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To: Nursing Facility Providers

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Prior Authorization for Preadmission Screening and Resident Review Specialized Services

Prior Authorization for Customized Power Wheelchairs and Rehabilitative Therapy Requests

The purpose of this letter is to remind Medicaid-certified nursing facilities (NFs) of the need to have prior authorization for Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) specialized services, power wheelchairs, and rehabilitative services. Effective March 1, 2015, Medicaid-certified NF services are provided through STAR+PLUS managed care organizations (MCOs). MCOs will pay for most NF services for residents enrolled with a STAR+PLUS MCO.

### **Prior Authorization of Specialized Services for PASRR Positive Medicaid Residents**

A NF must provide authorized specialized services for PASRR positive Medicaid residents with an intellectual or developmental disability as required by 40 TAC §17.201 and §17.302. A PASRR positive resident is an individual who is confirmed of having an intellectual or developmental disability during the PASRR Evaluation or a Resident Review completed by the local intellectual and developmental disability authority. The NF can bill for the specialized services above the resident's daily rate through Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP).

The following Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) forms are used to obtain prior authorization for durable medical equipment (DME), customized manual wheelchairs, or specialized habilitative therapies (occupational, physical, or speech therapy):

- Form [1017](#), Specialized Services Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Authorization Request
- Form [1018](#), Specialized Services Customized Manual Wheelchair (CMWC) Authorization Request
- Form [2465](#), Specialized Services Request (**S-Form**)

The NF must complete and submit Form 1017, Form 1018, and/or Form 2465 to DADS on behalf of residents in fee for service (FFS) Medicaid or in STAR+PLUS managed care. For information about PASRR and assistance with PASRR specialized services requests, NFs should contact DADS at [PASRR@dads.state.tx.us](mailto:PASRR@dads.state.tx.us).

**NOTE:** PASRR positive residents may be eligible for custom power wheelchairs and rehabilitative services listed below.

**Prior Authorization of Rehabilitative Therapies and Customized Power Wheelchairs (CPWC) for FFS Medicaid Residents**

Rehabilitative therapies and CPWCs are services available as needed for any FFS Medicaid resident. A NF can bill for these services above the resident's daily rate.

Rehabilitative therapies, including devices, are provided to help a person regain, maintain, or prevent deterioration of a skill or function that has been acquired but then lost or impaired due to illness, injury, or disabling condition. Services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, and psychiatric rehabilitation services in a variety of inpatient and outpatient settings. For rehabilitative therapies, a NF must fax Form [2464](#), Rehabilitative Services Request (**R-Form**) to the DADS Provider Claims Services (PCS) unit at 512-438-2302. For assistance regarding rehabilitative services, NFs may contact the DADS PCS unit at 512-438-2200, and select option 1.

To obtain prior authorization for a CPWC for any FFS Medicaid resident, a NF must submit a request to TMHP on Form [3706](#), Nursing Facility Customized Power Wheelchair (CPWC) Authorization. For assistance regarding CPWCs, NFs may contact TMHP at 1-800-727-5436.

**Prior Authorization of Rehabilitative Therapies and Customized Power Wheelchairs for STAR+PLUS Managed Care Residents**

Prior authorization of rehabilitative services, DME, and customized power wheelchairs for any individual enrolled in STAR+PLUS Managed Care must be requested from the MCO of the enrolled individual.

**STAR+PLUS MCO services:**

For add-on services, NFs can request authorizations from an MCO using the form available in the MCO provider manual:

- Amerigroup: [http://providers.amerigroup.com/ProviderDocuments/TXTX\\_Caid\\_ProviderManual.pdf](http://providers.amerigroup.com/ProviderDocuments/TXTX_Caid_ProviderManual.pdf)
- Cigna-HealthSpring: <http://starplus.cignahealthspring.com/>
- Molina: <https://provider.molinahealthcare.com/>
- Superior: <http://www.SuperHealthPlan.com/for-providers/provider-resources/training/>
- United Healthcare: [www.unitedhealthcareonline.com](http://www.unitedhealthcareonline.com)

For additional information regarding processing prior authorization requests for rehabilitative services and CPWCs, refer to [Information Letter 15-22](#), Processing of Custom Power Wheelchair, Durable Medical Equipment, and Goal-Directed Therapy (Rehabilitative Services) Prior Authorization Requests.

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