
L.A. Care HEALTH PLAN

Electronic Authorizations

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## Introduction

Participating Physician Groups (PPG) have been contracted to provide extended delegated medical management functions under their Shared Risk Agreement with L.A. Care Health Plan. Specifically, PPGs will provide: (1) Utilization Management (UM) referral management of outpatient and inpatient services (2) conduct utilization review for lower level of care services including, but not limited to durable medical equipment, hospice, home health, and skilled nursing. The services authorized for members under the Shared Risk Agreement must be transmitted to L.A. Care for timely and appropriate claims processing. In order to eliminate manual and redundant processes, an automated import solution has been developed at L.A. Care to load delegated referral management determinations into L.A. Care's core system.

The Electronic Authorizations (ELDA - Electronic Load of Delegated Authorizations) will provide PPGs the ability to submit authorization determinations (approved/denied) electronically.

## Overview

On a daily basis, PPG will provide a positioned flat file to the established L.A. Care sFTP site address. L.A. Care will process the submitted file to import the authorizations into L.A. Care's core system.

## File Management

## File Frequency

The frequency of the ELDA data exchange is daily. The PPG is required to make every effort to submit finalized authorizations through ELDA file daily. However, in cases where a daily submission is not possible, the authorization shall be submitted to L.A. Care within two (2) business days of the decision being finalized.

File Format and Naming Convention
PPG shall submit a flat file which meets the positions, length, and data types as described in the pre-certification record layout requirements, along with the validation rules. PPG will include the PPG Code for members as part of the data sent in the file (refer to the table - Precertification Record Data Requirements, PRECRT label, field PPG Code). PPG will use the following syntax name: Delegated PPG Code-ELDA-MMDDYY(e.g.: DHSD_ELDA_MMDDYYYY). In the event that these rules are not followed, errors will be classified as Fatal/Warnings (see section handling of Errors).

File Size
PPG file submissions should not exceed 1MB. If submitted files exceed the specified size, L.A. Care will not be able to process the file, and will be rejected. PPG will be required to separate the file into multiple submissions, and submit each file individually.

Referral Tracking Numbers
L.A. Care will assign a unique referral tracking number to each authorization that successfully loads into L.A. Care's core system(s). PPG's assigned tracking number will be recorded into L.A. Care's core system(s); this will assist both internal and external staff when communicating about any submitted authorization.

## Referral Management

Mandatory Information
L.A. Care's core system requires specific member and service level information for accurate processing of referrals and claims (see Precertification Record Data Requirements Table page 13)

The structured record layout is a guideline for submitting all authorization determination decisions to L.A. Care. Deviations from the layout may cause authorization acceptance by L.A. Care core systems to fail.

PPG will convert code values to L.A. Care code values based on the tables referred to within the technical bulletin prior to authorization file submission. PPG should submit the following type of authorizations:

- Pre-Service
- Post-Service/Retroactive Review
- Closed

All approved and denied authorizations should utilize L.A. Care contracted providers. Nonparticipating provider utilization is acceptable only under the following circumstances:

1. Continuity of Care
2. Services not available within L.A. Care contracted providers

## MOU (Memorandum of Understanding)/ LOA (Letter of Agreement)

If PPG chooses to utilize a non-participating provider, then PPG is required to follow L.A. Care's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), also known as Letter of Agreement (LOA) process.

The authorization determination for non-participating provider should be included in the ELDA transmission after an MOU/LOA has been processed by L.A. Care.

## Service Codes

L.A. Care uses the most current version of the standard codes for referral management, which include:

- ICD-10 - coded to the highest level of specificity C CPT
- HCPCS
- Place of Service (POS)
- CMS Revenue Codes (REV)
- Bed Types/Level of Care

For a limited amount of services, the requesting provider or vendor may use the Medicare or Medi-Cal Local Procedure Codes, as appropriate. Refer to https://www.cms.gov/.

## Referral Determinations

L.A. Care utilizes the standard approved and denied determination codes and reasons, which are required for appropriate loading into its core system. Details on how authorizations should be submitted are listed below.

## Diagnosis Codes

PPG can report multiple diagnosis codes as needed. Using the standard ICD-10 format, the first diagnosis code will be categorized as the primary diagnosis, and additional codes following in sequence; second diagnosis, and so forth.

## Multiple Procedures, Services or Dates

For multiple procedures, and dates, ELDA will capture the determinations as multiple line items under a single authorization record. (See attachment section "Record Type - PRC"). This allows for approvals and denials to be reported within one authorization. Reflecting all approved days on one line, and denied days on a separate line.

## Outpatient Authorizations

For outpatient authorizations, ELDA will capture multiple line items as necessary within a single authorization record. In addition to specific member details, required data elements for outpatient referrals are:

- Procedure Code
- Procedure From Date
- Procedure To Date
- \# of visits (where Procedure Code is applicable)
- Quantity (where Procedure Code is applicable)

Procedure codes should be coded to the highest level of specificity. Service dates should be submitted with a sixty (60) day window to allow for scheduling and rendering of the service(s) by the referred-to provider.

Inpatient Authorizations
For inpatient authorizations, ELDA will capture multiple line items as necessary within a single authorization record. In addition to specific member details, required data elements for inpatient referrals are:

- Place of Service
- Referred by Provider
- Admission Date
- Discharge Date
- Actual Discharge Status
- Attending Physician
- Primary Diagnosis
- Diagnosis at Discharge


## Maternity Admissions/Deliveries

L.A. Care tracks maternity admissions and live births in its core system in order to meet Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) reporting requirements. If applicable, the flat file must include the Newborn information including the

- Birth Order (Numeric)
- Date of Birth

Additional coding for maternity cases:
ICD-10 Diagnosis codes to the highest level:

- 650 -Represent as 650.XX
- 669.7 - invalid at the $4^{\text {th }}$ digit - the $5^{\text {th }}$ digit must be used. Represented as 669.7 X 口 V22 -. Represent as V22.X
- 765.20 - 765.29 unspecified weeks of gestation.

Revenue Codes:

- 122


## Data Exchange

Initial Set-up
Delegated PPGs technical team will be on-boarded with the L.A. Care technical team and assigned a unique PPG code. A sFTP IP address, path and login in instructions, along with a designated ELDA data exchange folder will be provided.

## Frequency and Status

The expected frequency of data exchange is daily, or within five (5) days of decision. The data provided for all finalized authorizations, should be real-time, and all required fields should be complete. This allows authorizations to load into our systems prior to claim(s) being received for adjudication.

## Alternate Format

If technical limitations prevent PPG from submitting authorizations in the designated ELDA format, a Comma Delimited CSV format should be submitted.
Example:
IH,92511391D,1760426415,21,SNF,20170527,50,R,1447225438,1760426415,314117,AM GS,M62.81,R26.89,148.0,,,,,,,,,,192,20170508,20170527,A,A,20170508,22,SNF $\qquad$

## Handling of Errors

Fatal Load errors are critical to Authorization Processing and will be transmitted back to PPG in an automated email to their assigned sFTP folder for resubmission.

PPG is required to submit error corrections within five (5) business days after receipt of their error report. When submitting ELDA files, please be sure to populate each field. Failure to do so can cause an error and a delay in your files being loaded.

When submitting error corrections, the re-submittal must include the entire string of data for the rejected authorization. Resubmitted authorizations can be submitted on the daily ELDA files using the normal naming convention: "Delegated PPG Code-ELDA-MMDDYY(e.g.: DHSD_ELDA_MMDDYYYY)".

## L.A. Care Application system (CCA) - FATAL LOAD error scenarios

| Errors | Definition | LA <br> Care or PPG | Field in Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Missing Item: Extension [extension id] | ELDA process unable to find the line item to update the CCA case | LA Care | ELDA process |
| Service.ServiceType | Service type is invalid or missing | PPG | Admit Type |
| Missing Item: <br> UMCase.PlaceOfService | Place of service is invalid or missing | PPG | Place of Service |
| facility_idMissing treating_prov_id | Treating Provider not found | PPG | Treating Provider |
| Invalid Value: Certification.ToDate | The to date on the service is not valid | PPG | Procedure to Date |
| Invalid Value: ChangeReason.Id | A crosswalk maps the ELDA change reason to CCA. There's a few values that are now inactive and need to be adjusted on this crosswalk | LA Care | Crosswalk table |
| Invalid Value: Extension.FromDate [fromdate] is not matching with (EndDate + LeaveOfAbsence) for ID: '. | The date range on the line item is incorrect (may be due to requested days listed as one number but the from and to date span is longer) | PPG | Procedure To Date Procedure From Date Procedure Quantity |
| Invalid Value: PlaceOfServiceOutpatient.Id | Invalid place of service for the outpatient case | PPG | Place of Service |
| Invalid Value: Certification.RequestedUnits | \# of visits or days per line item are missing or invalid (Value must be between 1 and 32767 inclusive) | PPG | Procedure line(s). |
| Duplicate Value Found: <br> Procedure.Code (There was a duplicate found in the Request for UmCase.SecondaryProcedures: [servicegroupid]) | Two line items are exactly the same/share the same procedure code | PPG | Procedure Code |
| Cid not found. Try specifying a different external_id and external_system_id combination. | Member not in CCA or QNXT or member has an MHC and QNXT record | PPG/ <br> LA Care | Member Identification Number |
| The case is outdated. | The updated date is before the date on the case. | PPG/ <br> LA Care | ELDA process |
| Invalid Procedure Code : [procedure/revenue code] | Procedure code is invalid/termed (includes revenue codes) | PPG | Procedure Code |
| Invalid Diagnosis Code : [diagnosis code] | Diagnosis code is invalid/termed | PPG | Diagnosis Code |


| Errors | Definition | LA Care or PPG | Field in Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Missing auth_days | Authorized days not given | PPG | Procedure Quantity |
| Missing facility_id | Facility Provider ID is missing | PPG | Treating Provider |
| Missing Invalid Date Range for Extensions. Dates compared includes Extension Start/Extension End/Actual Admission/Discharge. | The date range on the line item(s) do not line up with the header's admission and discharge date | PPG | Procedure To Date <br> Procedure From Date <br> Admission Date <br> Actual Discharge Date |
| Missing req_adm_date | Admission date on the header level is missing | PPG | Admission Date |
| Missing req_prov_id | Requesting Provider not found | PPG | Refer By Provider |
| Missing start_date | Start date for the service not given | PPG | Procedure From Date |
| Missing tot_req_daysMissing req_days | Requested days not given | PPG | Procedure Quantity |
| Missing treating_prov_id | Treating Provider not found | PPG | Treating Provider |
| Required field has an NPI not found in our system | Treating Provider not found | PPG | Treating Provider |
| Object reference not set to an instance of an object. | Unknown .NET error, need to investigate with Cognizant | LA Care | ELDA process |
| Overlapping DOS on IP Auths | Multiple bed stays, dates should not overlap | PPG | Procedure line(s). |
| req_prov_idMissing treating_prov_id | Treating and requesting Provider not found | PPG | Treating Provider Refer By Provider |
| tot_req_daysMissing req_days | Requested days not given | PPG | Procedure Quantity |
| Missing claim type | Claim is missing designated claim type | PPG | Claim Type |
| Missing diagnosis and procedure line(s) | The diagnosis and or procedure code is missing from the authorization. | PPG | Diagnosis and or procedure line(s). |
| Missing req_adm_date | The admission date is missing | PPG | Admission date at the header or line level |
| Missing from date | Beginning date of service of procedure line should not be blank | PPG | Procedure line(s). |
| Required field is blank: Authorization Case Type | Authorization case type filed is blank | PPG | Authorization Case Type |
| Required field is blank: Procedure Code line | Procedure line is blank | PPG | Procedure code line |
| Required field is blank: Diagnosis Code line | Diagnosis line is blank | PPG | Diagnosis code line |


| Errors | Definition | LA <br> Care or <br> PPG | Field in Error |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Required field is blank: Treating <br> Provider or facility NPI or Tax ID | Treating Provider or facility NPI or Tax ID <br> is blank | PPG | Treating provider |
| Required field is blank: Admission <br> Date on Inpatient Authorization | Admission date is blank on header | PPG | Admission date |
| Required field is blank: Actual <br> Discharge Date on <br> Inpatient Authorization *Inpatient | Discharge date is blank | PPG | Discharge date |
| Required field is blank: Member <br> Identification Number | Member Identification field is blank | PPG | Member ID |
| Required line is blank: diagnosis line | Diagnosis code is blank | PPG | Diagnosis code line |

## L.A. Care Application system (CCA) - WARNING error scenarios list

L.A. Care Utilization Management staff will address these errors.

- LAC-Auth Defaulted to Retrospective
- LAC-Bed Type Mapped to Rev Code
- LAC-Decision Code defaulted to A
- LAC-DischStatus defaulted to L07
- LAC-Status defaulted to Closed
- LAC-SvcType defaulted to MED

For any questions, please feel free to contact your Account Manager or the appropriate L.A. Care contact listed below.
L.A. Care Health Plan - Contact Information

| ELECTRONIC |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| AUTHORIZATIONS |  | PRODUCTION CONTROL |
| ELDA Department |  | Production Control Analyst <br> (213) 694-1250 Ex.4444 <br> ELDA@lacare.org |
| (213) 694-1250 Ex. 4444 |  |  |
| Itproductioncontrol@lacare.org |  |  |

## Precertification Record Data Requirements

* Notes "Required" field.

PLEASE NOTE ALL ALPHA CHARACTERS MUST BE IN CAPITAL

| INFORMATION ITEM | DESCRIPTION | LEN | START | END | DATA TYPE | VALIDATION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PRECERT Data Record type (Screen used for both inpatient and outpatient authorization request types) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Precert record label | Precert record label | 3 | 1 | 3 | Alphanumeric | PCT |
| Authorization Case Type* | Inpatient/Outpatient | 4 | 4 | 7 | Alphanumeric | See Table 1 |
| Member Identification Number* | For Medi-Cal - CIN <br> LACC - LAC Covered Care Member ID Number <br> DSNP - CIN or Member ID Number <br> PASC-SEIU - IH Number | 12 | 8 | 19 | Alphanumeric |  |
| Refer By Provider* | NPI of the provider making the request | 10 | 20 | 29 | Alphanumeric |  |
| Place of Service* | Place of Service | 4 | 30 | 33 | Alphanumeric | See Table 2 |
| Admission Date/Date of Service | Required for Inpatient* Only <br> Resubmitted authorizations that extend a member's Length of Stay (LOS) must be submitted on a separate service line | 14 | 34 | 47 | DATE format YYYYMMDD | Do not include the time |
| Admission Type | Required for Inpatient* Only <br> Admission Type | 5 | 48 | 52 | Text | See Table 3 |


| INFORMATION ITEM | DESCRIPTION | LEN | START | END | DATA TYPE | VALIDATION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Precertification Status | Precert status | 1 | 53 | 53 | Text | See Table 4 |
| Actual Discharge Date | Required for Inpatient* Only <br> Actual discharge date. <br> Not used for outpatient services | 14 | 54 | 67 | DATE format YYYYMMDD | Do not include the time |
| Discharge Status | Required for Inpatient* Only <br> Not used for Outpatient | 4 | 68 | 71 | Alphanumeric | See Table 5 |
| Review Type | Review type | 3 | 72 | 74 | Alphanumeric | See Table 6 |
| Treating Provider* | This is the provider the member will see as a result of the referral. The "Pay To" Provider. <br> NPI is required for all treating providers. In the event NPI is not available for Facility or Vendor, Tax ID \#is acceptable. <br> Note: For Inpatient authorizations use "Facility Name" as "Treating Provider". | 10 | 75 | 84 | Alphanumeric |  |
| Attending Physician | Required for Inpatient* Only <br> NPI of provider who oversees the member's care. However, since NPI may not be available in Provider File, use Hospital already entered in "Pre-Cert Provider Field listed above. | 10 | 85 | 94 | Alphanumeric |  |
| Primary Diagnosis | Primary diagnosis | 10 | 95 | 104 | Alphanumeric | Industry standard ICD-10 to the greatest specificity |
| Diagnosis at the time of discharge | Required for Inpatient* Only <br> Diagnosis at the time of discharge. Does not apply to outpatient. | 10 | 105 | 114 | Alphanumeric | Industry standard ICD10 to the greatest specificity |


| INFORMATION ITEM | DESCRIPTION | LEN | START | END | DATA TYPE | VALIDATION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Visits | $\begin{aligned} & \text { OP = No. of visits Authorized } \\ & \text { IP = LOS } \end{aligned}$ | 3 | 115 | 117 | Numeric |  |
| Tax ID | TAX ID of the Vendor linked to the Treating provider. | 10 | 118 | 127 | Alphanumeric |  |
| NPI | NPI of the Vendor linked to Treating provider. <br> Required if Tax ID not available. | 10 | 128 | 137 | Alphanumeric |  |
| PPG Authorization ID | The Auth ID from the PPG system | 20 | 138 | 157 | Alphanumeric |  |
| PPG Code* | PPG code as assigned by L.A. Care within 834 file | 4 | 158 | 161 | Alphanumeric |  |
| CR/LF | Carriage Return/Line Feed | 1 | 162 | 162 |  |  |
| NEWBORN DataRecord Type (Note: Birth weight and birth gender are not required for maternity payment) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Newborn record label | Newborn record label | 3 | 1 | 3 |  | NBN |
| Birth Order | Birth Order Number | 10 | 4 | 13 | Numeric |  |
| Birth Date | Birth Date | 14 | 14 | 27 | DATE, YYYYMMDD | Do not include the time |
| CR/LF | Carriage Return/Line Feed | 1 | 28 | 28 |  |  |
| DIAGNOSIS Data Record Type - One or Multiple Diagnosis Records per Precertification |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DIAGNOSIS record label | DIAGNOSIS record label | 3 | 1 | 3 | Alphanumeric | DGN |
| Diagnosis | Diagnosis code <br> At least one Diagnosis Code required*. | 10 | 4 | 13 | Alphanumeric | Industry Standard ICD10 to the greatest specificity |
| CR/LF | Carriage Return/Line Feed | 1 | 14 | 14 |  |  |
| PROCEDURE Data Record Type |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PROCEDURE record label | PROCEDURE data record type | 3 | 1 | 3 | Alphanumeric | PRC |
| Procedure Code* | Procedure Code for Outpatient <br> Revenue Code for Inpatient | 11 | 4 | 14 | Alphanumeric | Industry <br> Standard <br> Procedure codes for OP <br> LAC only uses RevCodes for IP |


| INFORMATION <br> ITEM | DESCRIPTION | LEN | START | END | DATA TYPE | VALIDATION |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | (room and <br> board), PPG <br> pays for <br> professional <br> services for IP <br> claims. |
| Procedure From <br> Date* | Beginning date of service of <br> procedure line | 14 | 15 | 28 | DATE format <br> YYYYMMDD | Do not include the time |
| Procedure To <br> Date* | Ending date of service of <br> procedure line | 14 | 29 | 42 | DATE format <br> YYYYMMDD |  |
| Decision Code | Determination for the service | 4 | 43 | 46 | Alphanumeric | See Table 7 |

## Appendix A - Code Tables

## TABLE 1 - CLAIM TYPE

| Drives payment therefore required field |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| - | - | BUSINESS FUNCTION | SPECIAL <br> INSTRUCTIONS |
| M | MEDICAL SERVICES <br> (Outpatient) | Use for every service other than <br> SNF, inpatient bed |  |
| IH | INPATIENT FACILITY | Use for SNF and inpatient bed only |  |

## TABLE 2 - PLACE OF SERVICE

| Does Not Drive Payment - supports reporting |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | - | BUSINESS FUNCTION | SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS |
| 02 | TELEHEALTH |  | Please do not use the leading ' 0 ' |
| 11 | OFFICE | Use for Extended Continuity of Care request | Claim Type $=$ M |
| 12 | HOME |  | Claim Type $=$ M |
| 20 | URGENT CARE |  | Claim Type $=$ M |
| 21 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { INPATIENT } \\ & \text { HOSP } \end{aligned}$ | Use for all inpatient admissions that are not SNF or Hospice | Claim Type $=1 \mathrm{H}$ |
| 22 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { OUTPATIENT } \\ & \text { HOSP } \end{aligned}$ | Includes FS urgent site. Use for all OP not = Office or Home including ancillary providers | Claim Type $=$ M |
| 23 | ER - HOSPITAL | Use in Retro-claim reviews for 99284, 99285 CPT coded claims | Claim Type $=\mathrm{M}$. <br> This code will always receive an M Claim Type. LAC w/provide code when request submitted to HI . |
| 24 | AMBUL SURG CTR |  | Claim Type = Outpatient |
| 31 | SKILLED | Use for SNF admission | Claim Type $=1 \mathrm{H}$ |
| 34 | HOSPICE | Use for admission into Hospice facility or Hospice Outpatient services | Claim Type $=\mathrm{M}$ or IH |
| 41 | AMBULANCE |  | Claim Type $=$ M |
| 42 | AMBUL AIR OR WATER |  | Claim Type $=$ M |
| 99 | OTHER UNLISTED FAC | Use as needed. Limit use. | Claim Type = M or IH Only code will be included in authorization file. Notes functionality available in HI system for this value not to be provided per LAC. |

TABLE 3 - ADMIT TYPES
*NEEDS TO MATCH BED TYPE CONNECTED TO INPT TYPE
**NOT REQ'D FOR OUTPT CLAIM TYPE CATEGORY

| DISCH. STATUS (Use for reporting purposes) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| - | - | BUSINESS FUNCTION | SPECIAL <br> INSTRUCTIONS |
| 07 | LAMA/DISCONTD CARE | Use when patient "leaves against <br> medical advice" |  |
| L02 | EXPIRED |  |  |
| L03 | DISC TO ACUTE HOSP | Use for SNF to hospital |  |
| L04 | DISC TO HOME |  |  |
| 50 | DISCHARGE TO HOSPICE |  |  |
| H02 | DISCHARGE/TRANSFER TO <br> ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL | Use for hospital to hospital <br> transfer i.e. non-contracted to <br> contracted facility |  |
| 03 | Discharge/Transfer to SNF | Use for discharge to SNF |  |

TABLE 4 - PRECERT STATUS

| Precert Status |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| - | - | BUSINESS FUNCTION | SPECIAL <br> INSTRUCTIONS |
| V | VOID | Use when authorization opened in <br> error |  |
| C | CLOSED | All determinations. <br> approved, denied, modify, term |  |

TABLE 5 - DISCHARGE PLANS
**ONLY APPLIES TO IH (CLAIM TYPE)

| Admit Type |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | - | BUSINESS FUNCTION | SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS |
| MAT | MATERNITY |  |  |
| MED | MEDICAL |  | Any surgical will default to MED |
| PED | PEDIATRICS |  | Any pediatrics will default to PED |
| SNF | SKILLED NURSING FACILITY |  |  |

TABLE 6 - REVIEW TYPE
REVIEW TYPE (used to track referral processing TAT)

| - | - | BUSINESS FUNCTION | SPECIAL <br> INSTRUCTIONS |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| P | PRE-ADMISSION | Use for scheduled admissions | Not applicable to SNF |
| PSR | PRE-SERVICE ROUTINE | All outpatient services not urgent |  |
| C | CONCURRENT | Use for inpatient not scheduled <br> SNFF continued stays |  |
| PS | POST-SERVICE (NOT R/T <br> CLAIMS) | Use when inpatient auth is <br> requested within 30 days of <br> admit date | Also, applicable post <br> discharge if request is w/in <br> 30 days from admit date |
| R | RETROSPECTIVE | Use when auth request comes <br> in with claim | These requests <br> w/come only from <br> LAC Claims <br> department to HI <br> PRS for processing |
| PRU | PRE-SERVICE URGENT | All outpatient services for urgent <br> needs |  |

## TABLE 7 - DECISION CODES

*CONTRACT STATUS CRITICAL

| Drives payment and is required field |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| - | - | BUSINESS FUNCTION | SPECIAL <br> INSTRUCTIONS |
| A | APPROVED | Use for all outpatient service <br> approvals, SNFs and <br> contracted hospital days and <br> scheduled admissions to non- <br> contracted facilities with MOU. <br> Also use for Retrospective review <br> when there is an MOU. |  |
| ANS | APPROVED, NC-NS FOR <br> TRF | Use for non-contracted facility for <br> days patient is not stable for transfer | Drives level of <br> payment. This is only <br> for admission via ER <br> for OON/OOA <br> hospital |
| AST | APPROVED, NC-- <br> STABLE FOR TRF | Use for non-contracted facility for <br> days patient is stable for transfer. <br> Also use for Retrospective review <br> when there is no MOU | Drives level of payment. <br> This is for admission <br> via ER admission or <br> scheduled admit <br> OON/OOA hosp. |
| D | DENIED | Use for all denials |  |
| V01 | VOID | Use with VOID Precert status <br> (Table 4) |  |


| Reporting and drives cap deduction logic |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - |  | BUSINESS FUNCTION | SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS |
| A | APPROVED MEDICAL NECESSITY MET | Flags LA Care financially atrisk approvals when no OHC. Use for all SNF, home health, hospice, dialysis, DME, services. Also use for OOA Hospital Admissions (e.g. OOA Hospital = Hospital outside LA County region. This includes (prof. and hospital). |  |
| AIA | APPROVED, IPA APPROVED SRV | Used to identify financially atrisk services to support cap deduct logic. <br> Use for Extended Continuity of Care requests and all hospital admissions within LA County Geographic Area. (includes prof \& hospital components) <br> IOON hospitals - refer to OON hospital list <br> In event of OON ancillary request, contact LA Care UM team. |  |
| DO7 | Denied, Not Medically Necessary | Use for not medically necessary and lack of information (LOI) |  |
| D04 | NOT COVERED BENEFIT | Deny if not covered benefit under Medi-Cal | Refer to non-covered benefits |
| D1 | DENIED, CARVE OUT | Deny if Medi-Cal benefit not covered by LA Care Health Plan | Refer to carved out benefits |
| D2 | CCS AUTHORIZED | Deny if provider identifies service as CCS approved service | Per face sheet or auth request |
| D12 | DENIED, OTHER INS. PRIMARY <br> ( Label for D12 will be changed to "Approved with COB") | (This code is used for "Approved" services under LA Care DOFR and where there is OHC-This is not applicable to actual service denials). Thus, use if provider identifies other health coverage AND it is an LA Care responsible service (see "A" in same table. | Refer to face sheet. If criteria is met, this reason will be reported along w/Approval Decision Code. |
| D02 | DENIED, NON ELIGIBLE | Deny if patient is no longer eligible with health plan. | Verify eligibility |


| PRR | PEND,RETROSPECTIVE | Use when clinical not received w/in | HI will use for LOI |
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|  |  | defined TAT | process |

TABLE 9 - BED TYPES

| Required field for IP authorization - does not drive payment. Identifies type of bed for reporting <br> purposes. Revenue code determines payment. |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| - | - | BUSINESS FUNCTION | SPECIAL <br> INSTRUCTIONS |
| BRN | BURN UNIT | Identify type of bed for reporting <br> purposes |  |
| HSP | HOSPICE | $"$ |  |
| ICU | INSTENSIVE CARE UNIT | $"$ | Use for medical, surgical, <br> pediatric ICU beds |
| MED | MEDICAL | " | Use for medical, surgical <br> and oncology beds |
| NIC | NEONATAL ICU | " | Use for NICU Level 3\&4 |
| NUR | NURSERY | Use for NICU1 \& NICU2 |  |
| OB |  | OBSTETRICAL |  |
| OBC | OBSTETRIC C-SECTION |  |  |
| OBV | OBSTETRIC VAGINAL <br> DELIVERY |  |  |
| PED | PEDIATRIC |  |  |
| SNF | SKILLED NURSING FACILITY | $"$ |  |
| SUB | SUBACUTE | $"$ |  |
| TEL | TELEMETRY/STEP <br> DOWN UNIT | $"$ |  |
| N | SKILLED CARE ACUTE <br> FACILITY |  |  |

## TABLE 10 - Revenue Codes

Note: Rev Codes should be 4 digits in length.

|  | Required for IP referrals- determines payment |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue Code | Bed <br> Type <br> Code | Bed Type Description | BUSINESS FUNCTION | SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS |
| 658 | HSP | HOSPICE |  | Admit Type = Medical |
| 120 | MED | MEDICAL | Use for Med, Surgical, or oncology bed | Admit Type = Medical |
| 122 | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { OB } \\ \text { OBC } \\ \text { OBV } \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | Maternity | Admit Type = Maternity |
| 123 | PED | PEDIATRIC | PEDIATRIC ACUTE | Admit Type $=$ Pediatric |
| 171 | NURS | Nursery | NICU1 | Admit Type = Pediatric |
| 172 | NURS | Nursery | NICU2 | Admit Type = Pediatric |
| 173 | NIC | NEONATAL ICU | NICU3 | Admit Type = Pediatric |
| 174 | NIC | NEONATAL ICU | NICU4 | Admit Type = Pediatric |
| 191 | SNF | SKILLED NURSING | Level1 | Admit Type = SNF |
| 192 | SNF | SKILLED NURSING | Level 2 | Admit Type = SNF |
| 193 | SNF | SKILLED NURSING | Level 3 | Admit Type = SNF |
|  |  | FACILITY |  |  |
| 180 | SNF | SKILLED NURSING | Use for Bed Hold | Admit Type = SNF |
| 194 | SUB | SUBACUTE | Level4 | Admit Type = SNF |
| 200 | ICU | INSTENSIVE CARE UNIT | Medical, Surgical, Ped ICU, General | Admit Type = Medical |
| 208 | ICU | INTENSIVE CARE UNIT | Use for trauma | Admit Type = Medical <br> LAC has specific trauma rates |
| 207 | BRN | BURN UNIT |  | Admit Type = Medical |
| 206 | TEL | TELEMETRY/STEP DOWN UNIT | DOU/Coronary Care | Admit Type = Medical |

## Acceptance

The listed L.A. Care and PPG stakeholders formally acknowledge that the data requirements presented in this document are understood, have been reviewed and meet the agreed upon scope for version 12 of the Electronic Authorizations (ELDA) Technical Bulletin.
*Categories:
A Agree with contents
B Agree, subject to incorporation of comments
C Disagree, comments included

| L.A. Care Stakeholder <br> Name/Title | Signature | Sign <br> Date | *Subject to <br> Category | Comments |
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| Project Manager: |  | Sign <br> Date | *Subject to <br> Category | Comments |
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| Project Manager: |  |  |  |  |

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| 19.6 | 01/21/2021 | For Inpatient authorizations use "Facility Name" as "Treating Provider". |
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| 20.1 | $4 / 20 / 2022$ | Page 5, File frequency section: two (2) business <br> days updated, previous typo on the dates. |
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| 20.2 | $9 / 29 / 22$ | Page 4, PPG acronym definition updated |
| 20.3 | $7 / 18 / 2023$ | Page 16, Tax ID section - NPI verbiage removed. <br> description and responsibility included in grid. <br> Page 12, error "Missing from date" description <br> and responsibility included in grid. <br> Page 13, Member Identification section - <br> Description included for DSNP and PASC-SEIU. |
| 20.4 | $10 / 04 / 2023$ | Page 10, error "Invalid Value: Certification. <br> RequestedUnits" description and responsibility <br> included in grid. |
| 20.5 |  |  |


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## TECHNICAL BULLETIN

SFTP Procedure

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| SFTP Procedure | The process to upload/download files to/from L.A. Care's SFTP server. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Requirements | - Internet connection. <br> - SFTP software. <br> - Business Partner Internet IP address. <br> L.A. Care will provide User Name, Password, folder/directory information for SFTP server. |
| Initiate SFTP connection <br> Once connected to the Internet, open MS-DOS prompt. <br> Type "ping sFTP.lacare.org" to validate connection to SFTP server. | $C: \backslash$ ping sftp.lacare.org |
| Validate SFTP connection <br> Successful connection to SFTP server when "Reply from =" appears. <br> Note: <br> If the user's Internet IP Address has not yet been entered in L.A. Care's firewall, the user will receive a <br> "Request Timeout" from the Ping command. | C: \>ping sftp.lacare.org <br> Pinging sftp. lacare org [198.51.146.162] with 32 bytes of data: Reply from 198.51.140.162: bytes $=32$ time $<1 \mathrm{~ms}$ TTL=62 <br> Reply from 198.51.140.162: bytes $=32$ time $<1 \mathrm{~ms}$ TIL=62 Reply from 198.51.140.162: bytes $=32$ time $<1 \mathrm{~ms}$ TTL=62 <br> Reply from 198.51.140.162: bytes $=32$ time<1ms TTL=62 <br> Ping statistics for 198.51 .140 .162 : <br> Packets: Sent $=4$, Received $=4$, Lost $=0$ ( $0 \%$ loss). <br> Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds: Minimum $=$ Øns, Maxinum $=$ Øms, Average $=$ Øms <br> c: \〉 |
| Open SFTP Session <br> Type sFTP <username> @sFTP.lacare. org | root@portland:~ <br> [root@portland ~]\# sftp uftp@sftp.lacare.org |


| User Name Authentication | sFTP <User ID>@sFTP.lacare.org |
| :---: | :---: |
| Enter the assigned User Name, and then press the Enter key. For SFTP, you specify your User ID when connecting to the SFTP server. |  |
| Password Authentication <br> A prompt requesting for a Password should appear next. <br> Type the assigned password, and then press the Enter key. | 周 root@portland:~ <br> [root@portland ~] \# sftp uftpesftp.lacare.org <br> Connecting to sftp.lacare.org... <br> Access is monitored. Unauthorized access is prohibited. Violator will be uftpesftp.lacare.org's password: |
| Successful Login <br> For SFTP, when the prompt sFTP> appears, that means the User Name has successfully login to the SFTP server. | 関 root@portland:m <br> [root@portland ~] \# sftp uftpesftp.lacare.org <br> Connecting to sftp.lacare.org. . <br> Access is monitored. Unauthorized access is prohibited. Violator will b uftplesftp.lacare, org's password: $\operatorname{sft} p$ |

## Change of Directory

Each user MUST change or go to their assigned
folder/directory.
230-L.A. Care Health Plan FTP Service.
230-L-A. Care Health Plan
THIS IS A CLOSED SYSTEM?
USAGE IS MONITORED.
UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS IS PROHIBITED AND UIOLATOR WILL BE PROSECUTED.
230 User uftp logged in.
ftpl cd/ftp-xfer
250 CWD command successful.
For SFTP, you are at your assigned directory at login.

Change of Directory validation
When the "change directory" command is successful, users might see a "command successful" reply.
Display of Directory
When the users type "Dir" at the sFTP > prompt, the "in_file" and
"out_file" subfolders should be listed.

## Note:

The "in_file" sub-directory is for users to deposit files for L.A. Care. The "out_file" subdirectory is for users to pick up files from L.A. Care.

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sftp> dir
infile outfile
sftp>
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## 閶 root@portland:~

[root@portland ~]\# sftp uftp®sftp.lacare.org Connecting to sftp.lacare.org. .
Access is monitored. Unauthorized access is prohibited. Violator wil uftpesftp.lacare. org's password: sftp

## File Transfer

Users MUST then to go to either "in_file" or "out_file" sub-directory.

To change to one of those two folders, type one of the following commands at the SFTP> prompt:
cd "in_file (and then press the Enter key) or cd
"out_file (and then press the Enter key)

When those commands were execute correctly, users might see a "command successful" reply.


Note:

1. To see what files (or any other sub-directories) that are available within the "in_file" or "out_file" sub-directory, type "dir" at the SFTP prompt, and then press the Enter key.
2. To upload an encrypted file for L.A. Care, type "put" <space> follows by the filename at the SFTP prompt, and then press the Enter key.
3. To download an encrypted file from L.A. Care, type "get" <space> follows by the filename at the SFTP prompt, and then press the Enter key.
4. To quit the SFTP process, type "quit" or "bye" or "exit" at the FTP/SFTP prompt, and then press the Enter key.
