



Dear Pediatric Long-Term Home Health Provider,

In January 2022, the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) temporarily paused prior authorizations requests (PARs) for a series of pediatric long-term home health services and home health therapies until June 1, 2022. Those included PARs for pediatric long-term home health Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) services, and home health physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech language pathology therapy services.

Effective February 28, 2022, the pause will extend through March 2024 and will now include:

- Pediatric long-term home health CNA services
- Pediatric long-term home health therapies: occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech-language pathology therapy
- Pediatric long-term home health intermittent skilled nursing

This change impacts the following:

Pediatric Long-term Home Health Benefit	Billing Code	Secondary Billing Code	PAR Requirement
LTHH CNA Services	Rev Code 571 (Basic)	Rev Code 579 (Extended)	PAR Paused
Physical Therapy (Pediatric Only)	Rev Code 0421 (pediatric LTHH only)		PAR Paused
Occupation 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	Rev Code 0551		PAR Paused
RN Brief 1st of Day	Rev Code 0590		PAR Paused
RN Brief 2nd or >	Rev Code 0599		PAR Paused

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.

Additional guidance will be issued through the provider bulletin before the PAR requirements temporary suspension ends. Information will also be posted on the [ColoradoPAR: Health First Colorado Prior Authorization Request Program web page](#)

Rule Requirements to Provide Services:

- 10 Code of Colorado Regulations (CCR) 2505-10, Section 8.520 (Home Health Services) and 10 CCR 2505-10, Section 8.520.5.B. (Certified Nurse Aide Services) (Rev Codes: 571 & 579)
- 10 CCR 2505-10, Section 8.520.5.C. (Therapy Services) (Rev Codes: 421, 430 & 441)
- 10 CCR 2505-10, Section 8.520.5.A (Nursing Services)
- 10 CCR 2505-10, Section 8.076 (Program Integrity)

Email the Department at hcpf_UM@state.co.us for questions regarding prior authorization.

Email the Department at homehealth@state.co.us for policy-related questions.

NOTE: The information above only refers to **pediatric** authorizations. Adult home health still requires authorization.

Thank you,
Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

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Prior Authorization Requirements (PAR) are being suspended for Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) services, Physical Therapy (PT), Occupational Therapy (OT) and Speech Language Pathology (SLP) in the Pediatric Long-Term Home Health (PLTHH) benefit.

This suspension is effective November 1, 2021, through June 1, 2022, at the earliest. A minimum of 30 days' notice will be provided prior to reinstating the PAR requirements for these services.

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Kepro, at the direction of the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing, has issued Technical or Administrative Denials, for "No PAR Required" for PLTHH PARs that did not have a determination as of January 18, 2022. Kepro will send technical denials for "No PAR Required" for PAR denials for PLTHH CNA services and PT, OT, SLP services issued between November 1, 2021 and January 17, 2022. Members may work directly with their Home Health Agencies to continue to receive medically necessary services for PLTHH CNA, PT, OT and SLP in compliance with federal and state law.

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