

### Important Note

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

### Important Phone Numbers

**\*Behavioral Health Crisis Line** **1-800-411-6485**  
Members may call this number **24 hours** a day for a Behavioral Health Crisis.  
For non-crisis related concerns, please call Member Services.  
**\*\*Note – Based on plan code benefits**

**Nurse Advice Line** **1-800-581-9952**  
Members may call this number to speak to a nurse **24 hours** a day, **7 days** a week.

### Convenient Self-Service Offerings

WellCare offers robust technology options to save you time. The fastest ways to get what you need are shown below.

#### [WellCare Provider Portal](#)

	Portal	CHAT	(IVR) Interactive Voice Response
Authorization Requirements*	<a href="#">Fastest Result</a> ✓	<a href="#">Available</a>	Available
Authorization Status*	<a href="#">Fastest Result</a> ✓	<a href="#">Available</a>	Available
Authorizations Request*	<a href="#">Fastest Result</a> ✓	<a href="#">Available</a>	N/A
Benefit Information	<a href="#">Fastest Result</a> ✓	<a href="#">Available</a>	Available
Claims Status	<a href="#">Fastest Result</a> ✓	<a href="#">Available</a>	Available
Co-Payment	<a href="#">Fastest Result</a> ✓	<a href="#">Available</a>	Available
Eligibility Verification	<a href="#">Fastest Result</a> ✓	<a href="#">Available</a>	Available
Submit Appeals	<a href="#">Fastest Result</a> ✓	<a href="#">Available</a>	N/A
Submit Claim Disputes	<a href="#">Fastest Result</a> ✓	<a href="#">Available</a>	N/A
Submit Claims	<a href="#">Fastest Result</a> ✓	<a href="#">Available</a>	N/A
Submit Corrected Claims	<a href="#">Fastest Result</a> ✓	<a href="#">Available</a>	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](#)

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

#### Provider Services

##### Interactive Portal Registration

WellCare of Illinois	Phone: <b>1-855-538-0454</b>
WellCare of Illinois (Formerly MeridianCare Health Plan of Illinois, Inc.)	Phone: <b>1-877-902-6784</b>

TTY: 711

### WellCare Phone Numbers

#### Care and Disease Management Referrals

Phone: **1-833-849-3033** TTY: **711**  
Fax: **1-866-287-3286** Hours: **M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Eastern**

#### Risk Management

Phone: **1-844-667-3560**  
WellCare's Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline

#### Community Connections Help Line

Phone: **1-866-775-2192**

### Claim Submissions Information

**Submission Inquiries:**

**Support from Provider Services**

WellCare of Illinois	Phone: 1-855-538-0454
WellCare of Illinois (Formerly MeridianCare Health Plan of Illinois, Inc.)	Phone: 1-877-902-6784

For inquiries related to your electronic or paper submissions to WellCare, please contact our EDI team at [EDI-Master@wellcare.com](mailto:EDI-Master@wellcare.com).

**Electronic Funds Transfer and Electronic Remittance Advice:** Register online using the simplified, enhanced provider registration process: [PaySpan.com](http://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 (RF-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 (RF-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: <https://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 and 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/Illinois/Providers/Medicare/Claims](http://www.wellcare.com/Illinois/Providers/Medicare/Claims)

Mail paper claim submissions to:

**WellCare Health Plans  
Claims Department  
P.O. Box 31372  
Tampa, FL 33631-3372**

**Date of Service Guide to Determine Correct Payer**

- If billing a **fee for service (FFS) institutional submission with the bill types 18x, 21x or 32x**, please use the **through date to perform the date of service evaluation**. Institutional (837I) statement date is located in: Loop 2300 (DTP\*434\*from-through~) and for paper box FL-06 of the UB-04 standard paper form.
- If billing a **fee for service (FFS) professional or institutional submission with an outpatient bill type**, please use the **earliest from date to perform date of service evaluation**. Professional (837P) earliest service date in all claim lines which is located in Loop 2400 (DTP\*472\*from-through~) or FL-24a unshaded area on the CMS1500 02/12 form. Institutional statement date is located in Loop 2300 (DTP\*434\*from-through~) or FL-06 of the UB-04 paper form.
- If billing a **fee for service (FFS) institutional inpatient bill type (DRG pricing included)**, please use the **admit date to perform date of service evaluation**. Institutional (837I) statement date is located Loop 2300 (DTP\*435\*date~) or FL-06 of the UB-04 paper form.

### 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. Submit claim payment disputes in writing to WellCare within **90 days** of the date on the EOP. Submit all claims payment disputes with supporting documentation on our website: <https://provider.wellcare.com/>. Mail all claim payment disputes with supporting documentation to:

**WellCare Health Plans  
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 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### or PD### and **second level disputes for CPI##** on our website: <https://provider.wellcare.com/>.

Mail all disputes related to Explanation of Payment Codes beginning with IH###, CE### or PD### and <b>second level disputes for CPI##</b> to:	WellCare Health Plans Payment Policy Disputes Department P.O. Box 31426 Tampa, FL 33631-3426
Mail all medical records and <b>first level disputes</b> 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 <b>By Secure Internet Upload</b> Refer to Optum's Medical Record Request letter for further instructions.
Mail all disputes related to Explanation of Payment Codes LT###, RVLT#:	WellCare Health Plans CCR P.O. Box 31394 Tampa, FL 33631-3394
Mail all disputes related to Explanation of Payments Codes RVPI#.	PICRA P.O. Box 31416 Tampa, FL 33631-3416

### Recovery/Cost Containment Unit (CCU)

<b>Refund(s)</b> in response to a WellCare overpayment notification should include a copy of the overpayment notification any applicable attachment(s) and be sent to:	WellCare Health Plans Attn: CCU Recovery P.O. Box 31584 Tampa, FL 33631-3584
If you do not agree with the proposed WellCare overpayment notification related to adjustments <b>RVXX (Except RV059)</b> , which should refer to the <b>Claim Payment Disputes</b> section above), you may request an Administrative Review by submitting a dispute in writing within <b>45 days</b> of the recovery letter date. Your request should detail why you disagree with these findings and must include any supporting evidence/documentation you believe is pertinent to your position.	
Mail or fax your Administrative Review request to:	WellCare Health Plans Attn: CCU Recovery P.O. Box 31658 Tampa, FL 33631-3658  Fax: 1-813-283-3284
Additional documentation received after your initial Administrative Review request will not be considered. A Final Determination will be rendered within <b>30 days</b> 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.	
<b>Administrative Reviews related to Explanation of Payment Codes and Comments beginning with DN227, DN228 or RV213</b> 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.	
Mail or fax your dispute to:	Cotiviti Attn: WellCare Clinical Chart Validation Hillcrest III Building 731 Arbor Way, Suite 150 Blue Bell, PA 19422  Fax: 1-203-202-6607
<b>Provider Identified Refund(s)</b> 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.	
Please submit to:	WellCare Health Plans Attn: CCU Recovery P.O. Box 31584 Tampa, FL 33631-3584
<b>Note:</b> For single-claim checks, please use the <a href="#">Refund Check Informational Sheet</a> to help Recovery post accurately and timely. For checks in excess of <b>25 claims</b> , please complete the <a href="#">Refund Referral Grid</a> and email all supporting documentation, including the grid, to <a href="mailto:OverpaymentRefunds@wellcare.com">OverpaymentRefunds@wellcare.com</a> 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 (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 PO 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.

For WellCare denials, mail or fax medical appeals with supporting documentation to

**WellCare Health Plans** Fax: **1-866-201-0657**  
**Attn: Appeals Department**  
**P.O. Box 31368**  
**Tampa, FL 33631-3368**

For MeridianCare denials received in 2019, mail or fax medical appeals with supporting documentation to:

**WellCare of Illinois** Fax: **1-313-294-5552**  
**(Formerly MeridianCare Health Plan of Illinois, Inc.)**  
**Attn: Appeals Department**  
**P.O. Box 44260**  
**Detroit, MI 48244**

### Grievances

Member grievances may be filed verbally by contacting Customer Service or submitted by mail or fax. You may also file a grievance on behalf of the member with his/her written consent. Mail, Phone, Fax or Email member grievances to:

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

Email: [Operationalgrievance@wellcare.com](mailto:Operationalgrievance@wellcare.com) or [pdp grievance@wellcare.com](mailto:pdp grievance@wellcare.com)

### 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](#), [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.

*Providers should continue to submit authorization requests to the IPA for members in the Advocate IPA group.*

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**

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

#### 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**

#### 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**

#### Turning Point

**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 1-877-659-3409.**

**Contracted Networks**

Dental	WellCare of Illinois <a href="#">Liberty Dental Plan</a> Phone: 1-888-352-0196	WellCare of Illinois (Formerly MeridianCare Health Plan of Illinois, Inc.) <a href="#">DentaQuest*</a> Phone: 1-800-508-6780 <b>*Note – Based on plan code benefits</b>
Vision	WellCare of Illinois <a href="#">Premier Eye Care</a> Phone: 1-855-865-9723	WellCare of Illinois (Formerly MeridianCare Health Plan of Illinois, Inc.) <a href="#">Premier Vision*</a> Phone: 1-855-865-9724 <b>*Note – Based on plan code benefits</b>
Transportation	<a href="#">Logisticare*</a> Phone: 1-866-393-2157 <b>*Note – Based on plan code benefits</b>	
Hearing	<b>*Note – Based on plan code benefits</b>	WellCare of Illinois (Formerly MeridianCare Health Plan of Illinois, Inc.) <a href="#">HearUSA*</a> Phone: 1-844-339-1771 <b>*Note – Based on plan code benefits</b>

**Pharmacy Services**

**Pharmacy Services:**

WellCare of Illinois	Phone: 1-855-538-0454
WellCare of Illinois (Formerly MeridianCare Health Plan of Illinois, Inc.)	Phone: 1-833-857-0923

Including after-hours and weekends (CVS Caremark®)

Rx BIN	Rx PCN	Rx GRP	
004336	MEDDADV	788257	
<b>Exactus™ Pharmacy Solutions (Specialty)</b>			<b>1-866-458-9246</b>
<a href="mailto:exactus@wellcare.com">exactus@wellcare.com</a>			TTY: 1-855-516-5636
			Fax: 1-866-458-9245
<b>CVS Caremark Mail Service</b>			<b>1-866-808-7471</b>
			TTY: 1-866-236-1069
			Fax: 1-866-892-8194

**Medication Appeals:**

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

**Formulary Inclusions:**

To request consideration for inclusion of a drug to WellCare's formulary, you 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  
Web: [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 therapy is inappropriate

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

**Web-based information:**

[www.wellcare.com/Illinois/Providers/Medicare/Pharmacy](http://www.wellcare.com/Illinois/Providers/Medicare/Pharmacy)

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

**For Home Infusion/Enteral services:**

Once Authorization Approval is obtained through WellCare, if required, please contact our providers below to initiate Services:

**Coram® (Preferred):**  
Phone: 1-800-423-1411 Fax: 1-866-462-6726  
**Option Care™:**  
Phone: 1-800-551-9355 Fax: 1-847-589-1026

## 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 **P** symbol for easy identification. Requirements that have been edited for *clarification only* are denoted with an **ⓘ**.

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 free-standing 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 WellCare is necessary.

**All services rendered by non-participating 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 and follow the prompts.

WellCare of Illinois	Phone: <b>1-855-538-0454</b>
WellCare of Illinois (Formerly MeridianCare Health Plan of Illinois, Inc.)	Phone: <b>1-877-902-6784</b>

- 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 via fax using the numbers listed below 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.
- WellCare Health Plan 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 Health Plan to a provider within WellCare Health Plan’s contracted network. If a member requires out-of-network services because WellCare Health Plan is not contracted with a provider of like specialty, the IPA is required to notify WellCare Health Plan’s Utilization Management Department prior to issuing an authorization. The Utilization Management Department will discuss the case with the WellCare Health Plan 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 Health Plan Utilization Management Department. WellCare Health Plan’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 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 and Inpatient Clinical Submissions.

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

Web-based information: [www.wellcare.com/Illinois/Providers/Medicare/Behavioral-Health](http://www.wellcare.com/Illinois/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 is 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 Resource**.

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.
Behavioral Services	See Comments	Please refer to the <a href="#">Behavioral Health Authorization List</a> under <b>Other Resources</b> for authorization requirements. <a href="#">WellCare Web Submission Portal</a>

## 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 Authorization Requests and Inpatient Clinical Submissions.

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

WellCare of Illinois (Formerly MeridianCare Health Plan of Illinois, Inc.) Inpatient Discharge Planning Requests Fax: 1-855-776-9464

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	Contact <b>CareCentrix</b> for authorization: <a href="#">CareCentrix</a> Phone: 1-888-571-6028
Observations	See Comments	Elective procedures that convert to an Observation stay are subject to Outpatient authorization requirements. <a href="#">Authorization Lookup Tool</a> 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 <b>TurningPoint</b> for prior authorization: <a href="#">TurningPoint Portal</a> Phone: 1-877-659-3409 Fax: 1-773-819-2024
Rehabilitation Facility Admissions		Contact <b>CareCentrix</b> for authorization: <a href="#">CareCentrix</a> Phone: 1-888-571-6028
Skilled Nursing Facility Admissions		Contact <b>CareCentrix</b> for authorization: <a href="#">CareCentrix</a> Phone: 1-888-571-6028
Spinal Surgery	Yes – See Comments	Contact <b>TurningPoint</b> for prior authorization: <a href="#">TurningPoint Portal</a> Phone: 1-877-659-3409 Fax: 1-773-819-2024

## Outpatient Services

### [WellCare Web Submission Portal](#)

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

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

WellCare of Illinois (Formerly MeridianCare Health Plan of Illinois, Inc.) Inpatient Discharge Planning Requests Fax: 1-855-776-9464  
Pharmacy Medical Requests Fax: 1-888-871-0564

PROCEDURES and SERVICES	Authorization Required	Comments
Select Outpatient Procedures	Yes – See Comments	Please refer to the <a href="#">Authorization Lookup Tool</a> for prior authorization requirements. <a href="#">WellCare Web Submission Portal</a>
Advanced Radiology Services: CT, CTA, MRA, MRI, Nuclear Cardiology, Nuclear Medicine, PET and SPECT Scans	Yes – See Comments	Contact eviCore for authorization: <a href="#">eviCore Provider Web Portal</a> Phone: 1-888-333-8641 <a href="#">Advanced Radiology Program Criteria</a> <a href="#">Radiology Request Forms</a>
Cardiology Services: Cardiac Imaging, Cardiac Catheterization, Diagnostic Cardiac Procedures and Echo Stress Tests	Yes – See Comments	Contact eviCore for authorization: <a href="#">eviCore Provider Web Portal</a> Phone: 1-888-333-8641 <a href="#">Cardiology Program Criteria</a> <a href="#">Cardiology Worksheets</a>
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. *For Home Infusion/Enteral Services please refer to the Pharmacy Section above for the preferred provider if the authorization is required.
Hospice Care Services	No	
Investigational & Experimental Procedures and Treatment	Yes	<a href="#">Refer to Clinical Coverage Guidelines</a> <a href="#">WellCare Web Submission Portal</a>
Laboratory Management (Certain Molecular and Genetic Tests)	Yes – See Comments	Contact eviCore for authorization: <a href="#">eviCore Provider Web Portal</a> Phone: 1-888-333-8641 <a href="#">WellCare Lab Management Program Criteria</a> <a href="#">Molecular and Genetic Testing Quick Reference Guide</a>
Medical Oncology Services	Yes	Contact HealthHelp for authorization: <a href="#">HealthHelp Portal</a> Phone: 1-888-210-3736 <a href="#">Medical Oncology Program Services</a>
Non-contracted (nonparticipating) Provider Services	Yes	All services from nonparticipating providers require prior authorization.
Orthopedic Surgery	Yes – See Comments	Contact TurningPoint for prior authorization: <a href="#">TurningPoint Portal</a> Phone: 1-877-659-3409 Fax: 1-773-819-2024
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: <a href="#">eviCore Provider Web Portal</a> Phone: 1-888-333-8641 <a href="#">Pain Management Program Criteria</a> <a href="#">Musculoskeletal Management Request Forms</a>



PROCEDURES and SERVICES	Authorization Required	Comments
Physical and Occupational Therapy (including home-based therapy) <b>*Excluding Episode of Care Requests. Please contact WellCare for all services rendered during an Episode of Care</b>	Yes – See Comments	Contact eviCore for authorization: <a href="#">eviCore Provider Web Portal</a> Phone: 1-888-333-8641 <a href="#">Physical and Occupational Therapy Program Criteria PT/OT Worksheets</a>
Radiation Therapy Management	Yes – See Comments	Contact HealthHelp for authorization: <a href="#">HealthHelp Portal</a> Phone: 1-888-210-3736 <a href="#">Radiation Therapy Management Program Resources</a>
Sleep Diagnostics	Yes – See Comments	Contact eviCore for authorization: <a href="#">eviCore Provider Web Portal</a> Phone: 1-888-333-8641 <a href="#">Sleep Diagnostics Program Criteria</a> <a href="#">Sleep Management Worksheets</a>
Speech Therapy	Yes	<a href="#">WellCare Web Submission Portal</a>
Spinal Surgery	Yes – See Comments	Contact TurningPoint for prior authorization: <a href="#">TurningPoint Portal</a> Phone: 1-877-659-3409 Fax: 1-773-819-2024
Transplant Services	Yes	Please submit clinical records for prior authorization for all transplant phases.