

Behavioral health prior authorization requirements for Texas STAR Kids

Effective Sept. 1, 2020

Use the following table to determine if you need to request a prior authorization for inpatient or outpatient services you plan to perform on a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Texas STAR Kids member.

Submitting prior authorization requests

You can request prior authorization in one of the following ways:

- **Online:** Use the Prior Authorization and Notification tool on Link. Go to UHCprovider.com/paan.
- **Phone:** Call **888-887-9003**.
- **Fax** 844-280-1168. Fax form is available at UHCprovider.com/TXcommunityplan > Prior Authorization and Notification Resources > Prior Authorization Forms.

Note: We don't require prior authorization for emergency or urgent care. If you're an out-of-network physician, facility or other health care provider, you're required to request prior authorization for all procedures and services, excluding emergent or urgent care.

If you need more details, please refer to the Level of Care Guidelines on [Provider Express](#).

Category	Subcategory	Code	Diagnosis code	Prior authorization on effective date	Additional information/how to obtain prior authorization
Mental health (MH) services	MH outpatient electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)	90870	For all applicable diagnoses	On or before Sept. 1, 2019	You must use the Optum portal to request prior authorization for psychological testing
	Psychological testing evaluation	96130 and 96131			
	Psychological and neuropsychological testing administration/scoring	96136 and 96137			
	Home health (MH/SUD)	G0156 S9122 G0154 S9123 S9124 G1055 S9127			
	Mental health services, not otherwise specified (inclusive of outpatient BH services per diem)	H0046			

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Substance abuse/use disorder (SA/SUD) services	Psychological testing evaluation	96130 96131	For all applicable diagnoses	On or before Sept. 1, 2019	You must use the Optum portal to request prior authorization for psychological testing
	Psychological and neuropsychological testing administration/scoring	96136 96137			
	Home health (MH/SUD)	G0156 S9122 G0154 S9123 S9124 G1055 S9127			
	Alcohol and/or drug services; subacute	H0012			