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Rhode Island Medicaid Program

March 2021

Provider Update

**State offices will be closed in observance of the following
Holidays in 2021.**

Memorial Day	Monday, May 31
Independence Day	Sunday, July 4 (State Employees, celebrate Monday, July 5)
Victory Day	Monday, August 9
Labor Day	Monday, September 6
Columbus Day	Monday, October 11
Veterans' Day	Thursday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 25
Christmas Day	Saturday, December 25 (State Employees celebrate on Mon- day, December 27)

**The RI Medicaid Customer Service Help Desk/Call Center will
also be closed on the same days.**

**The RI Medicaid Health Care Portal (HCP) is available 24
hrs./7 days for Member Eligibility, Claim Status, View Remit-
tance Advice and View Remittance Advice Payment Amount.**

Click [here](#) for the HCP login page.





March 2021 Provider Update

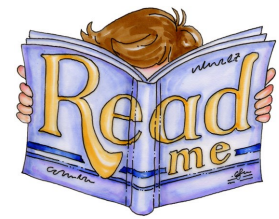


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Providers**
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(401) 784-8100
for local and
long distance calls
(800) 964-6211
for in-state toll calls



Attention Home Care Providers

For claims that are submitted by a home care agency, a member must have RI Medicaid eligibility, a prior authorization and an active enrollment for the dates of service into one of the below waiver/programs.

- Core Community Services
- DEA Waiver Community Waiver Program (Office of Healthy Aging (OHA))
- BHDDH Community Support
- Medicaid Preventive Services
- Habilitation Community Services
- DEA Copay Services (@Home Cost Share program)

To verify program enrollment and eligibility sign into the [Health Care Portal](#). Verify that a member has RI Medicaid and program eligibility under the “Eligibility” tab. For DEA Copay clients (@Home Cost Share program) you will see DEA Copay Services and they will not have Medicaid Eligibility.

For claims to process and pay, there also needs to be a prior authorization on file for the correct number of units and dates of service that you will be submitting your claims for.

The Prior Authorizations are viewable under “Interactive Web Services” on the right of the home page of the portal. Please select “Check Prior Authorization”.

If either their eligibility or a prior authorization is missing on the portal than please call or email DHS. Below is the contact information for DHS programs:

DHS Help Line 401-415-8455 or dhs.ltss@dhs.ri.gov

For DEA Waiver (OHA) or DEA Copay (@Home Cost Share program) clients please contact the regional case manager at Tri-County or West Bay CAP.

If you can see eligibility and a prior authorization on the Health Care portal but you do not see it in the EVV system, then please contact Sandata directly.

SAM Providers:

For questions regarding the Rhode Island SAM closed system, please email Customer Support: RIcustomer@sandata.com or call 1-855-781-2079.

Questions or issues with the SAM EVV system, please contact Sandata’s Customer Care via email at RIcustomer@sandata.com or 1-855-781-2079.

Alternate EVV/Third-Party

Questions or issues with the Alt. EVV/Third Party system, please contact Sandata’s Customer Care via email at rialttevv@sandata.com.

You should always ask for your ticket number when you contact Sandata Customer Care for an issue. If a Customer Care ticket has not been acknowledged after two (2) business days (a response from Sandata acknowledging the ticket issue), you may escalate with the ticket number to Meg Carpinelli via email at Margaret.Carpinelli@ohhs.ri.gov

Important: Please note you should not email Meg directly with an issue. You must open a ticket with Sandata first. If the ticket is not acknowledged after 2 business days, you can then escalate.

If you have any billing issues after verifying that a member has eligibility and a prior authorization in place please reach out to Marlene.Lamoureux@gainwelltechnologies.com or 401-784-3805.

Attention All PES Users

At the date of this posting, you should be upgraded to PES 2.12. A new version of PES, version **2.13**, is now available and you should update to this newest version as soon as possible. This is a **mandatory upgrade**.

It is **critical** that you follow the upgrade instructions **carefully and precisely**, otherwise you run the risk of corrupting your database.

Before installing the upgrade, we **highly recommend that you create a backup copy of your database**. This backup file would only be used if your file is corrupted during the upgrade process.

Instructions to create a backup file of your existing database:

- Navigate to where your database is stored.
 - ◊ This location will either be **C: drive/RIHIPAA OR server/RIHIPAA**
- The database file is named **rinewecs.mdb**.
 - ◊ Right-click this file and choose copy.
- Next, navigate to your desktop or a flash-drive folder.
 - ◊ Right-click and choose paste.
- This file is **only** to be used if your upgrade to 2.13 doesn't work and your database is corrupted.

Once your database is saved, proceed with the upgrade. The software upgrade and upgrade instructions can be located on the [Provider Electronic Solutions](#) page on the EOHHS website.

Please follow the directions for upgrading **VERY** carefully. Failure to do so could result in your database being corrupted.

NOTE: Upgrades **MUST** be done in **sequential order**. For example; if you have not already upgraded to PES Version 2.11 you must do that **FIRST**, and then upgrade to 2.12, and then finally proceed to the newest version of PES.

Additionally, if you are working on a network, the **SERVER** needs to be updated first, and then each workstation separately thereafter.

Instructions to upgrade PES:

- **Go to:**
[http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ProvidersPartners/Billing&Claims/ProviderElectronicSolutions\(PES\)Software.aspx](http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ProvidersPartners/Billing&Claims/ProviderElectronicSolutions(PES)Software.aspx)
- **Click on:** "PES Upgrade Version 2.13"
 - ◊ Please make absolute certain that you select the **UPGRADE** option
 - ◆ Failure to follow this step will result in wiping your database.

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Attention All PES Users (continued)

Depending on your version of Windows you will either be prompted to “Save As” **OR** your download will appear in the bottom left hand corner.

- **If a box opens up that says “Save As”**
 - Choose your C: drive
 - Choose the RIHIPAA folder
 - Choose the Upgrades folder – Do **not** unzip the file. SAVE it to the Upgrades folder. (File is named eagle0213.zip)
- **If the download appears in the bar in the bottom left hand corner:**
 - Open the “Downloads” folder. Do **not** open the zip file itself. Right-click the file and COPY.
 - Open your C: Drive and go to the RIHIPAA folder, and then the Upgrades folder.
 - Right-click and PASTE the eagl0213.zip file into the Upgrades folder

Once this is done, you must perform this next step in order to complete the upgrade.

Again, **DO NOT** open the zip file.

- Make sure that your PES program is **CLOSED**.
- Click on your **START** button
- Click on “All Programs”
- Click on “RI DXC Provider Electronic Solutions”
 - ◊ From here a couple of options should open in a drop-down style menu.
 - ◊ Click on “Upgrade”
- You will get a message that states: *“Upgrades cannot be applied while the DXC Provider Electronic Solutions software is running. Please exit all applications prior to continuing with the upgrade. Do you wish to apply the upgrades now?”*
 - ◊ If the software is closed, choose “yes.”
 - ◊ If the software is open, **close** the software and then click “yes”
- You should get a message that says there is *“1 new upgrade Do you wish to continue?”*
 - ◊ Choose “yes”
- Follow the prompts through the next few screens, then select finish.

After this your program should have updated successfully.

When your upgrade to 2.13 is successful, you can delete the backup file that you created. **We highly recommend you delete the saved copy from your desktop or flash drive.**

If you should have any questions, please email riediservices@dxc.com or contact your provider representative.

Emailing for Technical Support

When sending an email to EDI (riediservices@dxc.com) or your provider rep for assistance, it is important to include vital information so that we may best assist you. In your email please include your: name, phone number, user id, NPI and Trading Partner ID (if applicable).

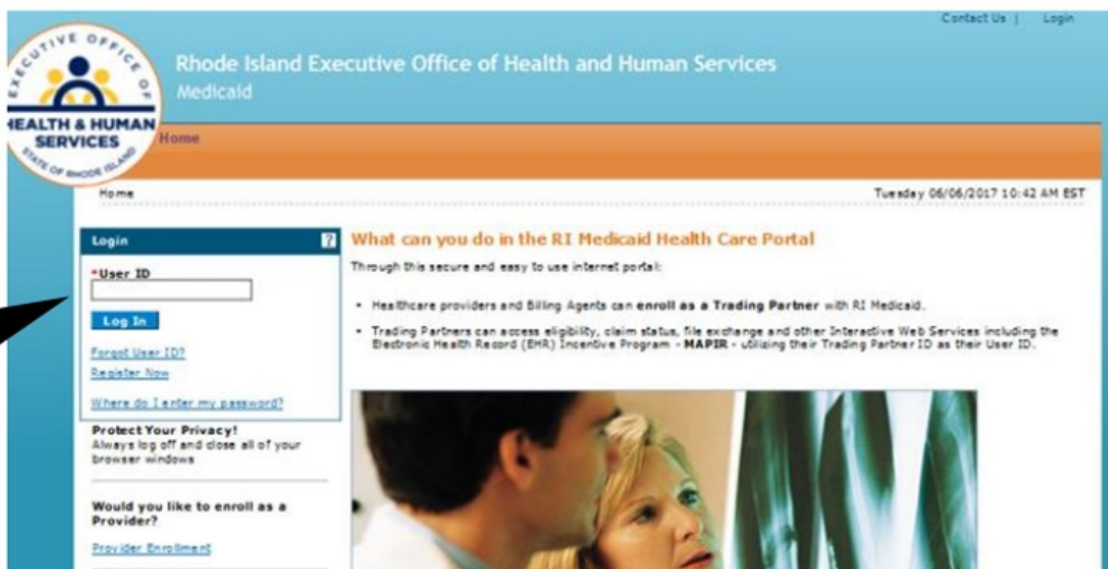
If you are emailing about login issues, please include the platform you are trying to access (Healthcare Portal, PES, etc).

If you are getting an error message, please include a screenshot of the error, or let us know *exactly* what the error message says. Depending on the platform you are using, there are multiple reasons an error could kick back, so providing this specific information in your email will help us to best assess the root of the issue and how to solve it.

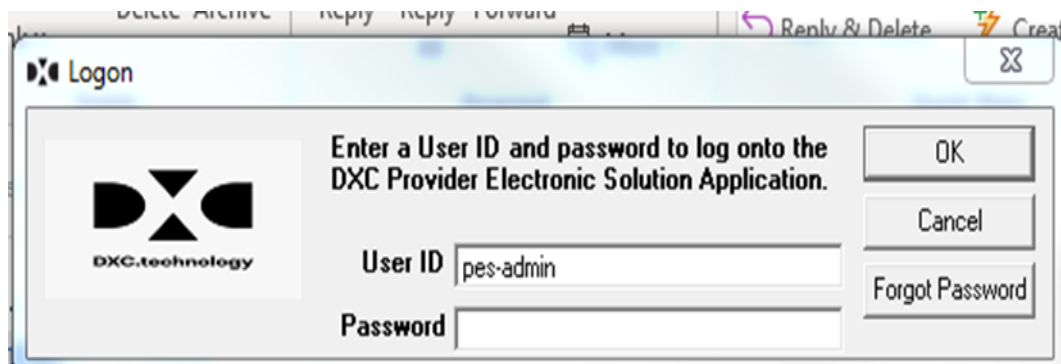
Below are screenshots of the most commonly used platforms that you may be logging into.

Healthcare Portal:

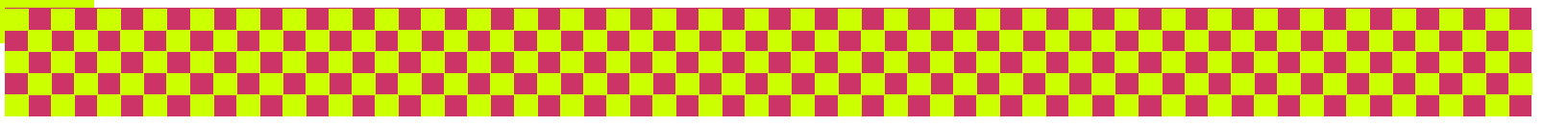
Enter your User ID here and click Log In



PES (aka Provider Electronic Services):



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HEALTHCARE PORTAL

LOGIN TROUBLESHOOTING

ISSUE	POSSIBLE THINGS TO CHECK/DO
Login Issues	
You are getting an error message that your security question answer is incorrect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are not able to reset security questions. Only the owner of the account can change their questions and answers. • If you are getting an error that your security question answer is incorrect it is typically indicative that your username is wrong. Please go back to the home page and make sure you are typing in your username correctly. *Please type slowly to ensure there are no mistakes* • Additionally, please make note of your security questions and answers to ensure that you are entering the correct answer each time.
You are getting an error message that your password is incorrect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passwords are CASE-SENSITIVE. So please take care to ensure you are entering your password correctly and that caps-lock is not on.
You are getting questions you do not recognize -OR- you do not remember your username.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you already enrolled as a trading partner or delegate? • You need to have already enrolled as a trading partner - OR- have had your admin user create a delegate account before being able to sign in. • <i>Please</i> make sure you have REGISTERED and VERIFIED your account. If you have not registered and verified your account, you will be prompted with questions you do not recognize.
You are getting an error when resetting your password on the Portal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Portal is VERY specific on what a password can be. • Your password must be EXACTLY 8 characters (no more, no less), with at least one capital letter, one lowercase letter, and NO special characters. • For example, something like "Portal21" would work, but something like "Pa55w@rd2021!" would not.

Attention Automated Script Users

This message is intended for **automated script users ONLY**. Meaning, if you are a PES software user or you manually login to the Health Care Portal to submit your claims STOP reading this notice. Otherwise, if your claim files are sent as an automated process, please continue to read this message.

If you're a trading partner who is presently sending files to RI Medicaid using an automated process the URL is changing. We need you to begin using the URL below.

[https:// iws.riproviderportal.org/portal/services/customClient/upload](https://iws.riproviderportal.org/portal/services/customClient/upload)

[https:// iws.riproviderportal.org/portal/services/customClient/directory](https://iws.riproviderportal.org/portal/services/customClient/directory)

[https:// iws.riproviderportal.org/portal/services/customClient/download](https://iws.riproviderportal.org/portal/services/customClient/download)

This is not optional. We are requesting this be done as soon as possible. Please replace your current URLs with the above URLs.

No testing will be required. Please begin submitting your claims and eligibility request to the above URLs ASAP. Please make sure to review all your acknowledgment reports for acceptance of your submissions.

If this message applies to you, please confirm with us the links are working as expected by sending an email to riediservices@dx.com. Be sure to include your trading partner number.

FYI:

The application fee to enroll as a Medicaid provider is \$599.00 as of January 1, 2021.

However, please note that all enrollment application fees are waived during the Covid-19 Health Crisis

See more information regarding providers who may be subject to application fees [here](#).

Prior Authorization Requests

Please **do not** fax prior authorization requests that contain more than 15 pages. If your request is over 15 pages please mail your requests to:

Gainwell Technologies
Prior Authorization Department
PO Box 2010
Warwick, RI 02887-2010

Attention Managed Care Organizations—Telehealth Processing

The Rhode Island Executive Office of Health & Human Services (EOHHS) requests that all Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) submit telehealth claims with a *Place of Service Code 02 (Telehealth)*.

EOHHS requests that all MCOs complete the implementation of this change in claims submission by February 1, 2021.

Please contact Mark Kraics and Steven Corvese if you have questions regarding this requirement

Pharmacy Spotlight



RI Fee-for-Service (FFS) Medicaid has incorporated changes outlined into law on October 24, 2018 with the Substance Use Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities (Support) Act HR6 as they pertain to section 1004 for the MMIS Medicaid Drug Utilization Review processes.

The SUPPORT Act was drafted in order to address the current opioid crisis. It outlines the necessary steps that states must take in order to promote opioid recovery and treatment for patients.

A maximum daily morphine equivalent (MME) amount on opioid prescriptions for individuals in FFS Medicaid has been set at 90MME. Exceptions to this limit are patients with cancer, sickle cell disease and those in hospice care. Pharmacy Point-of-Service (POS) claims will deny when this daily limit is exceeded, or if the MMIS has no clinical information for an individual, with the following message ***“Patient exceeded cumulative daily 90 MME limit”***.

Using the pharmacy Opioid Prior Authorization form a prescriber can submit a PA request for consideration. The PA form can be retrieved at <http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ProvidersPartners/GeneralInformation/ProviderDirectories/Pharmacy/PharmacyPriorAuthorizationProgram.aspx>

Pharmacy Spotlight cont.

Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Alerts and Override Codes

Effective June 2020 RI FFS Medicaid has added the following drug/drug combinations to the DUR Alert edit.

- Opioids (Extended Release)/Benzodiazepine
- Opioids (Immediate Release)/Benzodiazepine
- Opioids (Extended Release)/Antipsychotic
- SLT Opioids (Immediate Release)/Antipsychotic

Please continue to follow the procedure below to override DUR Alerts when necessary.

Early Refill (ER), Therapeutic Duplication (TD) and Drug-Drug Interaction (DD) Alerts

If a claim for a refill is submitted before 85% of the prior prescription is used that claim will deny. If a claim is for a drug within therapeutic duplication alert categories that claim will deny.

If a claim is submitted for a recipient whose claim history includes an interacting drug and the date of service of the current claim is within the interaction time of the earlier drug, the claim will deny.

To override these denials, the pharmacist submitting a claim through POS must initiate a DUR Alert Override using valid intervention and outcome response codes. The ER override code cannot be used for a vacation fill.

Valid intervention and outcome codes must be entered in order for the claim to be paid. These codes are selected based on the pharmacist’s professional judgment and assessment, and may involve contacting the prescriber to obtain more information before a code is used.

Reason For Service Code (Alerts)	Result of Service Code (Outcome)	Professional Service Code (Interventions)
DD = Drug-Drug Interaction ER = Early Refill TD = Therapeutic Duplication	1C = Filled, With Different Dose 1D = Filled, with Different Directions 1E = Filled, With Different Drug 1G = Filled, With Prescriber Approval 3C = Discontinued Drug 3D = Regimen Changed 3E = Therapy Changed 3H = Follow-up/ Report	M0 = Prescriber consulted MR = Medication review PH = Patient medication history PM = Patient monitoring P0 = Patient consulted

If no code has been entered, or if an invalid outcome and intervention code is used, the claims will remain denied and no payment will be made.

Please note: Those wishing to override an alert must do so within 3 days of receipt of the denial. Providers trying to override an alert beyond the 3 day time period will receive a message of “no corresponding claim; please resubmit”.

Please Note: The correct code for a lost or stolen prescription is 3H



Pharmacy Spotlight cont.

Treatment of Hepatitis C Prior Authorization Guidelines March 1, 2021

Introduction:

Hepatitis C has been identified as a significant etiology of chronic liver disease, associated comorbidities, need for liver transplant and death. These guidelines document eligible beneficiaries, who may prescribe covered medications and the information which must be submitted in order to obtain a coverage determination. Additions to the list of FDA approved medications will require individual review.

Detailed prescribing and drug warning information may be obtained at:
<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm522932.htm>

Modifications to these guidelines will be issued as needed.

Prior authorization is required.

General Approval Criteria:

I. Prescribers:

- A. Patients with Stage 3 and Stage 4 disease must be managed by a provider on the Rhode Island Medicaid Hepatitis C Preferred Provider List who either assumes direct responsibility for care or who after consultation and establishing a treatment plan co-manages the patient with the primary care provider.
- B. Patients with documented Stage O, 1 or 2 disease may be managed by the primary care physician, advanced practice nurse or physician assistant as described below.

II. Beneficiaries:

- A. All patients with documented Hepatitis C Stages O through 4 are eligible for treatment.

III. Required Documentation:

- A. The following must be included in the pre-authorization request:
 1. Stage of disease and test used to determine disease stage.
 2. Presence or absence of decompensated cirrhosis. Patients with decompensated liver disease must be referred to a physician with experience in managing such disease — ideally at a center with liver transplant capabilities.
 3. Hepatitis C genotype:
 - * Initial therapy with preferred drug (Mavyret), genotyping not required.
 - * Treatment requests after initial treatment, or requests for medication other than Mavyret, genotyping is required.
 4. History of prior Hepatitis C treatment if relevant.
 5. Treatment plan which includes:
 - * Medication name, dose and duration.
 - * Agreement to submit post treatment viral load data if requested. (cont.)

Pharmacy Spotlight cont.

Treatment of Hepatitis C (continued) Prior Authorization Guidelines March 1, 2021

IV. Approvals:

- A. Approval will be for a full course of treatment with medication being dispensed in 28 day increments. Evidence of non-compliance may result in cancellation of approved medication refills.
- B. Approval will be valid for 56 - 84 days from date of approval.
- C. Health plan Medical Directors will be responsible for monitoring in plan processes to insure compliance with this policy. Documentation must be provided to Rhode Island Medicaid upon request.
- D. Any request for a non FDA approved treatment will be denied.

V. Treatment recommendations as of March 1, 2021:

- A. Preferred agents: Mavyret and Vosevi.
- B. Non-preferred agents: All other agents, with the exception of ribavirin;
 - 1. Will be approved if a patient is completing a cycle of therapy which was initiated prior to current policy implementation, or
 - 2. Will be reviewed on a case by case basis. The PA request must include supporting, detailed clinical documentation of need for an alternative, non-preferred agent.

VI. Continuity of Treatment:

- A. When transitioning between publicly funded delivery systems (e.g. between Fee for Service Medicaid and Managed Care Medicaid, between Managed Care Medicaid and Fee for Service Medicaid or between the Department of Corrections and the Medicaid program), any authorization granted by the prior delivery system will be honored for the portion of the treatment that remains after the transition.

VII. Policy Effective Date: March 1, 2021

<http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Pharmacy/PA22.pdf>

Pharmacy Spotlight cont.

Changes to the NCPDP D.0 Payer Sheet for RI FFS Medicaid

Effective 2/23/2021 RI FFS Medicaid, in order to support the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) of 2016, is adding 2 additional field requirements to the payer sheet for submission of pharmacy claims. The following fields have been added to the payer sheet. These fields will be required on all CII drug claims.

460-ET	Quantity Prescribed	Quantity prescribed expressed in metric decimal units
384-4X	Patient Residence	Identifies patient's place of residence

The following values will be the **only** values accepted for **Patient Residence for CII drug claims:**

- 1- Home
- 2- Skilled Nursing Facility
- 3- Nursing Facility
- 4- Assisted Living Facility
- 5- Group Home
- 11- Hospice
- 14- Homeless Shelter

Any value listed on the payer sheet will be accepted for **all non-CII drug claims.**

Please reference the new payer sheet that is posted on the RI EOHHS website on the:
http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Pharmacy/Payer_Sheet_Effective_02.23.2021.pdf

RI FFS Medicaid expects to begin receiving these fields on February 23, 2021.

Please Note!

Providers can access the Healthcare Portal directly, without going through the [EOHHS website](#), by going to this address:

<https://www.riproviderportal.org/HCP/Default.aspx?alias=www.riproviderportal.org/hcp/provider>

Click [here](#) to view the **UPDATED** RI Medicaid memo regarding telehealth and COVID-19

Hospital Outpatient Rate Increase

The APC and outpatient laboratory rates are increasing by 2.6% above their current level, effective 7/1/2020. Previously paid outpatient claims with dates of service on and after 7/1/2020 will be adjusted and reprocessed at the new rate. The adjustment is scheduled for 3/20/2021 to be reflected in the 3/26/2021 remittance advice.

The updated rates can be located on the EOHHS website under the header “Outpatient Hospital Fee Schedule”. The APC rates located on the EOHHS website will be updated to reflect the change soon.

If you have questions, please contact the Customer Service Help Desk at 401-784-8100 or for in-state toll calls 800-964-6211 or your Provider Representative.




Please Note!

Resources to Book COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment

Providers please inform your recipients about the resources below to book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment. Current eligibility age is 65+ for state run clinics.

STATE RUN VACCINE CLINICS

 www.VaccinateRI.org

 1-844-930-1779

· 100 Sockanosset Cross Road, Cranston RI 02920

· Dunkin Donuts Center, 1 La Salle Square, Providence, RI 02903


 CVS

 <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>

1-800-746-7287

 WALGREENS

 <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19...>

 1-800-925-4733



Prior Authorization Requirements During Covid-19 Crisis

Prior Authorizations previously extended to January 31, 2021 will be extended through June 30, 2021. No action is required by providers. The changes have been applied systematically.

Also note that the Prior Authorization requirements are now waived for all services except the following:

- **Pharmacy**
- **Hospice inpatient**
- **Orthodontic treatment**
- **Wheelchair and accessories**
- **Specialized supply**
- **Home modifications**
- **Private duty nursing**
- **Personal care services**

All claims billed with the services above will still require prior authorization.

****Prior authorization requests for manually priced DME items should continue to be submitted as usual. These include items that fall under codes such as A9999, E1399 and K0108.***

Should you have questions please contact the Customer Service Help Desk at (401) 784-8100 for local and long-distance calls (800) 964-6211 for in-state toll calls.

COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment Surcharges

EOHHS has received complaints and other communications from consumers concerning reopened practices charging patients fees for costs related to personal protective equipment (PPE) and the infection control recommendations from the CDC due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. EOHHS is sending this communication as an alert that such practices should not be occurring by providers for covered Medicaid services.

Rhode Island Medicaid balance-billing rules, and HMO balance billing prohibitions, and MCO contracts prohibit charging plan beneficiaries administrative fees or fees inherent in the delivery of covered services.

Providers need to be aware of the limitations placed by Medicaid, Medicare, HMOs, and Health Benefit Plans etc. on billing patients certain fees.

Provider practices should not be billing/collecting fees to increased costs associated from COVID (i.e. PPE surcharges). Unless otherwise stipulated, the Medicaid Program reimbursement is considered payment in full. The provider is not permitted to seek further payment from the beneficiary in excess of the Medicaid Program rate. This includes the billing of a beneficiary resulting from a denied claim for any reason other than eligibility. In general, beneficiaries of RI Medicaid cannot be billed for any covered service or missed appointment.

We strongly encourage MCOs to remind providers regarding charging Medicaid members additional fees related to covered services.

NURSING HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING, AND HOSPICE PROVIDERS

Payment Delivery for Interim Payments

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 State of Emergency, Interim payments will continue to be automatically deposited into the bank account associated with your Gainwell Technologies MMIS account.

This will alleviate the need for in-person visits to the Gainwell Technologies office.

The next system payment will be deposited into the bank account directly, in line with the financial calendar on March 12, 2021.

Gainwell Technologies will securely mail the member information to providers detailing which client and date of service the payment is for.

We will continue to communicate with providers on any changes.

Long Term Supports and Services Cost of Care

Since the start of the COVID-19 public emergency, Medicaid has not permitted any increase in a client's cost of care (also known as "patient share"). The federal waiver prohibiting cost of care increases has ended in November, 2020.

All LTSS recipients are being reviewed for potential cost of care increases, effective January 1, 2021. Cost of care increases will **NOT** be retroactive.

Clients may have accrued assets over the \$4,000 limit due to the implementation of this policy change. DHS will review assets upon recertification. Recertifications will begin in the month following the end of the Federal Public Health Emergency (PHE). The PHE is extended through 2021, or with a 60-day notice of cancelation.

DME Providers—Enteral Nutrition Guidelines

The Enteral Nutrition Guidelines have been updated. Guidelines can be found [here](#) in the Enteral Nutrition and Total Parental Nutrition section of the provider manual.

[http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ProvidersPartners/ProviderManualsGuidelines/
MedicaidProviderManual/DME/
CoverageGuidelinesforDurableMedicalEquipment.aspx](http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ProvidersPartners/ProviderManualsGuidelines/MedicaidProviderManual/DME/CoverageGuidelinesforDurableMedicalEquipment.aspx)

Attention Home Care Providers

Providers will soon have access to a newly updated Electronic Referral List web page that will display individuals approved for home care services on the Health Care portal. Providers shared valuable feedback during and after recent training sessions that have been used to make additional improvements to the system. The system will Go Live on March 16, 2021 following the March 10, 2021 provider training and some additional staff training.

The list will be used by the Home Care agencies to view general beneficiary information for those in need of services. This is for those beneficiaries that are receiving services through Fee for Service Medicaid only. The programs that are included are:

- Core Community Services
- DEA Waiver
- Preventive Services
- Habilitation Community Services

BHDDH, DEA Copay and Pediatrics are not in the current phase but may be added in a future phase.

Available information on the referral list will include:

- Referral ID
- Date the referral was created
- Region (where the recipient will be receiving services)
- Preferred Language
- Primary Diagnosis
- Are there pets, smokers, weapons in the home?
- Priority (2 days, 5 days, 14 days or unknown)
- Status (available, In Progress)

Providers that have an active Trading Partner ID will need to fill out the “Electronic Fee-For-Service Referral System for Home Care Agencies” form if they do not have access already to this web page. Please email the completed form to: riediservices@dxc.com.

If you have not already enrolled as a Trading Partner please refer to the instructions which are found on the [Healthcare Portal page](#) of the www.eohhs.ri.gov website to enroll and register your Trading Partner ID before you can gain access to the Electronic Referral page in the Healthcare Portal.

For questions please contact marlene.lamoureux@gainwelltechnologies.com.

Attention Nursing Home Providers

To improve the timeliness of the nursing home billing process, EOHHS has eliminated the requirement to submit discharge and readmission slips in CSM for members that meet the below criteria:

- Members have long term care approval and discharge from a nursing facility for an inpatient hospital stay
- Hospital admission is for 30 days or less
- Readmission is back to the same nursing facility that the member was discharged from

This change impacts all dates of service and skill levels and was implemented on February 22, 2021.

As an example, a member discharges to the hospital on 2/10/21 and returns to the same nursing facility after a 10-day inpatient stay. Claims for the month of February 2021 should be submitted as follows:

1. Submit a nursing home bill type (263, 253, 210) based on their skill level for 2/1/21-2/10/21 with a revenue code of 0100 and patient status of 02, (Discharged/ Transferred to another short-term General Hospital).
2. For the member's return to the same nursing facility (absent 30 days or less), submit a nursing home bill type based on their skill level for 2/19/21-2/28/21 with **revenue code 0160**.

The claim for 2/19/21-2/28/21 will not deny with EOB 633 - Gap in Billed Days with the new claims processing logic in place if:

- There is a discharge status of 02 on the nursing home claim that was submitted prior to the inpatient hospital stay
- The nursing home claim that is submitted are for dates of service immediately following the discharge from the hospital and is submitted with a **revenue code of 0160**
- The member's admission is back to the same facility where they were discharged from prior to the hospital admission
- The hospital stay was 30 days or less

Important

If a member discharges to the hospital and it is for more than 30 days, then it is required that you submit the discharge and readmission slips into CSM as you do today.

For any questions please reach out to marlene.lamoureux@gainwelltechnologies.com .

EVV Updates:

The RI Medicaid program is moving forward with full compliance with the Federal 21st Century Cures Act, Section 12006(a), effective January 1, 2021.

EOHHS is focused on ensuring a smooth transition for providers beginning to use EVV for all Medicaid services covered by Federal law. Since 2016, EOHHS has worked with the State's EVV vendor, Sandata, to build and make available the State EVV Solution, Santrax Agency Management (SAM), for all Medicaid providers fee for service claims. Beginning in April 2020, the RI Medicaid program also allowed providers to use third-party EVV systems via an "aggregator" with the Santrax system, to submit EVV records, should they choose not to implement the full Medicaid EVV solution.

We must remind providers that under Federal law, each provider's third-party EVV system must either be fully interfaced with the State vendor, Sandata, or providers must use the State EVV system until the interface is complete by January 1, 2021. Providers must meet this deadline to meet federal compliance and avoid interruption in payments. Providers will not be exempt from using EVV while establishing interfaces with Sandata.

Beginning January 1, 2021, all Medicaid claims submitted to EOHHS that require EVV records will be reviewed for the corresponding EVV record at time of adjudication. Medicaid claims without corresponding EVV records will deny during claims adjudication or, if the claim is paid and does not have valid matching EVV records, it will be subject to review and recoupment.

EVV audits will be conducted in the same manner and procedure as all Medicaid Program Integrity audits, as communicated on May 1, 2020. Results of EVV audits will be formally documented and will allow for provider review and response. Audits finding will document recommendations, may require corrective action and could result in penalties for the billing providers.

EVV audits will commence six (6) months after the federal EVV compliance deadline (January 1, 2021) and will include dates of service back to the start of the compliance period. EVV providers will be notified no later than thirty (30) business days in advance of an audit taking place. This notification will outline the purpose of the audit, the required documentation and the process that will be followed.

To ensure consistency and transparency, Rhode Island Medicaid's managed care organizations will follow the same procedures and timeframes as outlined above.

EOHHS has made available and implemented multiple resources for providers to begin complying with EVV requirements. The Rhode Island Medicaid EVV website is the primary source of information for the EVV program and stakeholders may access that information at [http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ProvidersPartners/ElectronicVisitVerification\(EVV\).aspx](http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ProvidersPartners/ElectronicVisitVerification(EVV).aspx).

If you have any questions about the EVV implementation, please contact Meg Carpinelli via email at Margaret.Carpinelli@ohhs.ri.gov

EOHHS values the partnership of providers and looks forward to working with you to meet the requirements for EVV.

Attention Home Care Providers

Effective January 12, 2021, RI Medicaid members that were actively enrolled in the Self-Direction Community Services waiver were transitioned to a new program name. The program will appear on the Health Care Portal as “Personal Choice Program”. Members are eligible for the same services received under the Self-Direction Community Services name. Reimbursement for services and procedure codes will remain the same.

If a Medicaid member is seeking services for the Personal Choice Program, please reach out to OHHS.OCP@ohhs.ri.gov for enrollment assistance. If you have questions about active members, please contact the DHS LTSS Unit at (401) 462-6278 or Linea.Tuttle@ohhs.ri.gov.

Important: Please note that these members will also have active Core Waiver Eligibility. What this means is if the member has an active enrollment into both the Personal Choice Program and the Core Waiver Services with the same dates of service, claims submitted for home care services by a home care agency will deny.



HHS Announces Provider Relief Fund Reporting Update

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is issuing new reporting requirements and announcing that it will be amending the reporting timeline for the Provider Relief Fund Program (PRF) due to the recent passage of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act.

These reporting requirements will apply to providers who received the Medicaid PRF funds. The reporting requirements released today do not apply to funds from: Nursing Home Infection Control, Rural Health Clinics Testing, and COVID-19 Claims Reimbursement to Health Care Providers and Facilities for Testing, Treatment and Vaccine Administration for the Uninsured recipients.

Additionally, starting today, PRF recipients may begin registering for gateway access to the Reporting Portal where they will ultimately submit their information in compliance with the new reporting requirements HHS is issuing.

Read the full **press release** [here \[hhs.gov\]](#) [\[clicktime.symantec.com\]](#).

Learn more about the **reporting requirements** and new portal [here \[hhs.gov\]](#) [\[ktime.symantec.com\]](#).



State FY 2021 Claims Payment and Processing Schedule

SFY 2021 Financial Calendar

Month	LTC Claims due at Noon	EMC Claims due by 5:00 p.m.	EFT Payment
July		7/3/2020	7/10/2020
	7/9/2020	7/10/2020	7/17/2020
		7/24/2020	7/31/2020
August	8/6/2020	8/7/2020	8/14/2020
		8/21/2020	8/28/2020
September	9/3/2020	9/4/2020	9/11/2020
		9/18/2020	9/25/2020
October		10/2/2020	10/9/2020
	10/8/2020	10/9/2020	10/16/2020
		10/23/2020	10/30/2020
November		11/6/2020	11/13/2020
	11/12/2020	11/13/2020	11/20/2020
		11/27/2020	12/4/2020
December	12/10/2020	12/11/2020	12/18/2020
		12/24/2020	12/31/2020
January	1/7/2021	1/8/2021	1/15/2021
		1/22/2021	1/29/2021
February	2/4/2021	2/5/2021	2/12/2021
		2/19/2021	2/26/2021
March	3/4/2021	3/5/2021	3/12/2021
		3/19/2021	3/26/2021
April		4/2/2021	4/9/2021
	4/8/2021	4/9/2021	4/16/2021
		4/23/2021	4/30/2021
May	5/6/2021	5/7/2021	5/14/2021
		5/21/2021	5/28/2021
June	6/3/2021	6/4/2021	6/11/2021
		6/18/2021	6/25/2021
July		7/2/2021	7/9/2021
	7/8/2021	7/9/2021	7/16/2021
		7/23/2021	7/30/2021

View the SFY 2021 Payment and Processing Schedule
on the EOHHS website

[http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ProvidersPartners/
Billingamp;Claims/PaymentandProcessingSchedule.aspx](http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ProvidersPartners/Billingamp;Claims/PaymentandProcessingSchedule.aspx)

Notable Dates in March

- * **March 2—Read Across America**
- * **March 6—National Dentists Day**
- * **March 14—Daylight Savings Time Starts**
- * **March 20—First Day of Spring**

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