



NETWORK *Notification*

Notice Date: February 24, 2025
To: Ohio Medicaid, MyCare, Marketplace and D-SNP Providers
From: CareSource
Subject: Temporary Waiver of Prior Authorization Requirements for Nursing Home Admissions from Hospital

Summary

Ohio is currently experiencing an exceptionally high and rapidly increasing rate of hospitalization due to influenza, placing significant strain on our health care system. The impact is especially pronounced in our hospitals' ability to continue providing care to new patients.

Impact

To reduce strain on our health care system, CareSource is temporarily waiving prior authorization requirements for nursing home admissions through March 9, 2025. The prior authorization waiver applies to members in inpatient care seeking nursing facility services upon discharge. Nursing homes are required to notify CareSource of a member's admission no later than three calendar days from the admission date. Notification must include the following:

1. Member demographics
2. Actual admission date
3. Clinical information supporting need for admission and continued stay
4. Evidence of Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) and results or the Hospital Exemption Notice

Importance

CareSource will provide approval of the first three days of the admission and immediately initiate the continued stay review process using the clinical information submitted by the nursing home. Determinations regarding the initial approval and continued stay will be communicated to the nursing home and member per routine processes in compliance with state and federal requirements.

Questions?

For additional questions, please contact Provider Services Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

- Medicaid/MyCare: **1-800-488-0134**
- Marketplace: **1-833-230-2101**
- D-SNP: **1-833-230-2176**

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