

Provider Bulletin



News and Information

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UCare Temporarily Changes Post-Acute Care Authorization and Notification Requirements

UCare is temporarily adjusting prior authorization requirements for certain facilities providing post-acute care. Effective May 12, 2023, to Dec. 31, 2023, UCare is waiving prior authorization requirements for all plans before admission for Long-Term Acute Care Hospital (LTACH) and Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation (AIR).

The temporary change will help ease the administrative process for providers and lead to smoother admissions for members requiring post-acute care services.

Providers should continue to use UCare’s prior authorization form for notification as indicated in the chart. **Please note:** There is no change to the process for notifying UCare within 24 hours of admission for Skilled Nursing Facilities and Swing Bed. UCare will continue to complete concurrent review.

******UCare will continue to require prior authorization for out of network services.******

Post-Acute Care Setting	UCare Plans	UCare Notification and Authorization Temporary Requirements Effective for dates of service 5/12/2023 to 12/31/2023
Long-Term Acute Care Hospital	All Plans	Notify UCare within 24 hours of admission. UCare will continue to complete concurrent review. Use the General Prior Authorization Form (located in the “UCare Authorization & Notification Forms” folder).
Post-Acute Care Setting	UCare Plans	UCare Notification and Authorization Temporary Requirements Effective for dates of service 5/12/2023 to 12/31/2023
Acute Inpatient Rehab	All Plans	Notify UCare within 24 hours of admission. UCare will continue to complete concurrent review. Use the General Prior Authorization Form (located in the “UCare Authorization & Notification Forms” folder).