



Provider Notice

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COVID-19 PRIOR AUTH TEMPORARY CHANGES for SNFs

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the recommendations by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), CountyCare implemented the following **temporary changes on 1/1/2022; the relaxation of prior authorization requirement will remain in place until 05/31/2022:**

Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)

- a. Prior authorization not required for first week of post-acute care; the only requirement is notification within 48 hours of transfer to facility.
- b. Concurrent review and authorization required after 1st week (7days) of admit.

The [CountyCare Coronavirus Task Force](#) is actively monitoring the rapidly evolving coronavirus outbreak, including guidance from trusted sources of clinical information such as the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) and [World Health Organization](#) (WHO). Throughout the duration of this public health emergency, CountyCare will make additional changes, as needed, to the prior authorization process.