

Texas Medicare Quick Reference Guide



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CONVENIENT SELF-SERVICE

Wellcare understands that having access to the right tools can help you and your staff streamline day-to-day administrative tasks. **The Provider Portal is the fastest way to get the help with those routine tasks.**

	Portal	Chat	(IVR) Interactive Voice Response
Authorization Requirements/Status	<u>Fastest Result</u>	<u>Available</u>	Available
Authorizations Request	<u>Fastest Result</u>	<u>Available</u>	N/A
Benefit/Co-payment Information	<u>Fastest Result</u>	<u>Available</u>	Available
Claims and Appeals Status	<u>Fastest Result</u>	<u>Available</u>	Available
Eligibility Verification	<u>Fastest Result</u>	<u>Available</u>	Available
Submit Appeals/Claims/ Claims Disputes/Corrections	<u>Fastest Result</u>	<u>Available</u>	N/A

PROVIDER PORTAL REGISTRATION [click here](#)

The portal is not accessible to non-participating providers. Please visit our website for information on [Joining our Network](#).

PROVIDER PORTAL TRAINING [click here](#)

PROVIDER SERVICES PHONE (IVR): 1-855-538-0454 (TTY: 711)

Wellcare TexanPlus
(including IPA: Kelsey Seybold)
Phone: 1-866-230-2513

IPA: NWDC LPO
Phone: 1-832-232-5650

OTHER PHONE NUMBERS

CARE AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT REFERRALS

Phone: 1-866-635-7045 (TTY: 711) | Fax: 1-866-287-3286

Hours: M-F, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

RISK MANAGEMENT FRAUD, WASTE & ABUSE HOTLINE

1-866-685-8664

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS HELP LINE

1-866-775-2192

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-800-411-6485

24 hours a day for a Behavioral Health Crisis. For non-crisis related concerns, members should call Member Services.

NURSE ADVICE LINE

1-800-581-9952 (24 hours)

HEALTH PLAN PARTNERS

Contracted Networks

HEARING

HCS

Phone: 1-866-344-7756

VISION

Premier

Phone: 1-855-879-1456

DENTAL

Liberty

Phone: 1-866-544-4669

TRANSPORTATION

Modivcare aka LogistiCare

Phone: 1-866-393-2166

LABS

LabCorp

Phone: 1-800-877-5227

Quest

Phone: 1-866-697-8378

CPL

Phone: 1-800-633-4757

NOTE: Please refer to the member ID card to determine appropriate authorization and claims submission process.

This guide is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of covered services under the Health Plan.

CLAIM SUBMISSION INFORMATION

SUBMISSION INQUIRIES:

For inquiries related to your electronic or paper submissions to Wellcare, please contact our EDI team at EDIBA@centene.com.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER AND ELECTRONIC REMITTANCE ADVICE:

Register online using the simplified, enhanced provider registration process at payspanhealth.com or call **1-877-331-7154**. For more details on PaySpan, please refer to your [Provider Manual](#).

CLEARINGHOUSE CONNECTIVITY:

Wellcare has partnered with Availity as our preferred EDI Clearinghouse. You may connect directly to Availity or continue to use your existing vendor/biller/clearinghouse. If you need assistance in making a connection with Availity or have any questions, please contact Availity client services at **1-800-282-4548**.

FREE DIRECT DATA ENTRY (DDE)

Availity Essentials offers providers a web portal for direct data entry (DDE) claims that will submit to Wellcare electronically at no cost to you. To register, submit the request to availity.com/Essentials-Portal-Registration.

PAYER IDS

- Fee-for-Service (FFS) is defined in the Transaction Type Code BHT06 as CH, which means Chargeable, expecting adjudication.
- Encounters (ENC) is defined in the Transaction Type Code BHT06 as RP, which means Reportable only, NOT expecting adjudication.

Claim Type	FFS (CH – Chargeable) Submissions	Encounter (RF – Reporting only) Submissions
Professional or Institutional	14163	59354

Visit our [Claims](#) page to locate claim forms and guidelines.

Wellcare does not accept handwritten, faxed or replicated claim forms. Wellcare does not accept media storage devices such as CDs, DVDs, USB storage devices or flash drives.



MAIL PAPER CLAIM SUBMISSIONS TO:

Wellcare
Attn: Claims Department
P.O. Box 31372
Tampa, FL 33631-3372

CLAIM PAYMENT DISPUTES

The Claim Payment Dispute Process is designed to address claim denials for issues related to untimely filing, unlisted procedure codes, non-covered codes etc. Examples include Explanation of Payment Codes DN001, DN038, DN039, VSTEX, HRM16 and KYREC. However, this is not an all-encompassing list of Appeals codes. Claim payment disputes must be submitted in writing to Wellcare **within 90 calendar days** of the date on the EOP.

Submit all claims payment disputes with supporting documentation at provider.wellcare.com or by mail.

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CLAIM PAYMENT DISPUTES WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MAY ALSO BE MAILED TO:

Wellcare
Attn: Claim Payment Disputes
P.O. Box 31370
Tampa, FL 33631-3370
Fax: 1-877-277-1808

Note: Any appeals related to a claim denial for lack of prior authorization, services exceeding the authorization, insufficient supporting documentation or late notification must be sent to the Appeals (Medical) address in the section below. Anything else related to authorization or medical necessity that is in question should be sent to the Appeals P.O. Box. Include all substantiating information (please do not include image of claim) like a summary of the appeal, relevant medical records and member-specific information.

CLAIM PAYMENT POLICY DISPUTES

The Claims Payment Policy Department has created a new mailbox for provider issues related strictly to payment policy issues. Disputes for payment policy-related issues must be submitted to us in writing within **90 calendar days** of the date on the EOP (refer to your contract for required timing). Please provide all relevant documentation (please do not include image of Claim), which may include medical records, in order to facilitate the review.

Submit all Claims Payment Policy Disputes related to Explanation of Payment Codes beginning with IH###, CE###, CV### (Medical records required) or PD### at provider.wellcare.com or by mail.

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**IH###, CE###, CV###
(MEDICAL RECORDS REQUIRED)
OR PD### TO:**

**Wellcare
Attn: Payment Policy Disputes Department
P.O. Box 31426
Tampa, FL 33631-3426**



**CPI## 1ST LEVEL (INCLUDE ALL
MEDICAL RECORDS AND INITIAL
REVIEWS) APPEALS TO:**

BY MAIL (U.S. POSTAL SERVICE)

**Optum
P.O. Box 52846
Philadelphia, PA 19115
Phone: 1-844-458-6739 | Fax: 1-267-687-0994**

BY DELIVERY SERVICES (FEDEX, UPS)

**Optum
458 Pike Road
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006**

BY SECURE INTERNET UPLOAD

Refer to Optum's Medical Record Request letter for further instructions.



**LT###, RVL# AND CPI##
2ND LEVEL APPEALS TO:**

**Wellcare
Attn: CCR
P.O. Box 31394
Tampa, FL 33631-3394**



RVPI# TO:

**PICRA
P.O. Box 31416
Tampa, FL 33631-3416**

RECOVERY/COST CONTAINMENT UNIT (CCU)



REFUND(S) in response to a Wellcare overpayment notification should include a copy of the overpayment notification as well as a copy of attachment(s) and sent to:

Wellcare – Comprehensive Health Management
Attn: Recovery/Cost Containment Unit (CCU)
PO Box 947945
Atlanta, GA 30394-7945

NOTE: Wellcare does not accept media storage devices such as CDs, DVDs, USB storage devices or flash drives.

If you do not agree with this proposed Wellcare overpayment notification related to adjustments **RVXX (Except RV059)**, which should refer to the **Claim Payment Disputes** section above), you may request an Administrative Review by submitting a dispute in writing within **45 days** of the recovery letter date. Your request should detail why you disagree with these findings and must include any supporting evidence/documentation you believe is pertinent to your position.



MAIL OR FAX YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW REQUEST TO:

Wellcare
Attn: CCU Recovery
P.O. Box 31658
Tampa, FL 33631-3658
Fax: 1-813-283-3284

Additional documentation received after your initial Administrative Review request will not be considered. A Final Determination will be rendered within **30 days** of the date of Wellcare's receipt of your request. If you do not submit a dispute or render payment within the time period referenced above, we will take action to recover the amount owed as allowed by law, or as outlined within the contract between you and Wellcare.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS RELATED TO EXPLANATION OF PAYMENT CODES AND COMMENTS BEGINNING WITH DN227, DN228 OR RV213 must be submitted in writing and include at a minimum: a summary of the review request, the member's name, member's identification number, date(s) of service, reason(s) why the denial should be reversed, copies of related documentation and all applicable medical records related to both stays to support appropriateness of the services rendered.



YOUR DISPUTE SHOULD BE SENT TO:

Cotiviti
Attn: Wellcare Clinical Chart Validation
HillCrest III Building
731 Arbor Way, Suite 150
Blue Bell, PA 19422
Fax: 1-203-202-6607
Phone: 1-203-202-6107 (Inquiries Only)



PROVIDER-IDENTIFIED REFUND(S) without receiving overpayment notification should include the reason for overpayment as well as any details that assist in identifying the member and Wellcare Claim ID.

Wellcare – Comprehensive Health Management
Attn: Recovery/Cost Containment Unit (CCU)
PO Box 947945
Atlanta, GA 30394-7945

NOTE: For single-claim checks, please use the **Refund Check Informational Sheet** to help Recovery post accurately and timely. For checks in excess of 25 claims, please complete the **Refund Referral Grid** and email all supporting documentation, including the grid, to **OverpaymentRefunds@wellcare.com** to assist with expedited posting. Please note that only check referrals will be accepted by this email box; anything other than check referrals will not be responded to and will be closed.

APPEALS AND RECONSIDERATIONS (MEDICAL)

APPEALS (NON-PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS AND MEMBERS): Procedures that deal with the review of adverse initial determinations made by the plan on health care services or benefits under Part C or D the enrollee believes they are entitled to receive.

RECONSIDERATIONS (PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS): A reconsideration is the first appeals process level. Reconsiderations involved an MA plan reviewing an adverse organization determination, the findings they based them on, along with other evidence.

All non-participating Medicare provider appeals must be submitted within **60 calendar days from the date of the notice of the initial determination** and they must also submit a signed waiver of liability (WOL) with their request for processing. Accompanying the WOL, an **Appointment of Representative form** is needed for the WOL process whenever a vendor (such as a billing entity) is appealing on behalf of a non-participating provider. When submitting an appeal, the specific code or service being appealed must be listed on the appeal form. Anything else related to authorization or medical necessity that is in question should be sent to the Appeals P.O. Box. Include all substantiating information (please do not include image of claim) like a summary of the appeal, relevant medical records and member-specific information.

Participating providers must seek a reconsideration through the Appeals Department within **90 calendar days** (required timing is listed in your contract) of a claim denial for lack of prior authorization, services exceeding the authorization, insufficient supporting documentation or late notification. When submitting a reconsideration, the specific code or service being reconsidered must be listed on the appeal form. Anything else related to authorization or medical necessity that is in question should be sent to the Appeals P.O. Box. Include all substantiating information (please do not include image of claim) like a summary of the appeal, relevant medical records and member-specific information.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE (AOR): With the Member's written consent, an appeal for denial of an authorization for medical service/Part B Drug can be filed on the Member's behalf by a participating Physician who has or is currently treating the Member. If the Member wishes to use a representative, they must complete a Medicare **AOR form**, and the Member and representative must sign the AOR form.

Non-Physician (Practitioner): Per CMS and the Social Security Act, a non-physician is not a qualified physician (e.g.).

Type of Practitioner*	AOR Needed	No AOR Needed
Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)	X	
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)	X	
Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)	X	
Surgeon Assistant	X	
Anesthesiology Assistant	X	
Audiologist	X	
Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)	X	
Clinical Psychologist	X	
Non-Clinical Psychologist	X	
PT, OT, Speech Pathologist	X	
Registered Dietician or Nutrition Professional	X	
Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP)	X	
Nurse Practitioner (NP)	X	
Physician Assistant (PA)	X	

APPEALS AND RECONSIDERATIONS (MEDICAL) CONTINUED

Physician: A person skilled in the art of healing; specifically, one educated, clinically experienced, and licensed to practice medicine as usually distinguished from surgery. A person licensed to practice medicine; a medical director (e.g.).

Type of Physician*	AOR Needed	No AOR Needed
Doctor of Medicine (MD)		X
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)		X
Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) or Dental Medicine (DMD)		X
Doctor of Optometry (OD)		X
Doctors of Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB-GYN)		X
Chiropractor (Doctor of Chiropractor)		X
Psychiatrist		X

Provider: Any physician, hospital, facility, or other Health Care Professional who is licensed or otherwise authorized to provide Health Care services in the State or jurisdiction in which they are furnished.

Type of Facility*	AOR Needed	No AOR Needed
Inpatient		X
Behavioral Inpatient		X
Home Health Agency	X	
Skilled Nursing Facility on own behalf		X
Skilled Nursing Facility (PT, OT & ST)	X	
Physician Group on own behalf		X
Physician Group (PT, OT & ST)	X	
Rehabilitation Facility (i.e., LTAC)		X
Durable Medical Equipment	X	

*The above lists of Non-Physicians, Physicians and Providers is not intended to be an all-inclusive list, they are the most common identified on an appeal.

NOTE: For both Appeals and Reconsiderations, Wellcare does not accept media storage devices such as CDs, DVDs, USB storage devices or flash drives.



MAIL OR FAX ALL MEDICAL APPEALS AND RECONSIDERATIONS WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO:

Wellcare
Attn: Appeals Department
P.O. Box 31368
Tampa, FL 33631-3368
Fax: 1-866-201-0657

GRIEVANCES

Member grievances may be filed verbally by contacting Customer Service or submitted in writing via mail, email or fax. Providers may also file a grievance on behalf of the member with the member's written consent, AOR forms are available [here](#).

NOTE: Wellcare does not accept media storage devices such as CDs, DVDs, USB storage devices or flash drives.



MAIL, EMAIL OR FAX ALL MEMBER GRIEVANCES TO:

Wellcare
Attn: Grievance Department
P.O. Box 31384
Tampa, FL 33631-3384
Fax: 1-866-388-1769
Email: Please visit the Contact Us page on the website.

PHARMACY SERVICES

PHARMACY SERVICES:

1-866-799-5318

Including after-hours and weekends

Rx BIN

610014

Rx PCN

MEDDPRIME

Rx GRP

2FFA

MAIL ORDER:

Click here to locate Express Scripts® Mail Order info:

Phone: **1-833-750-0201** (TTY: **711**)

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

SPECIALTY PHARMACY:

AcariaHealth™

AcariaHealth is a national comprehensive specialty pharmacy focused on improving care and outcomes for patients living with complex and chronic conditions. AcariaHealth is comprised of dedicated healthcare professionals who work closely with physician offices, including support with referral and prior authorization processes. This collaboration allows our patients to receive the medicine they need as fast as possible.

Representatives are available from Monday–Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.



AcariaHealth™ Pharmacy #26, Inc.

8715 Henderson Rd.

Tampa, FL 33634

Phone: **1-866-458-9246** (TTY: **1-855-516-5636**)

Fax: **1-866-458-9245**

Website: acariahealth.com

MEDICATION APPEALS:

Fax: **1-866-388-1766**

Click here to locate Medication Appeal Request (form) and mail with supporting documentation to:



Wellcare

Attn: Pharmacy Appeals Department

P.O. Box 31383

Tampa, FL 33631-3383

Medication appeals may also be initiated by contacting Provider Services. Please note that all appeals filed verbally also require a signed, written appeal.

NOTE: Wellcare does not accept media storage devices such as CDs, DVDs, USB storage devices or flash drives.

COVERAGE DETERMINATION REQUESTS:

Fax: **1-866-388-1767**

Electronic Prior Authorization (ePA):

account.covermymeds.com

Click here to locate Coverage Determination Request (form) to be submitted for the exceptions listed below:

- Medications not listed on the formulary
- Drugs listed on the formulary with a prior authorization (PA)
- Duplication of therapy
- Prescriptions that exceed the FDA daily or formulary quantity limit (QL)
- Most self-injectable and infusion medications (including chemotherapy administered in a physician's office)
- Drugs that have a step edit (ST) and the first-line therapy is inappropriate
- Drugs that have an age limit (AL)
- Drugs listed on the formulary with a quantity limit (QL)

Click here to locate **the Medication Guide/Formulary**

Click here to locate **Pharmacy Request forms** such as Injectable Infusion, Express Scripts Mail Order Service, etc.

New Century Health will manage Medical Oncology Services.

New Century Health

Phone: **1-888-999-7713, Option 1**

FOR HOME INFUSION/ENTERAL SERVICES:

Once Authorization Approval is obtained through Wellcare, if required, please contact our providers below to initiate services:

Coram®:

Phone: **1-800-423-1411**

Fax: **1-866-462-6726**

Option Care Health™ aka Option Care and BioScrip Infusion Services®:

Phone: **1-833-466-0358**

IVEDCO, LLC (KabaFusion):

Phone: **1-972-929-7105**

Fax: **1-888-837-2716**

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION (PA) LIST

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION (PA) REQUIREMENTS

Use the Pre-Auth Needed tool on our website to determine if prior authorization is required. This Prior Authorization list is provided as a quick reference. Most current information can be found within the Pre-Auth tool.

For fastest results, submit requests online at our [website](#). If the procedure requested meets clinical criteria, the Web provides an approval that can be printed for easy reference. The health plan supports the concept of the Primary Care Physician (PCP) as the “medical home” for its members.

For members enrolled in a PPO plan, authorization is not required for non-participating providers and facilities, however, services on the medical necessity/authorization required list below must be covered services within the benefit plan and considered medically necessary for the plan to pay a portion of the out-of-network claim.

For members enrolled in a non-PPO plan, all services rendered by non-participating providers and facilities require authorization, including requests to use the member’s Point-of-Service benefits. Specialists must coordinate all services with the member’s PCP. It is the responsibility of the provider rendering care to verify that the authorization request has been approved before services are rendered.

Urgent Authorization Requests and Admission Notifications: Call 1-855-538-0454 and follow the prompts.

- Notification is required for Inpatient Hospital admissions **by the next business day** (except normal maternity delivery admissions). Phone authorizations must be followed by a fax submission of clinical information.
- Standard authorization requests may be submitted **online** or via fax to the numbers listed on the associated forms located **here**.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

SECURE PROVIDER PORTAL

For Urgent and Inpatient Hospitalization Authorizations and Provider Services Phone: 1-855-538-0454

Please **log in** to submit your Outpatient Authorization Requests and Inpatient Clinical Submissions.

To obtain authorization, notification of an Inpatient admission is required on the next business day following admission.

- Inpatient concurrent review is generally done by phone, but a fax option is available and the forms and fax numbers can be found **here**.
- Psychological testing requests are to be submitted via fax. All other levels of care requiring authorization, including outpatient services, may be submitted online.

Procedures and Services	Auth Required	Comments
Emergency Behavioral Health Services	No	
Non-contracted (non-participating) Provider Services	Yes	All services from non-participating providers require prior authorization. *Excluding members enrolled in a PPO plan
Behavioral Health Services	See Comments	Please refer to the <u>Behavioral Health Authorization List</u> under Other Resources for authorization requirements.
Acute Inpatient Admissions	Yes	

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Services for the following procedures and service do NOT require prior authorization:

- **Emergency Behavioral Health Services**
- **Emergency Care Services**
- **Emergency Transportation Services (excluding Air & Water Ambulances)**
- **Urgent Care Services**

CARDIOLOGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Wellcare has partnered with **New Century Health** (NCH) to implement a new cardiology prior authorization program, the **Cardiology Management Program**. This program is intended to help providers easily and effectively deliver quality patient care. **Effective July 1, 2023**, cardiology services rendered in a physician’s office, in an outpatient hospital ambulatory setting, or in an inpatient setting (planned professional services only) must be submitted to NCH for prior authorization. This requirement applies to all of your Medicare members ages 18 and older.

Approvals issued by Wellcare before July 1, 2023, are effective until the authorization end date, but all prior authorization requests needed after July 1, 2023, must be submitted to NCH.

Prior authorization can be requested by:

- Visiting NCH’s web portal at my.newcenturyhealth.com.
- Calling **1-888-999-7713, Option 1** (Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–8 p.m. EST).

INPATIENT SERVICES & DISCHARGE PLANNING

SECURE PROVIDER PORTAL

Please **log in** to submit your Authorization Requests & Inpatient Clinical Submissions.

To fax a request, please access our forms **here**.

NWDC Inpatient

Fax: 1-832-232-5607

Discharge planning requests for Home Health and DME should be submitted separately using one of the methods outlined above.

Procedures and Services	Wellcare of Texas HMO: H0174; PPO: H7323	Wellcare TexanPlus Health Plan (H4506)	Wellcare TexanPlus NWDC members
	Authorization Required	Authorization Required	Authorization Required
Inpatient Rehab	Yes	Yes	Yes
Long-Term Acute Care Admissions	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mental Health Admissions	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observation Stays	No	No	No
Professional services rendered incidental to an authorized facility admit or service	No	No	No
Skilled Nursing Facility Admissions	Yes	Yes	Yes

OUTPATIENT SERVICES & DISCHARGE PLANNING

SECURE PROVIDER PORTAL

Please **log in** to submit your Outpatient Authorization Requests & Clinical Submissions.

To fax a request, please access our forms **here**

NWDC Inpatient

Fax: 1-832-232-5607

Pharmacy Medical Requests

Fax: 1-888-871-0564

Discharge planning requests for Home Health and DME should be submitted separately using one of the methods outlined above.

Procedures and Services	Wellcare of Texas HMO: H0174; PPO: H7323	Wellcare TexanPlus Health Plan (H4506)	Wellcare TexanPlus NWDC members
	Authorization Required	Authorization Required	Authorization Required
Advanced Radiology Services: CT, CTA, MRA, MRI, Nuclear Cardiology, Nuclear Medicine, PET & SPECT Scans	Contact National Imaging Associates for authorization: Phone: 1-800-424-5388 Advanced Imaging Solution	Contact National Imaging Associates for authorization: Phone: 1-800-424-5388 Advanced Imaging Solution	Yes
Any Service rendered in a facility setting (Place of Service 19, 22, & 24) with the exception of Preventive Services	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
AAA Screening	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	No
Allergy Testing & Injections/Serum	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
Ambulance (Non Emergent) Transport	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
Anesthesia	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
Barium Enema	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Bone Density	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)

OUTPATIENT SERVICES & DISCHARGE PLANNING CONTINUED

Procedures and Services	Wellcare of Texas HMO: H0174; PPO: H7323	Wellcare TexanPlus Health Plan (H4506)	Wellcare TexanPlus NWDC members
	Authorization Required	Authorization Required	Authorization Required
Cardiology Services: Cardiac Imaging (including echocardiograms), Cardiac Catheterization, Diagnostic Cardiac Procedures and Echo Stress Tests	Contact National Imaging Associates for authorization: Phone: 1-800-424-5388 Cardiac Solution	Contact National Imaging Associates for authorization: Phone: 1-800-424-5388 Cardiac Solution	Yes
Cataract Surgery	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
Chiropractic Services	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
Colonoscopies (Diagnostic)	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
CPAP/BiPAP Supplies	Please refer to the Authorization Lookup Tool for prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Authorization Lookup Tool for prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Diabetes Prevention Program	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	No
Diabetic Supplies	Please refer to the Authorization Lookup Tool for prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Authorization Lookup Tool for prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Dialysis	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
Dialysis Access Vascular Services	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Dopplers (except Nuclear)	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Durable Medical Equipment – Canes, Crutches, Walkers, Commodes	Please refer to the Authorization Lookup Tool for prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Authorization Lookup Tool for prior authorization requirements.	Yes

OUTPATIENT SERVICES & DISCHARGE PLANNING CONTINUED

Procedures and Services	Wellcare of Texas HMO: H0174; PPO: H7323	Wellcare TexanPlus Health Plan (H4506)	Wellcare TexanPlus NWDC members
	Authorization Required	Authorization Required	Authorization Required
Durable Medical Equipment – Dialysis Supplies	Please refer to the <u>Authorization Lookup Tool</u> for prior authorization requirements. *For Home Infusion/Enteral Services, please refer to the Pharmacy Section above for the preferred provider if the authorization is required.	Please refer to the <u>Authorization Lookup Tool</u> for prior authorization requirements. *For Home Infusion/Enteral Services, please refer to the Pharmacy Section above for the preferred provider if the authorization is required.	Yes
Durable Medical Equipment – Sleep Study Supplies	Please refer to the <u>Authorization Lookup Tool</u> for prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Authorization Lookup Tool</u> for prior authorization requirements.	Yes
ECG/EKGs	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Echocardiograms (for cardiac echo tests, please refer to the Cardiology services section above for authorization requirements)	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
EMG/Nerve Conduction Studies	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
Endoscopies	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
Eyeglasses or Contacts after Cataract Surgery	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Facility Outpatient Supplies	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
Flat X-rays/Fluoroscopies	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Hearing Services, Diagnostic	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes

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	Authorization Required	Authorization Required	Authorization Required
Holter Monitor	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
Home Health	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
Hyperbaric Treatments	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
Immunizations/Vaccines (Non-Preventive)	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Informational/ Measurement Services	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Intravenous Pyelograms (IVPs)	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Labs – Certain Molecular & Genetic Tests	Contact <u>eviCore</u> for authorization: Phone: 1-888-333-8641 <u>Lab Management Criteria Molecular and Genetic Testing Quick Reference Guide</u>	Contact <u>eviCore</u> for authorization: Phone: 1-888-333-8641 <u>Lab Management Criteria Molecular and Genetic Testing Quick Reference Guide</u>	Yes
Mammograms (Non-Preventive)	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Medical Oncology	Contact <u>New Century Health</u> for authorization: Phone: 1-888-999-7713, Option 1 <u>Medical Oncology Program Services</u>	Contact <u>New Century Health</u> for authorization: Phone: 1-888-999-7713, Option 1 <u>Medical Oncology Program Services</u>	Yes
Medical – Surgical Supplies (excluding Wound Care – please refer to Wound Care rules below)	Please refer to the <u>Authorization Lookup Tool</u> for prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Authorization Lookup Tool</u> for prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)

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Molecular & Genetic Testing <i>Please note, some molecular & Genetic testing codes are handled by eviCore as noted above</i>	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
Nebulizers and Nebulizer Supplies	Please refer to the Authorization Lookup Tool for prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Authorization Lookup Tool for prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Non-contracted (non-participating) Provider Services	All services from nonparticipating providers require prior authorization. *Excluding members enrolled in a PPO plan	All services from nonparticipating providers require prior authorization.	All services from nonparticipating providers require prior authorization.
OB Ultrasounds, Echos, Dopplers	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
Office Visits/Evaluation and Management Services	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
Ostomy, Urological & Trach Supplies	Please refer to the Authorization Lookup Tool for prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Authorization Lookup Tool for prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Pacemaker Checks	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the Wellcare Secure Provider Portal for code level prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Pain Management Treatment	Contact National Imaging Associates for authorization: Phone: 1-800-424-5388 Interventional Pain Management Solution	Contact National Imaging Associates for authorization: Phone: 1-800-424-5388 Interventional Pain Management Solution	Yes
Physical and Occupational Therapy (Including home-based therapy*) <i>*Excluding Episode of Care Requests. Please contact Wellcare for all services rendered during an Episode of Care</i>	Contact National Imaging Associates for authorization: Phone: 1-800-424-5388 Physical Medicine Solution	Contact National Imaging Associates for authorization: Phone: 1-800-424-5388 Physical Medicine Solution	Yes

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Prosthetics/Orthotics	Please refer to the <u>Authorization Lookup Tool</u> for prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Authorization Lookup Tool</u> for prior authorization requirements.	Yes
Pulmonary Function Testing (PFTs)	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
Radiation Therapy	Contact <u>New Century Health</u> for authorization: Phone: 1-888-999-7713, Option 1 <u>Radiation Therapy Management Program Resources</u>	Contact <u>New Century Health</u> for authorization: Phone: 1-888-999-7713, Option 1 <u>Radiation Therapy Management Program Resources</u>	Yes
Radiologic Transcatheter Procedures	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Radio-pharmaceuticals	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
Refractions	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Sleep Diagnostics	Contact <u>eviCore</u> for authorization: Phone: 1-888-333-8641 <u>Sleep Diagnostics Program Criteria</u> <u>Sleep Management Worksheets</u>	Contact <u>eviCore</u> for authorization: Phone: 1-888-333-8641 <u>Sleep Diagnostics Program Criteria</u> <u>Sleep Management Worksheets</u>	Yes
Speech Therapy	Contact <u>National Imaging Associates</u> for authorization: Phone: 1-800-424-5388	Contact <u>National Imaging Associates</u> for authorization: Phone: 1-800-424-5388	Yes
Spirometry	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Yes
Sutures	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)

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Treadmill Stress Tests	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Ultrasounds (Non-OB)	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Upper Gastrointestinal X-rays	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.	No (except when rendered in POS 19, 22, & 24)
Wound Care* (including Supplies)	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.*	Please refer to the <u>Wellcare Secure Provider Portal</u> for code level prior authorization requirements.*	Yes
*For CPT's 11004, 11005, 11008, 11011, 11012, 11042, 11043, 11044, 11045, 11046 and 11047 No authorization is required for the first 12 visits. After 12 combined visits or paid claims, authorization would be required.			