

Molina Healthcare of Texas

Some services need a preauthorization process. This process shows if the service is a covered benefit and if that benefit is “medically necessary.” This means a provider works with Molina to decide that a health care service is clinically appropriate or clinically significant, in terms of type, frequency, event or site, according to any applicable, generally accepted principles and practices of good medical care or practice guidelines. The table below shows the different types of notices a provider and/or member may get during the preauthorization process.

| Member and/or Provider Notification | Type of Notice | Definition |
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| Member and Provider | Extension Notice | Extension to the preauthorization process is when more time is needed to complete the request for service review. Reasons for an extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You or your physician asked for an extension so that more information could be gathered. • Or Molina feels that we may be able to approve the request with more information. |
| Provider and/or Member | Notification for Incomplete Prior Authorization Requests | If Essential Information on a PA request is missing, incorrect, or illegible, Molina will not enter the request into the system. Molina will reject the request to the provider with an explanation of why the submitted request was not processed as submitted and include instruction to resubmit the PA request with complete Essential Information. If a PA request is missing documentation to determine medical necessity and it will likely result in an Adverse Benefit Determination, the PA request must be limited to the PA requirements listed on Molina’s website on the date the request is received. Molina will utilize the PA request process described in this chapter to request additional documentation. Molina will issue coverage determinations for Incomplete PA Requests according to the following timelines: |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify the requesting provider and Member, in writing, of missing information no later than 3 Business Days after the PA Receive Date. Additionally, Molina is permitted to contact the provider by telephone and obtain the information necessary to resolve the Incomplete PA Request. Molina’s written request for additional information must include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A statement that Molina has reviewed the PA request and is unable to make a decision about the requested services without the submission of additional information. ○ A clear and specific list and description of missing/incomplete/incorrect information or documentation that must be submitted in order to consider the request complete. ○ An applicable timeline for the provider to submit the missing information. ○ Information on the manner through which a provider may contact Molina. |
| Provider | Peer to Peer Notice | Before sending an adverse benefit determination, Molina allows one business day or a reasonable opportunity to the requesting provider to discuss the medical necessity of the service being requested. |
| Provider | Approval Notification | Providers receive faxed approval notifications of pre-authorized services to include type and quantity. All approved authorizations will have this standard disclaimer as well: Disclaimer: This authorization number is not a guarantee of |

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| | | <p>reimbursement/payment.</p> <p>Reimbursement is based on eligibility, medical necessity, and the benefit provisions of the patient's plan at the time services are rendered. If services, Providers, or dates of service change from the dates indicated, Molina Healthcare must be notified prior to services being rendered or it could result in nonpayment of an associated claim</p> |
| Member and Provider | Adverse Benefit Determination | <p>When a service is not approved, Molina will send a formal adverse benefit determination letter which includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The dates, types and amount of service requested. 2. The type of action Molina has taken or plans to take (such as denial or limited authorization of a requested service; reduction, suspension or termination of a previously authorized service, etc.). 3. The date Molina will take the action. 4. An explanation of the reasons for the Molina's decision. 5. How to contact Molina if another language is needed 6. A description of Molina's internal appeals process 7. Details of the State Fair Hearing process 8. Where to get help getting low cost legal services |