behavioral Health Crisis Line	1-800-411-6485	Risk Management WellCare Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline	1-866-678-8355
Care Management Referrals GA.CM@WellCare.com	1-866-635-7045	Provider Resource Guide	
Disease Management Referrals	1-877-393-3090	TTY	711
CommUnity Connections Help Line	1-866-775-2192		

Claim Submission Inquiries

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:

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, formerly known as Relay Health, 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, formerly known as Relay Health at **1-800-527-8133** for connectivity services.

ConnectCenter™ for physicians offers a web browser for direct data entry (DDE) and the upload ability to submit electronic submissions **at no cost to you**. To sign up go to <https://physician.connectcenter.changehealthcare.com>. For registry questions, submitter/clients may contact Provider Connectivity Services at **1-877-411-7271**. Any questions regarding functionality of ConnectCenter should be directed to the Clearinghouse 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.

CHANGE HEALTHCARE CLEARINGHOUSE PAYER IDs (CPIDS)

Claim Type	Fee for Service	Encounter
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):

Claim Type	Fee-for-Service	Encounter
Professional or Institutional	14163	59354

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 on our website:

www.wellcare.com/Wellcare/Georgia/Providers/Medicare/Claims

Mail paper claim submissions to:

WellCare Health Plans, Inc.
Attn: Claims Department
P.O. Box 31224
Tampa, FL 33631-3224

Claim Payment Disputes

The claim payment dispute process is designed to address claim denials for issues related to untimely filing, incidental procedures, unlisted procedure codes and non-covered codes, etc. Claim payment disputes must be submitted in writing to WellCare within **90** calendar days of the date on the EOP.

Mail or fax all claim payment disputes with supporting documentation to:

WellCare Health Plans Fax: **1-877-277-1808**
Attn: Claim Payment Disputes
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) like a summary of the appeal, relevant medical records and member-specific information.

Claims Payment Policy Disputes

The Claims Payment Policy Department has created a new mailbox for provider issues related strictly to payment policy. Disputes 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.

Mail all disputes related to Explanation of Payment Codes beginning with IHXXX, CEXXX or PDXXX to:

WellCare Health Plans Fax: **1-877-277-1808**

Attn: Claims Payment Policy Disputes

P.O. Box 31426

Tampa, FL 33631-3426

Mail all medical records and first level disputes related to Explanation of Payment Codes beginning with CPIXX:

By Mail (U.S. Postal Service)

OPTUM

P.O. Box 52846

Philadelphia, PA 19115

By Delivery Services (FedEx, UPS)

OPTUM

458 Pike Rd

Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

Mail all disputes related to Explanation of Payment Codes LTXXX:

WellCare Health Plans

CCR Pre-pay

P.O. Box 31394

Tampa, FL 33631-3394

Mail all disputes related to Explanation of Payment Codes RVLTX:

WellCare Health Plans

CCR Post-pay

P.O. Box 31395

Tampa, FL 33631-3395

Recovery/Cost Containment Unit (CCU)

Refund(s) in response to a WellCare overpayment notification should include a copy of the overpayment notification as well as a copy of attachment(s) and sent to:

WellCare Health Plans, Inc.

Attn: CCU Recovery

P.O. Box 31584

Tampa, FL 33631-3584

If you do not agree with this 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 your request in writing within **45 days** of the date of this letter. Your request should detail why you disagree with these findings and must include any supporting evidence/documentation you believe is pertinent to your position. Your Administrative Review request should be sent to:

WellCare Health Plans, Inc.

Fax: 813-283-3284

Attn: CCU Recovery

P.O. Box 31658

Tampa, FL 33631-3658

Additional documentation received after your initial Administrative Review request will not be considered. A Final Determination will be rendered within **30 days** of the date of WellCare's receipt of your request. If you do not object or render payment within such time period, we will take action to recover the above listed amount as allowed by law, or applicable, the contract between you and WellCare.

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 of service(s), reason(s) why the denial should be reversed and copies of related documentation and all applicable medical records related to both stays to support appropriateness of the services rendered. Your dispute should be sent to:

COTIVITI HEALTHCARE

Fax: 1-203-202-6607

Attn: WellCare Clinical Chart Validation

Hillcrest III Building

731 Arbor Way, Suite 150

Blue Bell, PA 19422

Provider Identified Refund(s) without receiving overpayment notification should include the reason for overpayment as well as any details that assist in identifying the member and WellCare Claim ID and can be sent to:

WellCare Health Plans, Inc

Attn: CCU Recovery

P.O. Box 31584

Tampa, FL 33631-3584

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.

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Appeals (Medical)

All non-par 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 benefit appeals with supporting documentation to:

WellCare Health Plans Fax: **1-866-201-0657**
Attn: 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 by mail or fax. Providers 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 or fax member grievances to:

WellCare Health Plans Fax: **1-866-388-1769**
Attn: Grievance Department
P.O. Box 31384
Tampa, FL 33631-3384

WellCare Partners

eviCore fka CareCore National

eviCore is our in-network vendor for the following programs and clinical criteria can be accessed through the corresponding program links: [Advanced Radiology](#), [Cardiology](#), [Lab Management](#), [Pain Management](#) 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 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 [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**

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](#) 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**

Contracted Networks

Dental – Avesis	Providers 1-888-211-4016 Members 1-888-211-4020	Vision – Avesis	Providers 1-888-211-4016 Members 1-888-211-4013
Outpatient Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy services are handled by: Therapy Network of Georgia Phone Number: 1-855-825-7818 Fax Number: 1-855-597-2697		Transportation - Southeastrans 1-888-822-6135	

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Pharmacy Services

Pharmacy Services 1-855-538-0454
Including after-hours/weekends (CVS/Caremark™)
Rx BIN Rx PCN Rx GRP
004336 MEDDADV 788257
Exactus™ Pharmacy Solutions (Specialty) 1-866-458-9246
exactus@wellcare.com TTY: 1-855-516-5636
Fax: 1-866-458-9245
[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 Health Plans
Attn: Pharmacy Appeals Department
P.O. Box 31383
Tampa, FL 33631-3383

Medication appeals may also be filed verbally 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, providers may submit a medical justification to WellCare in writing.
WellCare Health Plans, Clinical Pharmacy Department
Director of Formulary Services
Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee
P.O. Box 31577
Tampa, FL 33631-3577

Coverage Determination Requests Fax: 1-866-388-1767
Mail or fax a [Coverage Determination Request Form](#) with supporting documentation to:

Fax: 1-866-388-1767
Online: [Coverage Determination Request Form](#)
Mail: **WellCare Health Plans**
Attn: 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 of therapy is inappropriate

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

- Web-based information:**
www.wellcare.com/Georgia/Providers/Medicare/Pharmacy
- [WellCare Formulary](#)
 - [Participating Pharmacies](#)
 - [Authorization Lookup Tool](#)
 - [Pharmacy Services Forms](#)
 - [Exactus Pharmacy Solutions](#)

For Home Infusion/Enteral services:

Once Authorization Approval is obtained through WellCare, Please contact our preferred provider, Coram, to initiate Services:

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

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 will be denoted with a P symbol for easy identification. Requirements that have been edited for clarification only are denoted with an D 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 consultations will be rendered in an office, clinic or freestanding facility. The specialist must document receipt of the request for a consultation and the reason for the referral in the medical record. No communication with the plan is necessary.

P 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** (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 by fax using the numbers listed below if you are unable to access the portal with your secure login at <https://provider.wellcare.com/>.
- **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.
- Please refer to the **PDF** for the list of routine lab codes that can be performed and reimbursed in an office setting, all other services should be directed to our contracted laboratory providers. Testing must be consistent with CLIA guidelines.

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Behavioral Health Services

WellCare Web Submission 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 Hospitalization Clinical Submissions.

For non-participating providers please use our form [here](#)

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

- Inpatient admission authorization is required on the next business day following admission.
- Inpatient concurrent review is generally done by telephone, but a fax option is available and can be obtained [here](#). Psychological testing requests are to be submitted by 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
Behavioral Services	See Comments	Please refer to the Behavioral Health Authorization List under Other Resources for authorization requirements. WellCare Web Submission Portal

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 Web Submission Portal

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

For non-participating providers please use our form [here](#)

Inpatient Discharge Planning Requests Fax: 1-855-591-7136

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	Clinical updates required for continued length of stay.
Observations	See Comments	Elective procedures that convert to an Observation stay are subject to Outpatient authorization requirements Authorization Lookup Tool Services performed during a non-elective Observation stay, such as Advanced Radiology or Cardiology, do not require authorization. Clinical updates required for continued length of stay.
Rehabilitation Facility Admissions	Yes	Clinical updates required for continued length of stay.
Skilled Nursing Facility Admissions	Yes	Clinical updates required for continued length of stay.

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Outpatient Services
WellCare Web Submission Portal
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 For non-participating providers please use our form [here](#)
 Inpatient Discharge Planning Requests Fax: 1-855-591-7136
 Pharmacy Medical Requests Fax: 1-888-871-0564

PROCEDURES and SERVICES	Authorization Required	Comments
Select Outpatient Procedures	Yes – See Comments	Please refer to the Authorization Lookup Tool for prior authorization requirements. WellCare Web Submission Portal
Advanced Radiology Services: CT, CTA, MRA, MRI, Nuclear Cardiology, Nuclear Medicine, PET & SPECT Scans	Yes – See Comments	Contact eviCore for authorization: eviCore Provider Web Portal Phone Number 1-888-333-8641 Advanced Radiology Program Criteria Radiology Request Forms
Cardiology Services: Cardiac Imaging, Cardiac Catheterization, Diagnostic Cardiac Procedures and Echo Stress Tests	Yes – See Comments	Contact eviCore for authorization: eviCore Provider Web Portal Phone Number 1-888-333-8641 Cardiology Program Criteria Cardiology Worksheets
Dialysis	No	
Durable Medical Equipment Purchases and Rentals	Yes – See Comments	All DME rentals require authorization. DME purchase items reimbursed at OR below \$500 per line item do NOT require authorization.
Home Infusion/Enteral Services	Yes	Once Authorization Approval is obtained through WellCare, Please contact our preferred provider, Coram , to initiate Services: Phone: 1-800-423-1411 or Fax 1-866-462-6726
Hospice Care Services	No	
Investigational & Experimental Procedures and Treatment	Yes	Refer to Clinical Coverage Guidelines WellCare Web Submission Portal
Laboratory Management (Certain Molecular and Genetic Tests)	Yes – See Comments	Contact eviCore for authorization: eviCore Provider Web Portal Phone Number 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 Number 1-888-210-3736 Medical Oncology Program Services
Non-contracted (nonparticipating) Provider Services	Yes	All services from nonparticipating providers require prior authorization. *Excluding members enrolled in a PPO plan
Orthotics and Prosthetics	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 Number 1-888-333-8641 Pain Management Program Criteria Musculoskeletal Management Request Forms
Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy Services	Yes – See Comments	Contact Therapy Network of Georgia for all outpatient physical, occupational, and speech therapy requests. Phone Number 1-855-825-7818 Fax Number 1-855-597-2697
Radiation Therapy Management	Yes – See Comments	Contact HealthHelp for authorization: HealthHelp Portal Phone Number 1-888-210-3736 Radiation Therapy Management Program Resources
Sleep Diagnostics	Yes – See Comments	Contact eviCore for authorization: eviCore Provider Web Portal Phone Number 1-888-333-8641 Sleep Diagnostics Program Criteria Sleep Management Worksheets
Transplant Services	Yes	Please submit clinical records for prior authorization for all transplant phases.

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