

GUIDE TO THE SHORT-TERM REHABILITATION THERAPY EXTENSION REQUEST FORM

INTRODUCTION

This guide will help you complete the Short-Term Rehabilitation Therapy Extension Request Form to make the authorization process for ongoing services easier for you. Please file this form one week prior to the last covered service.

FORM SECTIONS

PATIENT AND PROVIDER INFORMATION SECTION

Please complete all patient and provider information. Clinical information should include:

- Date of onset/exacerbation
- Date of initial evaluation
 - Attach initial evaluation or complete the initial evaluation section
- Document any previous known treatments with you or another provider (example: PT, OT or medical such as injections, chiropractor, etc.)

Member name

MEMBER INFORMATION

- Please include the first date of service and discharge dates or enter "unknown"
- If you or another provider has treated patient for other diagnoses within previous 12 months, please include first date of service and discharge date or enter "unknown"

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- Please enter "see attached" if information is included in history or assessment
- Please document No Treatment or Unknown if the patient reports no previous treatment or if the patient does not provide their history

REQUESTED SERVICES SECTION

Clinical information should be complete, including requested services for current diagnosis:

- Complete the actual extension start date and the anticipated discharge date
- Request number of visits, not to exceed a 4-week period (monthly progress must be verified)

Requested services Occupational therapy Anticipated discharge date: Extension start date: sted in this 4-week period Is the member receiving speech therapy elsewhere? ☐ School ☐ Early Intervention ☐ Other:

REQUESTED SERVICES

CLINICAL UPDATE ON PROGRESS TOWARD GOALS SECTION

Please complete the initial evaluation section or attach the initial evaluation.

For barriers to progress, please include co-morbid conditions or lack of compliance

Problem list	Initial evaluation (1st extension only):	Previous status:	Current status:	Goals:
Pain				
Range of motion (ROM)				
Strength				
Function (include functional update, ADL/IADL findings, limitations)				
Barriers to progress:			•	•
Treatment plan for this diagnosis:				

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Please attach initial evaluation and most recent progress summary and fax to Health & Medical Management at 1-888-282-0780, or: For Blue Cross employees, please fax to: 1-617-246-4299 For Medicare Advantage members, please fax to: 1-800-447-2994

Provider name

PROVIDER INFORMATION

For Physical and Occupational Therapies

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- For a break in treatment of more than 30 days, the referring medical provider must request an initial evaluation for the same or a new condition
- For a new condition being added to the current plan of care, please provide an updated script
- Include most recent medical follow up, next scheduled appointment, medical interventions, and test results
- Note that "return to sports/leisure is not a covered benefit
- Verify patient's benefits for the following services:
 - Temporal mandibular joint syndrome (TMJ)
 - Habilitative Therapy

RESOURCES

MEDICAL POLICIES

Visit our Medical Policy site for <u>commercial HMO/POS</u> and <u>Medicare Advantage</u> members and search for keywords such as:

- Biofeedback
- Sensory Integration Therapy
- Auditory Integration Therapy
- Functional Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation
- Hippotherapy
- Ionotophoresis Phonophoresis
- Medical Technology Assessment Guidelines
- Pelvic Floor Stimulation
- Temporomandibular Joint Syndrome
- Transcutaneous Electrical Stimulation (TENS)
- Dry Needling and Trigger Point Injections
- Complementary Medicine

PROVIDER CENTRAL RESOURCES

- Prior Authorization Overview
 - Provider Central > Clinical Resources > Prior Authorization > Prior Auth Overview
- Outpatient Rehabilitation Therapy
 - Provider Central > Clinical Resources > Prior Authorization > Outpatient Rehabilitation Therapy
- InterQual Criteria (log in for the Transparency Tool)
 - Provider Central > Clinical Resources > Coverage Criteria & Guidelines > InterQual Criteria
- Reviews and Appeals
 - Provider Central > Office Resources > Policies & Guidelines > Reviews and Appeals

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