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1. Key Information:

Title	Auth Portal – Submitting Outpatient Request
Scope/ Line of Business	Medicaid – CASSIP and Non-CASSIP
Department	Utilization Management

2. Pre-requisite and System Access:

This Desk Level Procedure (DLP) involves the following systems.

System	Role	Access issues?	
GuidingCare® (Auth Portal)	Providers and Staff submit, review, and update authorization requests through the Auth Portal	If the provider's issue is related to the HSCSN Auth Portal: • inability to access the Auth Portal; or • the Auth Portal functionality is not performing as expected Please contact HSCSN Customer Care at 202-467-2737.	
Availity® Payer Spaces Routes traffic to HSCSN Auth Portal Provides HSCSN Claims and Eligibility Information	Providers and Staff access Availity and use the Single Sign On (SSO) feature to access the HSCSN Auth Portal		
		Florida Play Training About Availity Find Help B Payer Help C Get Trained Availity Support View Network Outages Payer Training Share My Screen About Availity The Availity Advantage Availity Essentials Plus Who to contact for help more	



3. High-level Description:

From the Authorization Portal Home Page, user can submit new requests for outpatient services.

These services include:

- BH-Applied Behavioral Analysis
- BH-Day Program
- BH-Outpatient Testing
- BH-Partial Hospitalization
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Eyeglasses
- Home Health
- Hospice
- Medical Injections/Infusions
- Medical Supplies
- Nutritional Supplements
- Procedures
- Rehabilitation
- Respite
- Tele-Nutrition Services
- Therapeutic School Break Services

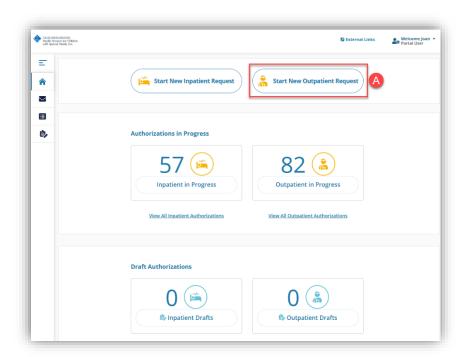


4. Detailed Steps:

4.1 From the Authorization Portal Home Page

From the Authorization Portal Home Page, user chooses from available options on the Home Page to proceed to the next step.

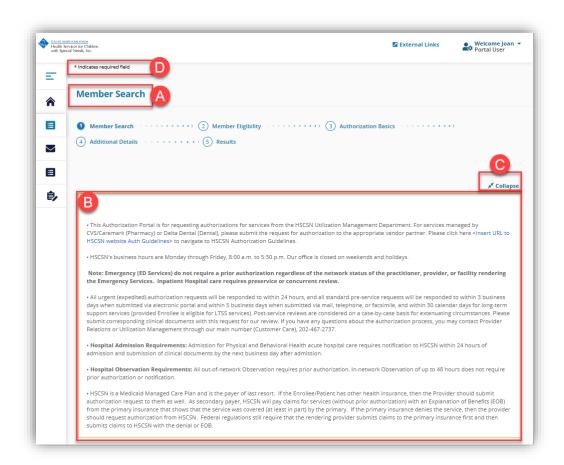
A. Click on 'Start New Outpatient Request' to initiate a new inpatient request





4.2 Member Search Page

- A. User is navigated to the Member Search page
- B. Review the Banner for essential information about HSCSN authorization guidelines
- C. User can collapse or expand the Banner message by clicking on the arrows
- D. *Indicates required field: throughout auth portal the user will see a red *; this denotes a required field (user must enter information to proceed to the next step)





4.3 Searching for Enrollee

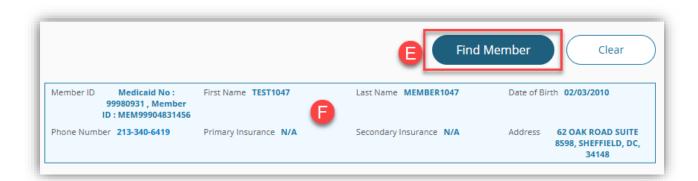
Just below the Banner, the user enters the enrollee's demographic information.

- A. Enter enrollee's First Name, Last Name and Date of Birth; or
- B. Enter enrollee's Member ID
- C. Select 'Find Member'
 Note: Find Member option is not available to select until required information is entered
- D. Select 'Clear' to remove content (and reenter information, only as needed)



Note: 'Find Member' is not available to select until the required information is entered. Once information is entered the 'Find Member' button is active (changes color) indicating it is now available to select.

- E. Select 'Find Member'
- F. Review enrollee's information to confirm user selected the correct enrollee Click anywhere within the blue box to open the Eligibility section





Note: If user is unable to locate an enrollee after following the above steps, Contact Customer Service as noted in the Access Issues section at the beginning of this DLP.

4.4 Verify Enrollee Eligibility

Once the Find Member selection is completed, the Eligibility page opens.

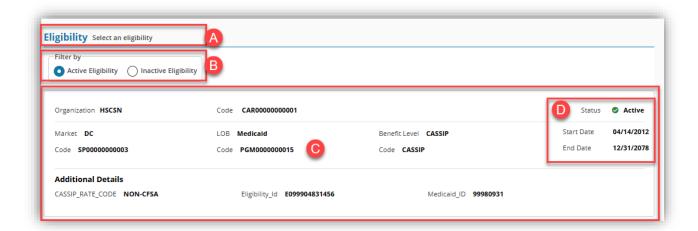
- A. Navigate to the Eligibility page
- B. Filter by Eligibility status

Note: User can toggle between Active Eligibility and Inactive Eligibility by clicking the corresponding radio button to find the correct eligibility for the date range of the requested services (this is usually Active Eligibility)

C. User clicks anywhere in this box to select the displayed eligibility

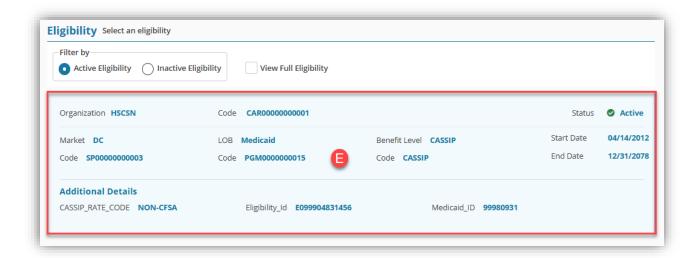
Note: the background color is white until the user clicks within this box

D. Eligibility Status: Displays Active Eligibility with Start Date and End Date



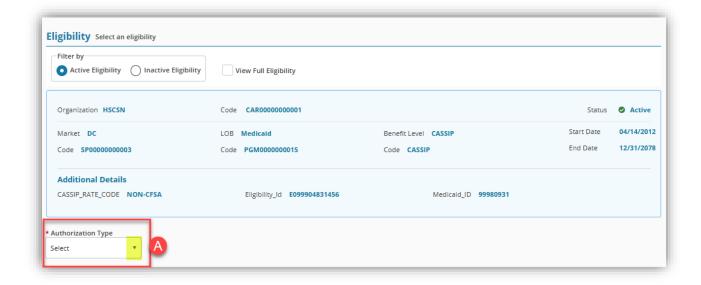


E. Once the user clicks on the eligibility box, the section turns blue (this confirms eligibility selection is completed)



4.5 Selecting Outpatient Authorization Type

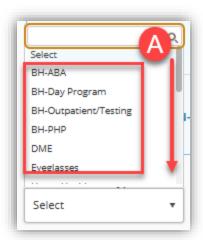
A. Navigate to the *Authorization Type field, click on the down arrow



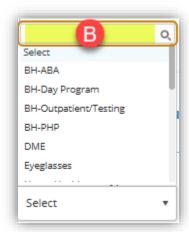


A. Scroll through options and click on the applicable Authorization Type to choose selection

See Table A: Outpatient Authorization Type Reference Table below for full list



B. User can also enter the first three letters of the Auth Type, click enter, and the system will display a shorter list to select from





A. Outpatient Authorization/Treatment Type Reference Table

Ref#	Behavioral or Physical Health	Auth Type	Instructions – select the appropriate Auth Type	
			(left column) for the applicable	
			Treatment Type listed below	
Α	Behavioral Health	BH-ABA	Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)	
	/ N	BH-Day Program	Therapeutic Day Program	
	(Mental Health, Substance Use		ASAM 2.5 PHP	
	Disorder)		BH - Intensive Outpatient	
	Disorder)	BH-Outpatient/	BH - Outpatient	
		Testing	BH - PHP	
			Neuropsychological Testing	
			Psychological Testing ASAM 2.1 IOP	
		BH-PHP		
			ASAM 2.5 PHP Partial Hospitalization	
Α	Physical Health		Note: Use DME for Durable	
	r nysicai neaith		Medical Equipment; do not use for	
	(Medical)		disposable medical supplies or	
	(modiodi)	DME	eyeglasses	
		DIVIL	DME	
			Orthotics	
			Prosthetics	
		Eyeglasses	Eyeglasses	
			Note: Use for initial and re-	
			authorization for Home Care	
			Services. Initial requests for PCA	
			services are submitted by the	
		Home Health	prescriber to HSCSN.	
			Home Health Aide (HHA)	
			Occupational Therapy (OT)	
			Personal Care Aide (PCA)	
			Physical Therapy (PT)	
			Private Duty Nursing (PDN)	
			Skilled Nursing	
			Social Work Assessment	
			Speech Therapy (ST)	
		Hospice	Hospice	
		Medical	Medical Injection/Infusions	
		Injectables/Infusions		
		Medical Supplies	Medical Supplies	



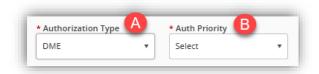
Ref#	Behavioral or	Auth Type	Instructions – select the		
	Physical Health		appropriate Auth Type		
			(left column) for the applicable		
			Treatment Type listed below		
		Nutritional	Nutritional Supplements		
		Supplements			
			Note: Use Other for Tele-Nutrition		
		Other	Services.		
		Other	Observation – Do not select		
			Tele-Nutrition		
			User Procedures for procedures or		
		Procedures	surgeries.		
			Procedure		
			Surgery		
			Note: Use Rehabilitation for		
			outpatient PT, OT, ST, or other		
		Rehabilitation	outpatient rehabilitative therapies.		
			Equipment Clinic		
			Intensive Outpatient Rehab		
			Occupational Therapy (OT)		
			Other Therapy		
			Physical Therapy (PT)		
			Speech Therapy (ST)		
		Respite	Respite Care		
		Therapeutic School Break Service	Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)		
			Day Program		
			Occupational Therapy (OT)		
			Other Therapy		
			Physical Therapy (PT)		
			Speech Therapy (ST)		
			Therapeutic Day Program		



4.6 Select Outpatient Authorization Priority

Once the Authorization Type is selected, the Authorization Details page opens.

- A. Authorization Type: this populates based on the user's choice in the Authorization Type field
- B. Auth Priority: User selects the most appropriate option



See Table B: Auth Portal Priority Reference Table below

B. Auth Portal Priority Reference Table

Ref	Auth Priority	Turn Around Time (TAT)	Instructions
В	Concurrent	Within 72 hours of receipt of all required information Extension may be applied when applicable	 Select this option when submitting the initial Notification of an unscheduled Acute or Behavioral Health (BH) Hospital admission
В	Court Orders	Not Applicable	 Do not select this option
В	Post Service	Within 30 calendar days of receipt of all required information Extension may be applied when applicable	 HSCSN reviews Post Service requests on a case- by-case basis due to extenuating circumstances When selecting this option, add a note in the Document upload section stating reason for the Post Service review request
В	Preservice Standard	Not Applicable	 Do not select this option This option is restricted to HSCSN UM Reviewers and is only used when a preservice standard request is <u>not</u> submitted via the Auth Portal (i.e., fax, mail, etc.)
В	Preservice Expedited	Within 24 hours of receipt of all required information	Select this option when selecting the preservice



	Submitting an Outpatient Request			
		Extension may be applied when applicable	standard timeframe could seriously jeopardize the enrollee's life or health or ability to attain, maintain, or regain maximum function • Do not select this option for provider or enrollee convenience	
В	Preservice Standard – Portal	Within 3 business days of receipt of all required information Extension may be applied when applicable	 Select this option for preservice routine, elective admissions 	
В	Respite	Within 5 business days of receipt of all required information Extension may be applied when applicable	 Respite TAT only applies to Respite Auth Type preservice requests HSCSN reviews Post Service requests on a case- by-case basis due to extenuating circumstances Provider must contact HSCSN UM team if the Respite Request is Post Service (unable to submit this through the Auth Portal) 	

4.7 Selecting Provider Details

User is required to enter the 'Referred from Provider' information. HSCSN requires provider selection using the provider group NPI number and physical address (where services are provided) selection.

There are two ways to search for providers: Quick Search and Advanced Search

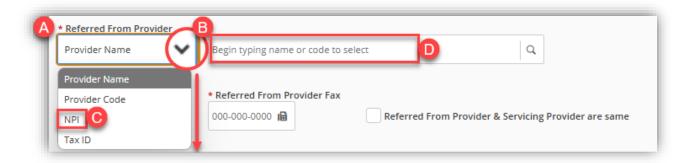
This DLP describes the Quick Search option. Please see the below DLP for further instructions in using Advanced Search option

• HSCSN DLP Auth Portal Provider Search



Provider Quick Search:

- A. Navigate to the Referred From Provider field
- B. Click on the down arrow to display the drop down list of options
- C. Select NPI
- D. Enter Group NPI number; click enter



Note: If provider is not found, go to the Advanced Search option; please see the below DLP for further instructions

HSCSN_DLP_Provider_Provider Search

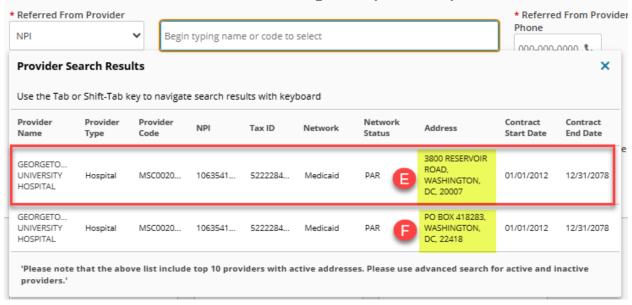
Selecting the NPI from the quick search typically presents two options based on the entered NPI number: physical and mailing address

E. Select the physical address (address where services are provided) option by clicking anywhere in that row

Note: Each provider group has only one physical address in the HSCSN Auth Portal. Choose the physical address that is associated with any one the facility/group practices (since it is the one designated for that group/facility).

F. Notice in this example this option says "PO BOX" which indicates it is a mailing address (do not select this option)





Once the Referred From Provider selection is completed, the user <u>must</u> review the associated phone and fax numbers; update them as needed.

In this example, the system populated the phone number but did not populate the fax number. The user is required to review and update system-generated numbers, if needed, and enter missing numbers when applicable.

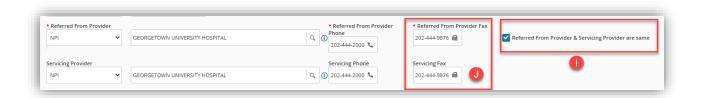
- A. Referred From Provider Phone
- B. Referred From Provider Fax





When the Referred From Provider and Servicing Provider are the same, user can select the Referred from Provider & Servicing Provider are same check box to auto-populate the Servicing Provider content (checking this box is optional, but Servicing Provider information is required)

- I. When Referred From and Servicing Provider are the same, user can check the box next to 'Referred From Provider & Servicing Provider are same'
- J. In prior example the fax number was missing but in this scenario the user entered the fax number prior to checking the '...are same' box; this populated the newly updated fax number into the Servicing Provider >> Servicing Fax box

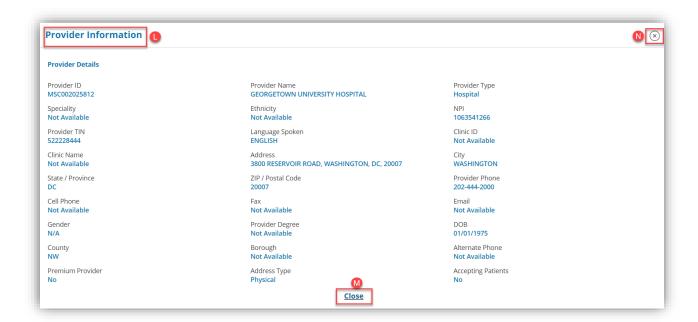


K. Clicking "i" icon next to the Provider information box, opens further information about the provider





- L. Clicking the 'i' icon navigates user to Provider Information review information as needed
- M. Select Close to return to Auth Details screen; or
- N. Select x to return to Auth Details screen



4.8 Entering the Treatment Type

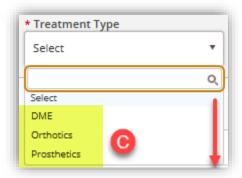
User must enter the Treatment Type that is most appropriate for the service being requested.

- A. Navigate to Treatment Type (see Table C: Treatment Type Reference Table below)
- B. Click in the box marked 'Select'





C. Click on the most appropriate option from the drop down list



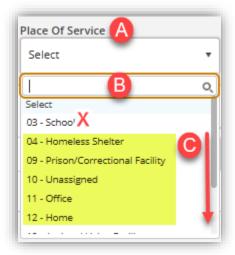
4.9 Entering Place of Service

While this field is not designated as mandatory (*), please select the most appropriate option from the drop down list.

Note: Do not select 'school' as schools are not a covered place of service.

Navigate to Place of Service

- A. Click in the box marked 'Select'
- B. Click on the most appropriate option from the drop down list





4.10 Entering the Diagnosis/Diagnoses

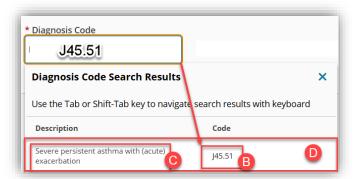
HSCSN requires providers to use ICD-10 codes. While the system allows user to search by Diagnosis Description or Diagnosis code, it is imperative that the user selects the correct Diagnosis (ICD-10) Code. This includes ensuring the Diagnosis code aligns with the age of the enrollee.

User can enter as many diagnoses as needed to fully support medical necessity review. See below instructions how to enter the primary and secondary diagnosis codes.

A. Diagnosis Code – enter the age-specific ICD-10 code then click enter



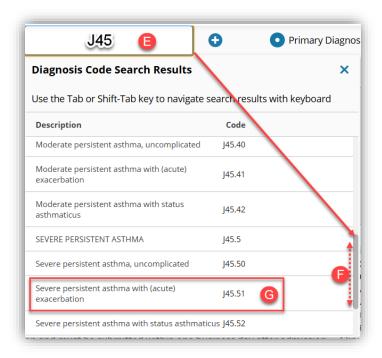
- B. When entering the specific ICD-10 code, the system will display the Code
- C. The system also displays the corresponding diagnosis description
- D. User clicks anywhere in the line that lists the correct code and description



Note: If the user only enters a portion of the ICD-10 code, the system will search for potential ICD-10 Codes; user clicks anywhere in the row with the appropriate ICD-10 code and description to select the appropriate ICD-10 code

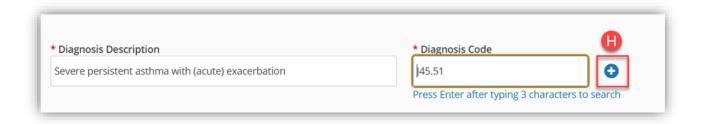


- E. User enters a partial ICD-10 code; in this example J45
- F. User needs to scroll to find the appropriate code within the presented list of options (all J45)
- G. User clicks anywhere in the row that has the correct Diagnosis code and description



This populated the Diagnosis Description and Diagnosis Code
Adding Secondary Diagnosis/Diagnoses

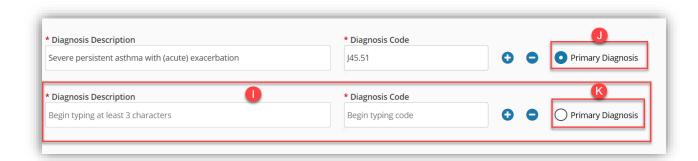
H. Click on the (+) symbol





Note: user can enter as many diagnoses as needed to inform the medical necessity review

- I. A new Diagnosis line is added (user follows the same steps identified above to search and select the Diagnosis Code and Diagnosis Description)
- J. The system defaults to the first diagnosis being listed as the Primary Diagnosis denoted by the selected (blue) circle in front of "Primary Diagnosis"
- K. The user can change the "Primary Diagnosis" designation by clicking on the white/blank circle in front of a different "Primary Diagnosis" designation on another Diagnosis row



L. Select the (-) symbol to remove a diagnosis that is entered in error

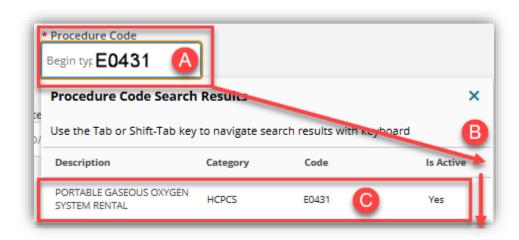




4.11 Entering the Procedure/Procedures

Entering the Procedure Code and Procedure Descriptions uses the same steps identified in section 4.10 Entering the Diagnosis/Diagnoses

- A. Enter the Procedure Code
- B. Scroll down to find the appropriate code match, when more than one option is displayed
- C. Click anywhere in the applicable row to select the procedure code/description



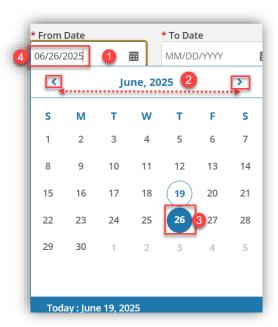
- D. Modifier: use only when required for requested procedure (e.g., DME, Home Health Services)
- E. From Date: known or anticipated start of care date for requested services
- F. To Date: known or anticipated end date for requested services
- G. Unit Type: Select Days or Units from drop down list
- H. Req: When days are selected, the system automatically calculates the number of days based on the entered From and To Dates; when units are selected the user must enter number of requested units that correspond to the requested authorization date range
- Select (+) to add more procedures (see prior section of this DLP for further details)
- J. Primary Procedure: system defaults to the first procedure entered; user can change the primary procedure by clicking on the circle in front of Procedure (see prior section of the DLP for further instructions)





(E/F) Further instructions how to enter From Date and To Date from the calendar drop down

- 1. Click anywhere in the From (or To) Date box
- 2. Toggle back and forth using the (>) and back (<) as arrows as needed to find the applicable month
- 3. Click on the applicable date
- 4. Date is then displayed in the From (or To) Date box





4.12 Ready to Submit the Outpatient Request

Review the authorization details. Once the user is satisfied with content, review the Outpatient Request disclaimer (the paragraph immediately below the procedure section).

The disclaimer provides essential information that the user needs to know to accurately complete the Outpatient Request submission.

Once the disclaimer is reviewed the user will check the box (A). Until the box is checked, the system displays additional options as described below.

- A. User will click this box once the disclaimer is reviewed and the user is ready to submit the Outpatient Request
- B. Save as Draft: if the user needs to step away for any reason, the entered content can be saved for seven (7) calendar days by selecting 'Draft'.

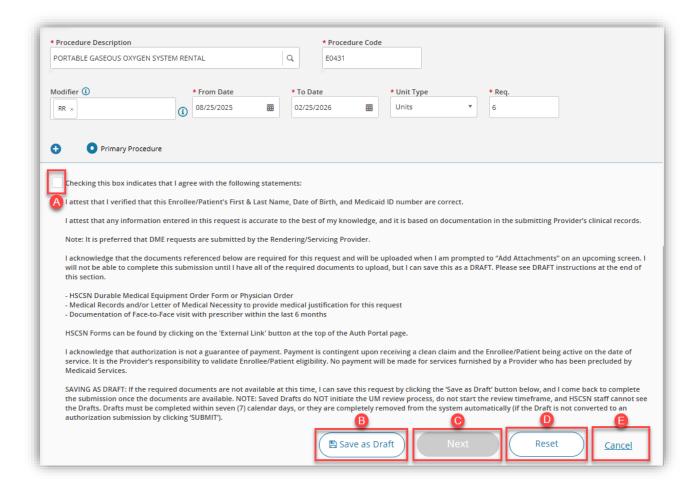
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Saving as Draft does not start the authorization request, it does not start the UM review, and it does not start the review time clock/due date. The Draft is not visible to the HSCSN UM team, and it is deleted from the system after seven (7) calendar days.

Please see the below DLP for further information about Drafts.

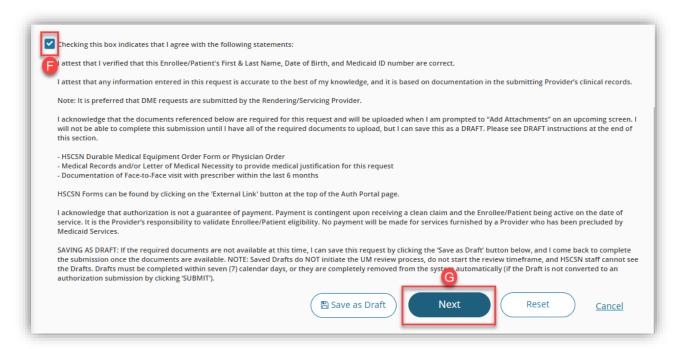
- HSCSN_DLP_Provider_Draft Authorizations
- C. Next: notice that this button is not available for user to select (this is activated when the user checks the box acknowledging the disclaimer)
- D. Reset: this option removes all authorization detail content except the enrollee demographics and the authorization class; user would need to reenter authorization details
- E. Cancel: this option entirely removes the authorization request from the system





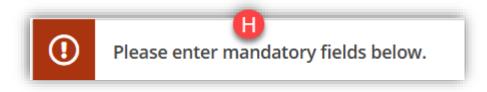


- F. When ready to submit the Outpatient Request, user clicks the box; this acknowledges the information in the disclaimer
- G. Clicking the box activates the "Next" button: select Next to proceed to the next step of the submission process



H. After clicking Next, if user did not complete any mandatory fields, the user will see a pop up message 'Please enter mandatory fields below'

Note: This means the request is not yet submitted and the user must review the request and complete all mandatory fields





Note: User may see a pop-up message if the authorization request may be a duplicate of a request submitted within the past 90 days

- I. Click to Continue if user still wants to submit the request
- J. Click to cancel the remove the pop up message



Once all pop-up messages are addressed and mandatory information is entered, click 'Next' again. This brings the user to the Initial Inpatient Request questionnaire.

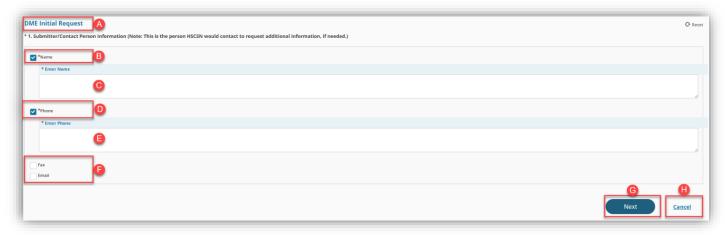
4.13 Entering Initial Request Information

HSCSN has developed intake questions as a guided assessment to support the user in submitting all required information to inform the medical necessity review. Each question must be answered. Any drop down field in a question that is denoted with the (*) asterisk is mandatory.

Each Authorization Type has targeted questions for the requested service.

- A. Title of the Initial Request assessment
- B. In this example user clicks on the first mandatory box (denoted by *)
- C. User must enter a corresponding note (mandatory)
- D. User clicks next mandatory box (denoted by *)
- E. User must enter a corresponding note (mandatory)
- F. User has the option to check Fax or Email box Note: While these two fields are optional, if selected the user must enter a corresponding note (mandatory only when the option is selected)
- G. Click Next to proceed to the next question
- H. Only click 'Cancel' to cancel the entire authorization (not recommended unless the authorization is entered in error)





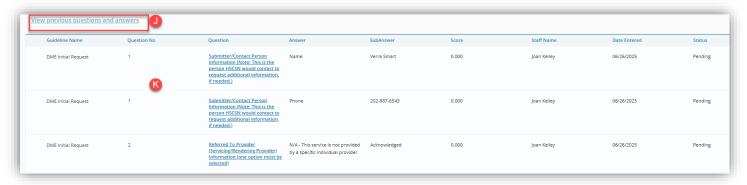
Note: User continues to answer each subsequent question until finished.

I. User can select Previous to review the prior question; select Next to proceed to the next question

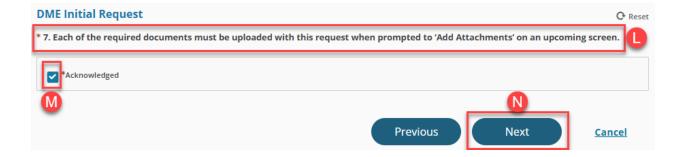


- J. User can also select 'View previous questions and answers' to see all of the questions and responses at one time
- K. Example of completed responses





- L. The final question of the assessment is an acknowledgement statement informing the user what documents must be uploaded on an upcoming screen.
- M. Once reviewed, the user clicks the check box acknowledging this content
- N. Click 'Next' to proceed



4.14 Adding Medical Records and Notes

User must upload required documents. Adding a note is optional.

- A. The system navigates the user to the Medical Records and Notes page.
- B. Click on 'Add Attachments'

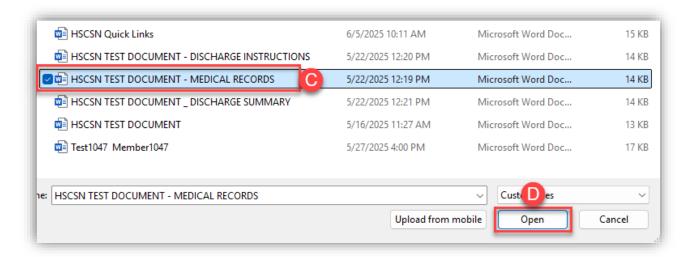




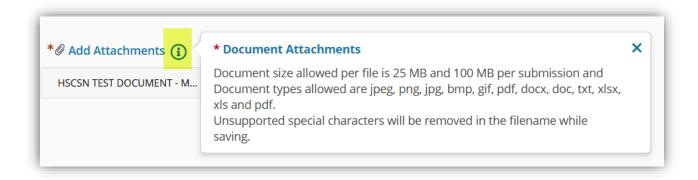
C. This navigates user to their browser (select whatever site is approved by user's organization); click on the appropriate document (to upload into the Auth Portal)



D. Click Open



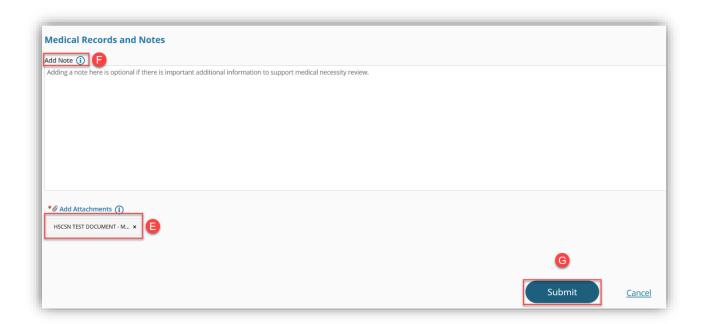
Note: User can click on the (i) next to Add Attachments for further information about Document Attachments



- E. See attached document reference (user can add as many documents as needed)
- F. Adding a note with additional information to support medical necessity review is optional



G. When all required documents are attached, click Submit



4.15 Confirming Authorization Request Submission

The system generates a pop up message confirming that the request has been submitted.

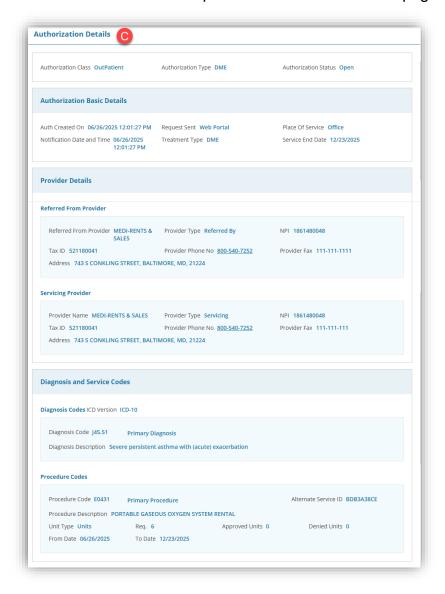
- A. Results: Navigate to the top of the page
- B. Review message: Your request (unique authorization request #) has been pended (for internal review by HSCSN UM team).

Note: User can use the authorization reference number to follow the progress of the authorization review and decisioning. Pended means the authorization request has been successfully transmitted to the HSCSN UM team for review.





Click to print opens a user-friendly view of the submission request which can be downloaded as needed. Note: This example is truncated to fit on this page.





5. Version History:

Version #	Comments	Created By and Date	Review By and Date	Approved By and Date
1.0	Initial Version	Maggie Kelley, Anoteros 06/24/2025		
1.1	Updated "Respite" priority guiding Provider to contact UM for Post Service request Select Outpatient Authorization Priority	Maggie Kelley, Anoteros, 07/15/2025		
1.2	Changed Respite Auth Portal submission from 3 BD to 5 BD pending further system updates. Select Outpatient Authorization	Maggie Kelley, Anoteros, 07/29/2025		Verbally approved by Nikki Reed- Countee, 07/28/2025
1.3	Place of Service – note not to choose school as option Entering Place of Service Removed reference to cheat sheets and refreshed screenshots due to formatting Entering the Procedure/Procedures	Maggie Kelley, Anoteros, 08/19/2025		