Durable Medical Equipment Utilization Management Program for Prominence Health Members

Provider Orientation















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- Provider Portal
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Company Overview

Medical Benefits Management (MBM)



Addressing the complexity of the healthcare system



10 Comprehensive solutions



Evidence-based clinical guidelines



5k+ employees, including 1k+ clinicians



Advanced, innovative, and intelligent technology

Program Overview

Prominence Medicare Precertification Services

eviCore healthcare (eviCore) will begin accepting precertification requests for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) services on November 14, 2022 for Prominence members with Medicare Advantage coverage for dates of service of November 14, 2022 and beyond.

Precertification applies to DME that is:

- Home Based
- Medically Necessary

Precertification does **NOT** apply to services that are performed in:

- Hospital setting
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Surgical settings

Providers should verify customer eligibility and benefits on the secured provider log in section on the Prominence provider portal https://prominence.aaneelcare.com/#!/login or by calling Prominence Provider Services at 855-969-5882.

Applicable Memberships

Precertification is required for Prominence Medicare Advantage Members who have Durable Medical Equipment Coverage.

Medical Necessity Criteria for DME Management

- Medicare Benefit Policy Manual
- NCD
- LCD/LCA
- MCG[™] Evidence-Based Care Guidelines for DME services
- eviCore proprietary guidelines

DME Covered Services

- Oxygen/Related Equipment
- Diabetic Shoes
- Decubitus Care Equipment
- Hospital Beds and Accessories
- Ventilators
- Pacemaker Monitor
- CPAP's and Supplies
- Patient Lifts
- Wheelchairs
- Prosthetics
- Orthotics
- Other

For continued rentals that did not require a precertification prior to 11/14/22

- If the claim is submitted with a start date prior to 11/14/22, no precertification is required
- If the claim's start date is 11/14/22 or after, a precertification must be obtained and secured before submitting a claim
- Authorization must be obtained from eviCore if the claim has a date of 11/14/22 or beyond

To find a complete list of DME Healthcare Procedural Codes (HCPCS) that require precertification through eviCore, please visit:

evicore.com/resources/healthplan/prominence

DME Precertification Required Information and Methods to Submit Requests

Keys to Successful Precertifications

To obtain precertification on the very first submission, the provider submitting the request will need to gather four (4) categories of information:

1. Customer

Customer ID Customer name Date of Birth (DOB)

2. Rendering Facility

Facility name
National provider identifier (NPI)
Tax identification number (TIN)
Phone & Fax number



3. Referring Physician

Physician name
National provider identifier (NPI)
Tax Identification Number (TIN)
Phone & Fax number

4. Supporting Clinical

Current physicians order/script Current clinicals relating to request (ie patient history, progress notes and physical exams)

Current detailed invoice listing all requested equipment

Current certificate or letter of medical necessity

Process for Additional Documentation Requests

If all **FOUR (4)** pieces of documentation that must be submitted to eviCore are not received, or are insufficient for eviCore to reach a determination, the following will occur

A Hold letter will be faxed to the DME Supplier and Ordering Physician requesting additional documentation

The Supplier must fax back the additional information

eviCore will review the Additional Documentation and reach a determination

- The number of days the case will remain on hold will be outlined on the Hold Letter.
- The Medicare timeframe is much shorter and depends on the age of the case
- Determination will be done within 2 business days for a routine request and within 72 hours for an Urgent Request



Methods for Precertification Requests

www.evicore.com/pages/providerlogin.aspx

Available 24/7 and the **quickest** way to create precertification and check existing case status



NOTE: Our preference is for you to submit your request through our portal on line.

Other methods:

Fax:

866.663.7740 with DME precertification form

Phone:

844.224.0495, Option 1 for Providers

Monday – Friday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. PST Saturday 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. PST Sunday 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. PST Holidays 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. PST 24 hour on call coverage

Important: eviCore recommends a completed DME precertification form for all DME requests submitted by fax

Precertification Outcomes and Special Considerations

Precertification Approval

Approved Requests

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- If the claim is submitted with a start date prior to 11/14/22, no precertification is required
- If the claim's start date is 11/14/22 or after, a precertification must be obtained and secured before submitting a claim
- Standard requests are processed within 2 business days after receipt of all necessary clinical information
- Authorization start date will begin on the date of case creation, minus retroactive requests. Monthly rentals are valid for how many units are approved. Purchases are usually valid for 180 days and daily rentals are usually valid for 90 days.
- DME HCPCS code list is subject to change so please refer to our provider resources site and any Durable Medical Equipment announcements we send out.
- Precertification letters will be faxed to the ordering physician & rendering provider and can be printed on demand from the eviCore portal at www.eviCore.com
- Members will receive a precertification letter by mail



Oxygen and DME in Hospital Requests Pending Hospital Discharge

Oxygen Requests

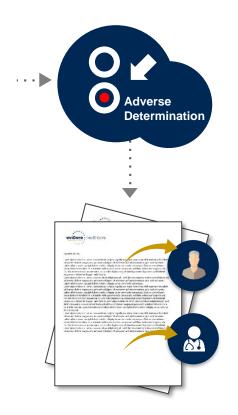
- To support member discharge goals, eviCore will review Oxygen requests by phone and offer verbal decisions in real-time when medical necessity is met. The DME supplier will then be responsible to fax the supporting clinical to eviCore at 866-663-7740.
- All 'non-hospital discharge' requests for oxygen will be processed as any other standard precertification request.

Other DME

For hospital discharges that are contingent upon precertification for all other DME, the DME supplier should submit the requests using one of following methods:

- 1.Fax supporting clinical documentation and indicate "**Pending Discharge**" on the fax cover sheet or precertification form to 866-663-7740.
- 2.Call eviCore at 844-224-0495 to complete the precertification process by phone and indicate "Hospital discharge is pending DME Precertification" during the clinical intake discussion.
- 3. Submit request via the portal and indicate "Hospital discharge is pending DME Precertification" in the free note section.

Precertification Outcomes - Denied Requests



Based on evidence-based guidelines, an adverse determination is made and the request is denied

A denial letter with the rationale for the decision and the appeal rights will be issued to both the provider and customer

Determination letters can be printed on demand from the eviCore portal at www.evicore.com

Special Circumstances

Urgent Precertification Requests

- eviCore uses the NCQA/URAC definition of urgent: when a delay in decision-making may seriously jeopardize the life or health of the customer
- Can be initiated by phone (recommended), fax or portal.
- Urgent request precertification determinations will be made within 72 hours.

^{*} Due to the shortened timeframe for an urgent decision, we will not pend the case to request additional information and the case is reviewed with the information submitted initially.



Special Circumstances cont.

Retroactive Requests

- eviCore can't process a retro request after the date of service.
 The only exception is when there is an eligibility issue with the customer.
- In the absence of an eligibility issue, the DME provider will need to file a claim and do a claims appeal through Prominence.



Special Circumstances cont.

Alternate Recommendation

- An alternate recommendation for DME that is more medically appropriate may be offered, based on evidence-based clinical guidelines
- The ordering physician can accept the alternate recommendation and a new approved request will be built
- The ordering provider has up to 60 calendar days to contact eviCore to accept the alternate recommendation
- If the alternate recommendation is accepted before a denial, the code will be updated to the code accepted. If the request already has a final case decision, then a new approved request will be built.



Pre-Decision Options: Medicare Customers

I've received a request for additional clinical information. What's next?

Submission of Additional Clinical Information

- eviCore will notify ordering physician telephonically before a denial decision is issued on Medicare cases
- You can submit additional clinical information to eviCore for consideration per the instructions received
- Additional clinical information must be submitted to eviCore in advance of the due date referenced

Pre-Decision Clinical Consultation

- Providers can choose to request a Pre-Decision Clinical Consultation instead of submitting additional clinical information
- The Pre-Decision Clinical Consultation must occur prior to the due date referenced
- If additional information was submitted, we proceed with our determination and are not obligated to hold the case for a Pre-Decision Clinical Consultation, even if the due date has not yet lapsed

Post-Decision Options: Medicare Customers

My case has been denied. What's next?

Clinical Consultation

- Providers can request a Clinical Consultation with an eviCore physician to better understand the reason for denial
- Once a denial decision has been made, however, the decision cannot be overturned via Clinical Consultation
- Only Physicians, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants can request a clinical consultation by visiting: www.evicore.com/provider/request-a-clinical-consultation or call eviCore at 866.220.4699

Reconsideration

Medicare cases do not include a Reconsideration option

Appeals

- eviCore will not process first-level appeals for Prominence
- Appeal requests must be submitted directly to the health plan

Provider Resources

Dedicated Call Center

Precertification Call Center – 844.224.0495, Option 1 for Providers

Monday - Friday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. PST Saturday 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. PST Sunday 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. PST Holidays 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. PST 24 hour on call coverage

Providers can contact our call center to perform one of the following:

- Request precertification
- Check Status of existing precertification requests
- Discuss questions regarding precertification and case decisions
- Change facility or HCPCS code(s) on an existing case
- Request to speak to a clinical reviewer
- Schedule a clinical consultation request with an eviCore Medical Director

Note: To ensure you have a successful experience in reaching the desired representative, please listen carefully to the phone prompts when calling the eviCore call center.



Client & Provider Operations Team

Client and Provider Services

Dedicated team to address provider-related requests and concerns including:

Questions regarding accuracy assessment

Requests for a precertification to be resent to the health plan

Consumer engagement Inquiries

Eligibility issues (customer, rendering facility, or ordering physician)

Issues experienced during case creation

How to Contact our Client and Provider Services team

Email: <u>ClientServices@evicore.com</u> (preferred)

Phone: 800.575.4517

For prompt service, please have all pertinent information available. When emailing, make sure to include "Prominence Medicare Advantage DME health plan" in the subject line with a description of the issue; include customer, provider and case details when applicable.



Provider Resources

Client Specific Provider Resource Pages

eviCore's Provider Experience team maintains provider resource pages that contain client and solution specific educational materials to assist providers and their staff on a daily basis. The provider resource page will include but is not limited to the following educational materials:

- Provider Training Documents
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Documents
- Quick Reference Guides (QRG)
- Provider Training Sessions' Details
- HCPCS Precertification Certification Code List
- DME Precertification Form

To access these helpful resources, please visit evicore.com/resources/healthplan/prominence



Provider Portal for DME

Benefits of eviCore Provider Portal

Did you know that most providers are already saving time submitting precertification requests online? The provider portal allows you to get a decision much faster. Following are some benefits and features:

- Saves time: Quicker process than phone precertification requests
- Available 24/7: You can access the portal any time and any day
- Upload additional clinical information: No need to fax in supporting clinical documentation. It can be uploaded on the portal to support a new request or when additional information is requested
- Check case status in real-time
- View and print determination information

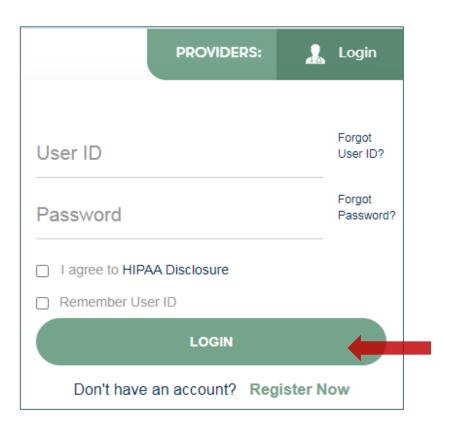
 To speak with a Portal Specialist, call 800.646.0418 (Option #2) or email portal.support@evicore.com

Account Registration

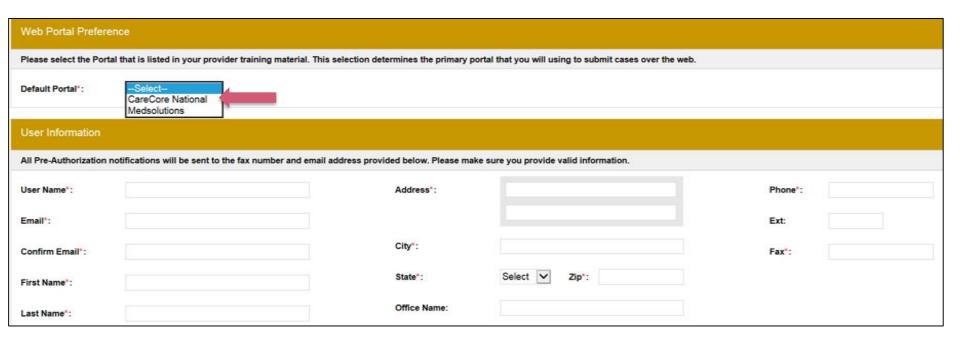
eviCore healthcare website

Point web browser to evicore.com

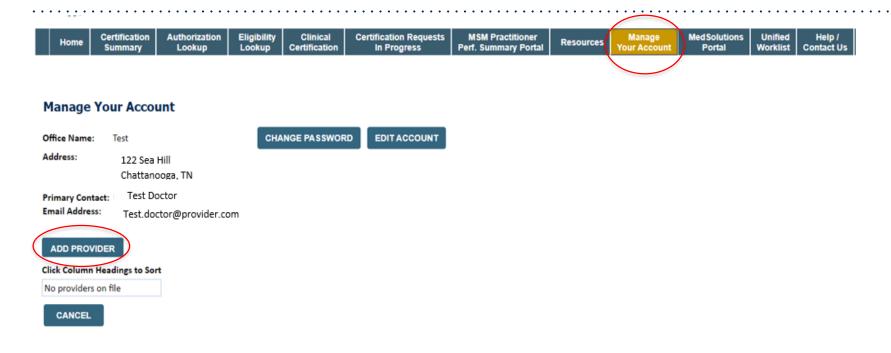
- Login or Register
- To create a new account, click Register
 Now



Creating An Account



- Select CareCore National as the Default Portal, complete the User Information section in full and Submit Registration.
- You will immediately be sent an email with a link to create a password. Once you
 have created a password, you will be redirected to the log in page.
- Once logged in, you will have the ability to initiate a case, check a case status and much more!



 Once logged in, you will want to add providers to your account prior to case submission. Click the "Manage Account" tab, then the Add Provider link. You should add all referring providers to your account also.

Certification Requests Eligibility Clinical **MSM Practitioner Med Solutions** Certification Authorization Manage Unified Help / Home Resources Perf. Summary Portal Summary Lookup Lookup Certification In Progress Your Account **Portal** Worklist **Contact Us**

Add Practitioner

Enter Practitioner information and find matches.

*If registering as rendering genetic testing Lab site, enter Lab Billing NPI, State and Zip

Practitioner NPI 12356789

Practitioner State TN▼

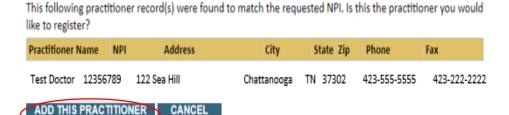
Practitioner Zip 37302



- Enter the Practitioner NPI, State, and Zip Code to search for the Physician.
- Click on Find Matches



Add Practitioner



- Select the matching record based upon your search criteria.
- Once you have selected a practitioner, your registration will be complete



Add Practitioner

If you wish to add an additional practitioner, click the "Add Another Practitioner" button. If you are finished, click the "Continue" button to return to your account.



You can also click "Add Another Practitioner" to add another Physician to your account

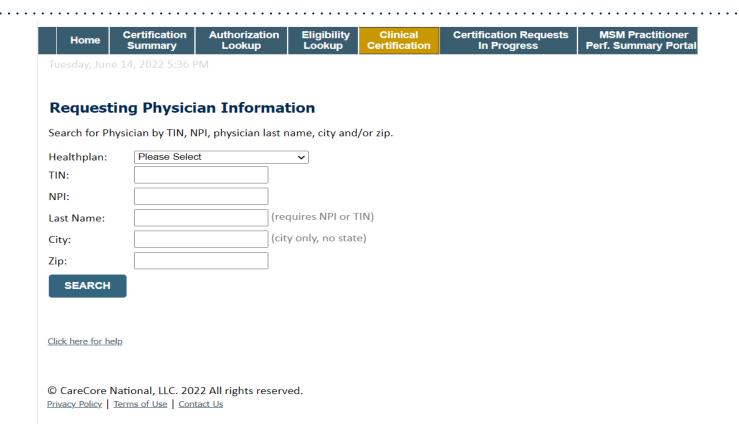
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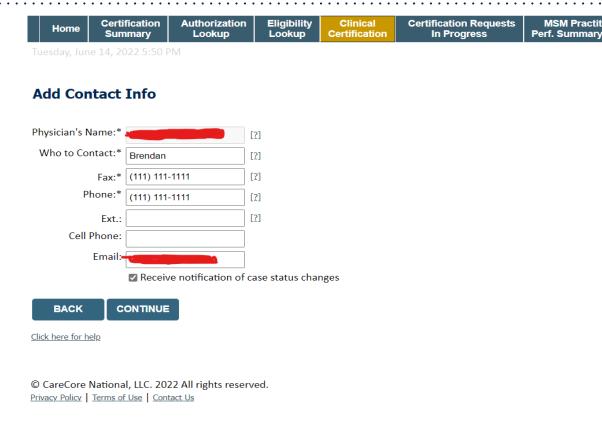
- Choose Clinical Certification to begin a new case request
- Select the appropriate program
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME) should be chosen for all requests
- Choose who is building the case

Requesting Physician Information



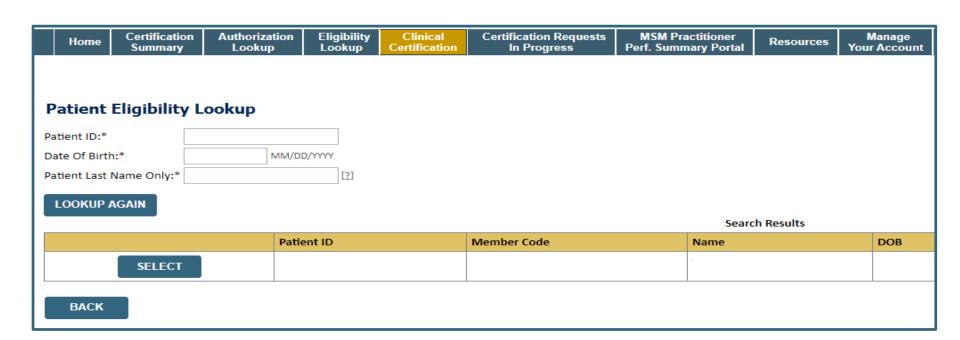
 Enter the insurance and ordering Physician information for whom you want to build a case for.

Physician Contact Information



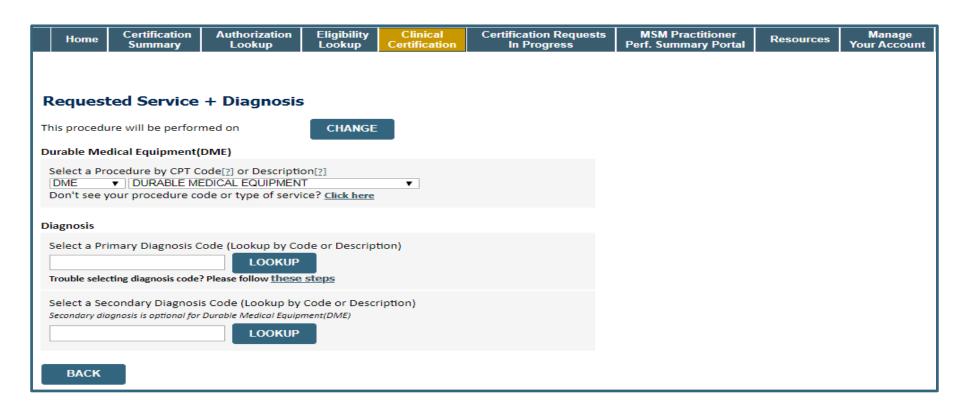
- Enter the appropriate person to contact at the physicians office.
- Include contact information for eviCore to reach out.

Customer Information



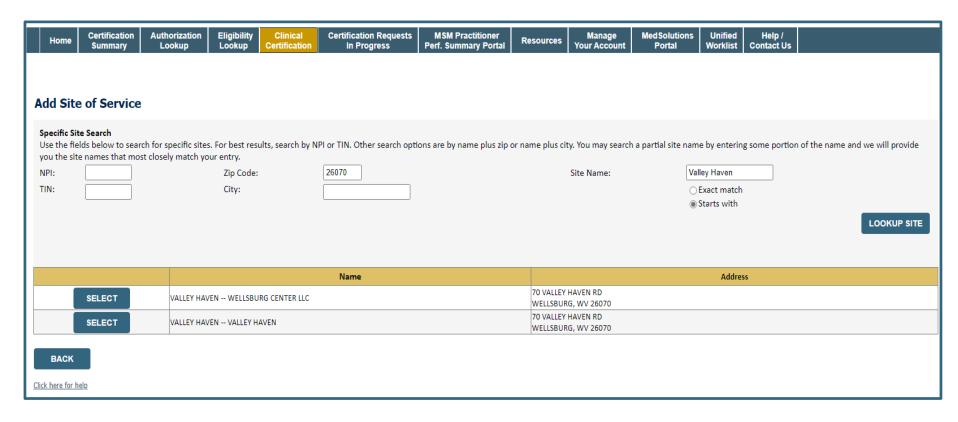
 Enter the patient information including the Patient ID number, date of birth, and patient's last name. Click "Eligibility Lookup" and select the appropriate patient

Clinical Details



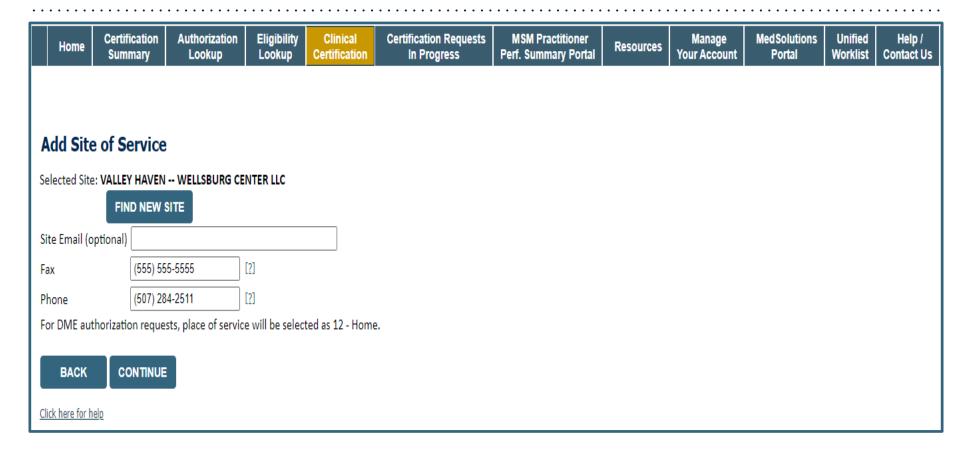
Select "DME" and Diagnosis code(s) and Continue to confirm

Site Selection



Search for the site that is dispensing the equipment by entering the NPI

Site Selection



- Enter your Fax and Phone number
- Enter an email address to receive email notifications with status updates

Clinical Certification

Eligibility MSM Practitioner Certification Authorization Clinical **Certification Requests** Manage Resources Home In Progress Perf. Summary Portal Summary Lookup Certification Your Account Lookup Proceed to Clinical Information You are about to enter the clinical information collection phase of the authorization process. Once you have clicked "Continue," you will not be able to edit the Provider, Patient, or Service information entered in the previous steps. Please be sure that all this data has been entered correctly before continuing. In order to ensure prompt attention to your on-line request, be sure to click SUBMIT CASE before exiting the system. This final step in the on-line process is required even if you will be submitting additional information at a later time. Failure to formally submit your request by clicking the SUBMIT CASE button will cause the case record to expire with no additional correspondence from eviCore. CONTINUE **BACK**

- Verify all information entered and make any needed changes prior to moving into the clinical collection phase of the prior authorization process
- You will not have the opportunity to make changes after this point

Urgent vs Standard

Select an Urgency Indicator and
Upload your patient's relevant medical records that support your request.

If your request is urgent select No, if the case is standard select Yes.

Proceed to Clinical Information is this case Routine/Standard?

YES NO

Important: In order to reduce denials, a request **should not be submitted as "urgent"**, unless it meets the NCQA/URAC definition of urgent: when a delay in decision-making may seriously jeopardize the life or health of the customer. Urgent Requests determinations will be rendered within 72 hours and will be based **solely** on clinical information received within that timeframe.

Codes and Units



- Enter the Primary code and number of units
- You can click the "Finish Later" button to save your progress. You have two (2) business days to complete the case
- Clinical Certification questions populate based upon the information provided

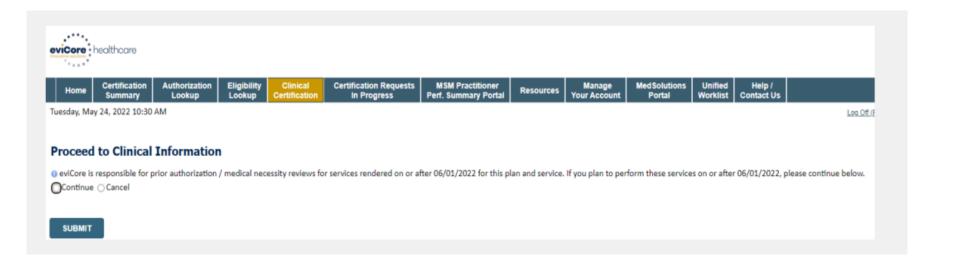
Additional Code Requests



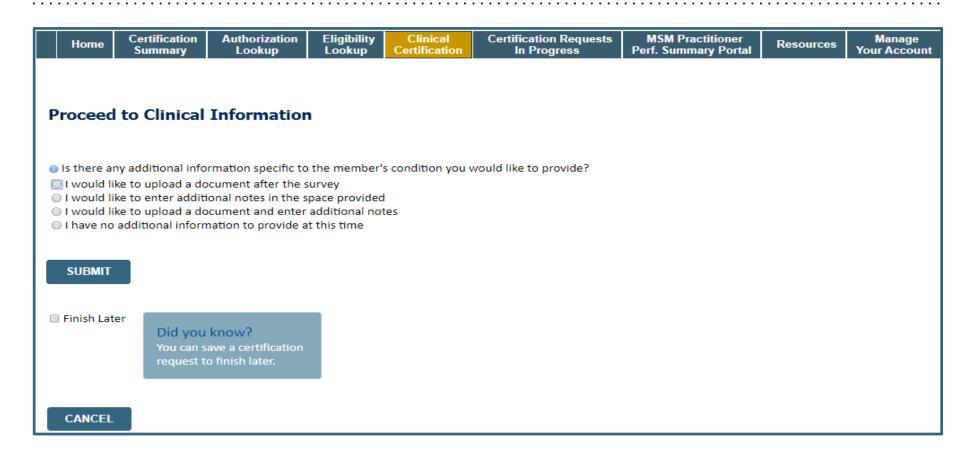
If additional requests are needed, you may enter them here

Date of Durable Medical Equipment Delivery

Confirm the date of delivery is on November 14th 2022 or beyond.

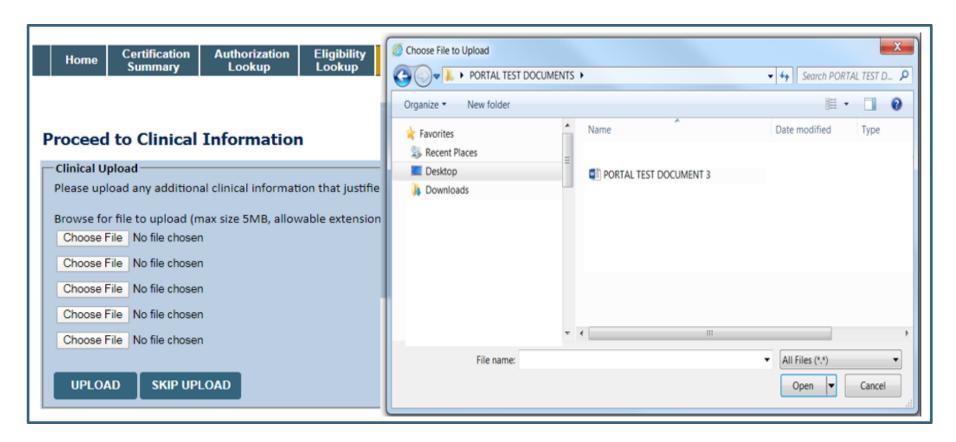


Upload Clinical Documents or Notes



 On this screen, you can either choose to upload clinical documents, enter important notes, or both

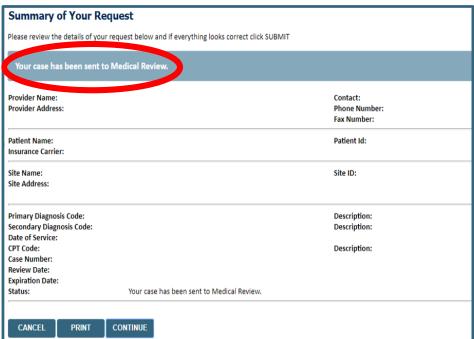
Upload Clinical Documents



- To attach documents, you will navigate to your desktop, locate the document, and choose upload
- Once complete, you can submit the case

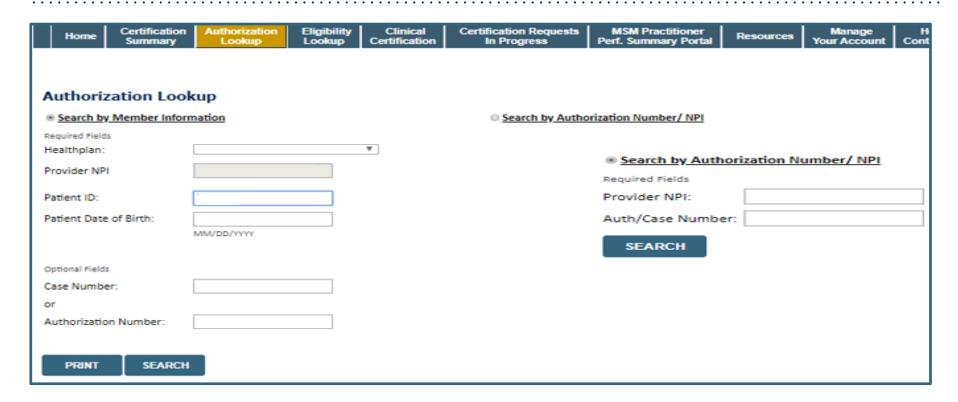
Outcome Determination

Summary of Your Request Summary of Your Request Please review the details of your request below and if everything looks correct click SUBMIT Your case has been sent to Medical Review. Your case has been Approved. **Provider Name:** Contact: Provider Name: Provider Address: Phone Number: Provider Address: Fax Number: Patient Name: Patient Id: Patient Name: Insurance Carrier: Insurance Carrier: Site Name: Site Name: Site ID: Site Address: Site Address: Primary Diagnosis Code: Description: Primary Diagnosis Code: Secondary Diagnosis Code: Description: Secondary Diagnosis Code: Date of Service: Date of Service: Description: CPT Code: CPT Code: Case Number: Authorization Number: Review Date: Review Date: Expiration Date: **Expiration Date:** Status: Status: Your case has been Approved. CANCEL CONTINUE PRINT CONTINUE CANCEL



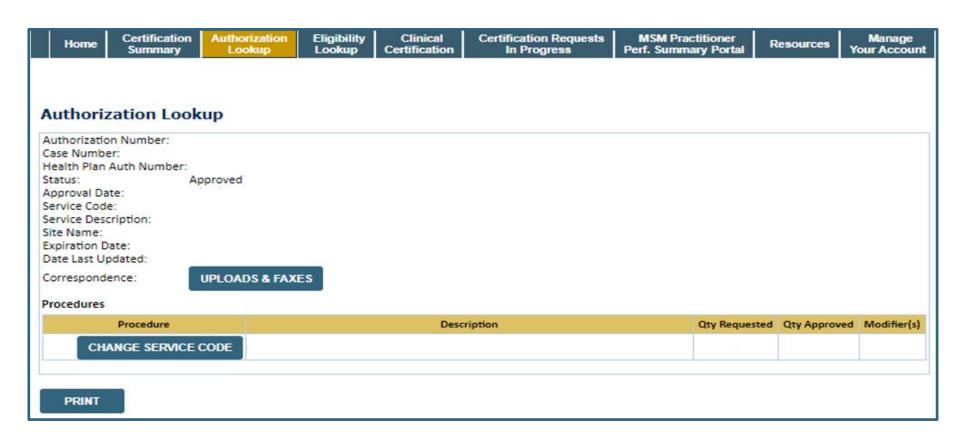
- · Case will be either pended for medical review or approved
- You should save or print this screen for your records

Authorization Lookup



- To look up the status of an Authorization, Select Search by Authorization Number/NPI. Enter the provider's NPI and authorization or case number. Select Search.
- You can also search for an authorization by Member Information, and enter the health plan, Provider NPI, patient's ID number, and patient's date of birth.

Upload Correspondence



• The authorization will then be accessible to review. To print authorization correspondence, select Uploads & Faxes.

Thank You!



