Provider Bulletin

Molina Healthcare of California

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- ⊠ Riverside
- ⊠ San Bernardino

Payer Spaces

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers applicable to all lines of business.

What you need to know:

California providers can access Prior Authorization (PA) services by logging into the Availity Essentials portal

https://www.availity.com/molinahealthcare.

- 1. Select the Payer Spaces feature from the top navigation menu bar
- 2. Select "Molina Healthcare"
- 3. On the next screen page, select Prior Authorizations.
- 4. Fill in the required data fields. Use the training material handout as a guide.

For Prior Auth (PA) Submissions:

- The submitter must know the correct MEMBER ID, the Member must be Active/Eligible for the Molina benefit being requested.
- The "Refer From" provider is the Group or Individual provider that is requesting the AUTH Approval for the "Refer To" provider. The "Refer To" and "Refer From" can be the same.
- When there are Multiple providers with the same TINS and/or NPIs, knowing which one to use is essential in selecting, submitting, and retrieving AUTHs.
- To request or retrieve an AUTH, it is mandatory that the Member's benefit eligibility references the correct provider's TIN/NPI pair. Members can have benefits from multiple products – Medicaid, Medicare, Marketplace, and Medicare Advantage. The Member ID, Provider TIN, Provider NPI and Molina's internal provider ID are unique for each product and must match. Knowledge of what product the member ID and the Provider IDs represent is essential for effective AUTH submissions and retrievals. If you are not certain of any IDs, contact your Availity Essentials admin for your organization or your Molina PSR representative for assistance.

Provider Action

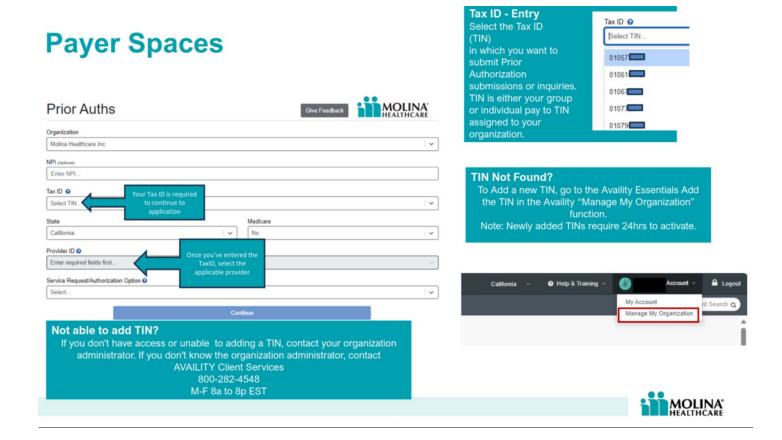
Using Availity Essentials Prior Auth vs Molina Prior AUTH (PA)

Availity Essentials offers two (2) versions of the Prior Auth services depending on your Health Plan provider

- Version (1) Payer Space SSO service PA application is accessed through an Availity Payer Space menu feature. The PA application is accessed via a connection to Molina's proprietary PA application.
- Version (2) Use Availity Essentials PA from the Essentials application menu.
 CA providers are currently setup to only use version (1). In the near future, CA providers will be switched to Version 2.
 A "How TO" guide for using version one (1) is available from by your Provider Service Rep after March 30th, 2024.

Please see below for more information on Payer Spaces.





What if you need assistance?

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