

COVID-19 Update for Hospitals & Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)

In accordance with the CMS suggested transition of patients due to the current COVID 19 surge, Molina has implemented the following change. Molina will re-evaluate based on the COVID 19 positivity rates weekly and notify providers immediately of any changes.

Authorization Suspended for Initial Transfers to Skilled Nursing Facilities

Effective immediately, Molina will allow hospitals to transfer patients to a SNF without Prior Authorization (PA). Molina will provide an authorization number after notification of SNF admission.

For those members that admit to the SNF without PA, the facility is allowed 5 calendar days to submit clinical information to Molina. Clinical information should be faxed to the following:

- Medicaid/Marketplace: 800-594-7404
- Medicare Complete Care (HMO SNP) and MI Health Link (MMP) 844-834-2152

This would not apply to transfers to Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation (AIR) or Long-Term Acute Care (LTAC) facilities, which will continue to require prior authorization.

Molina will conduct continued stay reviews directly with the Skilled Nursing Facility and will authorize days after the initial transfer.

Thank you for serving Molina members.

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