# Evolent Health Utilization Management Department

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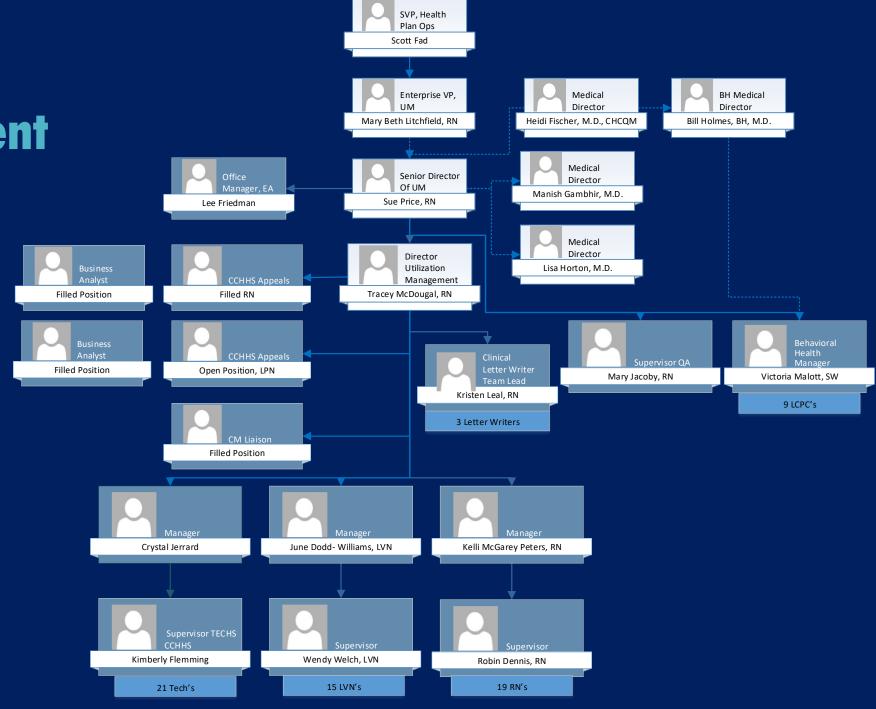
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# Utilization Management Structure



# **UM Roles**



UM Technicians

Behavioral Health Team

UM Licensed Vocational Nurses

**UM Registered Nurses** 

**UM Supervisors** 

**UM Managers** 

Medical Directors

Clinical Letter Writers

# Behavioral Health Overview

Processes requests for behavioral health and substance use disorders such as:

Inpatient admissions for behavioral health, eating disorders and substance use disorders

Crisis Stabilization

Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT)

Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP)

Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP)

Community Based Services (CBS)

 Requests are categorized by the primary diagnosis given by the provider

# Methods for Submitting Prior Authorization Request



### FAX

- A completed Prior Authorization Request Form can be submitted:
- Inpatient Fax Line: 800-856-9434
- Behavioral Health Fax Line: 800-498-8217
- Outpatient Fax Line: 866-209-3703
- Forms can be located on the website at ttp://www.countycare.com/resources

### **PHONE**

• Contact Prior Authorization Department at 855-444-1661 option 5

### **PORTAL**

- Initial Authorization requests can be submitted on the provider portal by logging into <a href="https://countycare.valence.care/">https://countycare.valence.care/</a>
- At this time requests to extend an existing authorization should be faxed in to the Um department.

### Workflow - PA Process Flow Graph Submits requests Provider by fax, phone, or web portal Closes request in Closes request in **UM System UM System** Receives request Determines Competed request if request is -YE8- requires medical necessity Medical Management Staff complete Sends notification to Sends notification the provider and/or to the provider and/ client or client Nurse notifies provider and Notified provider request is member (if required) of denial Determines being sent to Medical Director decision. Explanation of provider and client eligibility Provider instructed on P2P Problems with Codes reason for denial and offers in UM System opportunity prior to a medical Approved P2P with time frames and (Note: In-Network necessity denial informs of Appeal rights. Providers Have a 🞔 Creates Authorization In UM System Reviews Medical Sends request to Checks requested Medical Director by Director's comment in Procedure codes checking the Send to UM System and MD Report Box processes request No problems with codes Medical Director Review request, makes final determination, and enters comments in UM System

CountyCare Health Plan P.O. Box 803758 Chicago, IL 60680



#### (PATIENT NAME) (PATIENT ADDRESS)

### Approval Letter

 Date Mailed:
 6/15/2018

 Member ID:
 Auth. No:

 Member Date of Birth:
 Status:
 Approved

 Health Plan:
 COUNTYCARE
 Auth. Start Date:

 Auth. End Date:
 Auth. End Date:

#### Dear (PATIENT NAME):

The request for the above service has been approved. If these services have already been provided, this letter is your confirmation.

Quantity	Procedure	Description
40	90999	Unlisted dialysis procedure, inpatient or outpatient

Approved 90999 - Unlisted dialysis procedure, inpatient or outpatient x40 visits to be performed by (TREATING PROVIDER) between dates of service (AUTH START DATE) to (AUTH END DATE).

You can present this authorization letter and member ID card at the time of your service.

If you have any questions, please contact CountyCare at 312-864-8200.

#### ATTENTION PROVIDERS:

The provider must notify the Utilization Management Department if additional services are needed. Approval of services are not a quarantee of payment.

Sincerely,

CountyCare Health Plan

cc: Requesting Provider Servicing Provider Facility Provider

Illinois Client Enrollment Services will send you information about your health plan choices when it is time for you to make a health plan choice and during your Open Enrollment period.

# **Elements of an Approval Letter**

Patient Demographics

Requested Services

Requesting & Treating Providers

Auth Start & End Dates

Contact Information



#### NOTICE OF ACTION

<<Letter Date>>

<<Member\_full\_name>>

<<Member\_full\_address>>

<<Member\_full\_address>>

For help to translate or understand this letter, please call 1-312-864-8200 or 1-855-444-1661 (toll-free) or 711 TDD/TTY

Re: Member Name: << member\_full\_name>>

Member ID No.: << member external\_id>>

Tracking Number: << Authorization number under which denial was issued>>

Dear [MEMBER NAME]:

CountyCare looked at services requested for << MEMBER NAME>>. The request received on << RECEIVED DATE>> for coverage of << SERVICE>> was denied.

<<RATIONALE/NAME OF THE CRITERIA USED TO SUPPORT THE DECISION>>

#### <<ALTERNATIVE STATEMENT>>

You, or someone you name to help you, can request a free copy of criteria used in this decision. Your doctor knows about this decision. He/she can call to talk to us about this decision.

If you disagree with this decision, you can file an "Appeal". This is how you ask us to change our decision. If you want your doctor or someone else to act for you in the appeal, you must tell us this in writing.

#### APPEALS:

You, your doctor, or someone that you name to act for you, can ask us to change our decision. This is called an appeal. You can ask for an appeal in writing or by calling us. If you appeal by phone, you must also send in a written, signed appeal request. If you want your doctor or someone else to act for you in the appeal, you must tell us this in writing. To appoint someone to make an appeal for you, you need to fill out the Authorized Representative Designation form. This form is on our website, <a href="www.CountyCare.com">www.CountyCare.com</a>.

If you want to appeal, you must tell us within sixty (60) calendar days of the date of this letter. You can file an Appeal by phone, fax, or writing to us at:

# **Elements of a Denial Letter**

Patient Demographics

Requested Services

Requesting & Treating Providers

Auth Start & End Dates

Denial Rational & InterQual Subset

Alternative Statement

**Contact Information** 

Peer-to-Peer & Appeal Instructions

Authorized Representative Designation Form



our website, www.countycare.com.

#### COUNTYCARE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATION

To have someone else act on your behalf in an appeal, complete and return this form. The person listed will be accepted as your authorized representative. We are unable to speak with this person on your behalf unless this form is completed, signed, and returned to us.

CountyCare
Attention: Appeals & Grievance Coordinator
P.O. Box 803758
Chicago, IL 60680
Fax: 312-548-9940

 I hereby authorize the following person to act on my behalf in the filing and processing of my appeal or grievance with CountyCare:

Name of Authorized Representative										
2. Brief description of the service and date(s) (if applicable) for which the Authorized Representative will be acting on your behalf:										
3. Address of Authorized Representative										
Street Address or PO Box		Apt#								
City State		Zip Code								
( )		( )								
Phone Number: Daytime		Phone Number: Evening								
4. Member Signature										
Printed Name of Member (or legal representative)	*	Date								
Signature of Member (or legal representative)*		Date								
* Relationship if other than the Member:										
□ <u>Parent</u> □Guardian	□Conservator	☐Other – Please Specify:								

Please note you may revoke this authorization at any time. A Revocation of Authorization form is located on

# TURN AROUND TIMES FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS (TAT)



Prospective/Routine

Prospective/Urgent

4 CALENDAR days

2 CALENDAR days



Concurrent/Routine

Concurrent/Urgent

1 CALENDAR day

1 CALENDAR day

\*may be pended for an additional 48 hours if clinical is needed



Retro requests

90 CALENDAR days

# **UM-CM** Collaboration & Communication

### Goals:

- Remove barriers to transitions of care
- Improve patient outcomes
- Promote quality

UM as CM Referral Source Case
Conferences &
Rounds

UM ←→ CM Communication

CM Liaison

# **CountyCare Website**



### **WWW.COUNTYCARE.COM**

### Website Resources:

Provider Manual -

http://www.countycare.com/Media/Default/manuals/CountyCare Provider-Manual 042518.pdf

Quick Reference Guide -

http://www.countycare.com/providers/reference

Prior Authorizations -

http://www.countycare.com/providers/prior-authorizations

Provider Notices -

http://www.countycare.com/providers/notices

Provider Log In - <a href="https://countycare.valence.care/">https://countycare.valence.care/</a>

Member Log In -

http://www.countycare.com/members/portal

Covered Services -

<a href="http://www.countycare.com/members/covered-services">http://www.countycare.com/members/covered-services</a>

# CountyCare Provider Portal - Overview

### A new experience launched May 14, 2018

Portal login web address: http://www.countycare.com/providers/portal

Prior authorization status and new requests can be accessed directly here:

https://countycare.valencehealth.com

Portal access is available for contracted providers only

### 2 User Roles

Administrator – access all portal functionality AND able to create user accounts under TIN

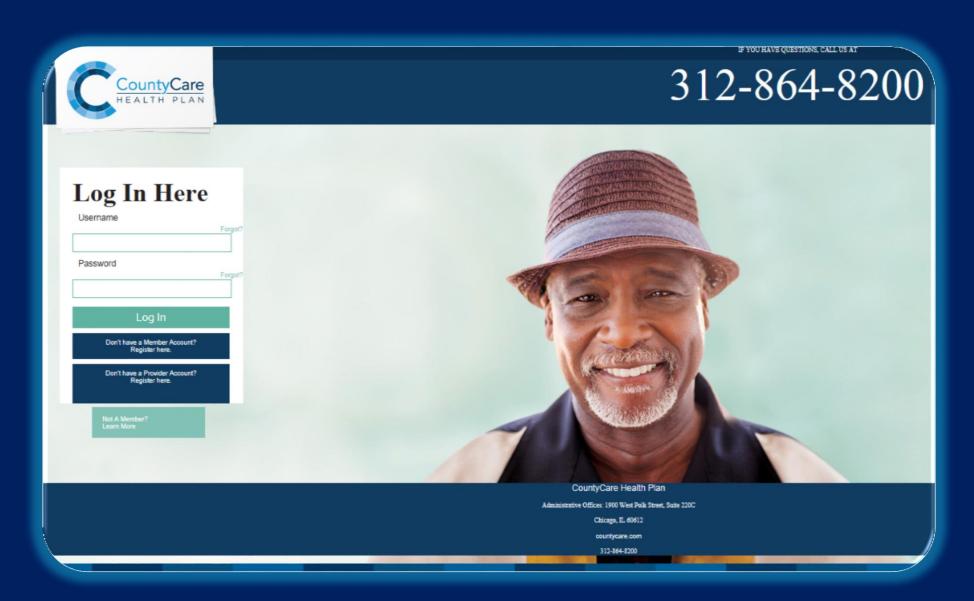
User – access to all portal functionality BUT cannot create user accounts under TIN

# Provider Portal – What's New?

Provider Portal functions migrated to same platform as Member Portal

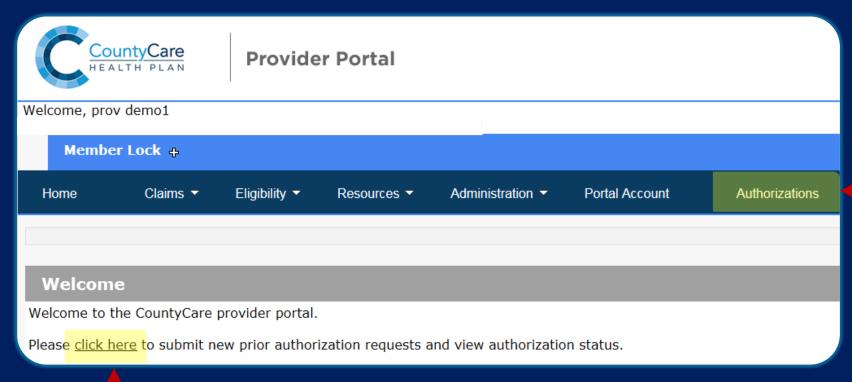
### New features available:

- ☐ Self Registration
- ☐ Search for member eligibility by Medicaid ID number/ RIN
- Export options for data reports
  - o Member roster
  - o Claim status



# Provider Portal Prior authorization status and new requests

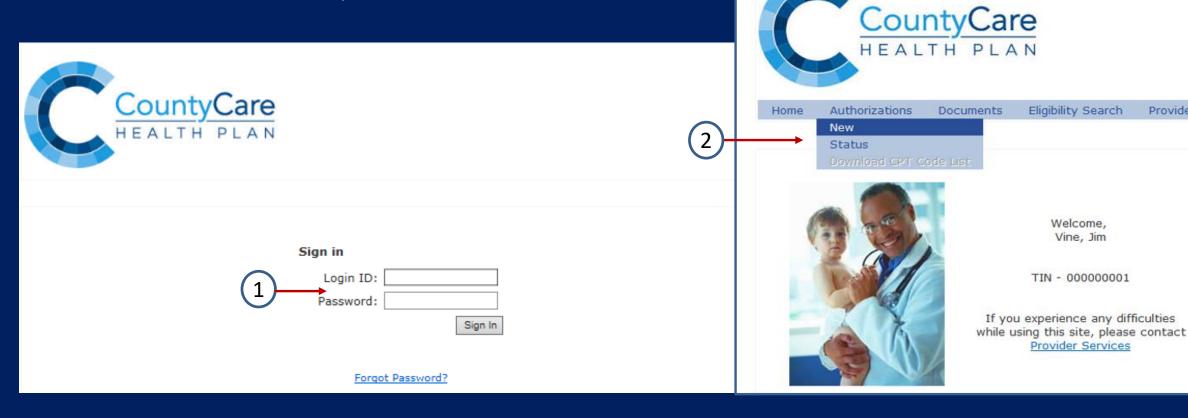
Provider portal home page features a link to: <a href="https://countycare.valencehealth.com">https://countycare.valencehealth.com</a>



# **Provider Portal** Request and View Authorizations

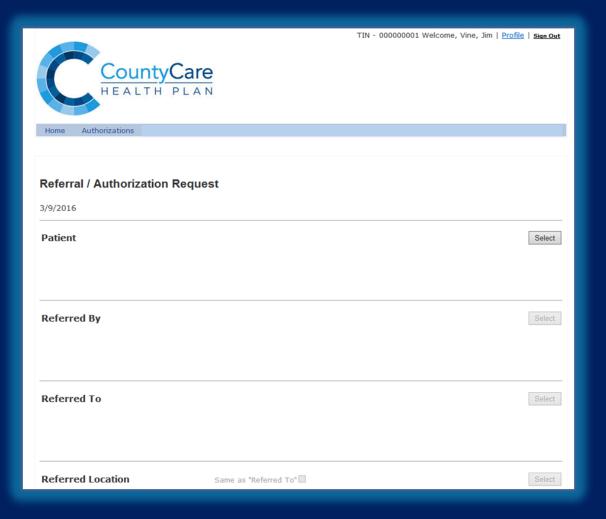
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- Sign In to <a href="https://countycare.valencehealth.com">https://countycare.valencehealth.com</a>
- Select "Authorizations" from the menu bar then clink "New" from the dropdown box

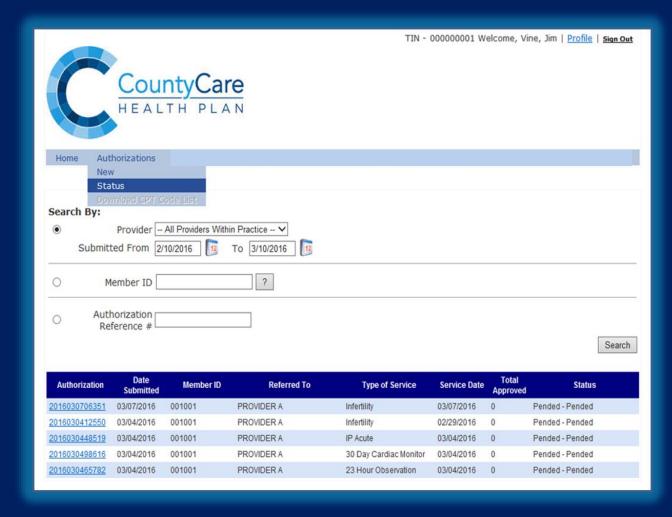


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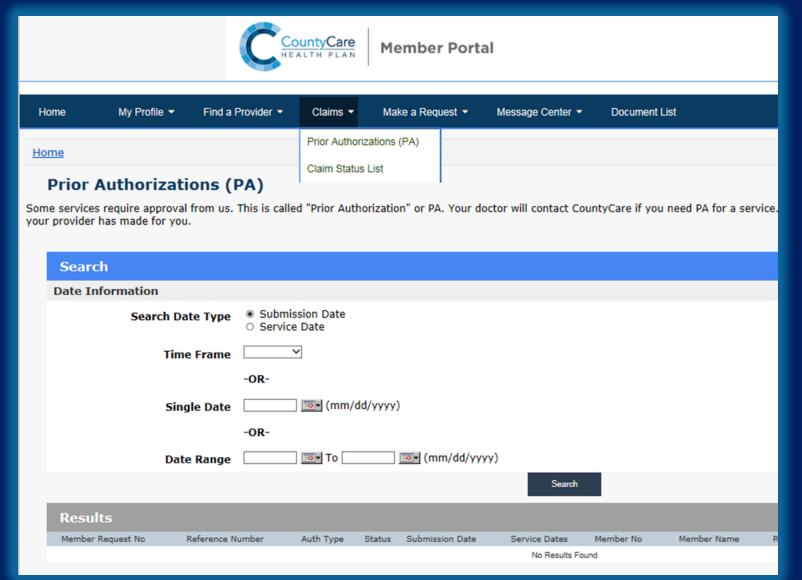
### Submit New Authorization Request



### Search Authorization Status



# **Member Portal Authorization Status**



# **Escalation Process**

•Providers and members can contact UM at 855-444-1661 or 361-864-8200 option 5 for specific UM questions and/or auth issues/needs. Intake specialists and nurses are available 8:30-5pm (CST) M-F

•Issues requiring escalation should be directed to your direct Supervisor

•Your Supervisor will reach out to the appropriate UM team members for assistance

# **Questions (All)**



### **CCHHS/Black Oaks Fresh Food Market**

- The Experimental Station's food culture program received a grant from the USDA to operate farmers markets in South Suburban Cook County
- Black Oaks farmers (local farmers in the South Suburb) to host fresh food market at its 3 South Suburban clinic locations – Oak Forest, Cottage Grove, and Robbins, IL.
- This pilot program is added benefit to assist in addressing social determinants of health of our members.



## **Program Goals**

- Improve the health outcomes of patients, staff and members of the South suburban communities
- Address food insecurity by providing easy access to affordable, healthy fresh fruits and vegetables



### How does it work?

- Link Match: Spend up to \$20 in Link and receive up to \$20 in Link Match to purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables. It is a dollar for dollar match up to \$20.
- RX Bags: Food as medicine to prevent and intervene in disease progression
- Therapeutic food sessions: Nutrition education



### RX Bag Process

- Patient gets a prescription from CCHHS provider
- Brings it to the fresh food market, makes selection from the type of RX bag prescribed
- Patients can requests for refills that can be picked up, or delivered
- Forms of payment:
  - Link Card receive Link Match Double Voucher Coupon
  - Credit/debit cards
  - WIC and Senior Voucher



### **Locations/Time of Markets**

### Mondays 10am - 2pm

Cottage Grove Health Center 1645 S. Cottage Grove Ford Heights, IL 60411

### Wednesdays 10am - 2pm

Oak Forest Health Center 15900 S. Cicero Avenue Oak Forest, IL 60452

Fridays 10am - 2pm

Robbins Health Center 13450 S. Kedzie Avenue Robbins, IL 60472





### **Therapeutic Foods for Disease Prevention**

Please check type of bag prescribed:

\_\_\_ Diabetes
\_\_ Cardiovascular/low sodium
\_\_ Chronic Renal/Dialysis
\_\_ WIC Children & Moms
\_\_ Wellness

### Physician/NP signature

### Rx Bags are available at all Fresh Food Market locations from 10 am-2pm, or delivery:

Cottage Grove Health Center Oak Forest Health Center 1645 South Cottage Grove Ford Heights, IL 60411 Oak Forest, IL 60452 Robbins, IL 60472

### For Deliveries Contact The Healthy Food Hub at 708-405-9476







www.cookcountyhhs.org

www.healthyfoodhub.org



ALIMENTOS TERAPÉUTICOS PARA LA PROVENCIÓN DE ENFERMEDADES

Nom	bre	Del	Paciente:			

### Por favor revisa el tipo de bolsa prescrita:

- \_\_\_ Diabetes
- \_\_\_ Cardiovascular / Bajo En Sodio
- \_\_\_ Renal Crónico / Diálisis
- \_\_\_ WIC Niños y Madres
- \_\_\_ Bienestar

### Firma Del Médico / NP

### Las Bolsas Rx están disponibles en todas las ubicaciones de Fresh Food Market de 10 a.m - 2 p.m, o de entrega:

Centro de Salud Cottage Grove Centro de Salud Oak Forest Centro de Salud Robbins
1645 South Cottage Grove 15900 South Cicero Ave.
Ford Heights, IL 60411 Oak Forest, IL 60452 Robbins, IL 60472

### Para entregas, comuníquese con The Healthy Food Hub 708-405-9476







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### **Therapeutic Food List**

- The following fruits and vegetables are tailored for prevention of disease progression
  - Diabetes: Fruits-berries and melons emphasized for lower insulin requirements
  - Cardiovascular: Properly prepared brassicas, beets and celery
  - Renal Dialysis patients: only low phosphorus and potassium selections (apples, peaches, plums, cherries and berries, celery, cabbage etc.)



### **Outreach Materials**

- Promotional video
  - https://youtu.be/7DFBq27BMIA: video is scheduled to run at each of the three Fresh Market ACHN clinics
- Black Oaks Flyer:
  - Care Coordination Website:
     <a href="http://www.countycare.com/carecoordination">http://www.countycare.com/carecoordination</a>
  - MHNConnect Home page under MHN News



