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Submitting Retrospective Service Authorization Requests for Retroactive Eligibility

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify providers of an update to the Service Authorization (SA) Appendixes of the DMAS Provider Manuals. Provider manuals will be updated to include the following language.

Service authorizations are required for applicable services when an individual is approved for retroactive eligibility for Virginia Medicaid coverage. It is the provider's responsibility to obtain a service authorization prior to billing DMAS. Providers must request a retrospective service authorization within 90 calendar days of the individual's Medicaid eligibility determination date and include it as part of their claims submission. Service authorizations submitted outside of the 90-calendar day timeframe will be denied for timeliness.

Checking Medicaid Eligibility

Providers are responsible for verifying Medicaid eligibility status on their Medicaid members at least monthly, before services are rendered. Members may have changes to their eligibility status, program type, or Managed Care enrollment.

Providers may validate Medicaid eligibility by using the MediCall automated phone system at 1-800-884-9730, or 1-804-965-9732.

You can also access member eligibility, claims status, payment status, service limits, service authorization status and remittance advice information by going to the [Virginia Medicaid Web Portal Automated Response System \(ARS\)](#).

To avoid disruption to claims payment through FFS and the MCOs providers must periodically check the DMAS provider portal, also known as the Provider Services Solution (PRSS), to ensure that the provider's enrollment, contact information, and license information is up to date, for all of the provider's respective service locations. Under federal rules, MCOs and DMAS are prohibited from paying claims to network providers who are not enrolled in PRSS. Additional information is provided on the [MCO Provider Network Resources webpage](#) and includes links to resources, tutorials and contact information to reach Gainwell with any provider enrollment or revalidation related questions. Dental providers should continue to enroll directly through the DMAS Dental Benefits Administrator, DentaQuest.

PROVIDER CONTACT INFORMATION & RESOURCES



Department of Medical Assistance Services
600 East Broad Street
Suite 1300
Richmond, VA 23219

<https://dmas.virginia.gov>

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Virginia Medicaid

Web Portal

Automated Response System (ARS)

Member eligibility, claims status, payment status, service limits, service authorization status, and remittance advice.

<https://vamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov/>

Medicall (Audio Response System)

Member eligibility, claims status, payment status, service limits, service authorization status, and remittance advice.

1-800-884-9730 or 1-800-772-9996

Provider Appeals

DMAS launched an appeals portal in 2021. You can use this portal to file appeals and track the status of your appeals. Visit the website listed for appeal resources and to register for the portal.

<https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/appeals/>

Managed Care Programs

Cardinal Care Managed Care and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). In order to be reimbursed for services provided to a managed care enrolled individual, providers must follow their respective contract with the managed care plan/PACE provider. The managed care plan may utilize different guidelines than those described for Medicaid fee-for-service individuals.

Cardinal Care Managed Care PACE

<https://www.virginiamanagedcare.com/en>

[Program of All-inclusive Care](#)

In-State: 804-270-5105

Provider Enrollment

Out of State Toll Free: 888-829-5373

Email: VAMedicaidProviderEnrollment@gainwelltechnologies.com

Provider HELPLINE

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For provider use only, have Medicaid Provider ID Number available.

1-804-786-6273

1-800-552-8627

Aetna Better Health of Virginia

<https://www.aetnabetterhealth.com/virginia/providers/index.html>

Prior Auth requests can be faxed or called to the following numbers:

Phone: 1-800-279-1878

Med4/ FAMIS Fax: 1-866-669-2454

CCC Plus Fax: 1-855-661-1828

<http://www.anthem.com/>

Anthem HealthKeepers Plus

Prior Authorization information can be found

here: <https://providers.anthem.com/virginia-provider/resources/prior-authorization-requirements>

Call Provider Services: 1-800-901-0020 TTY: 711

Fax medical prior authorization request forms to:

Inpatient fax: 1-866-920-4095

Outpatient fax: 1-800-964-3627

LTSS fax: 1-844-864-7853



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Humana Healthy Horizons

Provider Services Call Center

<https://provider.humana.com/medicaid/virginia-medicaid>

Prior Authorization information can be found here:

<https://provider.humana.com/medicaid/virginia-medicaid/prior-authorization>

Submit request via Availaty porta, phone or fax:

Phone requests:

1-855-223-9868 or 1-844-881-4482 (TTY: 711)

Fax complete form to:

1-877-486-2621.

1-800-881-2166 <https://www.sentarahealthplans.com/providers>

Submit authorizations via portal or phone

Portal information can be found

here: <https://www.sentarahealthplans.com/en/providers/claims-authorizations/authorizations>

Phone request:

1-757-552-7474 or 1-800-229-8822

United Healthcare

www.uhcprovider.com/

1-844-284-0146

To notify UHC or request a medical prior authorization:

Portal information can be found here: UHCprovider.com/priorauth

or call provider services 1-844-284-0146

<https://vamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov/sa>

1-804-622-8900

Acentra Health

Behavioral Health and Medical Service Authorizations

Dental Provider

1-888-912-3456

DentaQuest

Fee-for-Service (POS)

<https://www.virginiamedicaidpharmacyservices.com/>

Prime Therapeutics

1-800-932-6648