



## INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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<b>Title:</b> Pediatric Long-Term Home Health (PLTHH) Prior Authorization Request (PAR) Pause Extension	<b>Topic:</b> PAR Pause Extension
<b>Audience:</b> Pediatric Long-Term Home Health (PLTHH) members, families, advocates, and providers	<b>Sub-Topic:</b> Intermittent Skilled Nursing, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), and LTHH Physical, Occupational and Speech Language Pathology Services
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### Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to notify providers, Case Management Agencies (CMAs), Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs), members, families, advocates and all interested stakeholders of an extension to the temporary suspension of Prior

Authorization Request (PAR) requirements for Pediatric Long-Term Home Health (PLTHH) intermittent skilled nursing, Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) services, Physical Therapy (PT) services, Occupational Therapy (OT) services, and Speech Language Pathology (SLP) services in the Pediatric Long-Term Home Health Benefit.

### Information:

In February 2022, the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) announced a temporary suspension of PAR requirements for Pediatric Long-Term Home Health (PLTHH). At that time, HCPF communicated that the suspension would expire in March 2024. Currently, HCPF is extending this pause through at least January 2025. This means that PARs will not resume before Jan. 31, 2025, for all PLTHH services. This continued pause **does not** impact outpatient PT, OT, or SLP services.

This extension impacts the following:

Pediatric Long-Term Home Health Benefit	Billing Code	Secondary Billing Code	PAR Requirement
PLTHH CNA Services	Rev Code 571	Rev Code 579 (Extended)	PAR Paused
Physical Therapy (Pediatric Only)	Rev Code 0421 (Pediatric LTHH only)		PAR Paused
Occupational Therapy (Pediatric Only)	Rev Code 0431 (Pediatric LTHH only)		PAR Paused
Speech Language Pathology (Pediatric Only)	Rev Code 0441 (Pediatric LTHH only)		PAR Paused

RN/LPN Standard Visit (Pediatric Only)	Rev Code 0551		PAR Paused
RN Brief 1 <sup>st</sup> of Day (Pediatric Only)	Rev Code 0590		PAR Paused
RN Brief 2 <sup>nd</sup> or > (Pediatric Only)	Rev Code 0599		PAR Paused

### Provider Information

Providers should continue to provide and bill for only medically necessary and ordered services in accordance with state law. Failure to comply with medical necessity and benefit limitations in the regulations noted below may result in compliance monitoring. This could include prospective and post-payment reviews of claims and recovery of any identified overpayment in accordance with state law.

The PAR pause only refers to **pediatric** authorizations. Adult Long-Term Home Health still requires prior authorization.

### Rule Requirements to Provide Services

- [10 Code of Colorado Regulations \(CCR\) 2505-10, Section 8.520](#)
- [10 CCR 2505-10, Section 8.520.5.C.](#)
- [10 CCR 2505-10, Section 8.520.5.A](#) (Nursing Services) (Rev Codes: 0551, 0590 & 0599)
- [10 CCR 2505-10, Section 8.076](#) (Program Integrity)

### Stakeholder Engagement Before the Resumption of PARs Information

HCPF is committed to working with providers and stakeholders before the resumption of the PAR requirement for the above services.

- The Department will offer provider training opportunities before the resumption of PARs for these services.
- The Department plans to release dates for stakeholder engagement opportunities beginning in Spring 2024.

- All interested stakeholders are encouraged to submit topics for review related to PLTHH to be reviewed during stakeholder engagement meetings ahead of meeting scheduling. Please use this [form](#).

**Attachment(s):**

None

**HCPF Contact:**

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