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**Starting 12/1/2020: Home Health Care to Require Prior Authorization For First Time Since Beginning of Global Health Crisis**

Dear Provider,

This is a courtesy notification regarding upcoming changes to the Health Plan of San Mateo's (HPSM) Prior Authorization Requirements for home health services.

**Starting December 1, 2020**, home health services will once again require prior authorization. Updates and final **YES** requirements as of 12/1/2020:

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
99501	Home visit postnatal
99502	Home visit nb care
99600	Home Visit Service or Procedures
G0151	Hhcp-serv of pt,ea 15 min
G0152	Hhcp-serv of ot,ea 15 min
G0153	Hhcp-svs of s/l path,ea 15mn
G0154	Hhcp-svs of rn,ea 15 min
G0155	Hhcp-svs of csw,ea 15 min
G0156	Hhcp-svs of aide,ea 15 min
G0157	Hhc pt assistant ea 15
G0158	Hhc ot assistant ea 15
G0159	Hhc pt maint ea 15 min

G0160	Hhc occup therapy ea 15
G0161	Hhc slp ea 15 min
G0162	Hhc rn e&m plan svcs, 15 min
G0299	Hhs/hospice of rn ea 15 min
G0300	SKILLED SERVICES OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN), IN TRAINING AND/OR EDUCATION OF A PATIENT OR FAMILY MEMBER IN THE HOME HEALTH OR HOSPICE SETTING, 15 MINUTES
G0483	SKILLED SERVICES OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN), IN TRAINING AND/OR EDUCATION OF A PATIENT OR FAMILY MEMBER IN THE HOME HEALTH OR HOSPICE SETTING, 15 MINUTES
G0493	SKILLED SERVICES OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN), IN TRAINING AND/OR EDUCATION OF A PATIENT OR FAMILY MEMBER IN THE HOME HEALTH OR HOSPICE SETTING, 15 MINUTES
G0494	SKILLED SERVICES OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN), IN TRAINING AND/OR EDUCATION OF A PATIENT OR FAMILY MEMBER IN THE HOME HEALTH OR HOSPICE SETTING, 15 MINUTES
G0495	SKILLED SERVICES OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN), IN TRAINING AND/OR EDUCATION OF A PATIENT OR FAMILY MEMBER IN THE HOME HEALTH OR HOSPICE SETTING, 15 MINUTES
G0496	SKILLED SERVICES OF A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN), IN TRAINING AND/OR EDUCATION OF A PATIENT OR FAMILY MEMBER IN THE HOME HEALTH OR HOSPICE SETTING, 15 MINUTES
T2005	N-et; stretcher van

To review the most current requirements, including services which will continue to not require prior authorization for the duration of the public health crisis, please visit and bookmark:

[hpsm.org/home/provider/authorizations](https://hpsm.org/home/provider/authorizations)

Please review the attached document for further guidance on how to complete a request for home health services.

Thank you,  
The Health Plan of San Mateo



# EXAMPLE CARE PLAN | Caring for Homebound HPSM Members

## How should a provider request home care visits?

Visit HPSM members to start care and conduct an assessment within 48 hours of receiving a physician's order. After the start of care visit has been conducted, compose a care plan for the entire 60 day certification period. Here's an example:

**Forms to fax**  
Fax the following forms within 10 days from start of care:  
[Retrospective Home Health Services Request Form](#)  
[Home Health Physician Order Form](#)  
[Home Health Clinical Summary](#)  
[Other supportive clinical documentation](#)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Day 1 Physician order received	Day 2 Start of care (SN visit)		Day 4 Subsequent visit (OT visit)		Day 6 Subsequent visits (PT/SN visits)
Day 7 Authorization submitted	Day 8 Additional visit (SN)		Day 10 Any visits after Day 10 subject to review (and possible denial)		Day 60 Certification period ends. Last day of required care plan.	

**Keep in mind:**  
1. The care plan should contain any services already delivered and future services that will be required.  
2. Services delivered within the initial 10 calendar day period will be authorized.  
3. Any services delivered from calendar day 11 to 60 of the certification period will be subject to full utilization review and potentially denied if not deemed medically necessary by HPSM staff.



Find all required forms, more examples, and other useful resources at [hpsm.org/provider/authorizations](https://hpsm.org/provider/authorizations)