



Dear Home Health Provider,

Providers of Long-Term Home Health (LTHH) intermittent Registered Nursing (RN), Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) and Certified Nursing Aide (CNA) services are informed that the **Prior Authorization Request (PAR) Requirement previously announced to be effective July 1, 2025, will be delayed until August 1, 2025, for pediatric members only.** Providers serving adults receiving LTHH will continue to follow the current process in place for submitting PARs. Refer to [Operational Memo \(OM\) 25-036](#).

It has been determined that to ensure operational excellence, it is necessary to slightly delay the implementation of the Nurse Assessor, Skilled Care Acuity Assessment and Pediatric Long-Term Home Health (LTHH) Prior Authorization Request (PAR) Restart for Registered Nursing (RN), Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) and Certified Nursing Aide (CNA) services. The Department of Healthcare Policy & Financing (the Department) has committed to only fully launching a new program when confident that all systems and operations are ready.

The ability to restart PAR requirements for intermittent RN, LPN, and CNA services is dependent on the launch of the Nurse Assessor and Skilled Care Acuity Assessment (SCAA). The Department cannot restart PAR requirements for these services until the Nurse Assessor is implemented. Note that PAR requirements for Physical Therapy (PT), Occupational Therapy (OT), and Speech Therapy/Speech Language Pathology (ST/SLP) will start July 1, 2025, as outlined in [Operational Memo \(OM\) 25-033](#).

Service/PAR Type	Impact of the Nurse Assessor Delay
Pediatric Therapies ST/OT/PT	No impact. Nurse Assessor is not needed. PARs will restart July 1, 2025, after a successful soft launch February 3, 2025 - June 30, 2025 as outlined in OM 25-033 .
RN/LPN/CNA PARs	High impact. PAR requirements cannot be launched until August 1, 2025 with the Nurse Assessor process.

More information on upcoming trainings for the Nurse Assessor and Skilled Care Acuity

Assessment will be posted to the [Nurse Assessor and Skilled Care Acuity Assessment](#) web page, including updates to trainings that were rescheduled due to the delay.

Training information on PAR Restart through Acentra is located on the [Colorado PAR Program](#) web page.

Thank you,

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing