

Holiday closures: How to submit authorization requests for inpatient admissions

For Blue Cross commercial, Medicare Plus BlueSM,
Blue Care Network commercial and BCN AdvantageSM

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See below for instructions on submitting inpatient prior authorization requests during holiday closures. Note that all times are Eastern time.

Type of request	What to do
Acute inpatient admissions and continued stays	<p>For non-urgent requests, submit requests 24/7 through the e-referral system. If the e-referral system is unavailable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Cross commercial: Fax to 1-800-482-1713. • Medicare Plus Blue: Fax to 1-866-464-8223. • BCN commercial: Fax to 1-866-313-8433. • BCN Advantage: Fax to 1-866-526-1326. <p>Note: You can also submit requests through the X12N 278 <i>Health Care Services Review — Request for Review and Response</i> electronic standard transaction.</p> <p>For urgent requests, call the after-hours number 1-800-851-3904 at any time.</p>
Sick newborns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Cross commercial: Fax to 1-800-482-1713. • BCN commercial: Fax to 1-866-313-8433.
Skilled nursing facility admissions managed by Blue Cross or BCN	<p>For non-urgent requests, submit requests 24/7 through the e-referral system. If the e-referral system is unavailable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Cross commercial: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For UAW Retiree Medical Benefit Trust non-Medicare members, fax to 1-866-915-9811. ○ For other members, fax to 1-866-411-2573. • BCN commercial: Fax to 1-866-534-9994. Refer to the document Post-acute care admissions: Submitting authorization requests to BCN. <p>For urgent requests, call the after-hours number 1-800-851-3904 at any time.</p>
Inpatient rehabilitation and long-term acute care admissions managed by Blue Cross or BCN	<p>For non-urgent requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Cross commercial: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For UAW Retiree Medical Benefit Trust non-Medicare members, fax to 1-866-915-9811. ○ For other members, fax to 1-866-411-2573. • BCN commercial: Fax to 1-866-534-9994. Refer to the document Post-acute care admissions: Submitting authorization requests to BCN. <p>For urgent requests, call the after-hours number 1-800-851-3904 at any time.</p>

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Post-acute care admissions managed by naviHealth	<p>For urgent and non-urgent requests, for Medicare Plus Blue and BCN Advantage: naviHealth manages these authorizations. Refer to the document Post-acute care services: Frequently asked questions for providers.</p>
Behavioral health admissions not managed by vendors	<p>For non-urgent requests, submit requests 24/7 through the e-referral system. If the e-referral system is not available, call the appropriate number below.</p> <p>For urgent requests, call the appropriate number:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCN commercial: Call 1-800-482-5982 anytime. • Medicare Plus Blue: Call 1-888-803-4960 anytime. • BCN Advantage: Call 1-800-431-1059 anytime.
Behavioral health admissions managed by vendors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Blue Cross commercial requests managed by New Directions[®] Behavioral Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For General Motors salaried members, call 1-877-240-0705. ○ For State of Michigan members, call 1-866-503-3158. ○ For UAW Retiree Medical Benefit Trust non-Medicare members, call 1-877-228-3912. ○ For other members whose behavioral health care is managed by New Directions, call 1-800-762-2382. • For Blue Cross commercial requests managed by vendors other than New Directions, call the appropriate number from the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Carve-Out List.
Other requests	<p>Blue Cross commercial: Fax the following requests to 1-800-482-1713:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Employee Program[®] members with contract eligibility issues • Ineligible members or members with no contract

Reminder:

Refer to the [COVID-19 utilization management changes](#) document for information on changes in utilization management requirements related to COVID-19.