Provider Workspace User Manual

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NOTE: Valid member, provider and PA IDs are redacted in this manual. Member/provider information displayed is fictitious.

1.0 Overview

1.1 Document Purpose and Scope

The *Provider Workspace* is a location on the Georgia Web Portal that provides access to all prior authorization (PA) related functions. The ***Provider Workspace User Manual*** describes the functionality available to Medicaid providers on the Workspace, which includes:

Last 10 PA Requests
Provides quick access to the last ten PA requests associated with the provider's ID.

Last Ten Provider Messages
Provides quick access to the last ten messages associated with the provider's ID.

Last Ten PA Notifications
Allows SOURCE and CCSP providers to view the last 10 PA decision notifications sent to the provider.

Enter and Edit Authorization Requests
Allows providers to conduct the following activities:

- Submit new authorization requests.
- View or edit existing requests and attach documentation to requests.
- Update a member's Medicaid ID number on a Katie Beckett or Swingbed request.
- Enter sentinel events related to Georgia Pediatric Program participants (GAPP Providers only).

CMO Authorization Requests
Allow providers to submit authorization requests for certain PA types for members enrolled in a care management organization; and to submit additional supporting documentation for the requests.
Note: Instructions for initiating CMO authorizations are not included in this manual. Please refer to the *CMO Web Entry Manual* for instructions, which can be found on the Provider Workspace/Education and Training link/User Manuals.

PA Change and Reconsideration Requests
Allows providers to request:

- Changes to an existing PA.
- Reconsideration of a denied PA.
- Reconsideration of a Children's Intervention Services PA.

PASRR Level I Information
Allows providers to conduct the following activities:

- Request a Pre-Admission Screening Resident Review (PASRR) Level I.
- View existing Level I requests, and edit Level I requests that have not been reviewed.
- Modify Member Medicaid IDs for a Level I assessment.
- Look up Level I requests for members admitted to a nursing facility.

Katie Beckett Packet and DMA6A Submission
Allows the RSM Medicaid Unit to submit packets and DMA6As for Katie Beckett participants. **Note:** Instructions for submitting packets and DMA6As for Katie Beckett are not included in this manual. Please refer to the *Katie Beckett Web Portal Submission User Manual*, which can be found on the Provider Workspace/Education and Training link/User Manuals.

Provider Inquiry and Appeals Form (DMA-520A)
Allows providers to:

- Submit an 'inquiry' appeal of a denied claim for the claim types reviewed by Alliant Health Solutions.
- View claim appeal decisions and decision comments.
- View reprocessed claim numbers.

SOURCE Provider Reports
Allows SOURCE providers to access SOURCE LOC reports. A SOURCE category of service is necessary in order to access the reports.

Case Manager Level of Care (LOC) Look Up Tool
Allows case managers with a COS of 660 (ICWP), 930 (SOURCE), 590 (CCSP), 680 (NOW), and 681 (COMP) to search for level of care determinations by Medicaid ID or member name and date of birth or social security number.

Upload Documents and Submissions of non-PA Files
Allows providers to upload files for the following non-PA review types:

- Utilization and Compliance Review
- HEDIS Hybrid Measure Review
- Retrospective Review
- SURS Member Studies
- Utilization Review Plan Evaluation

Note: Instructions for uploading non-PA files are not included in this manual. Please refer to the separate instruction guides available via the Provider Workspace/Education and Training link/User Manuals.

Help and Contact Us
Allows providers to:

- Access education and training resources.
- Submit questions and messages to Alliant reviewers.

- View existing correspondence and Alliant's response to correspondence.

1.2 Access and User Type

The *Provider Workspace* is accessed from the *Secure Home* page of the Georgia Web Portal**.** The provider must log into the portal to open the *Secure Home* page. The specific Workspace functions available to an individual provider are determined by the provider's category of service.. Consequently, PA activities that are not applicable to the provider's category of service are not displayed on the Workspace page.

To open the *Provider Workspace*:

1. Log into the **Georgia Web Portal** utilizing established login credentials.

2. On the portal *Secure Home* page, select **Prior Authorization** from the links at the top of the page.

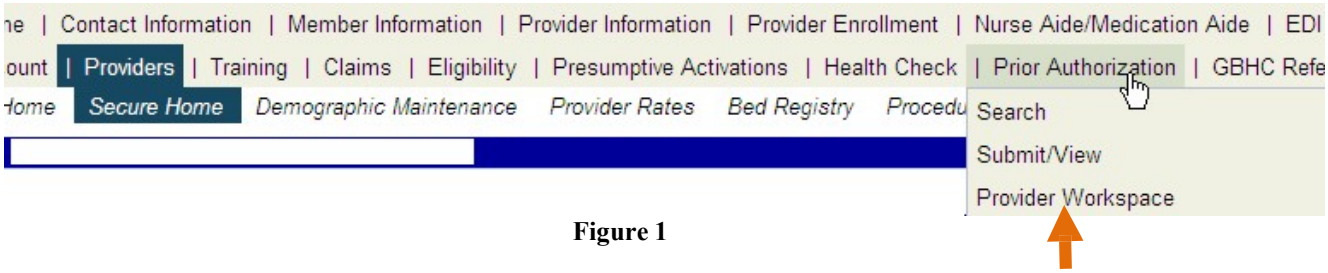


Figure 1

3. Then, select *Provider Workspace* from the drop list to open the Workspace page.

1.3 Screen Layout Overview

The Workspace page is divided into sections. Each section includes a general description of the functional activities available in the section. However, additional explanation is provided by clicking the word **'more'** at the end of the general description.

The next figure is an example of a provider's Workspace page.

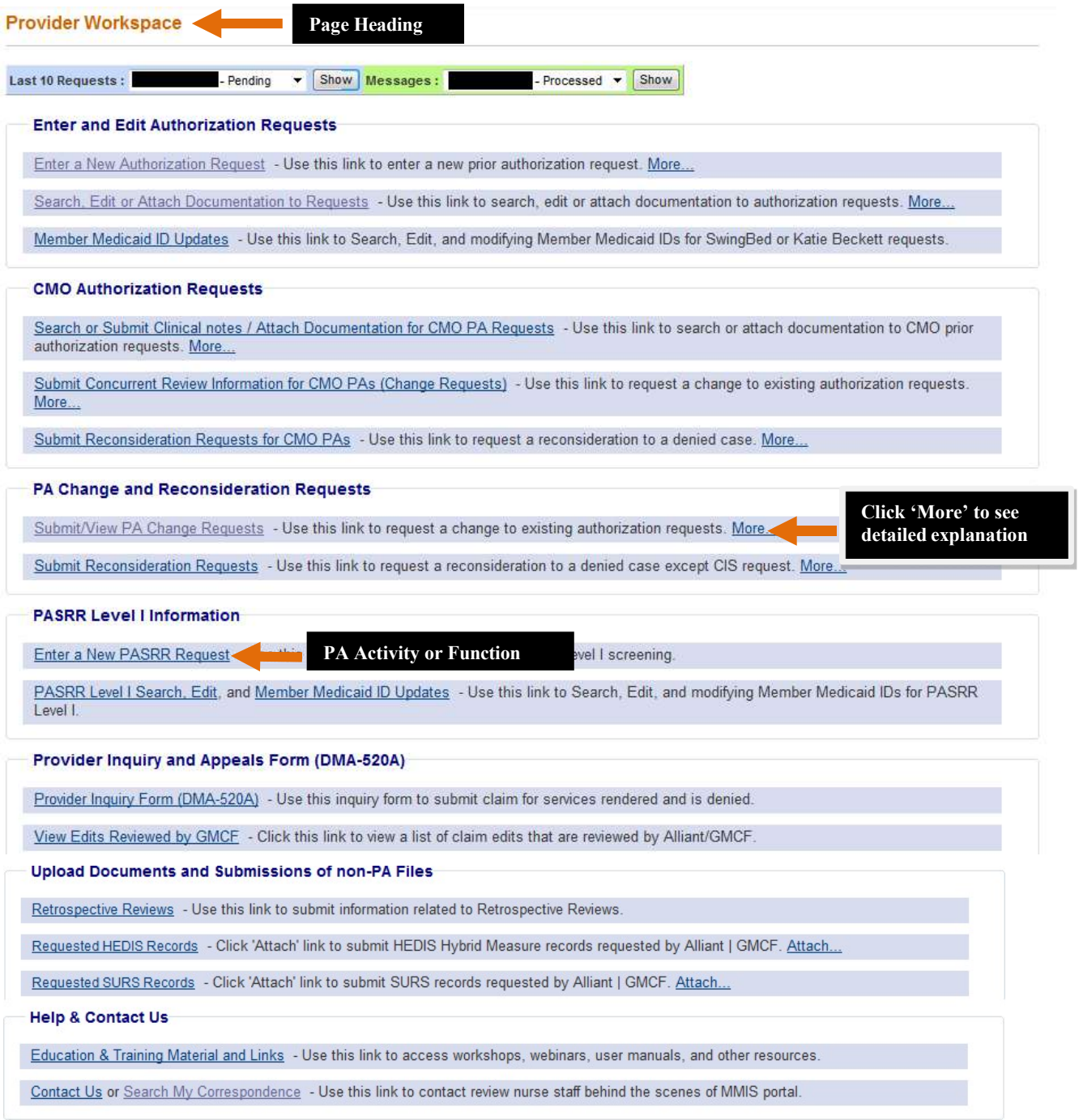

Provider Workspace
Page Heading
Last 10 Requests : [redacted] - Pending
Show
Messages : [redacted] - Processed
Show
Enter and Edit Authorization Requests
Enter a New Authorization Request - Use this link to enter a new prior authorization request. More...
Search, Edit or Attach Documentation to Requests - Use this link to search, edit or attach documentation to authorization requests. More...
Member Medicaid ID Updates - Use this link to Search, Edit, and modifying Member Medicaid IDs for SwingBed or Katie Beckett requests.
CMO Authorization Requests
Search or Submit Clinical notes / Attach Documentation for CMO PA Requests - Use this link to search or attach documentation to CMO prior authorization requests. More...
Submit Concurrent Review Information for CMO PAs (Change Requests) - Use this link to request a change to existing authorization requests. More...
Submit Reconsideration Requests for CMO PAs - Use this link to request a reconsideration to a denied case. More...
PA Change and Reconsideration Requests
Submit/View PA Change Requests - Use this link to request a change to existing authorization requests. More...
Click 'More' to see detailed explanation
Submit Reconsideration Requests - Use this link to request a reconsideration to a denied case except CIS request. More...
PASRR Level I Information
Enter a New PASRR Request
PA Activity or Function
evel I screening.
PASRR Level I Search, Edit, and Member Medicaid ID Updates - Use this link to Search, Edit, and modifying Member Medicaid IDs for PASRR Level I.
Provider Inquiry and Appeals Form (DMA-520A)
Provider Inquiry Form (DMA-520A) - Use this inquiry form to submit claim for services rendered and is denied.
View Edits Reviewed by GMCF - Click this link to view a list of claim edits that are reviewed by Alliant/GMCF.
Upload Documents and Submissions of non-PA Files
Retrospective Reviews - Use this link to submit information related to Retrospective Reviews.
Requested HEDIS Records - Click 'Attach' link to submit HEDIS Hybrid Measure records requested by Alliant | GMCF. Attach...
Requested SURS Records - Click 'Attach' link to submit SURS records requested by Alliant | GMCF. Attach...
Help & Contact Us
Education & Training Material and Links - Use this link to access workshops, webinars, user manuals, and other resources.
Contact Us or Search My Correspondence - Use this link to contact review nurse staff behind the scenes of MMIS portal.

Figure 2

Since most PA activities are initiated by first searching for a request, the functional links on the Workspace generally take the user to a search page. Each search page is identified by a heading at the top of the page and includes navigational links and/or functional links for selecting or submitting data.

The following figure is an example of the search page accessed from **Search, Edit or Attach Documentation to Requests**.

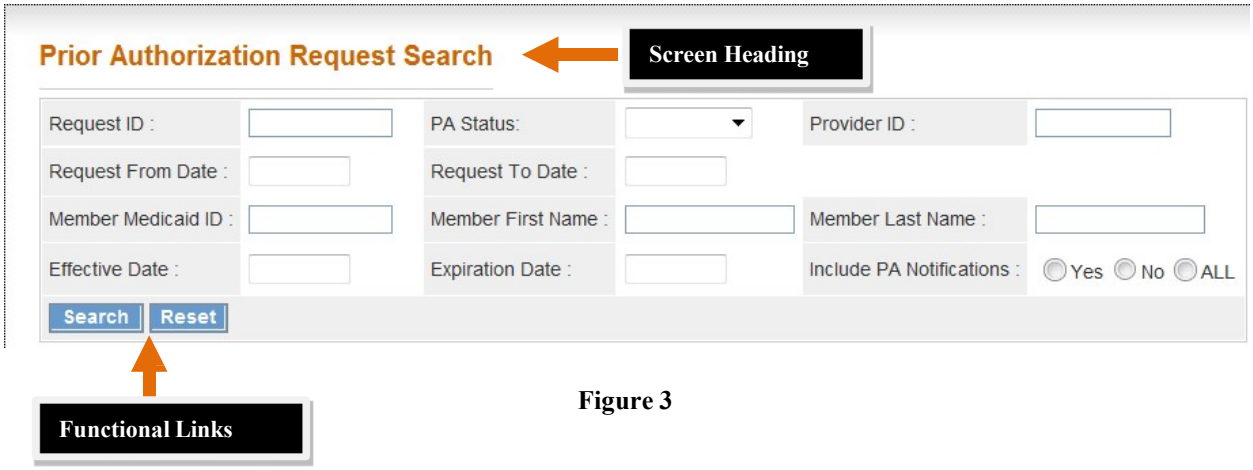


Figure 3

2.0 User Instructions

2.1 Last Ten PA Requests, Correspondence and PA Notifications

From the *Provider Workspace*, providers may view the last ten Prior Authorization (PA) requests; the last ten processed/unprocessed correspondence (messages) associated with their provider ID; and the last ten PA notifications (SOURCE LOC and CCSP LOC only).

View Last Ten Requests:

1. Log into the portal and open the *Provider Workspace*.

2. Go to the top of the workspace page to view the last ten PA requests.

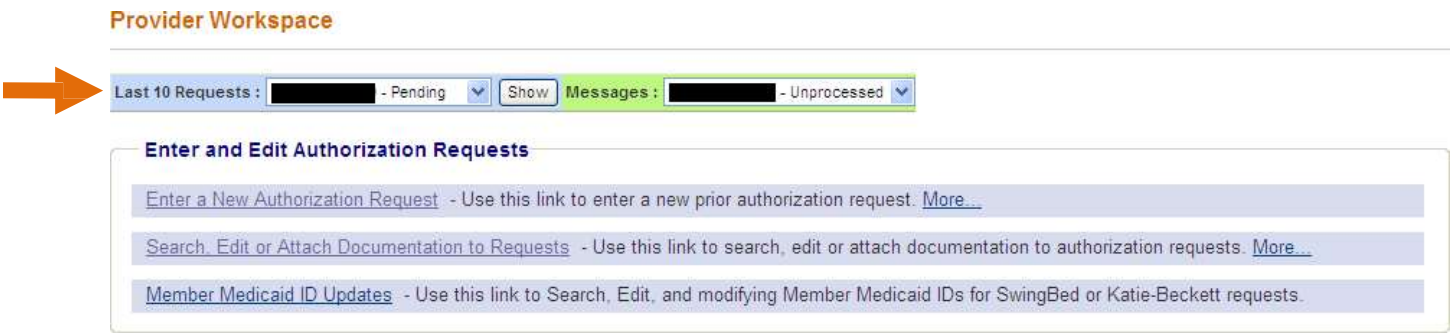


Figure 4

3. The **most recent** PA request displays first. To view the details of the most recent request, highlight the PA number and then click **Show.**

4. To view the details of one of the other cases, click the down arrow to reveal the other authorization IDs.

Figure 5

5. Select a PA ID to highlight and then click **Show**.

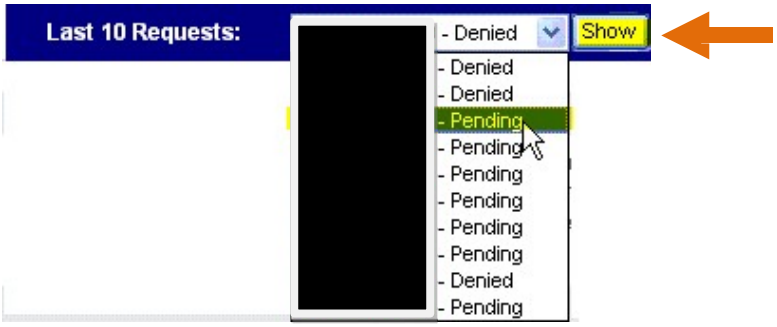


Figure 6

6. When **Show** is clicked, the PA *Review Request* page opens. This page shows decision and request information for the selected case. The specific information that displays depends on the review type but may include: Member ID; Requesting Provider ID; Rendering Provider ID; admission date; diagnosis code(s); procedure code(s); procedure dates of service; clinical information entered; current attachments; case status; procedure decisions; and the reviewer's decision rationale. The following figure is an example of the *Review Request* page.

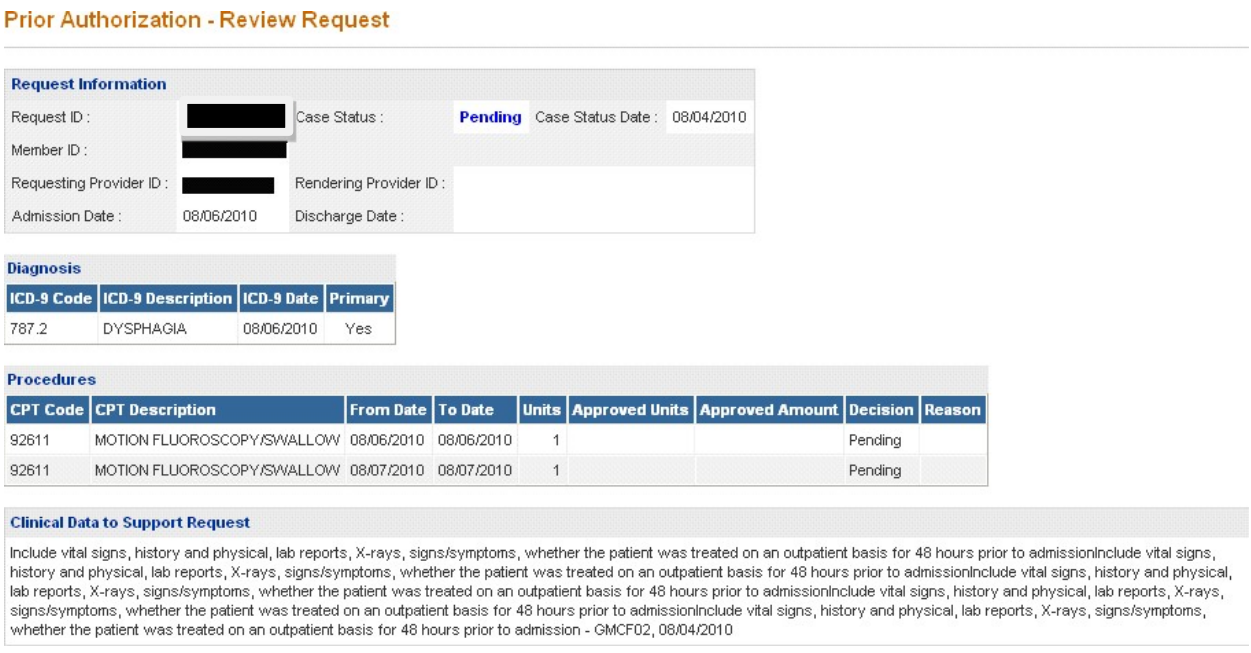


Figure 7

7. To view all the information that was entered on the request, click the 'Request ID'. A page opens that displays the detailed request information.

View Last Ten Messages:

1. Log into the portal and open the *Provider Workspace*.

2. Go to the top of the workspace page to view the last ten messages.

3. The **most recent** message displays first. To view the details of the most recent message, highlight the correspondence number and then click **Show.**

4. To view the details of one of the other messages, click the down arrow to reveal the other Correspondence IDs and correspondence status (processed or unprocessed).

Figure 8

5. Select a correspondence ID to highlight, and then click **Show**.

6. The message opens and displays the correspondence detail information, and the Alliant response if the correspondence has been processed.

View Last 10 PA Notifications:

This function is limited to SOURCE LOC and CCSP LOC Providers. These providers may view the last 10 PAs for which the provider has received a notification of a decision.

1. Log into the portal and open the *Provider Workspace*.

2. At the top of the page, go to the **PA Notifications** drop list.

3. The **most recent** PA with a notification displays first. To view the details of the most recent notification, highlight the PA number and then click **Show.**

4. To view the details of one of the other PA notifications, click the down arrow to reveal the other PA IDs and PA status.

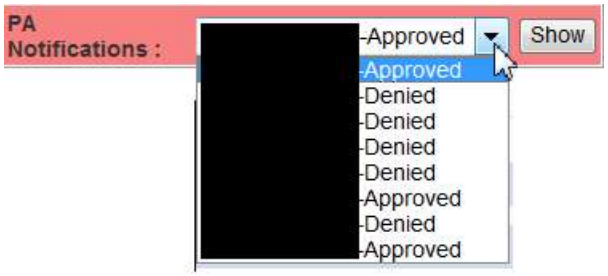


Figure 9

5. Select a PA ID to highlight, and then click **Show**.

6. This opens the PA Review Request page, which displays the PA notification information and all decision information.

2.2 Enter a New Authorization Request

Providers may initiate a request for authorization of services from the *Provider Workspace*.

1. Click **Enter a New Authorization Request** from the Workspace page.

2. A list of request types, applicable to the provider's category of service, displays. For example, the following figure shows the request types that display for a physician provider. See Appendix A to see which category of services are needed to enter each request type.

Figure 10 Physician Provider Request Types

The next figure shows the request types that display for an Orthotics/Prosthetics and Hearing provider.

Figure 11 O&P Provider Request Types

3. Select the applicable request type.

4. **Depending on the request type selected**, the next page that displays may require the selection of 'Fee for Service' (FFS) or the selection of one of the Care Management Organizations (CMO). This is only applicable to certain request types that may be entered for members in Medicaid FFS or enrolled in a CMO. Select the applicable button.

5. The Medicaid Provider ID of the provider requesting the PA is populated by the system. If the request is a hospital-based request, the requesting provider is prompted to enter the Reference Provider ID for the other provider.

The following figure shows the *New Request for PA* page when *Hospital Admission and Outpatient Procedures* is selected as the request type, and the requesting provider is the hospital. The hospital provider ID is populated by the system in the 'Facility Provider ID' box; and the Reference Provider ID for the medical practitioner must be entered.

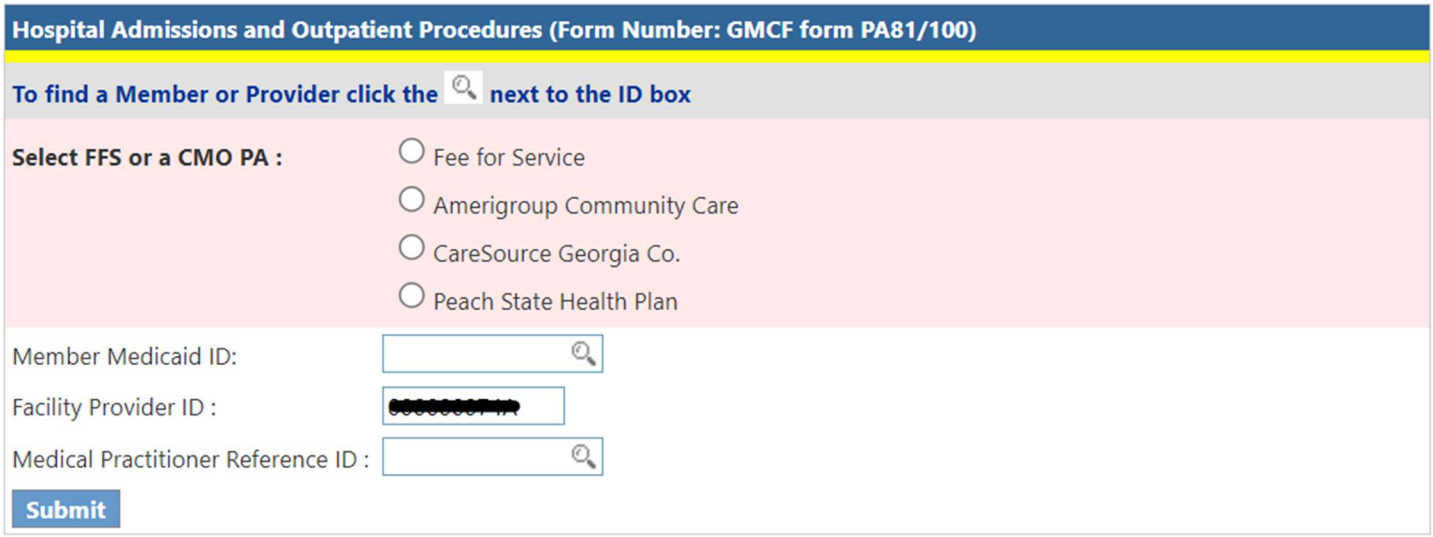


Figure 12 Hospital Admissions

The next figure shows the *New Request for PA* page when *Orthotics and Prosthetics* is selected as the request type. The requesting provider ID is system populated in the 'Service Provider ID' box.

Figure 13 Orthotics/Prosthetics

6. Enter the member's Medicaid ID. Some request types may also be entered with a Social Security Number or other participant identifier, such as an AIMS number (CCSP LOCs only).

7. Instead of manual entering the member's Medicaid ID, it is also possible to search for the member ID and have the system auto-populate the ID. Click the spy glass symbol in the Member ID box to open the search page. Enter two of the following three criteria: Member Last Name, Social Security Number, and Date of Birth; and then click **Search**.
   The system returns the member information matching the search criteria. Click the applicable member ID, and the ID is inserted in the 'Member Medicaid ID' box on the *New Request for PA* page.

8. Once all required IDs are entered, click **Submit** to open the request form.

For more detailed instructions on how to initiate a request and complete the online forms for specific PA types, refer to the *FFS PA Web Entry Manual* on the Provider Workspace/Education and Training/User Manuals.

2.2.1 Authorization Request Forms –Features and Functions

The web request forms are designed to capture information necessary for the review of PA requests. Each form consists of one entry page, and a review page. Certain information, as noted by an asterisk or highlighted box, is required. This information must be entered in order to submit the request. However, it is important to provide all pertinent information, even if not required, so that the reviewer has sufficient information to make a review determination.

The web request forms include several features to assist with data entry and to facilitate the accuracy of data submitted. Here is an overview of some of these features and functions.

Attestation Statement:

Each online request form includes a mandatory *Attestation Statement*, which specifies that all information submitted is true, accurate, complete and in compliance with all Department of Community Health policies and procedures (see figure below). The provider entering the request must agree to the attestation by clicking *I Agree* in order to submit the request.

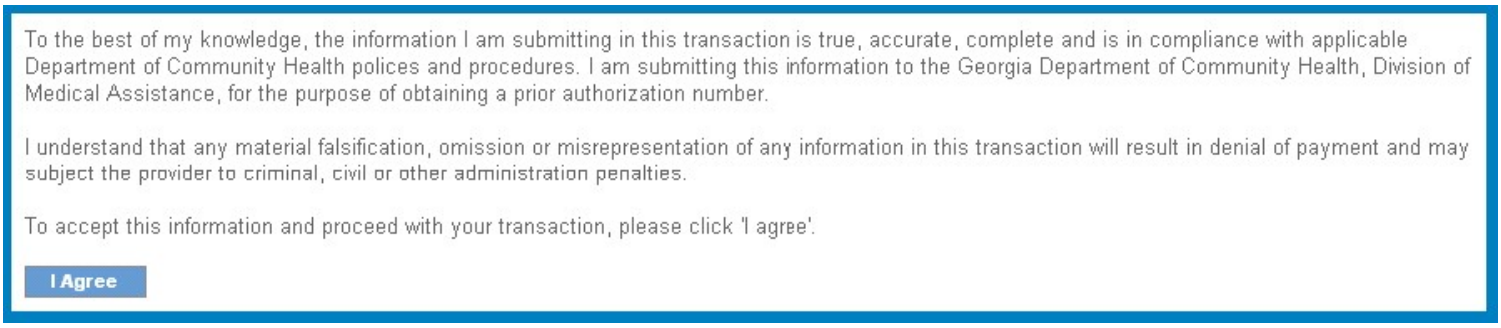


Figure 14

Data Formatting:

Phone numbers, fax numbers, and social security numbers are automatically formatted by the system.

System Populated Data:

The system populates certain data on the request form, such as:

- Member information and provider information
- Requesting provider contact information
- Place of service for some PA types
- Diagnosis code description and procedure code description

Data Validation:

Certain data entered on a PA request is validated by the system. This validation helps prevent entry errors and PA edits. In addition, the validation of diagnosis codes and/or procedures codes may trigger additional clinical questions which are added to the request form. The additional questions facilitate case review by providing specific clinical information.

Attach Documentation:

Supporting documentation may be electronically attached to a PA request immediately after the PA is submitted, or to an existing request that was previously submitted (some restrictions apply). One file or multiple files may be attached. For some PA types, the file or files attached can be associated with a required document via 'document type' checkboxes. **Refer to Section 2.4 of this manual for attachment instructions and restrictions.**

Date Lookup:

This feature allows users to select a date from a calendar instead of manually entering the date. However, manual entry of a date is still possible, and may be preferable when inserting a date that is many years in the past.

Follow these steps to insert a date:

1. Click a date box to trigger the calendar. When the calendar opens, the current month and year display. In the next figure, the 'ICD-9 Date' box was clicked.

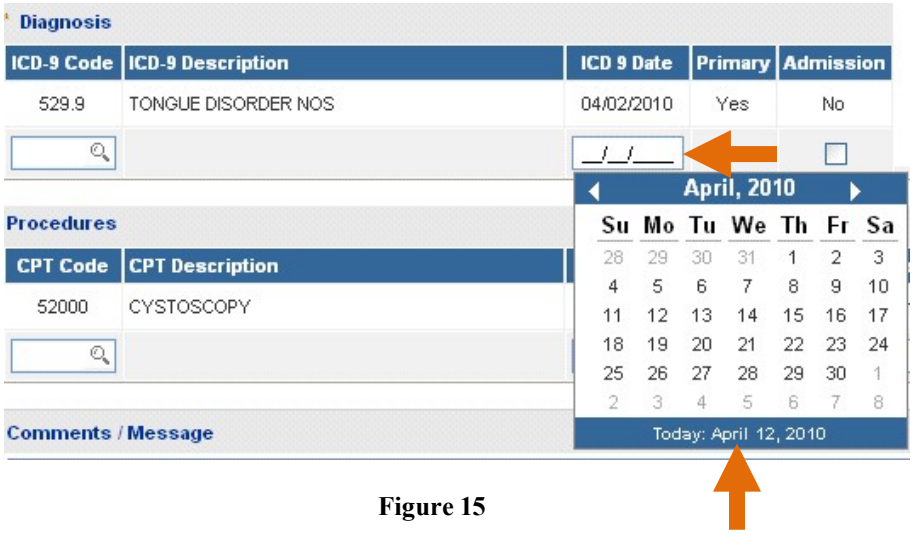


Figure 15

2. To insert the current date, click the date at the bottom of the calendar. To insert a different day for the current month, click the applicable day in the calendar.

3. To select a different month for the current year, use the back and forth arrows at the top of the calendar to advance or go back - **OR** - Click the year at the top of the calendar.

Figure 16

4. If the year is clicked, a list of months for the current year displays. Select the applicable month.

Figure 17

5. Click the year again and other years are displayed.

Figure 18

6. Click on a year or use the arrows to advance or go back in years. Select the year and then the month and day.

***Diagnosis and Procedure Lookup*:**

This function allows the user to search for a diagnosis code or a procedure code by code description. Follow these steps to search for a diagnosis or procedure code:

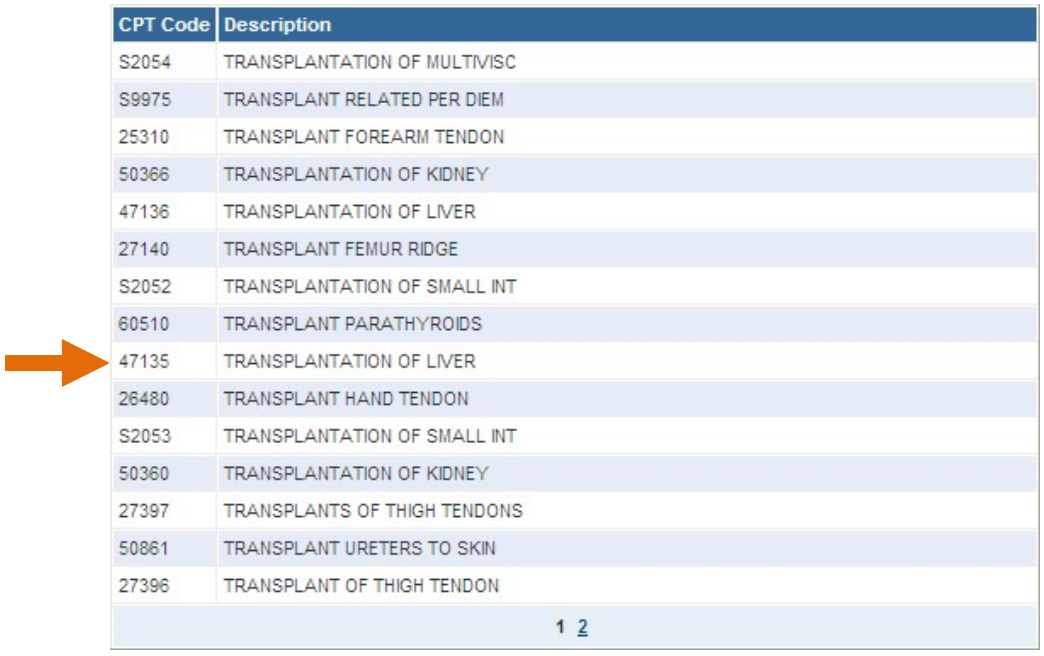
1. Click the spy glass icon in the diagnosis or procedure code box.

Figure 19

2. Enter all or part of the first word of the description and click **Search**.

Figure 20

3. A list of codes matching the description displays. The list may be more than one page.



CPT Code	Description
S2054	TRANSPLANTATION OF MULTIVISC
S9975	TRANSPLANT RELATED PER DIEM
25310	TRANSPLANT FOREARM TENDON
50366	TRANSPLANTATION OF KIDNEY
47136	TRANSPLANTATION OF LIVER
27140	TRANSPLANT FEMUR RIDGE
S2052	TRANSPLANTATION OF SMALL INT
60510	TRANSPLANT PARATHYROIDS
47135	TRANSPLANTATION OF LIVER
26480	TRANSPLANT HAND TENDON
S2053	TRANSPLANTATION OF SMALL INT
50360	TRANSPLANTATION OF KIDNEY
27397	TRANSPLANTS OF THIGH TENDONS
50861	TRANSPLANT URETERS TO SKIN
27396	TRANSPLANT OF THIGH TENDON

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Figure 21

4. Click on the applicable procedure code to insert the code in the code box on the request form.

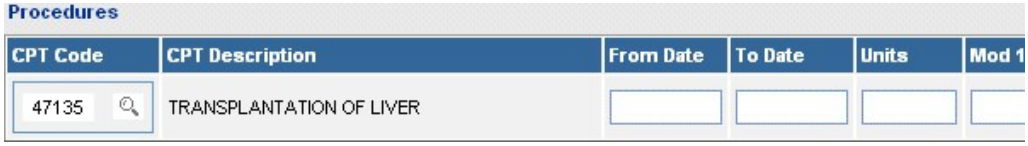


Figure 22

Adding and Editing Diagnoses and Procedures at PA entry:

This functionality allows users to add, edit/save, cancel and delete diagnosis code information and procedure code information (or any data entered in a 'table' format) when the PA is being entered and before it is submitted. **Once a request is submitted, there are certain restrictions to editing data. Refer to Section 2.3 for more information.**

Table 1 provides a description of the functionality available when the PA request is being entered:

Function	Description
ADD	Use *Add* to add information entered in the 'table'. If *Add* is not selected, the user receives a warning message when *Review Request* is clicked.
EDIT	Use *Edit* to modify information **already added** to a table. The following diagnosis and procedure information may be changed using *Edit* when the request is being entered: • Diagnosis information including the ICD-9 date, and primary and admission indicators. • Procedure code from and to dates, units and amounts. **To change a procedure code/modifier or a diagnosis code, first click *Delete* to delete the procedure or diagnosis code line, and then enter and add a new procedure code/modifier or diagnosis line.**
SAVE	Click *Save* to save the information that was edited.
DELETE	Use *Delete* to delete all information **already added** to a row of a table.
CANCEL	Click *Cancel* to remove **procedure** information BEFORE it is added. *Cancel* is also used to cancel out of the *Edit* mode.

Table 1

The following instructions describe how to add, edit/save and delete diagnosis code information. A similar process is used for adding, editing and deleting procedure code information or any information entered in a 'table' format.

1. Enter the diagnosis code information and then click **ADD**.

Figure 23

2. When **ADD** is clicked, the data is added to the Diagnosis Table. A new blank diagnosis line displays which allows for the entry of another diagnosis. The **EDIT** and **DELETE** buttons become available.

Figure 24

3. To edit diagnosis information already added, click **EDIT** at the end of the diagnosis line. When edit is clicked, the information displays in an editable format.

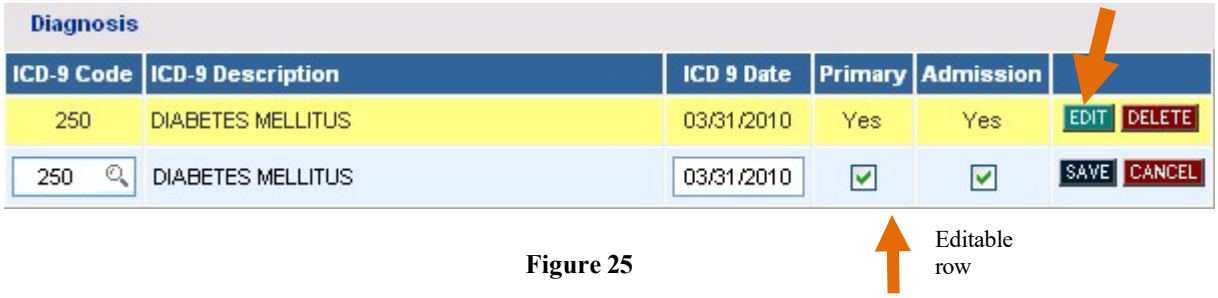


Figure 25

4. Modify the information that needs to be corrected. In the figure below, the ICD-9 date was changed to 3/31/**2009**.

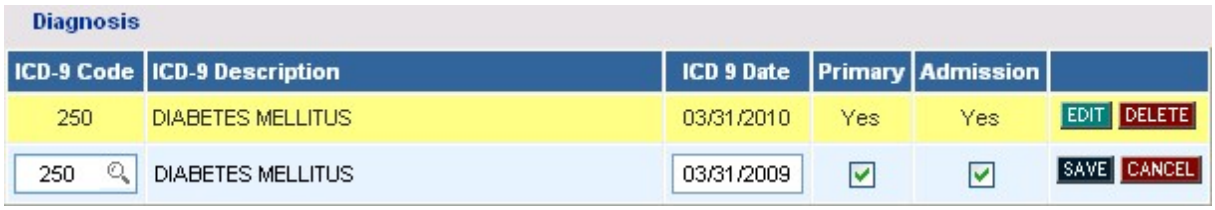


Figure 26

5. Click **SAVE**. The new data is saved to the original diagnosis line.


Diagnosis
ICD-9 Code
ICD-9 Description
ICD 9 Date
Primary
Admission
250
DIABETES MELLITUS
03/31/2009
Yes
Yes
EDIT
DELETE
ADD

Figure 27

2.3 View and Edit Authorization Requests

From the *Provider Workspace*, providers may view and edit authorization requests that are associated with the provider's Medicaid ID. To edit a request, the PA request must still be in pending status (waiting review decision) and not referred for review.

2.3.1 PA Search

Providers use *PA Search* functionality to find the request to be viewed and/or edited. Whenever possible, it is recommended to **search for a PA by the 'Request ID' only**. Although searches may be conducted using other search parameters, searching by the PA request ID provides a quick search and limits the search results to one case. The 12-digit request ID is unique to the PA and remains the same whether the case is approved or denied. If the request ID is not available, a search may be conducted using other search parameters, including:

- **PA Status**: The overall PA status, which may be Pending, Approved, or Denied.
- **Provider ID**: The Provider ID attached to the PA request. On the search page, the Provider ID is system populated based on the user's login credentials; or based on the Provider ID which the login provider 'switches' to after login.
- **Request 'From' Date and Request 'To' Date**: Request Date is the date that **the PA was requested (entered into the PA system).** Search by these date parameters to find PAs entered within a specified time period.
- **Member Medicaid ID**: The Member's Medicaid ID number attached to the PA.
- **Member First Name and Last Name**: The Medicaid recipient's first name and last name.
- **Effective Date:** The Effective Date is the date that the PA authorization period begins.
- **Expiration Date**: The Expiration Date is the date that the PA authorization period ends.
- **Include PA Notifications**: This search option is ONLY applicable to SOURCE LOC and CCSP LOC PAs. Selecting 'Yes' for this option pulls in PAs for which decision notifications were sent.
- **Notification 'From Date' and Notification 'To Date'**: These search options are ONLY applicable to SOURCE LOC and CCSP LOC PAs. Use these date fields to find PAs with decision notifications sent on a specific day or during a specific time span. To find PAs with a notification sent on a specific day, enter a notification 'from' date such as 12/04/2014, and then a notification 'to' date for the day after - 12/05/2014.

1. To initiate a search, click **Search, Edit or Attach Documentation to Requests** from the *Provider Workspace*.

2. The *Prior Authorization Request Search* page opens and displays the provider ID that is associated with the user's login credentials. A search may be conducted for PAs associated with this Provider ID only.

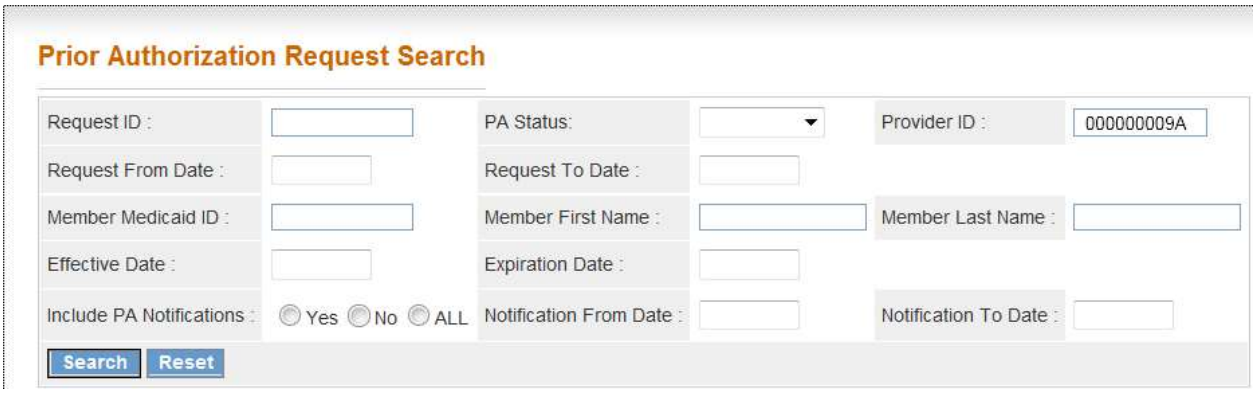


Figure 28

2. Enter the PA number in the 'Request ID' box and click **Search**.

3. The search returns one result, which displays below the search panel.

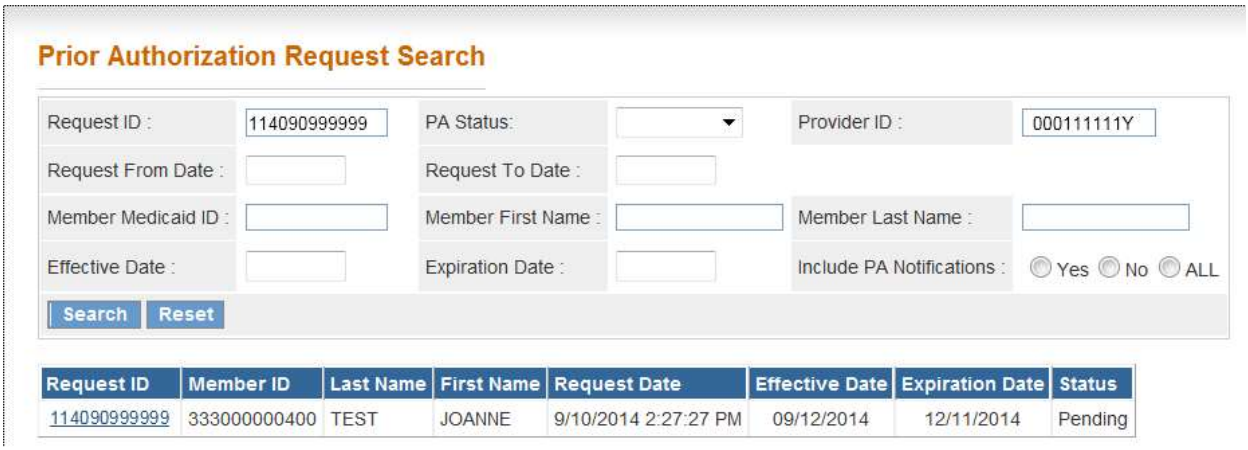


Figure 29

4. A search using other search criteria may return multiple results depending on the criteria used. For example, when a search is initiated using a Request 'From' Date and a Request 'To' Date, the search returns all PAs submitted during the dates entered.

5. To view one of the requests in the search results, click the **Request ID**. When a request ID is selected, the PA *Review Request* page opens.

2.3.2 View PA Information and Decisions

The *Review Request* page provides an overview of the request information and shows the current decision information.

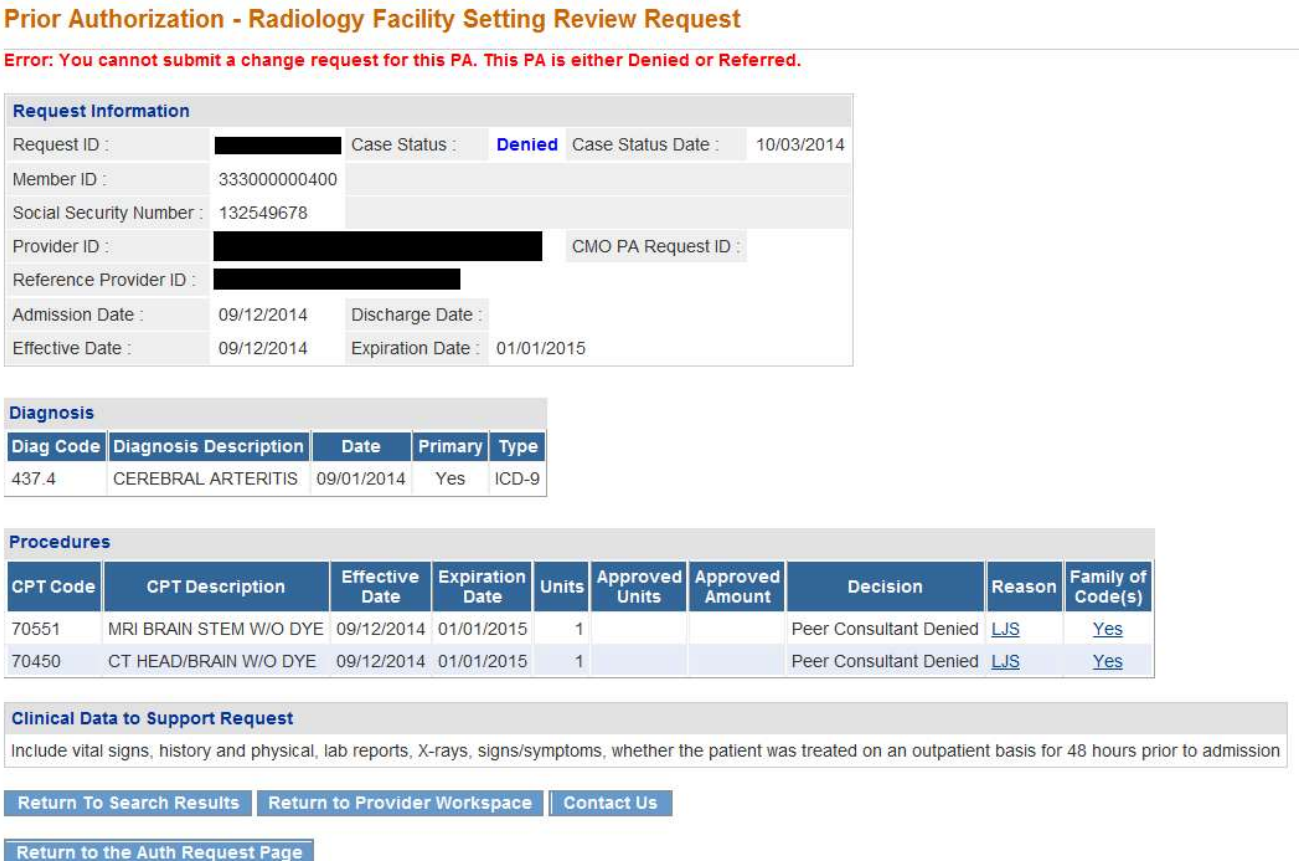


Figure 30

The information displayed always includes: Member ID, Provider ID, case status, and diagnosis code(s). Other data that may display, **depending on PA type,** includes: clinical data submitted, procedure code(s), 'family of codes', procedure decisions, and level care decisions/information. If documents have been attached to the PA by the provider, the attached files display in the **Attached**

Files table. Also, contacts associated with the PA and Provider, display in the **Provider Correspondence** table.

View Decision Rationale:

Providers may view the specific decision rationale comments entered by Alliant reviewers. For PAs without procedure codes, the decision rationale displays directly on the *Review Request* page. However, it is also possible to view decision rationale when the PA has procedure lines.

1. **If the procedure is denied**, hold the mouse pointer over the 'Reason' code at the end of a procedure line to display the denial description and the specific denial comments for that procedure line.

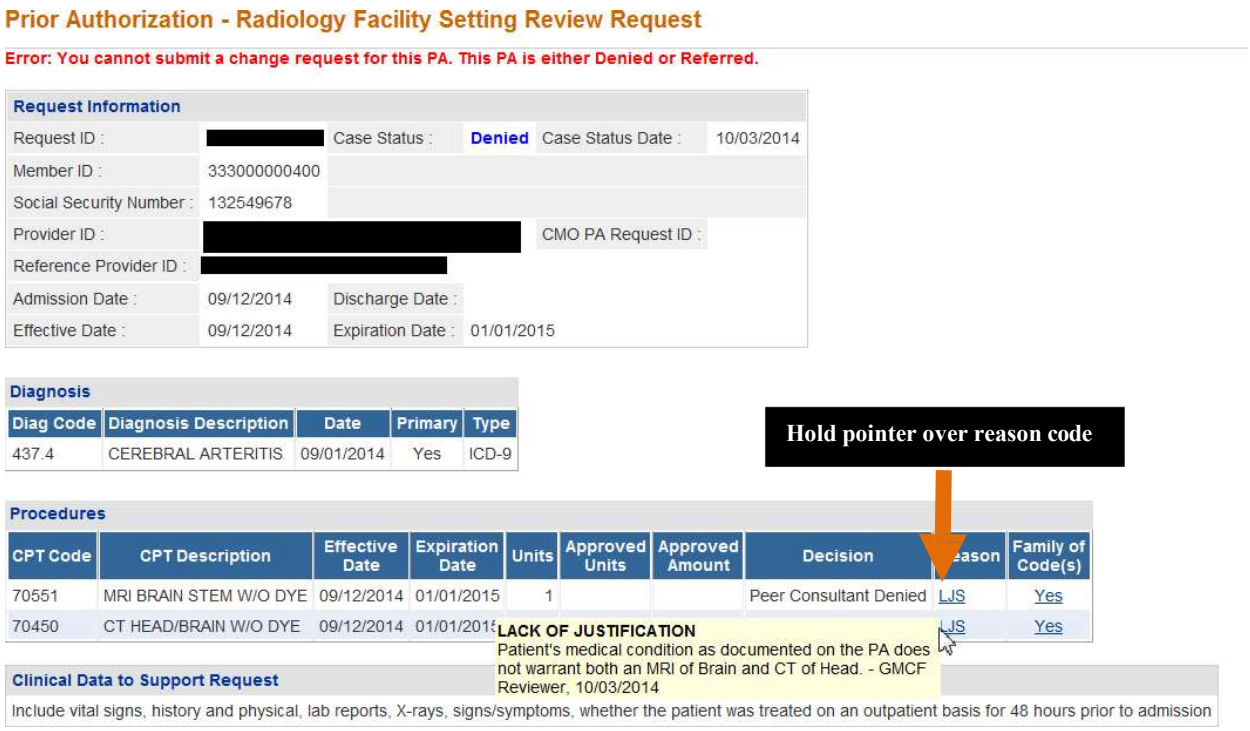


Figure 31

2. **If the procedure is approved and the reviewer added approval comments**, hold the mouse pointer over the word 'Approved' and the reviewer comments display.

Figure 32

View Procedure Family of Codes:

Some procedure codes are sent to MMIS with a family of codes (FOC) –a group of related codes. When this happens, and the procedure is approved, the provider may bill any code in the family up to the approved unit amount.

1. To view the family of codes for procedure lines with a FOC, hold the mouse pointer over Yes in the **Family of Codes** box at the end of the procedure line.

Figure 33

View PA Request Details:

From the *Review Request* page, the detail information that was submitted with the request may be viewed.

1. To view request details, click the **Request ID** in the **Request Information** section.

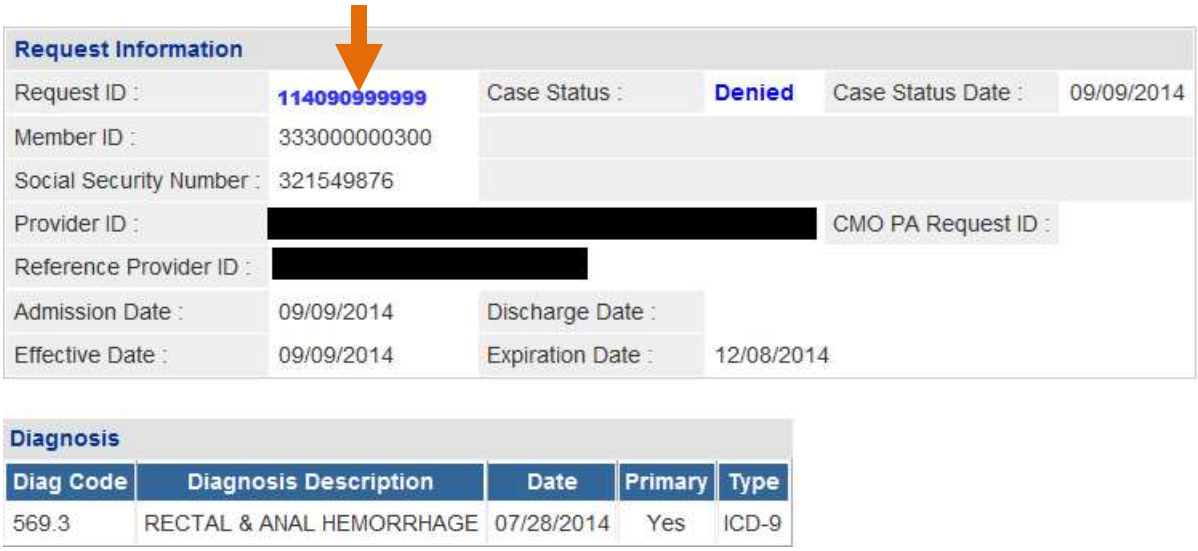


Figure 34

2. When the request ID is selected, a page opens that displays the PA detail information - all the information entered on the request.

3. Click **Back** to return to the *Review Request* page.

2.3.3 PA Edit Instructions

PA requests that have not been reviewed, are still in pending status, and have not been referred for review may be **edited** or **withdrawn**. When a request is opened that cannot be edited or withdrawn, the **Edit Request** and **Withdraw Request** buttons do not display.

Withdraw a PA:

1. **To withdraw a PA**, search for the PA that needs to be withdrawn and open the *Review Request* page.

2. Check the status to be sure that it is still pending and to verify that it is the correct request.

3. If correct, click **Withdraw Request** at the bottom of the page.

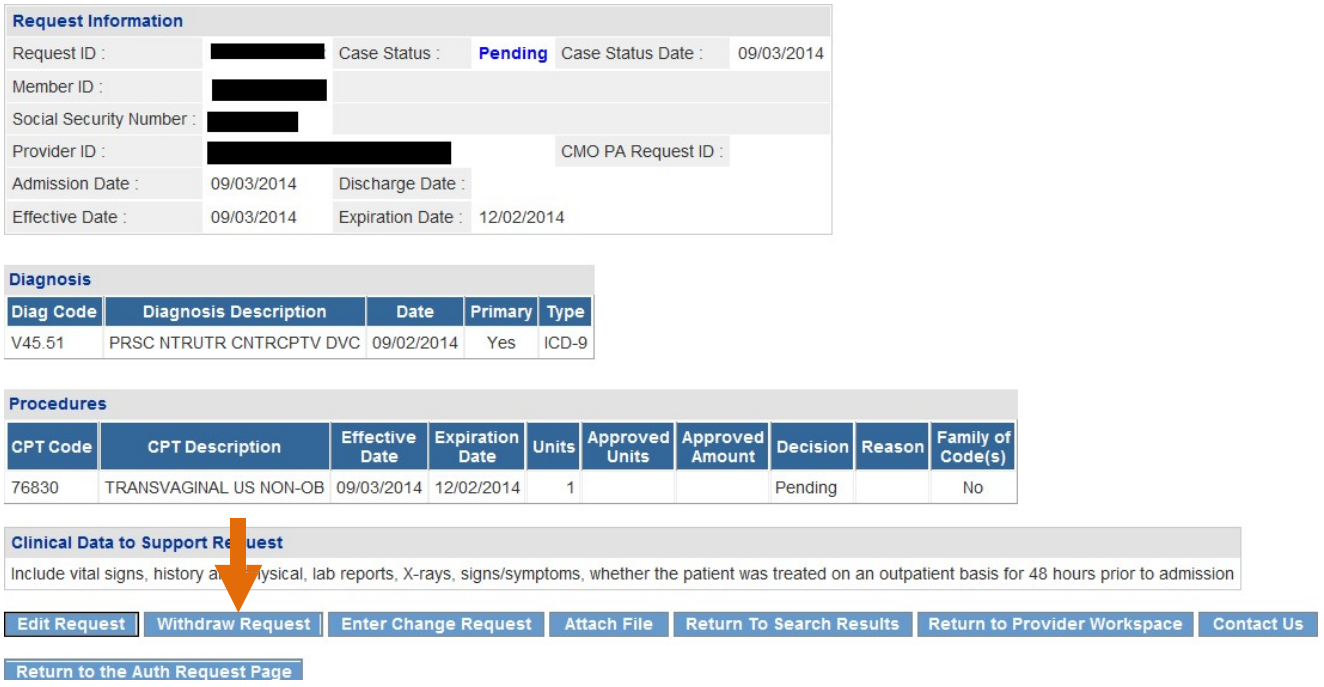


Figure 35

4. When **Withdraw Request** is selected, the case is immediately withdrawn and the PA case status changes to Denied.

Procedures

CPT Code	CPT Description	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Units	Approved Units	Approved Amount	Decision	Reason	Family of Code(s)
76830	TRANSVAGINAL US NON-OB	09/03/2014	12/02/2014	1			Withdrawn	PA reques...	No

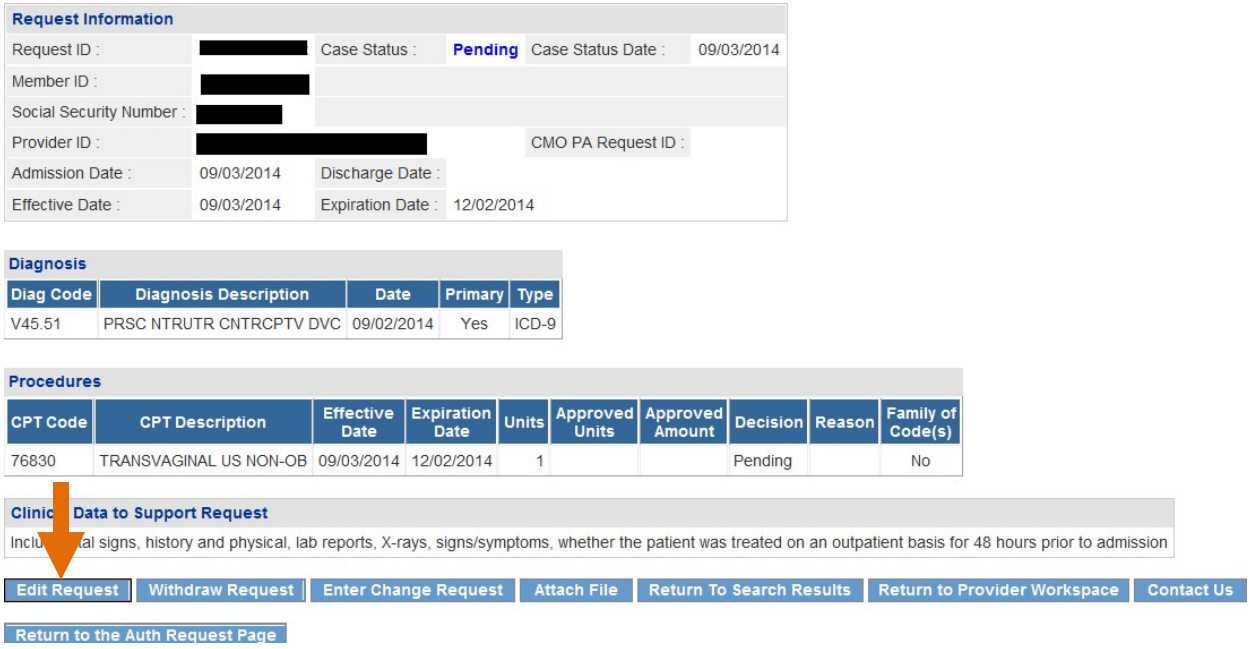
Figure 36

Edit a PA:

1. **To edit a PA**, search for the PA that needs to be modified, and open the *Review Request* page.

2. Check the status to be sure that it is still pending and to verify that it is the correct request.

3. If correct, click **Edit Request** at the bottom of the page.



Request Information

Request ID :	[redacted]	Case Status :	Pending	Case Status Date :	09/03/2014
Member ID :	[redacted]				
Social Security Number :	[redacted]				
Provider ID :	[redacted]			CMO PA Request ID :	
Admission Date :	09/03/2014	Discharge Date :			
Effective Date :	09/03/2014	Expiration Date :	12/02/2014		

Diagnosis

Diag Code	Diagnosis Description	Date	Primary	Type
V45.51	PRSC NTRUTR CNTRCPTV DVC	09/02/2014	Yes	ICD-9

Procedures

CPT Code	CPT Description	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Units	Approved Units	Approved Amount	Decision	Reason	Family of Code(s)
76830	TRANSVAGINAL US NON-OB	09/03/2014	12/02/2014	1			Pending		No

Clinic Data to Support Request

Inclu al signs, history and physical, lab reports, X-rays, signs/symptoms, whether the patient was treated on an outpatient basis for 48 hours prior to admission

Edit Request | Withdraw Request | Enter Change Request | Attach File | Return To Search Results | Return to Provider Workspace | Contact Us

Return to the Auth Request Page

Figure 37

4. When **Edit Request** is selected, the authorization request form displays in editable format to allow for changes.

5. Make the necessary modifications or additions.

6. **Certain types of changes are not allowed via the edit request function. If the following changes are needed, submit a change request instead.**

   Not Allowed:

   - Change the provider ID or member ID.
   - Delete or change the procedure code on an existing procedure line.
   - Delete a diagnosis code.

7. Once the changes are made, click **Review Request** and then **I Agree** to the attestation statement (same process used when entering a new request for authorization).

8. Review the information and, if correct, click **Submit Request.** Although the request has been modified, the PA remains in pending status and the Request ID does not change.

2.4 Attach Documentation to PA Requests

From the *Provider Workspace*, providers may attach documentation directly to PA requests. Documents submitted in this way are immediately available to Alliant reviewers; and the attached files are visible to the provider when the PA request is opened via the *Provider Workspace.*

Documents may also be attached to Change Requests (Section 2.5), PA Reconsideration Requests (Section 2.6), and CIS Reconsideration Requests Section (2.7).

2.4.1 Attachment Rules

In general, documents may be attached to pending PAs upon initial submission, or attached to an existing pending PA that is not referred for review. Attachments to denied PAs are usually not permitted. However, there are some restrictions/exceptions per request type.

- Documents **cannot be attached directly to the following PA/review types** upon submission or to an existing pending PA. For these request types, all pertinent clinical information and justification for services should be entered on the request forms.
  - Additional Psychiatric/Psychological Services
  - Swingbed requests

- Documents may be attached these types of requests when the request is pending or is initially tech denied for missing information:
  - CCSP Level of Care and Placement
  - SOURCE Level of Care and Placement
  - ICWP Level of Care and Placement
  - Katie Beckett DMA6A

- The GAPP LON may be attached to Approved DMA80s.

- In order to attach a document to a request, the document must be saved to the provider's file directory.

- The following file types are acceptable for attachments: TXT, DOC, DOCX, PDF, TIF, TIFF, JPG, JPEG, and JPE.

- **Do not** include the following symbols as part of the file name: **\, /, #, <, >, ', ".**

- The name of the file to be attached cannot have the same name of a file that is already attached.

- The file size for an individual attachment MUST be less than 20 MB in size; so if a file is especially large, divide the file into separate files. If an attempt is made to attach a file

larger than 20 MB, a system message displays to the user: *The document that you are trying to attach exceeds the file size limitation of 20 MB. In order to attach the document, please divide the document into smaller files so that each file does not exceed 20 MB.*

- Multiple documents may be attached to one PA request. However, the documentation that is attached should only relate to the member associated with the PA, and not relate to any other members**.**

- Providers may **delete files that they attach** when the **PA request is still pending and not referred.**

2.4.2 Create an Attachment

Attach at PA Submission:

1. Enter the PA request and click **Submit Request**. When the request is submitted, a page opens that displays the pending Request ID. On this page, the attachment panel is available.

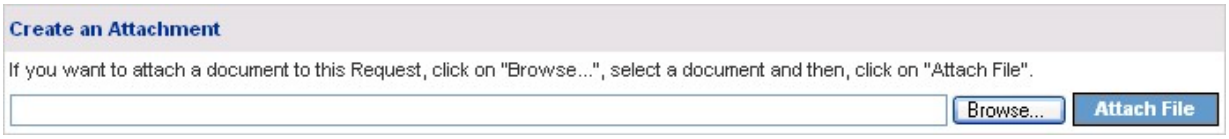


Figure 38

2. To attach a file, click **Browse** to open the file directory.

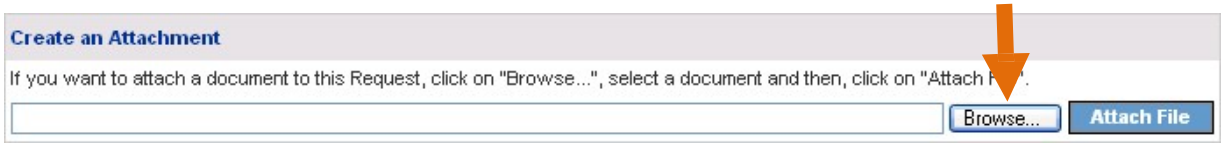


Figure 39

3. Find the file that is to be attached. Select the file by double clicking the file, or highlight the file and then click **Open**.

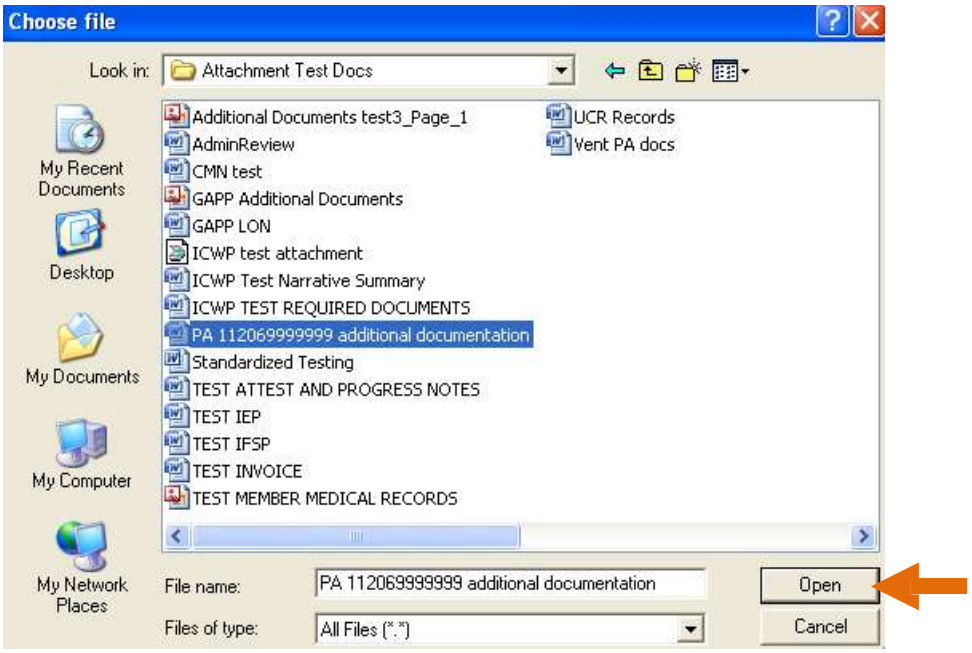


Figure 40

4. Once the file is selected, the file name displays in the attachment panel box.

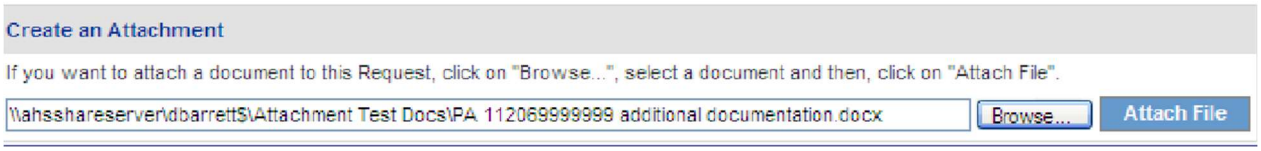


Figure 41

5. Click the **Attach File** button.

6. If the file is uploaded, the 'File uploaded successfully' message displays, and a link to the attachment displays in the **Attached Files** table.

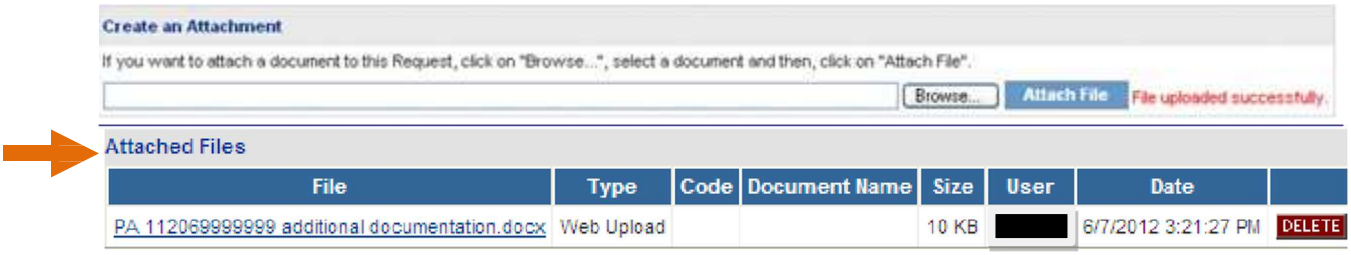


Figure 42

Attach to an Existing Pending Request:

1. On the *Provider Workspace,* select **Search, Edit or Attach Documentation to Requests** to access the *PA Search* page.

2. Search for and open the PA request to which a document or documents are to be attached. (If files have already been attached to the request, the files display in the **Attached Files** table.)

3. Click the **Attach File** button.

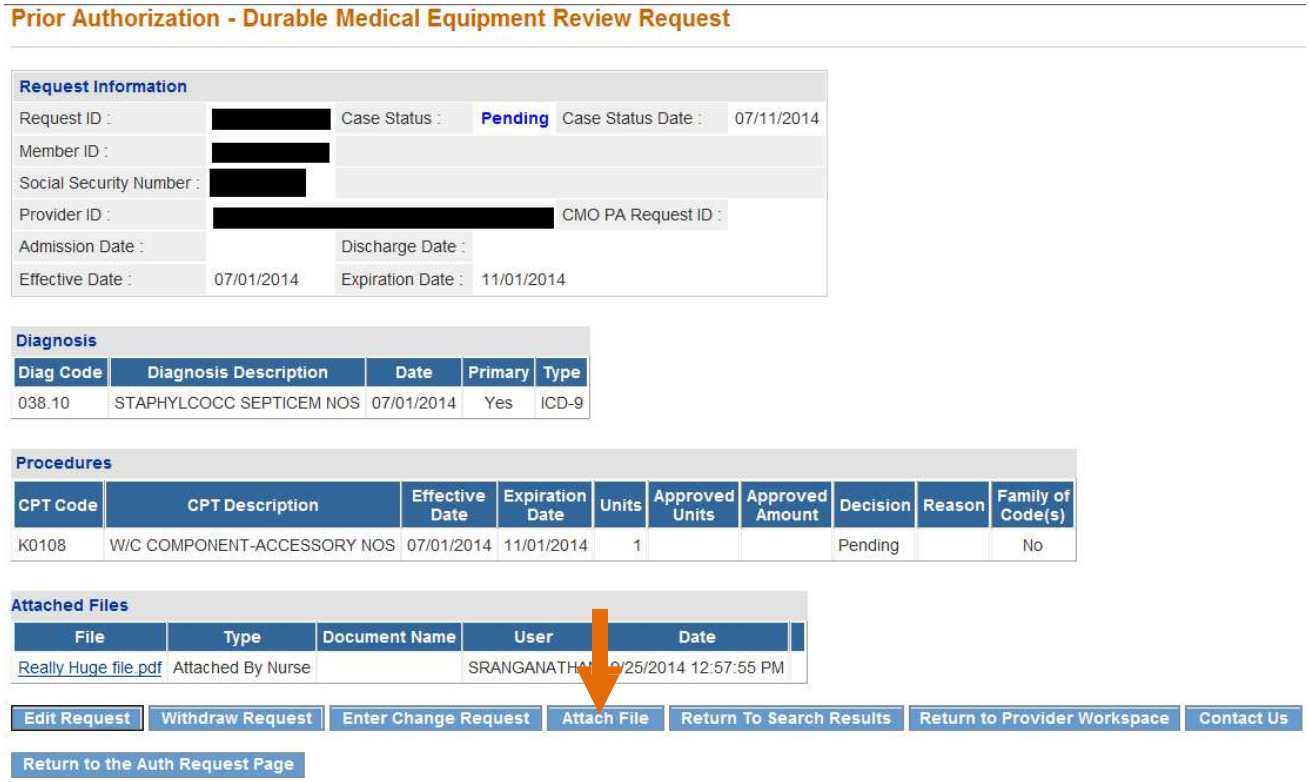


Figure 43

4. On the next page, the attachment panel is available. Follow the same process to attach as previously described for attaching upon PA submission.

   Note: The attachment panel will only be available if attachments are allowed for the request type and status.

Associate a Document Type with an Attachment:

For some request types and procedure codes, a checkbox displays next to each required document type. The purpose of the checkbox is to associate the actual file attached with the specific document. For example, the next figure shows the checkboxes for a Durable Medical Equipment request for oxygen services. Each procedure code requires a *Certificate of Medical Necessity*; and procedures, E0431 and E1390, also require a copy of testing results.

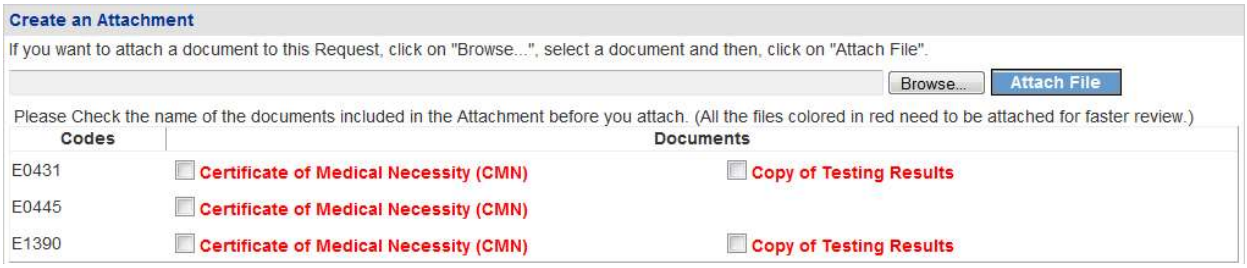


Figure 44

To attach a file or files to a PA when document type checkboxes display, first determine if one file that includes all the required information is to be attached, or multiple files are to be attached**. It is highly recommended to attach one PDF file for all required information if the file size will not exceed 20 MB.** If the file size exceeds 20 MB, divide the file into separate files and then attach.

One Attachment for all Document Types:

1. If **one file is to be attached** and that file includes all the required information, click all the checkboxes and then attach the one file.

2. If the attachment is successful, a file upload message displays; the attached file is added to the **Attached Files** table; and the file is associated with each document type.

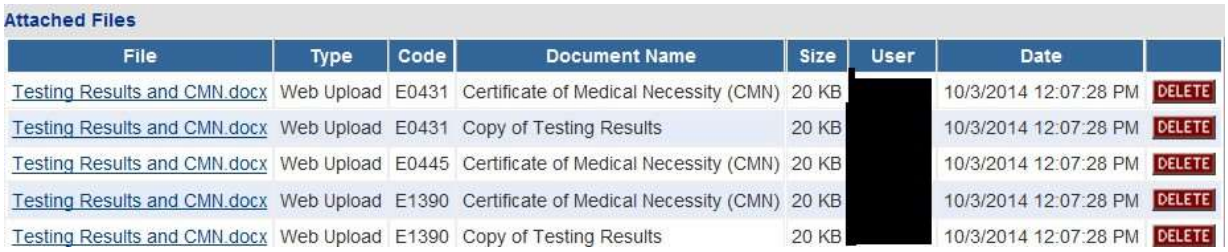


Figure 45

Multiple Files Attached:

1. When separate files are to be attached for different document types, first click the applicable checkbox or checkboxes, and then attach the file related to the checkbox/checkboxes selected. The document type(s) not checked will still display in red, indicating that the document has not yet been attached.

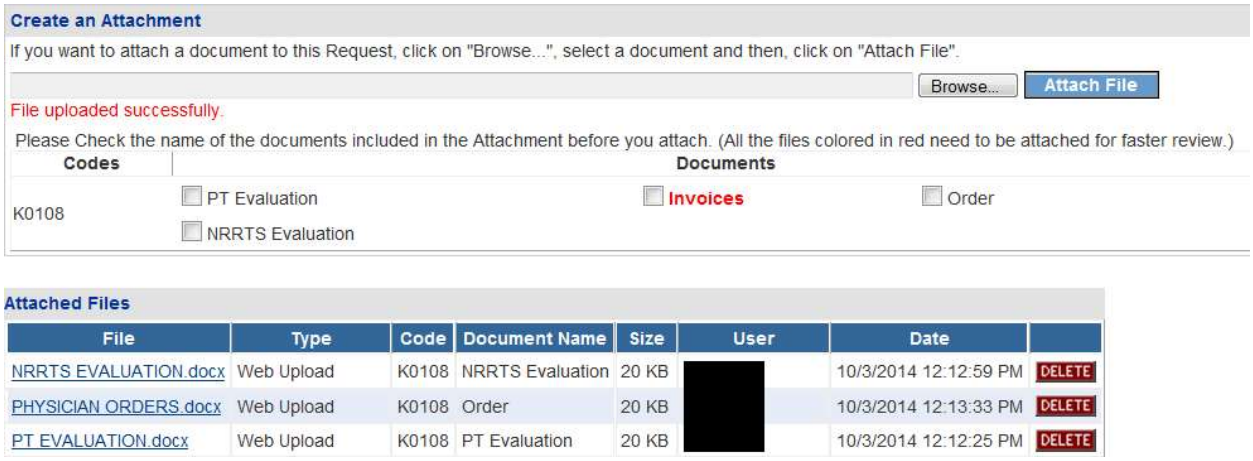


Figure 46

2.4.3 Delete an Attachment

Documents attached to a PA **by the provider** may be deleted by the provider **only when the PA is still in pending status** and is **not referred** for review. In addition for GAPP DMA80 PAs, once a PA is modified in any way, the provider cannot delete attachments.

1. To delete an attachment, click the DELETE button at the end of the file line in the **Attached Files** table.

2. When a file cannot be deleted, the delete button is not available.

2.5 Submit/View PA Change Requests

From the *Provider Workspace*, providers may submit requests to change information on a PA; and may view change requests already submitted. The provider is notified by email once the change request is processed. The notification indicates the change request has been processed. Provider can log into the Medical Review Portal to see results of change request.

2.5.1 Change Request Guidelines

In general, change requests are permitted for all pending/not referred and approved PAs, and must be submitted within 30 calendar days of the PA request date or date of service whichever is greater. For most PA types, only three (3) change requests per PA may be submitted. However, there are exceptions to the rules based on review type, as noted below:

- **SOURCE LOC and CCSP**: Change requests may be submitted for PAs of any status and there are no limits or other restrictions.

- **Children's Intervention Services PAs:** There are no restrictions to the number of change requests per PA; or when change requests may be submitted. Change requests may be submitted at any time as long as the case has not received a Final Tech Denial. In addition, change requests must met the following criteria:

    - A significant change in condition must be documented by submission of an updated treatment plan signed by the physician and therapist.
    - If a change in modality is requested, the units to be withdrawn (for substitution) must be specified.
    - Change requests may be submitted for PAs for which reconsideration has not been requested.

- **Durable Medical Equipment PAs:** There is no time restriction for submission of change requests for DME PAs.

- **Medications Prior Authorizations:** There is no time restriction for submission of change requests for Medications PAs.

- **PASRR**: Change requests may be submitted for a PASRR Level I if the Level I decision is pending and has not been referred for OBRA - Level II review.

2.5.2 Change Request Submission Instructions

1. Open the *Provider Workspace* and select **Submit/View PA Change Requests**.
2. On the search page, enter the PA number in the 'Request ID' box.
3. Click **Search**.
4. Click the request ID on the search results list to open the PA *Review Request* page.

   Note: When the *Review Request* page is opened for a request which does not meet the change request criteria, a message will appear at the top of the page indicating that a change request cannot be entered.

5. Click **Enter Change Request** at the bottom of the page.

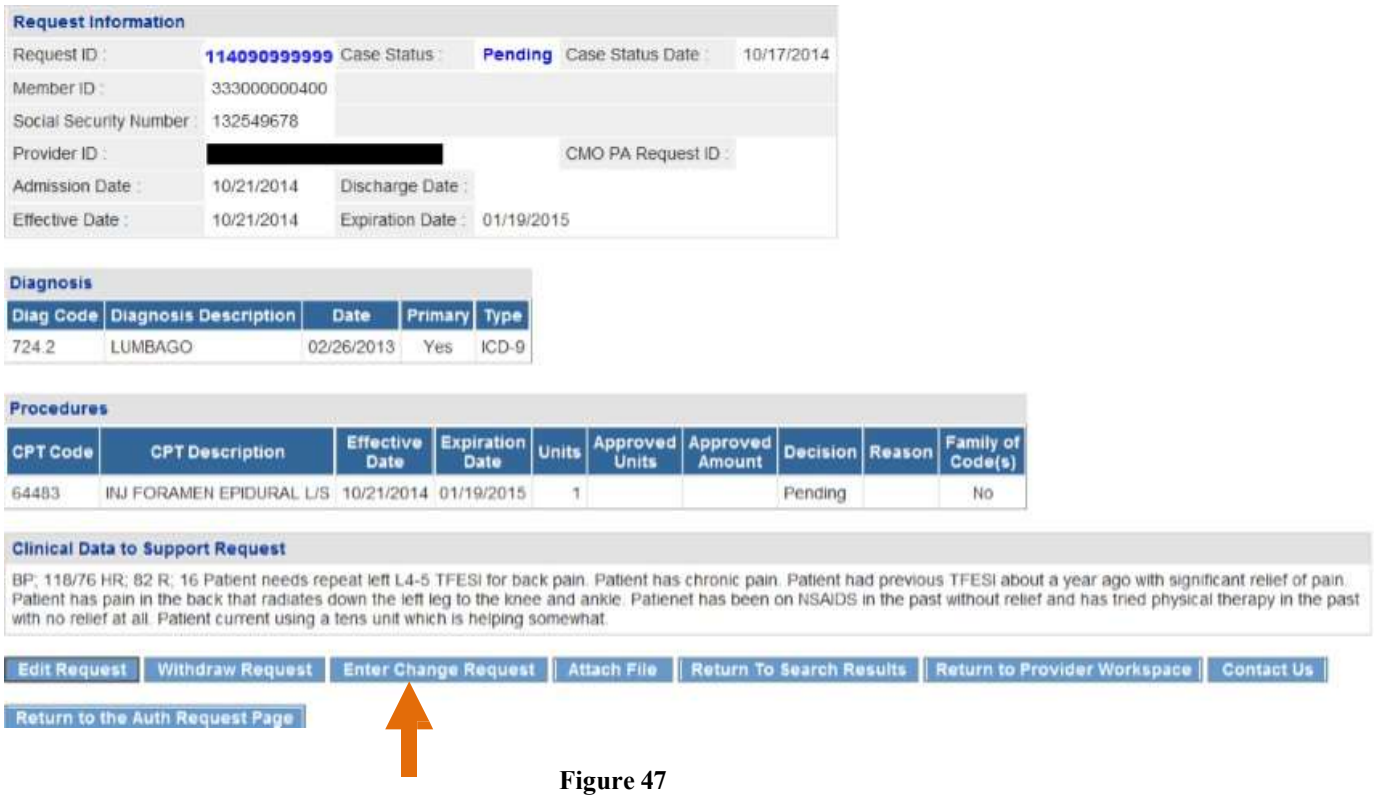


Figure 47

6. The *Change Request Information* form opens.

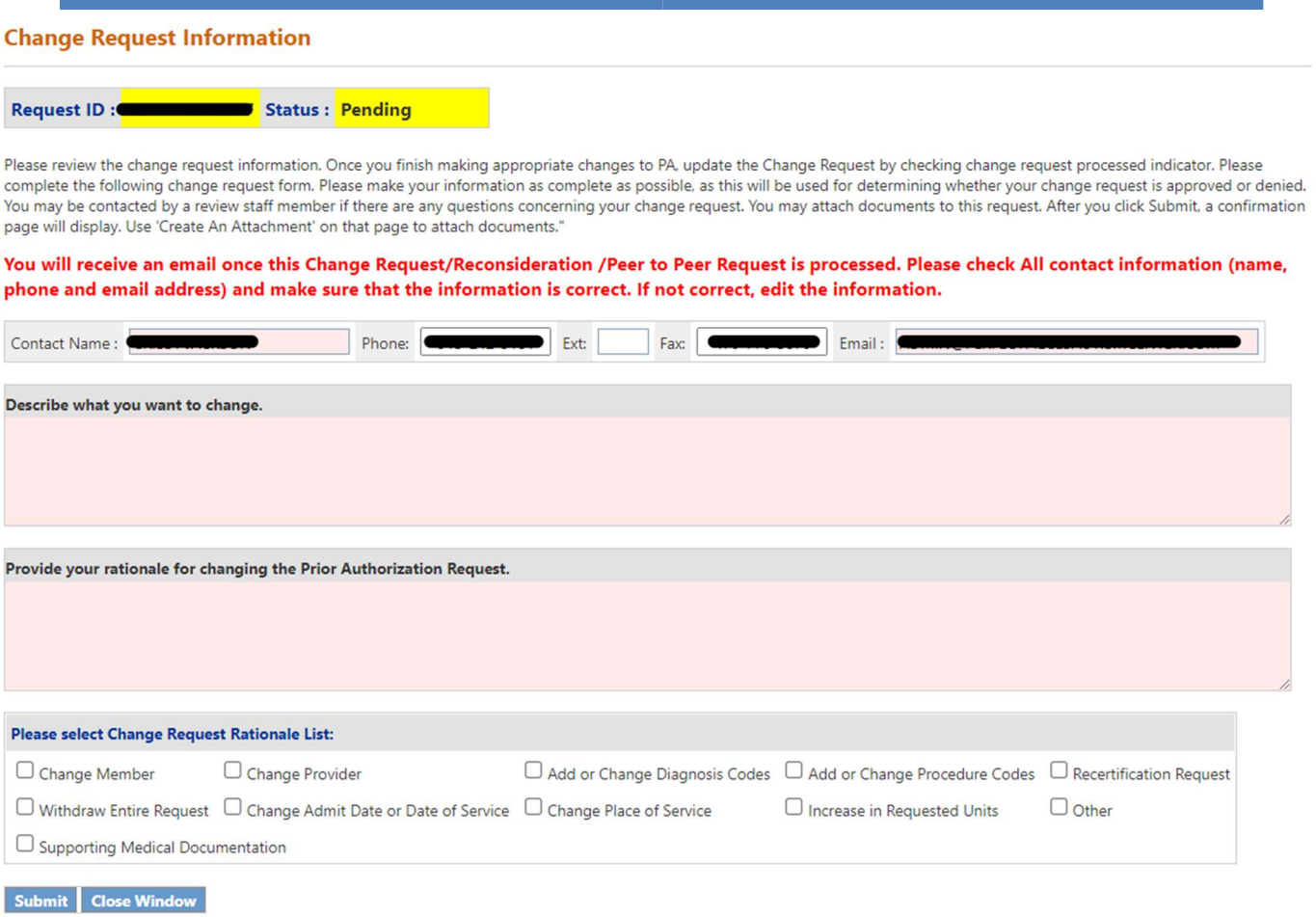

Change Request Information
Request ID : [redacted] Status : Pending
Please review the change request information. Once you finish making appropriate changes to PA, update the Change Request by checking change request processed indicator. Please complete the following change request form. Please make your information as complete as possible, as this will be used for determining whether your change request is approved or denied. You may be contacted by a review staff member if there are any questions concerning your change request. You may attach documents to this request. After you click Submit, a confirmation page will display. Use 'Create An Attachment' on that page to attach documents."
You will receive an email once this Change Request/Reconsideration /Peer to Peer Request is processed. Please check All contact information (name, phone and email address) and make sure that the information is correct. If not correct, edit the information.
Contact Name : [redacted] Phone: [redacted] Ext: Fax: [redacted] Email : [redacted]
Describe what you want to change.
Provide your rationale for changing the Prior Authorization Request.
Please select Change Request Rationale List:
Change Member
Change Provider
Add or Change Diagnosis Codes
Add or Change Procedure Codes
Recertification Request
Withdraw Entire Request
Change Admit Date or Date of Service
Change Place of Service
Increase in Requested Units
Other
Supporting Medical Documentation
Submit
Close Window

Figure 48

7. The provider's contact name, phone and fax number are inserted by the system. If this information is not correct, change the information to ensure that the change request notification is sent to the correct contact person.

8. Describe what needs to be changed in the first textbox.

9. In the next box, provide justification for the requested change.

10. Next, select one or more checkboxes from the 'Rationale List' corresponding to the change(s) requested. If none apply to the change requested, select 'Other'.

11. Click **Submit** to submit the request.

12. If the submission is successful, a window displays confirming that the change request has been entered successfully; and the attachment panel is available. Additional supporting documentation may be attached.

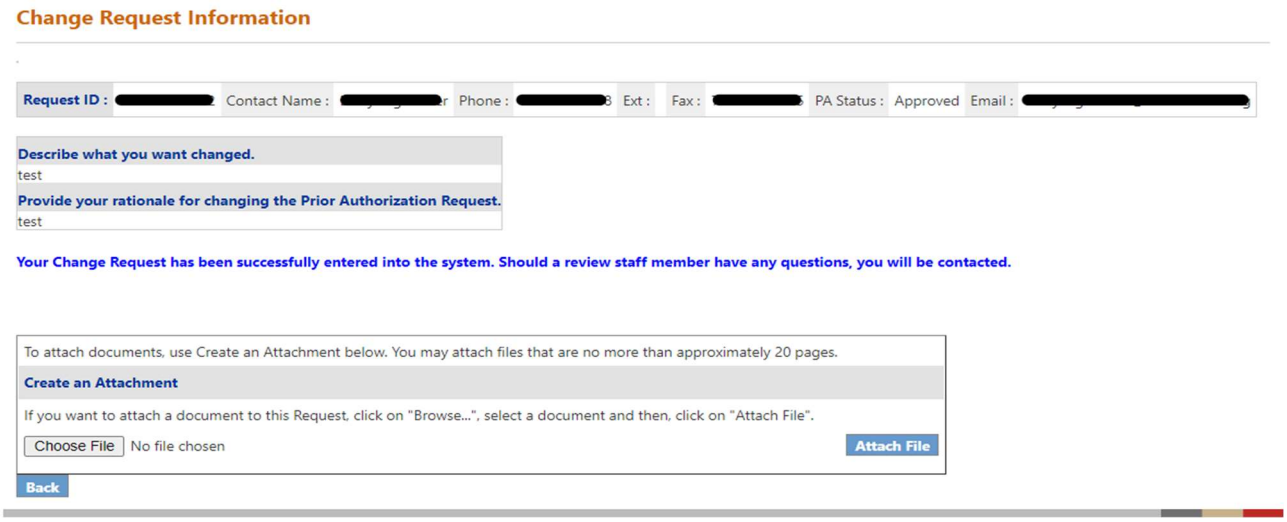


Figure 49

13. Follow the same attachment process as described in **Section 2.4.2**.

2.6 Submit Reconsideration Requests

From the *Provider Workspace*, providers may submit a request for reconsideration of a denied PA; and attach supporting documentation to the reconsideration request. When the Alliant reviewer accepts the reconsideration request, the provider is sent a notification indicating that the request has been received and is awaiting review. **This notification does not mean that the reconsideration request has been reviewed only that it has been received.**

2.6.1 Reconsideration Request Guidelines and Restrictions

- Reconsideration requests via the web portal/*Provider Workspace* are not applicable to the following PA types: TEFRA Katie Beckett DMA6A, Georgia Pediatric Program DMA6A and DMA80, Independent Care Waiver Program DMA6 and DMA80, SOURCE Level of Care and Placement, and PASRR Level I.

- Reconsiderations requests via the portal are applicable to Children's Intervention Services requests. Refer to Section 2.7 of this manual for the submission guidelines.

- Reconsideration requests via the portal are applicable to CCSP Level of Care (LOC)/ Placement requests according to the following guidelines:

    - All requests for reconsideration of denied CCSP LOCs must be submitted via the portal and supporting documentation must be attached.

    - Reconsideration Requests may only be submitted for CCSP LOCs that have been Nurse Denied upon initial decision, and there does not exist any Second Level Review decision.

    - Requests must be submitted within 20 (twenty) calendar days of the *Notice of Denial of Level of Care*.

- Reconsideration requests via the portal are applicable to all other PA types not mentioned above - according to the following submission guidelines:

    - Reconsideration requests may only be submitted if the PA is denied or at least one procedure code line is denied. The acceptable denial types are: Withdrawn, Nurse Denied, First Tech Denial, Peer Consultant Denied (first consultant review only); or System Denied. A reconsideration request cannot be submitted if the request has already undergone a reconsideration review.

    - Reconsideration requests must be submitted within 33 calendar days of the denial decision date.

2.6.2 Reconsideration Submission Instructions

1. Open the *Provider Workspace* and select **Submit Reconsideration Requests**.
2. On the search page, enter the PA number in the Request ID' box.
3. Click **Search.**
4. Click the request ID on the search results list to open the *Review Request* page.

   Note: When the *Review Request* page is opened for a request which does not meet the reconsideration request criteria, a message will appear at the top of the page indicating that reconsideration cannot be entered.

5. Click **Enter a Reconsideration Request** at the bottom of the page.

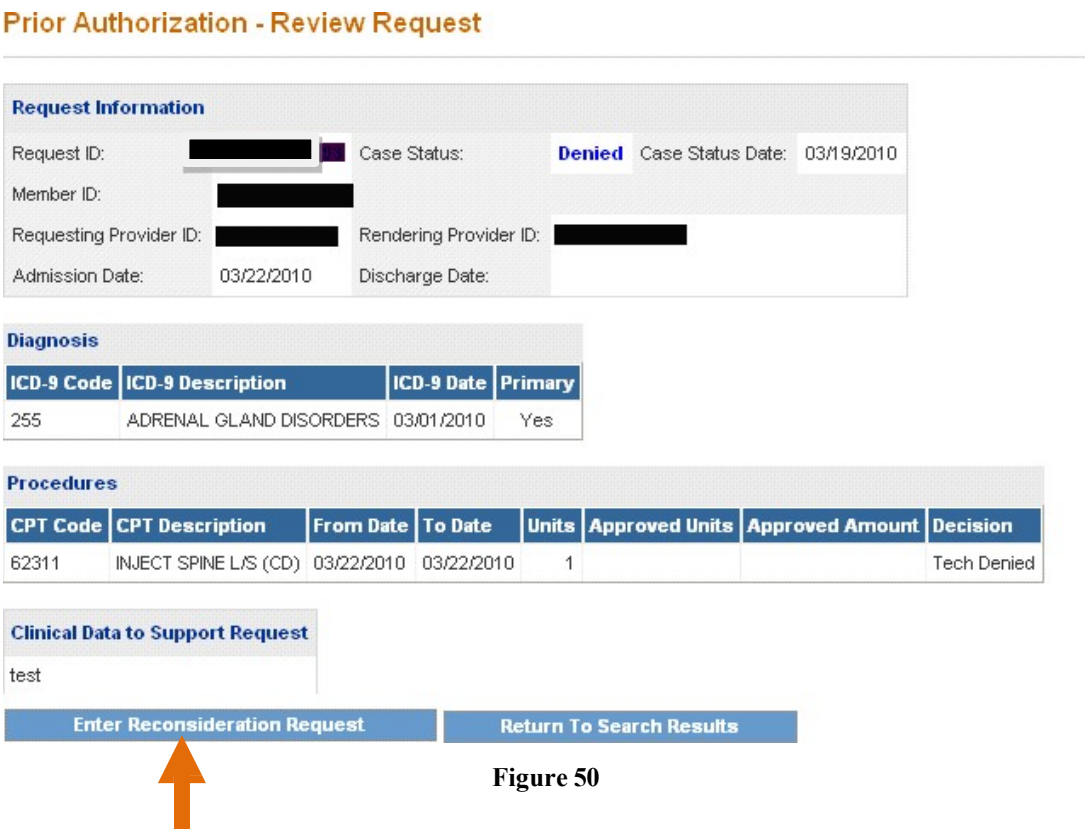


Figure 50

6. The *Reconsideration Request Information* form opens.

7. At the top of the form, the contact information for the requesting provider is inserted by the system. Verify that the information is correct. If not correct, edit the information. This is important since an email will be sent to the email address on form to indicate reconsideration request has been received.

8. In the first text box, indicate why the reconsideration is being requested and how you would like the PA to be changed as a result of the reconsideration.

9. In the second text box, provide additional clinical information that supports the request for reconsideration review, and **specifically addresses the reason for the denial**. (If additional supporting documentation is to be attached, it is acceptable to note 'See attached' in the text box.)

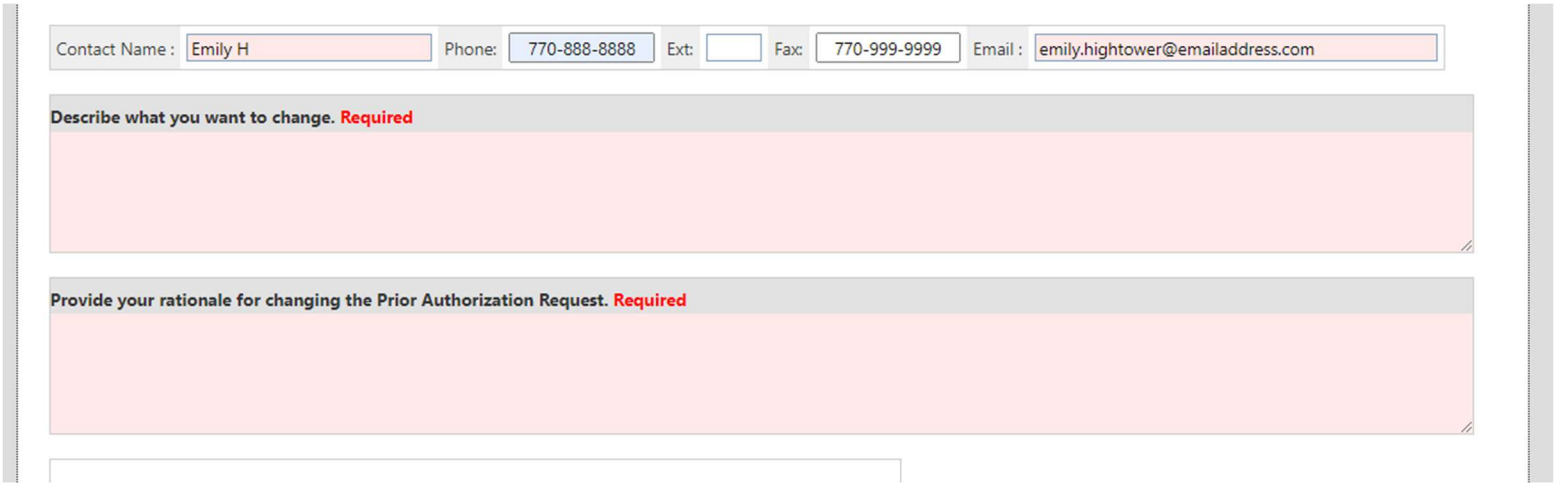


Figure 51

10. Click **Submit**.

11. If the submission is successful, a page displays confirming that the reconsideration has been entered successfully; and the attachment panel is available**.**

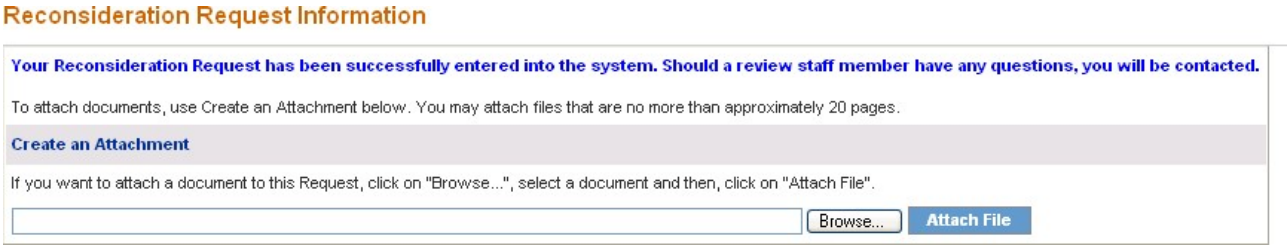


Figure 52

12. **Additional supporting documentation should be attached at this point.** Follow the same attachment procedures as described in Section 2.4 of this manual.

2.7 Submit CIS Reconsideration Requests

From the *Provider Workspace*, Children's Intervention Services (CIS) providers may submit a request for reconsideration of a CIS PA. Once the reconsideration request is accepted by an Alliant reviewer, the provider is sent a notification indicating that the '*request has been received and is awaiting review'*. **This notification does not mean that the reconsideration request has been reviewed only that it has been received.**

2.7.1 CIS Reconsideration Request Guidelines

The following guidelines for requesting reconsiderations apply to Children's Intervention Services PAs **only**.

- Reconsiderations are allowed when the PA has one or more procedure lines that are:
    - Approved but not for all units requested - requests must be submitted within **30** calendar days of the decision.
    - Peer consultant denied - requests must be submitted within **30** calendar days of the decision.
    - Tech Denied but **NOT** Final Tech Denied - requests must be submitted within **10** calendar days of the decision.
- Providers are required to attach additional documentation to support the reconsideration request. It is not necessary to re-submit all information sent with the original request but only the information to support the request for reconsideration.

2.7.2 CIS Reconsideration Submission Instructions

1. Open the *Provider Workspace* and select **Submit CIS Reconsideration Requests**.
2. On the search page, enter the PA number in the Request ID' box.
3. Click **Search.**
4. Click the request ID on the search results list to open the *Review Request* page.

   Note: When the *Review Request* page is opened for a request, which does not meet the CIS reconsideration request guidelines, a message will appear at the top of the page indicating that reconsideration cannot be entered.
5. Click **Enter CIS Reconsideration Request** at the bottom of the *Review Request* page.

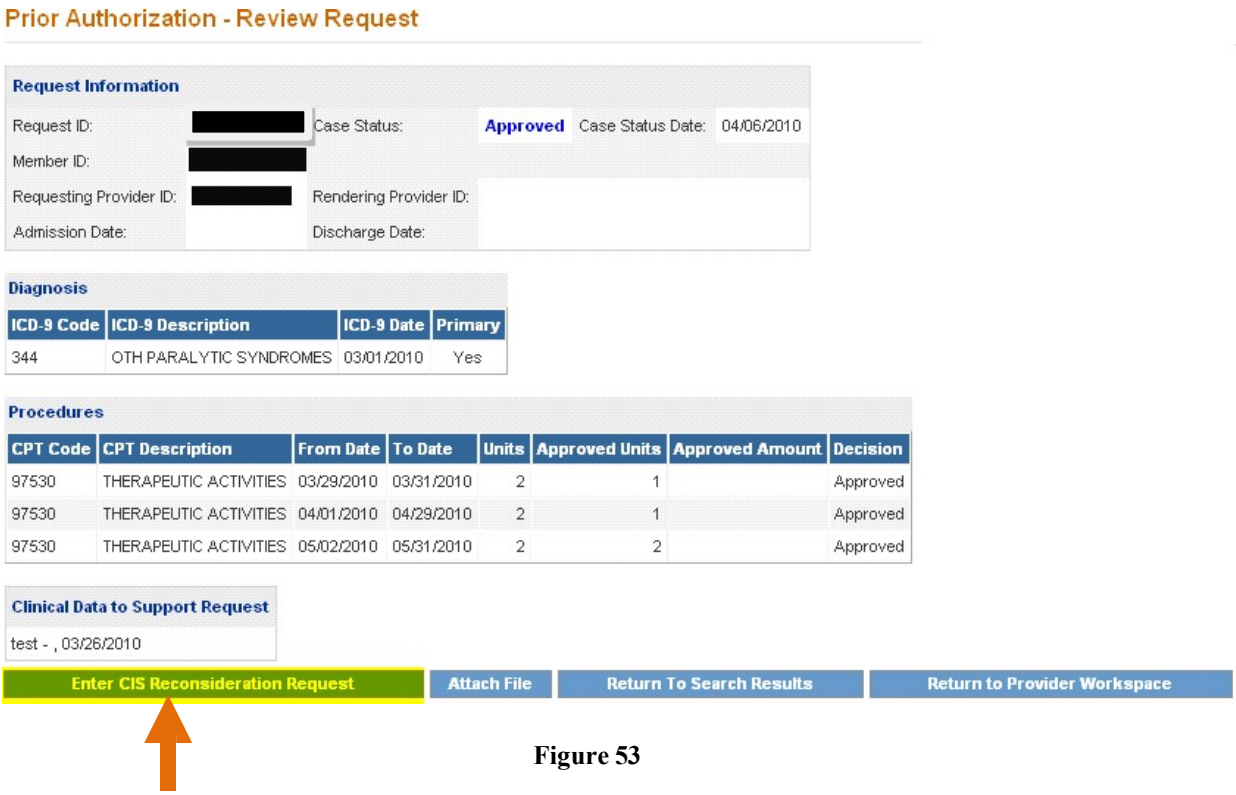


Figure 53

6. This opens the *CIS Reconsideration Request Information* form.

7. At the top of the form, the contact information for the requesting provider is inserted by the system. Verify that the information is correct. If not correct, edit the information. This is important since an email will be sent to the email address on form to indicate reconsideration request has been received.

8. In the first text box, clearly describe what you wanted changed as a result of the reconsideration review: indicate the codes; dates of service and the units required.

9. In the second text box, summarize additional clinical information that supports the request for reconsideration review and specifically addresses the need for the services requested.

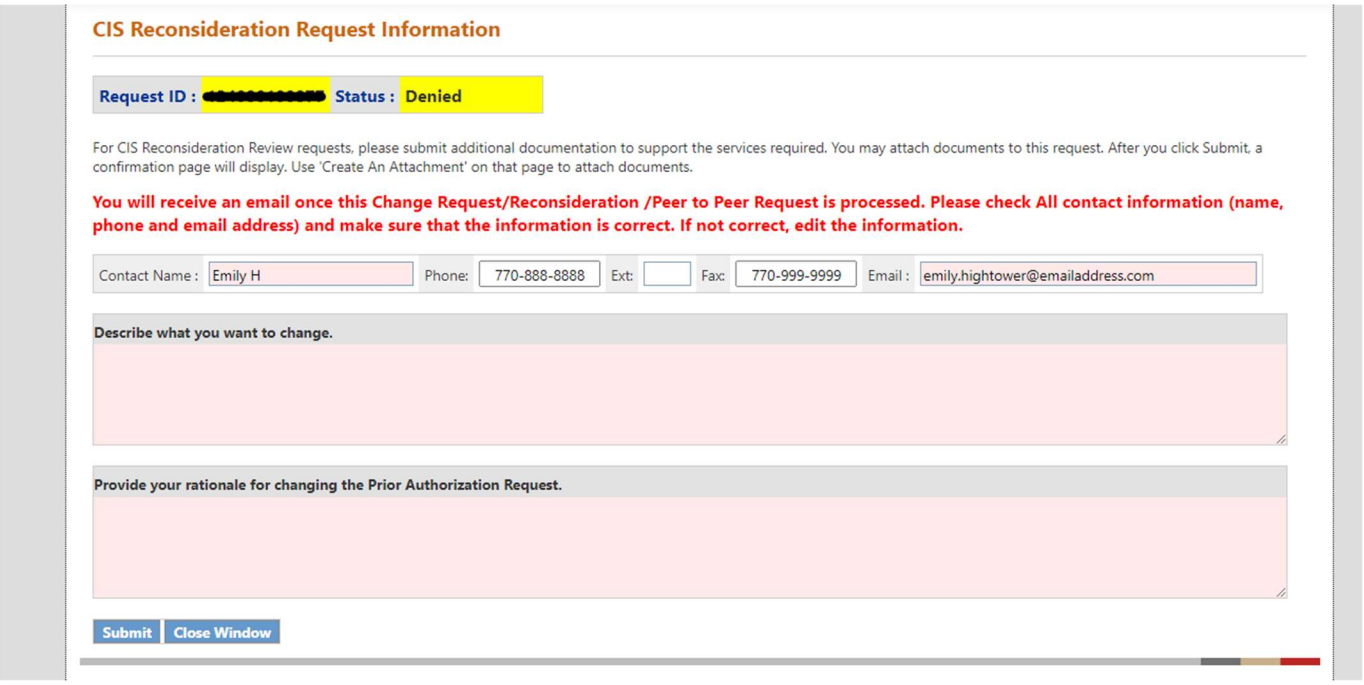


Figure 54

10. Click **Submit**.

11. If the submission is successful, a page displays confirming that the reconsideration has been entered successfully; and the attachment panel is available.

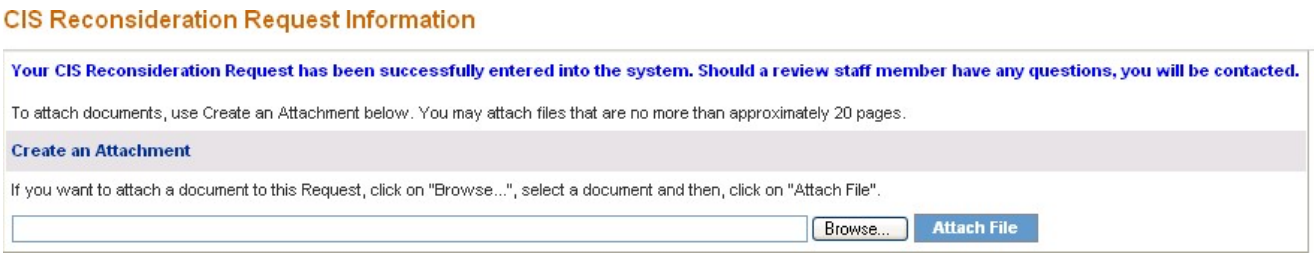


Figure 55

12. **Additional supporting documentation must be attached** at this point. Follow the same attachment procedures as described in Section 2.4 of this manual.

2.8 Enter a New PASRR Level I Request

From the *Provider Workspace*, providers may enter a Pre-admission Screening/Resident Review (PASRR) Level I request utilizing the online DMA-613 (PASRR) Form. This screening is required for all individuals seeking admission to a nursing facility. The Level I screening may be entered using the applicant's Medicaid ID number; or the applicant's Social Security Number (SSN).

Level I screening determinations are based on the responses to the Level I screening questions and other questions related to policy.

- A decision of 'Approved' indicates that no further action is needed, and the applicant is approved for admission to a nursing facility. If approved, the Level I tracking number becomes the Level I authorization number.

- A decision of 'Pending' indicates that a Level II assessment must be performed. Alliant reviewers do not conduct the Level II assessments but refer the cases to the Level II contractor.

- A decision of 'Withdrawn' usually means that a response on the form indicated that the nursing facility stay will be less than 30 days.

To begin a Level I request:

1. Open the *Provider Workspace* and select **Enter a New PASRR Request**.

2. The user is prompted to enter the applicant's Member ID or SSN.

3. Enter the applicant's Medicaid ID **OR** the applicant's Social Security Number. **Do not enter both numbers.**

Figure 58

4. Click **Submit** to open the Level I screening form. Refer to the *FFS PA Web Entry* manual available on the Provider Workspace for instructions on completing the Level I online form.

2.9 View and Edit PASRR Level I

Providers may view and edit Level I requests **associated with their provider ID** when the requests are entered via the secure portal (after logging in). To edit a Level I request, the request must be pending and not referred for Level II assessment. As part of the edit functionality, providers are also able to add a Member Medicaid ID to a Level I request in the event the applicant did not have a Medicaid ID when the Level I was entered.

2.9.1 Level I Search Instructions

In order to edit a Level I, it is first necessary to find the Level I by using *PASRR Request Search*.

1. Open the *Provider Workspace* and select **PASRR Level I Search, Edit** to open the *PASRR Request Search* page.

Table 2

2. To find a specific Level I request, enter the Level I tracking/authorization number in the 'Request ID' box and then click **Search**. This is the preferred way to search for a Level I request.

3. If the request ID is not available, search by using the member's Social Security Number (SSN) or the member's Medicaid ID. Then, limit the search results by combining with other search parameters such as:

   - **GHP Decision**: Level I decision - Approved, Referred for OBRA Review, or Withdrawn.
   - **Case Status**: The overall authorization status, which could be Approved, Denied, or Pending. Requests that are 'Referred for OBRA Review' are pending.
   - **Physician Name**: The name of the physician on the level I request
   - **From Date and To Date**: These dates refer to the date that the Level I was entered into the PA system. Enter a 'From Date' and a 'To Date' to find Level I requests submitted during a specific period of time.
   - **Web and Non-Web**: Web requests are entered by the provider; all others are non-web.

4. Once a search is conducted, the results of the search display below the search panel. If the search was conducted using the Request ID, only one result will display. If more than one search criterion is used, the search returns Level I requests that match any of the search criteria.

5. To open a request in search results, click the **Request ID** (highlighted and in blue).

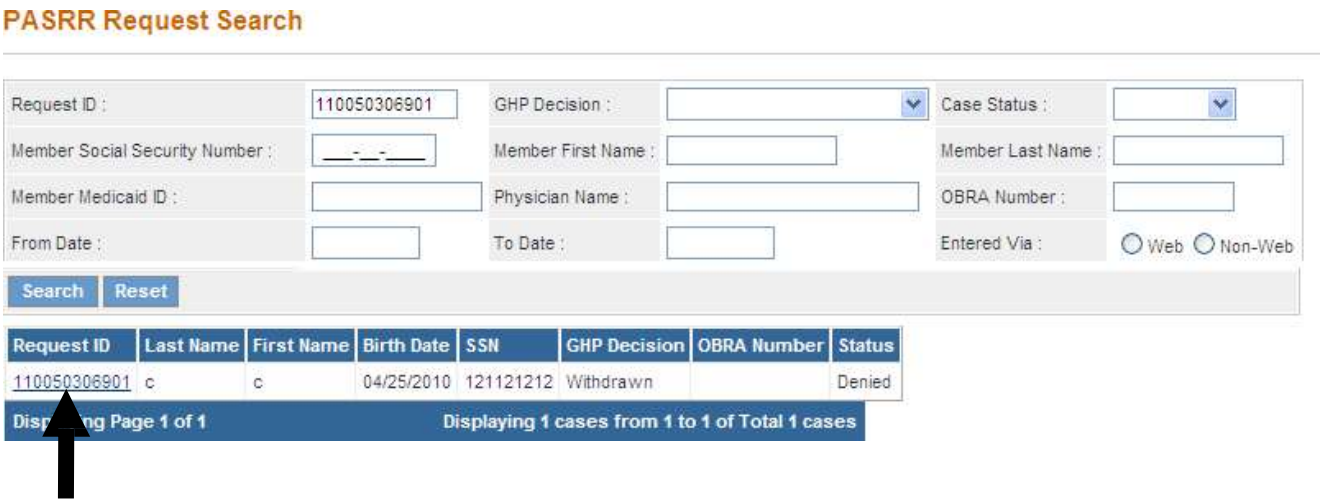


Figure 59

2.9.2 Edit Level I Request Information

1. If the Level I request selected from search results is still pending/not referred, the level I form opens in a format that may be edited.

2. Change or modify information on the Level I form as needed.

3. If the member was given a 'system assigned' ID (such as 00111GMC as shown in the next figure) when the Level I was requested, but the member now has a valid Medicaid ID, it is possible to add the member's Medicaid ID by utilizing the **Update Member Medicaid ID** button.

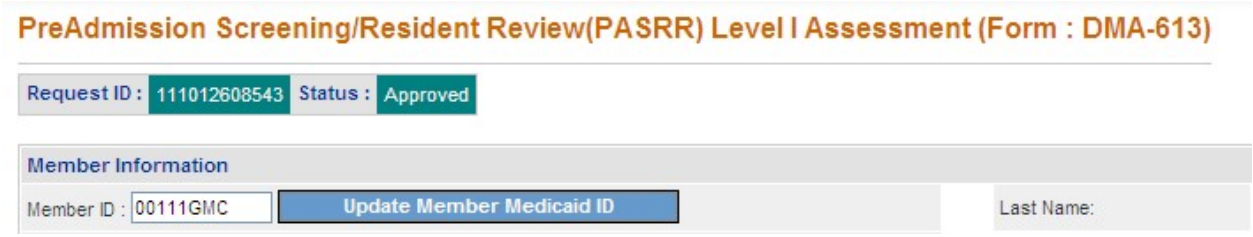


Figure 60

4. Replace the system assigned ID with the member's valid Medicaid ID number.

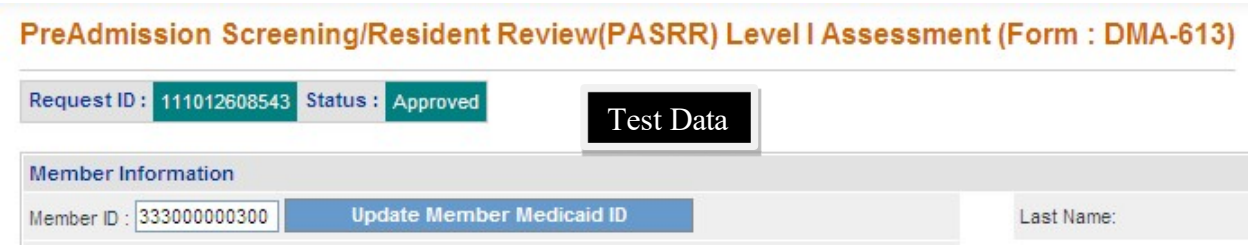


Figure 61

5. Click **Update Member Medicaid ID**.

6. Click **Submit Request** to save the changes made to the Level I request. The Level I authorization number remains the same.

2.10 Nursing Facility Level I Look Up

Nursing facility providers with a category of service (COS) of 110 – Skilled Care Nursing Facility - or COS 160 – Intermediate Care Nursing Facility - may use the *Nursing Facility Level I Look-up* function to find PASRR Level I assessments for Medicaid Members in their facility.

2.10.1 Level I Lookup Instructions

1. Log into the portal to access the *Secure Home* page.

2. Click the **Prior Authorization** link.

3. Select **Provider Workspace** from the drop list.

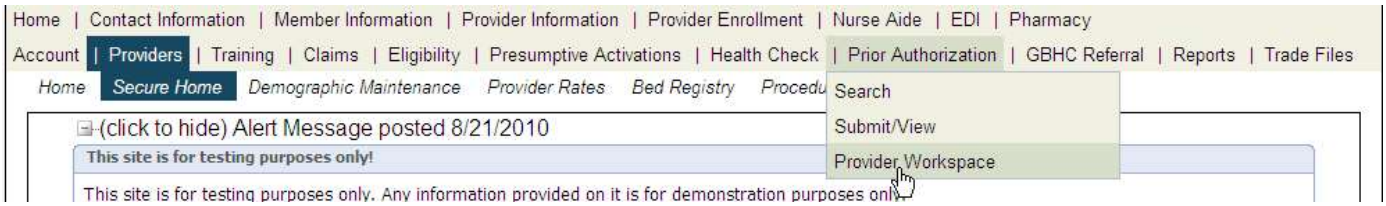


Figure 62

4. On the workspace, select **Nursing Facility Level I Look up** in the PASRR section.

5. On the *Look up* page, enter the Member Medicaid ID **OR** the last four numbers of the member's Social Security Number. **Do not enter both**.

6. Enter the member's date of birth.

7. Click **Search**. The Level 1 Request ID, the Level 1 status, and the Level 1 'Effective' Date (start date) display.

PA ID is for a fictitious member.

Figure 63

2.11 Modify Member Medicaid for an Existing Level I, Swingbed, Katie-Beckett, or Nursing Facility Vent

Swingbed, Nursing Facility Ventilation and PASRR Level I requests may be submitted for individuals who do not have a Medicaid ID number at the time of submission. Later, the individual may become Medicaid eligible. The *Modify Member* functionality allows providers to add the member's Medicaid ID to the existing authorization.

2.11.1 Modify Member Instructions

1. Click **Member Medicaid ID Updates** from the *Provider Workspace*. This link is located in two locations on the Workspace: **Enter and Edit Authorization Requests** section, and in the **PASRR Level I Information** section.

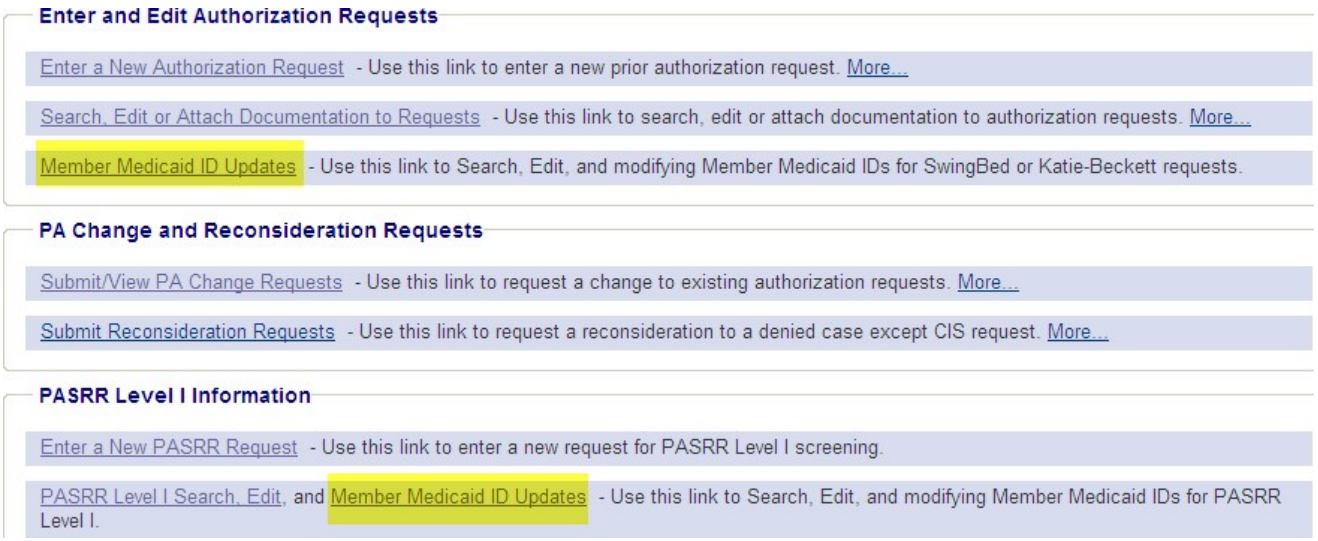


Figure 64

2. Once **Member Medicaid ID Updates** is selected, the update page opens.

3. Find the specific Level I, Vent request or Swingbed request by entering the 'Request ID'; **OR** enter the 'Member's Social Security Number'.

4. Then, select the button for 'Swingbed' or 'PASRR Level I' or 'Katie-Beckett' or 'Nursing Home Vent'.

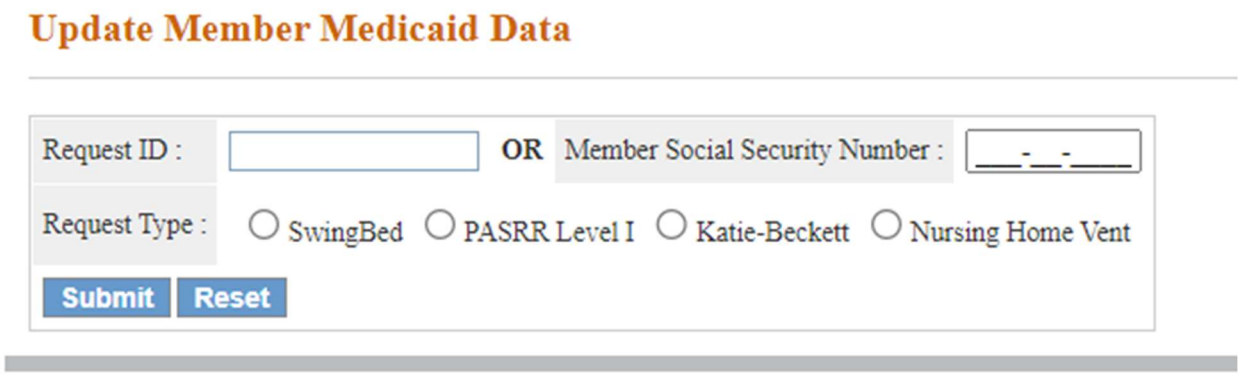


Figure 65

5. Click **Submit** to find the specific request or generate a list of requests.

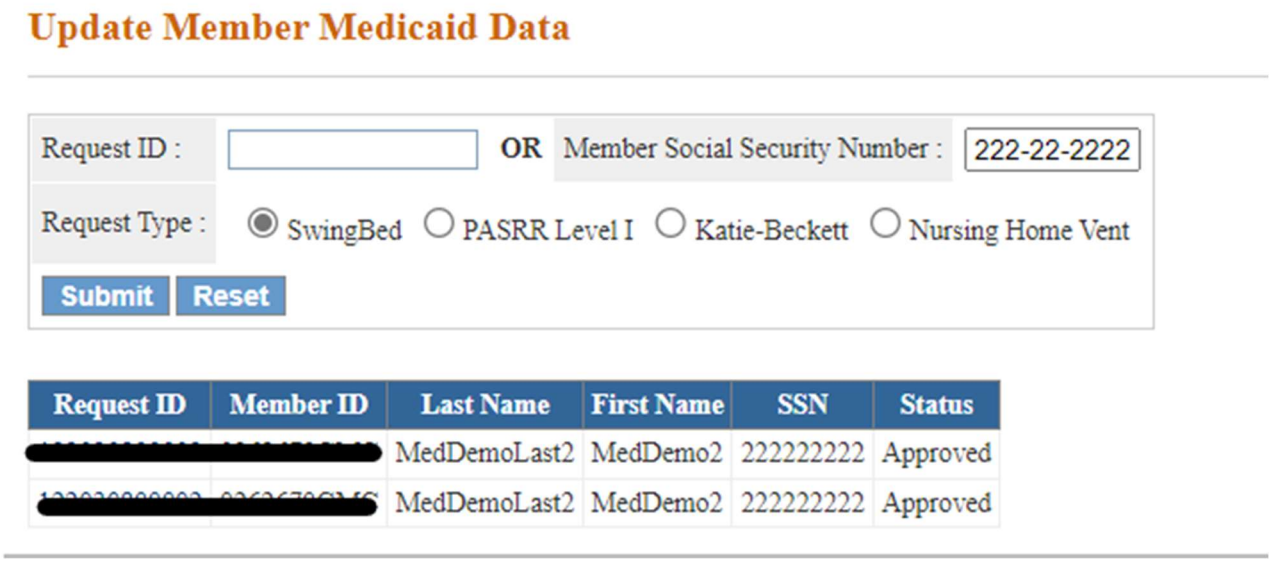


Figure 66

6. Select the applicable request from the list by clicking the **Request ID**. This action opens a *Review Request* page.

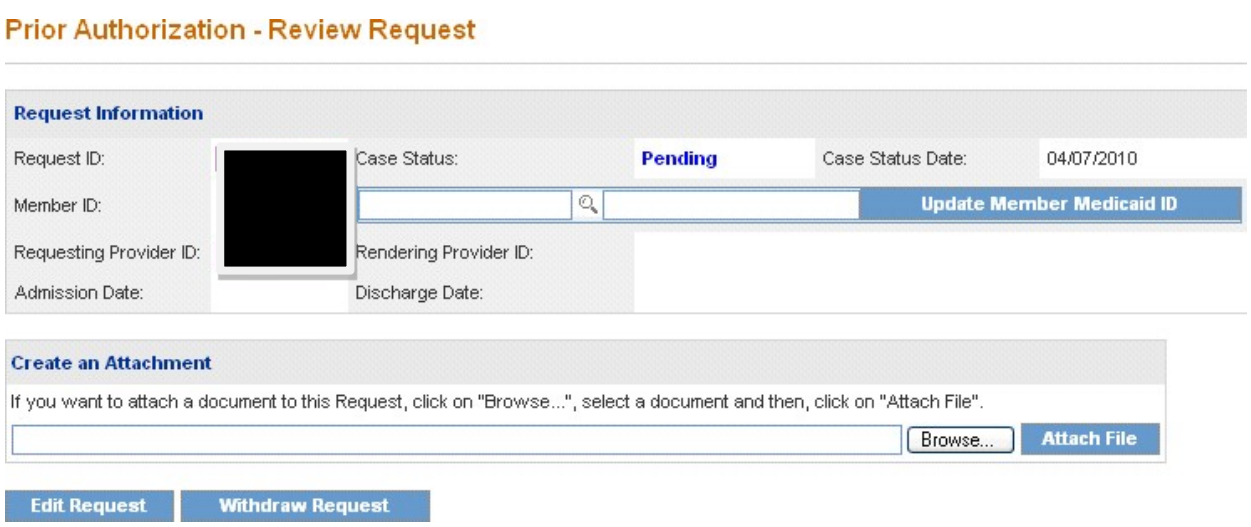


Figure 67

7. Enter the Medicaid ID in the 'Member ID' box; or click the search icon (spy glass) and search for the member ID.

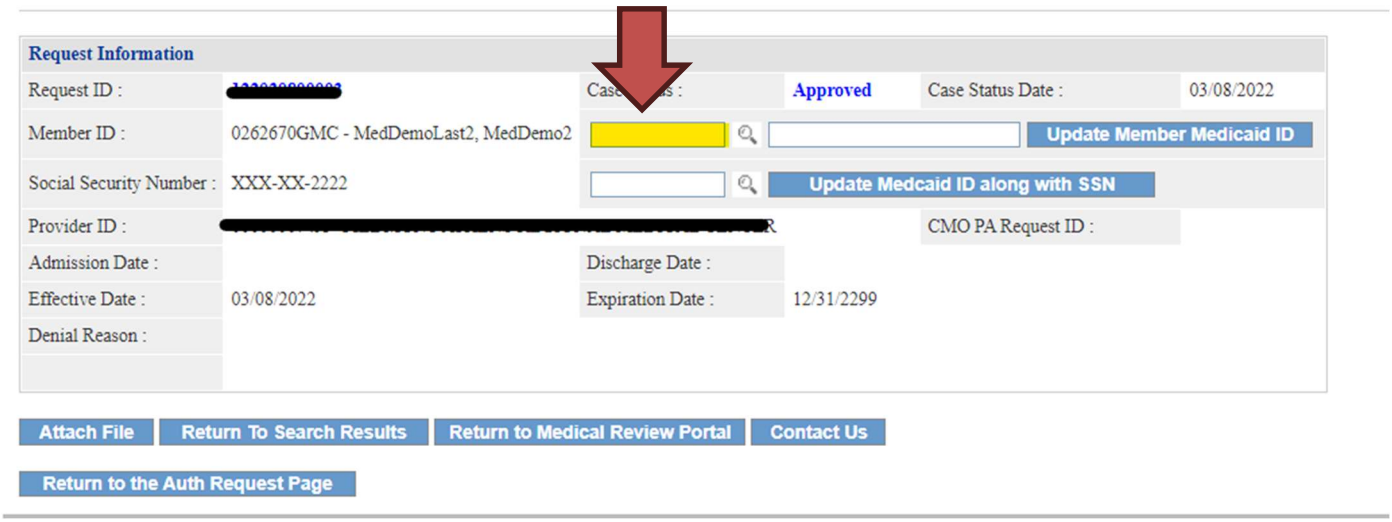


Figure 68

8. Then, select **Update Member Medicaid ID** to add the Medicaid ID to the request.

2.12 Provider Inquiry Form DMA-520A

From the *Provider Workspace*, providers may submit inquiry appeals for denied EMA, medical, dental or out of state claims, requiring medical review by Alliant. The appeal is submitted utilizing the online ***Provider Inquiry Form (DMA-520A)***. Providers may also search for inquiries that were previously submitted.

Note: For more complete instructions regarding inquiries and appeals, refer to the ***Provider Instructions for Entering DMA520A Inquiries and Appeals*** user guide located on the Provider Workspace/Education and Training link/User Manuals.

2.12.1 Provider Inquiry Form Instructions

Search for an existing inquiry:

1. Click **Provider Inquiry Form (DMA-520A)** on the workspace page to open the *Provider Inquiry Form* page.

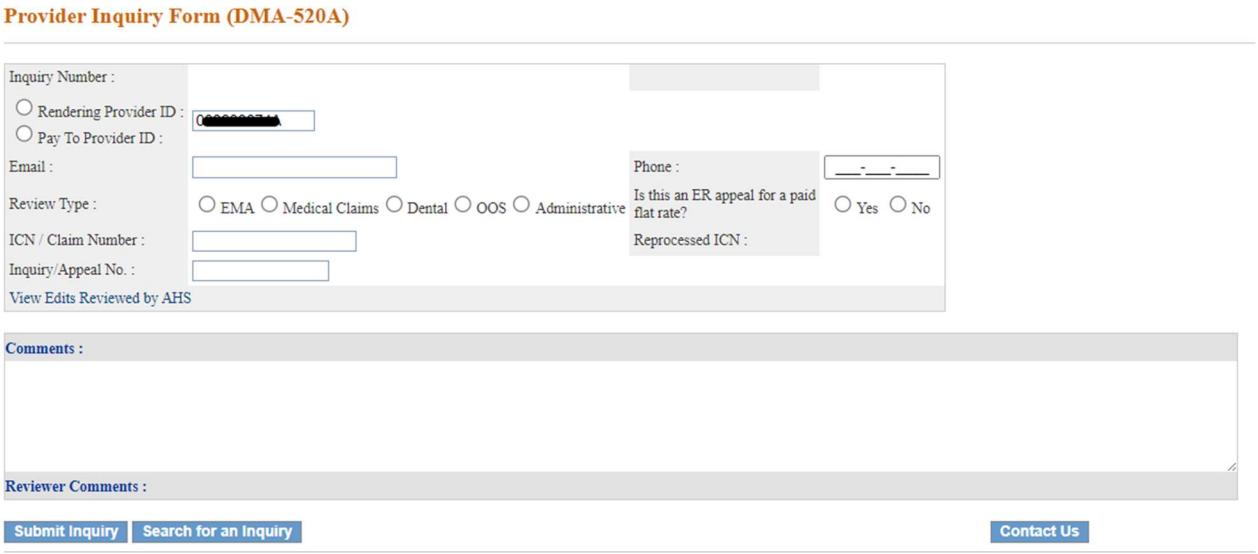


Figure 69

2. Click the **Search for an Inquiry** button to open the *Provider Inquiry Search* page. The 'Provider ID' is inserted by the system.

Figure 70

3. To quickly find an inquiry, enter the 'Inquiry Number' (starts with the letter Q), and/or the 'ICN/Claim Number'.

4. It is also possible to initiate a search using the 'Provider ID' and/or 'Review Type', or to search for inquiries entered during a specific date span - 'Date Entered From and Date Entered To'. Search criteria may be combined to limit results.

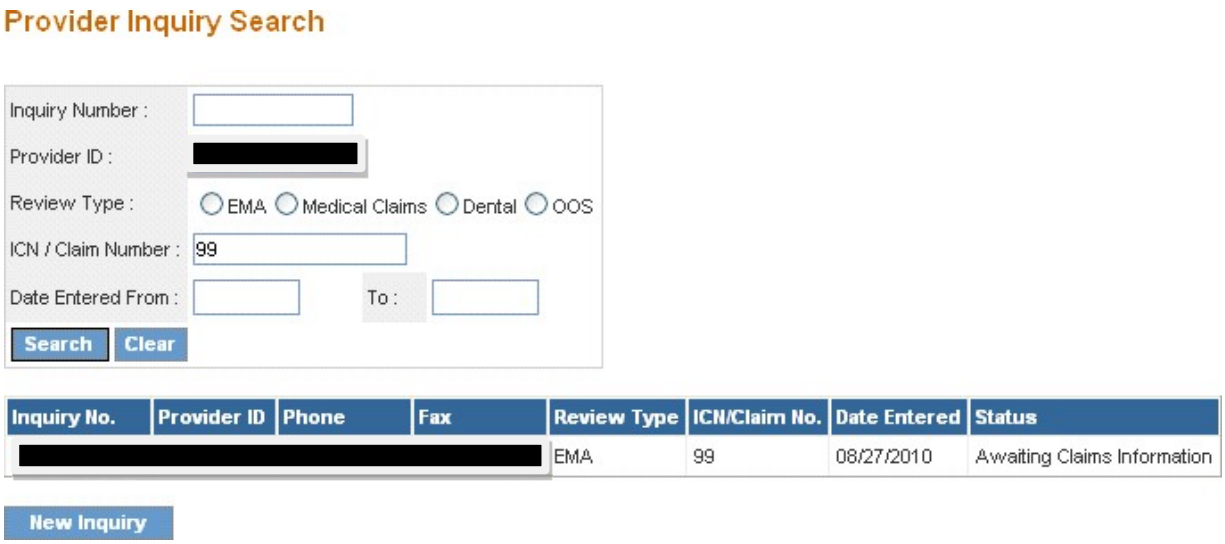


Figure 71

Figure 72

5. Click **Search** to display the search result(s).

6. To view the details of the inquiry, click the **Inquiry No.** underlined and in blue font. This action opens the inquiry form and displays the information previously submitted.

7. If a decision has been rendered on the inquiry appeal, the inquiry page will display the decision and the reviewer's comments. In addition, if the claim has been reprocessed, the reprocessed ICN displays.

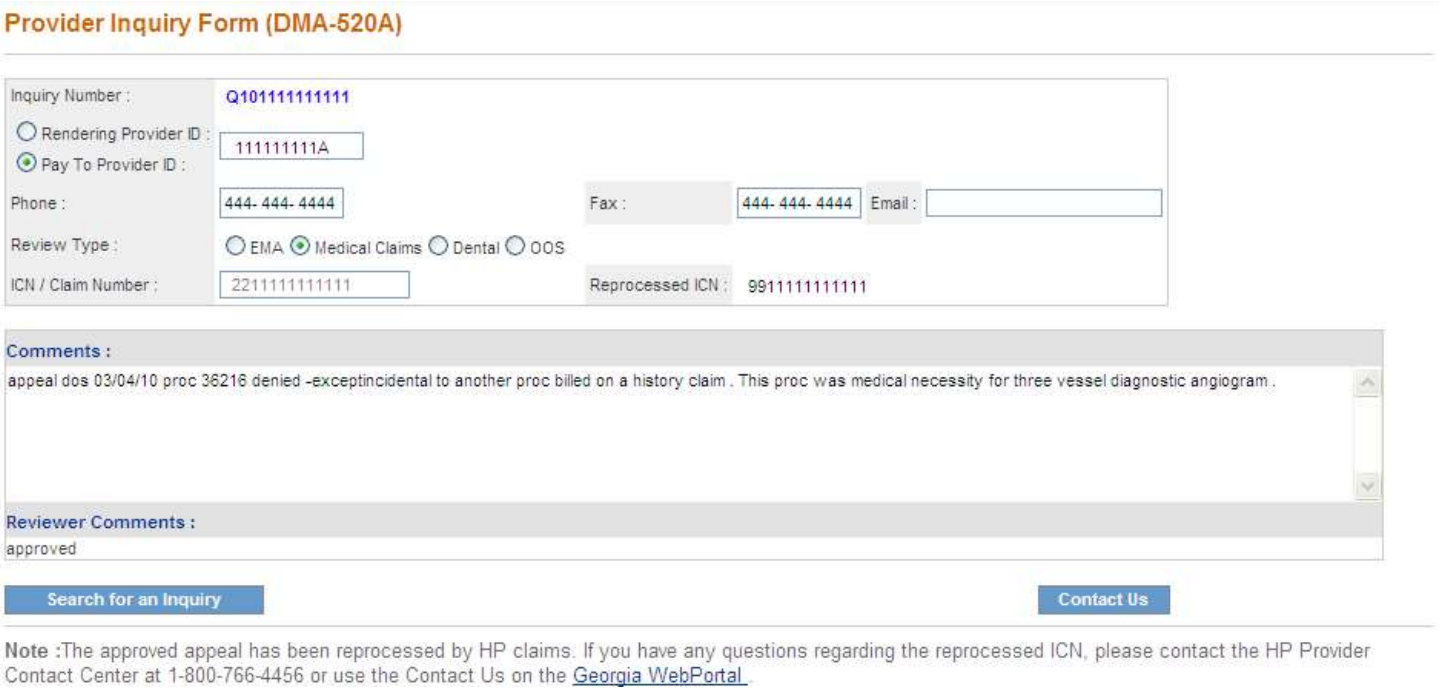


Figure 73

Submit an inquiry appeal form:

1. Click **Provider Inquiry Form (DMA-520A)** to open the *Provider Inquiry Form* page; or on the inquiry search page, click **New Inquiry**.

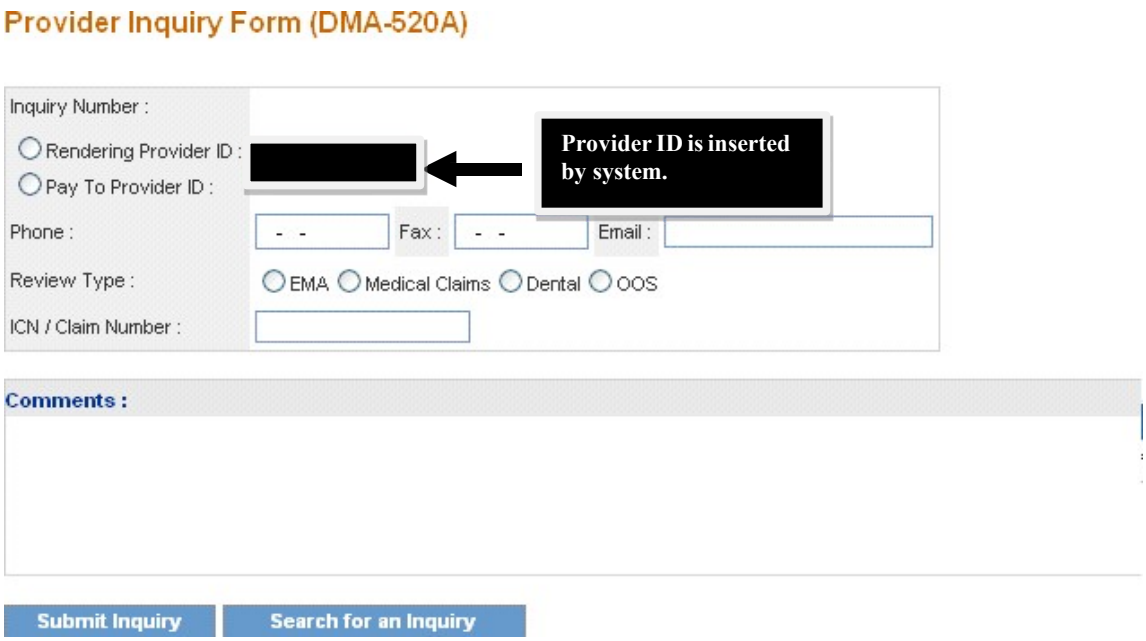


Figure 74

2. The provider ID is system populated. Indicate if the provider ID is the 'Rendering Provider ID' or the 'Pay to Provider ID' by clicking the appropriate button.

3. Enter a phone number, fax number and an email address in the boxes provided.

4. Select the type of review associated with the denied claim by clicking the 'EMA' or 'Medical Claims' or 'Dental' or 'OOS' (Out of State) button.

5. Enter the claim number for the claim associated with the inquiry appeal in the 'ICN/Claim Number' box.

6. In the 'Comments' box, explain the reason for the inquiry appeal.

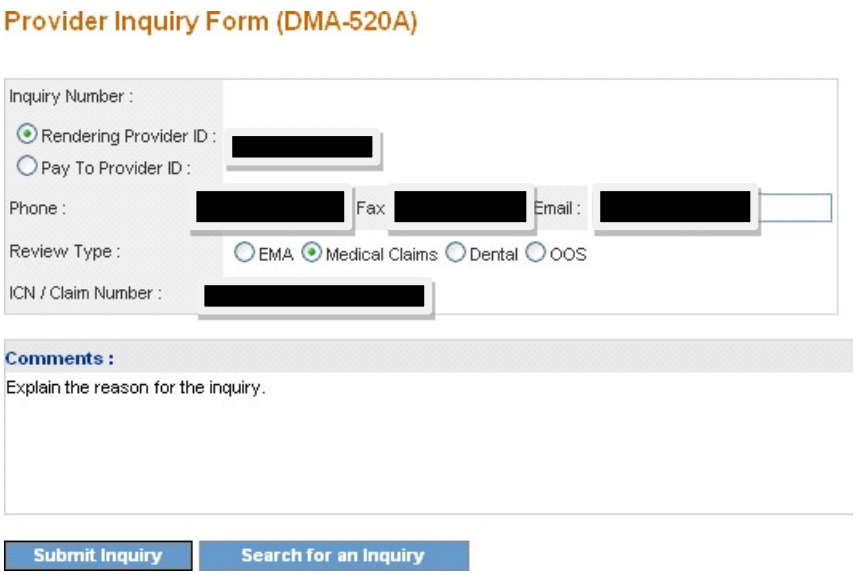


Figure 75

7. Click **Submit Inquiry**.

8. If the inquiry is submitted, a message displays indicating that the record was saved successfully.

9. At this point, a file or files may be attached to the inquiry to support the request for appeal. In the attachment panel, click **Browse** to find the file to be attached. Select and open the file. The name of the file appears in the attachment panel box. Click **Attach File**. The file is attached and appears in the **Attached Files** table.

   Refer to Section 2.4 of this manual for more information on attaching documents.

2.13 Education and Training

From the *Provider Workspace*, providers may access a variety of education and training resources. Resources are organized under five sections:

- Training Offerings
- User Manuals
- PA, Waiver, and Medical Claims Review Materials
- Online Testing
- Links to Other Resources

Training Offerings: This section includes training programs previously offered, such as recorded webinars or other recorded trainings.

User Manuals: This section includes system user manuals and other guides describing PA web entry and other web submission procedures.

PA/Waiver/Medical Claims Review Materials: This section includes reference materials that cover documentation guidelines and review processes.

***Online Testing*:** This section may include testing required for certain provider types/category of service.

Links to Other Resources: This section includes links to other training resources.

2.13.1 Find Training Information

1. Click **Education and Training** at the bottom of the workspace page to open the training home page.

Figure 76

2. To access the information under each heading, click the heading and then select the specific training offering or training information. For example, if *User Manuals* is selected, click the manual name to view more specific information.

2.14 Contact Us and Search Correspondence

Provider Correspondence functionality allows Providers to submit questions to Alliant reviewers via the *Provider Workspace.* The Workspace includes the following features:

- **Contact Us:** This link is used to submit a correspondence and is found in the following Workspace locations:
  - Last section of the *Provider Workspace* page
  - Provider Inquiry Form (DMA-520A) submission page and search page
  - PA *Review Request* page accessed when searching for a PA request

- **Search My Correspondence:** This link is used to search for all correspondence associated with a provider's ID number. The link is located in the last section of the Workspace page.

2.14.1 Contact Us Instructions

1. Click **Contact Us** at the bottom of the Workspace page; **OR** search for the PA or the claims appeal inquiry, and then click **Contact Us**. The *Contact Form* opens.

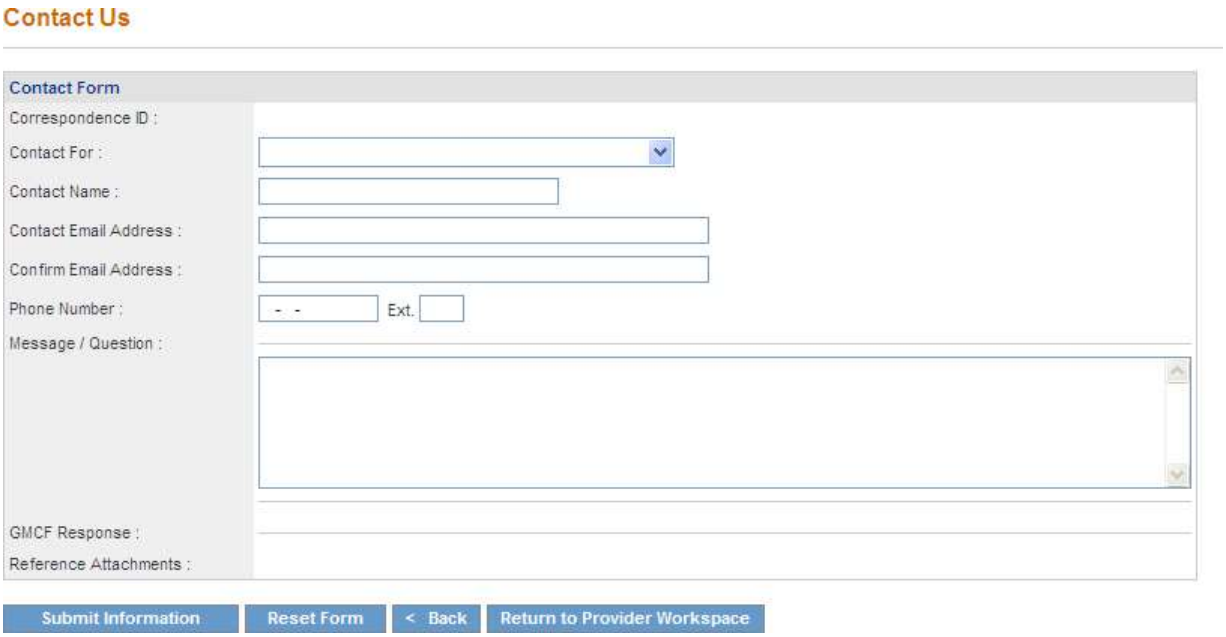


Figure 77

2. Select the contact category from the 'Contact For' drop list. **This is required**.

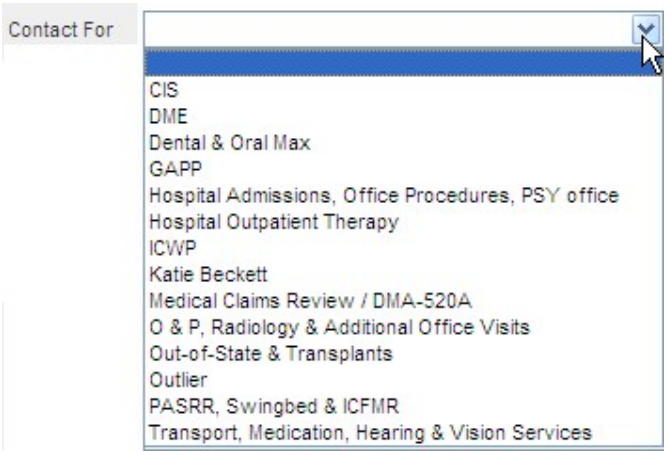
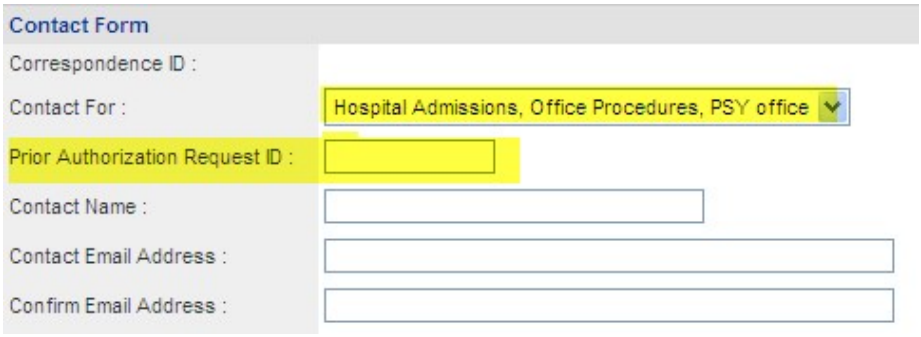


Figure 78

3. If the contact type selected is for a PA type, a waiver PA type, or Medical Claims appeal review, a box displays for the specific PA ID or Claims Appeal Inquiry Number.



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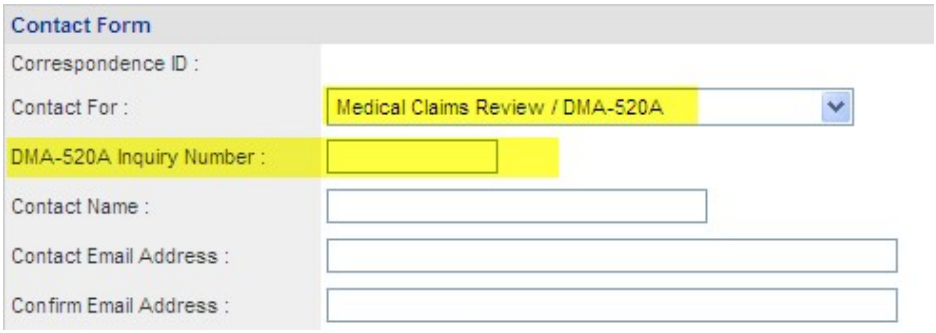


Figure 80

4. If applicable, enter the PA ID or the appeal inquiry number related to the correspondence. If *Contact Us* was triggered from the PA *Review Request* page, or from the *Claims Appeal Inquiry* page, the system inserts the applicable PA ID or inquiry number.

5. Enter the name of the person submitting the correspondence in the 'Contact Name' box.

6. Enter the contact person's email address in the 'Contact Email Address' box; and then enter the same email address again in 'Confirm Email Address' box to verify (required).

7. Enter the contact person's phone number in the 'Phone Number' box.

8. Enter the message or question in the 'Message/Question' box.

9. Click **Submit Information**.

10. If the contact submission is successful, a message displays in red below the contact form as shown in the following figure. The message includes the 'Correspondence ID' or confirmation number and indicates that an email has been sent to the contact person's email address. The 'Correspondence ID' may be used to search for the contact on the Provider Workspace.

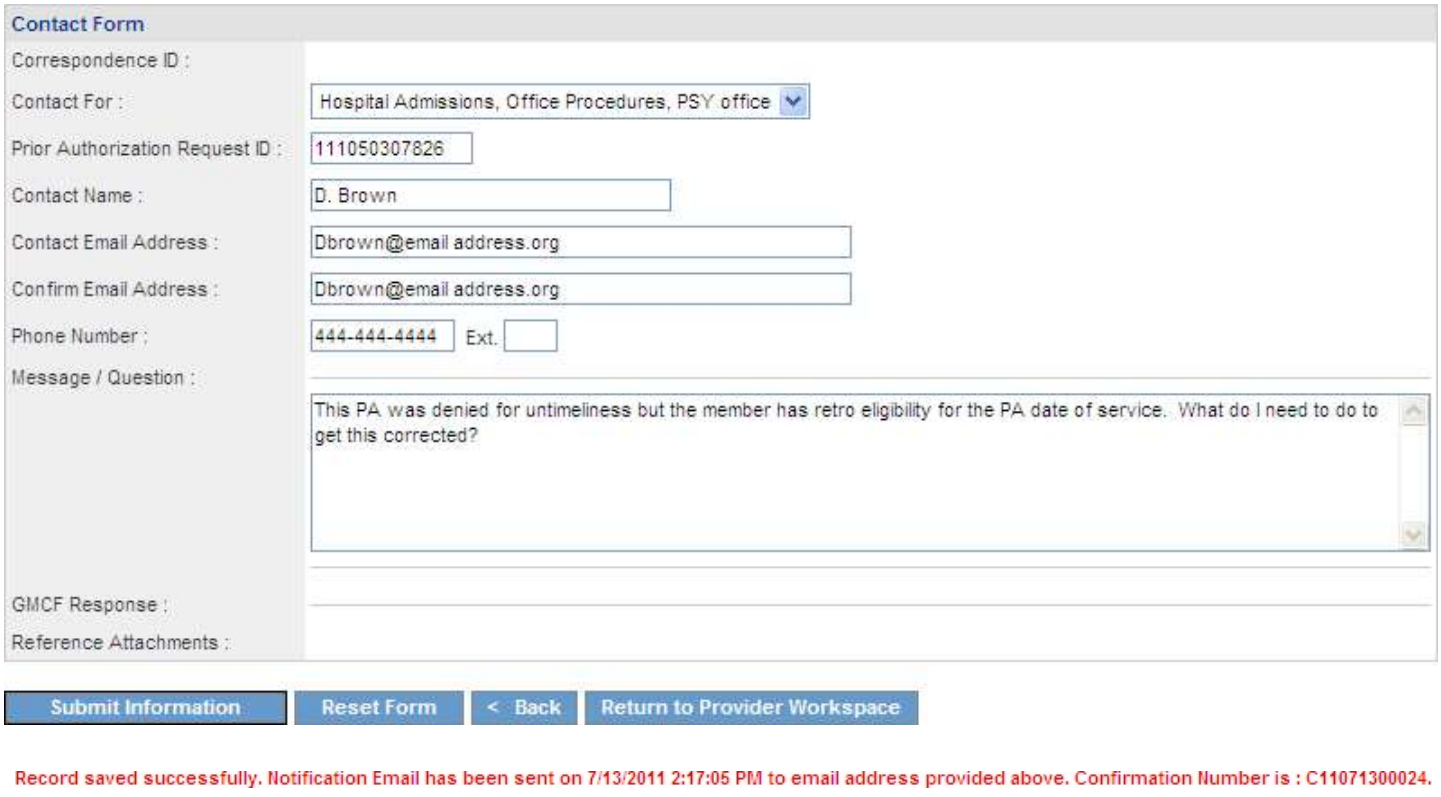
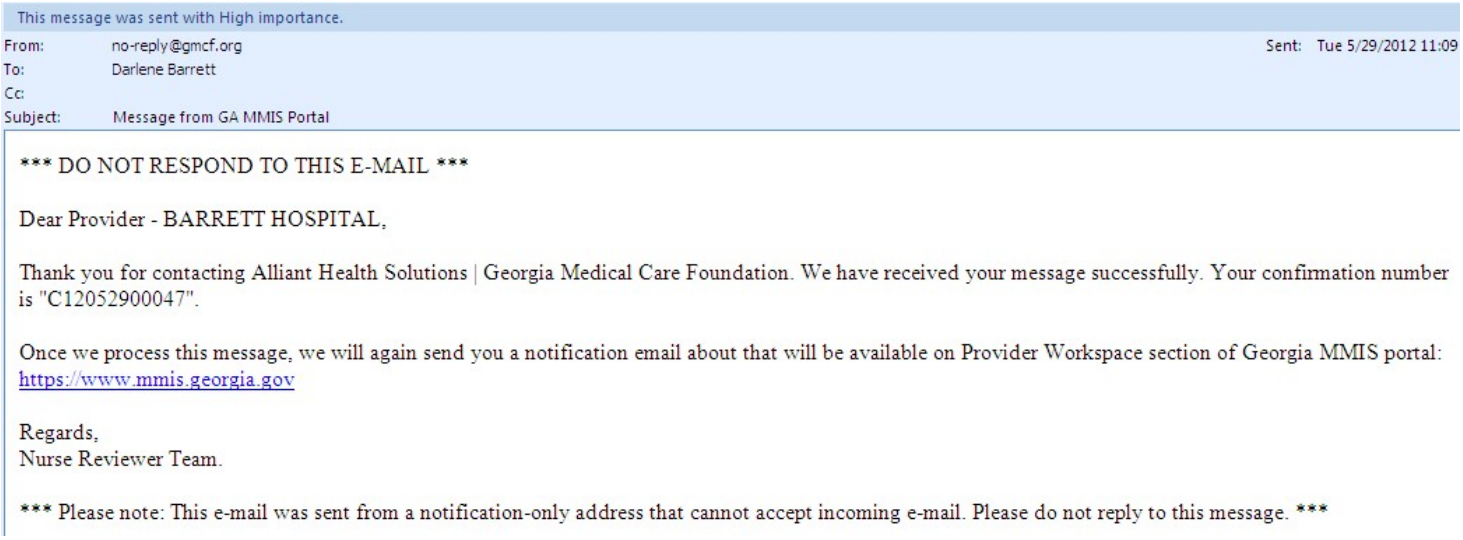


Figure 81

11. Once a correspondence is submitted, providers are allowed to attach documents to the correspondence via *Create an Attachment* functionality.**The correspondence must be submitted first before attachment functionality becomes available.**

No-reply Email Notification:

Providers receive a notification by email when a correspondence is submitted. This is a 'no-reply' email (as shown in the following figure). The email notifies the provider that their message has been received and that another email will be sent when the correspondence has been processed so that the provider will know to check the *Provider Workspace* for details.



This message was sent with High importance.

From: no-reply@gmcf.org Sent: Tue 5/29/2012 11:09
To: Darlene Barrett
Cc:
Subject: Message from GA MMIS Portal

*** DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS E-MAIL ***

Dear Provider - BARRETT HOSPITAL,

Thank you for contacting Alliant Health Solutions | Georgia Medical Care Foundation. We have received your message successfully. Your confirmation number is "C12052900047".

Once we process this message, we will again send you a notification email about that will be available on Provider Workspace section of Georgia MMIS portal: https://www.mmis.georgia.gov

Regards,
Nurse Reviewer Team.

*** Please note: This e-mail was sent from a notification-only address that cannot accept incoming e-mail. Please do not reply to this message. ***

Figure 82

2.14.3 Correspondence Search Instructions

There are three ways to find and view existing correspondence from the *Provider Workspace*.

- If the correspondence was submitted recently, check the 'Provider Messages' drop list at the top of the workspace page. This list shows the last ten messages. Find the 'Correspondence ID' in the list; highlight the ID; and then click **Show** to open the contact form.

  OR

- Search for the PA related to the correspondence by using PA Search. Open the PA to the *Review Request* page and all correspondence associated with the PA displays in the Correspondence table.

  OR

- Search for the specific correspondence using **Search My Correspondence** at the bottom of the *Provider Workspace* page (shown in the next figure).

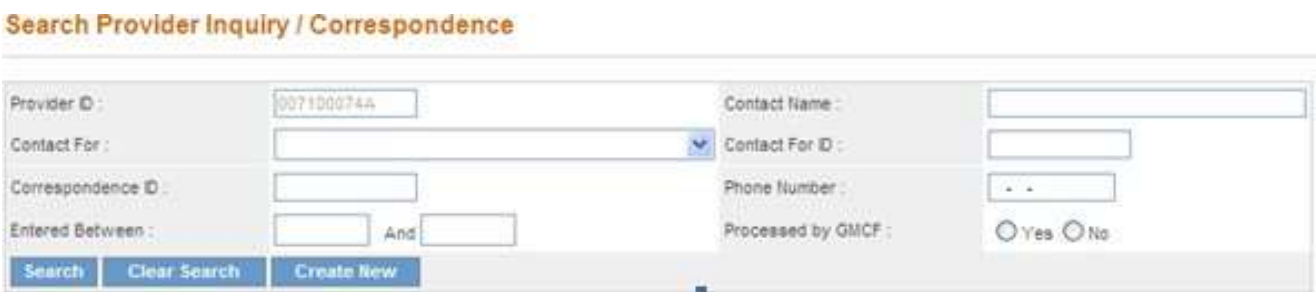


Figure 83

Search Provider Inquiry/Correspondence:

Although a search is possible using any of the search values, the **best way to search is by the correspondence ID,** which is provided in the no-reply email notification.

1. Enter the correspondence ID in the 'Correspondence ID' box. The provider ID is already populated by the system.

2. Click **Search**, and the correspondence displays in the search results table.

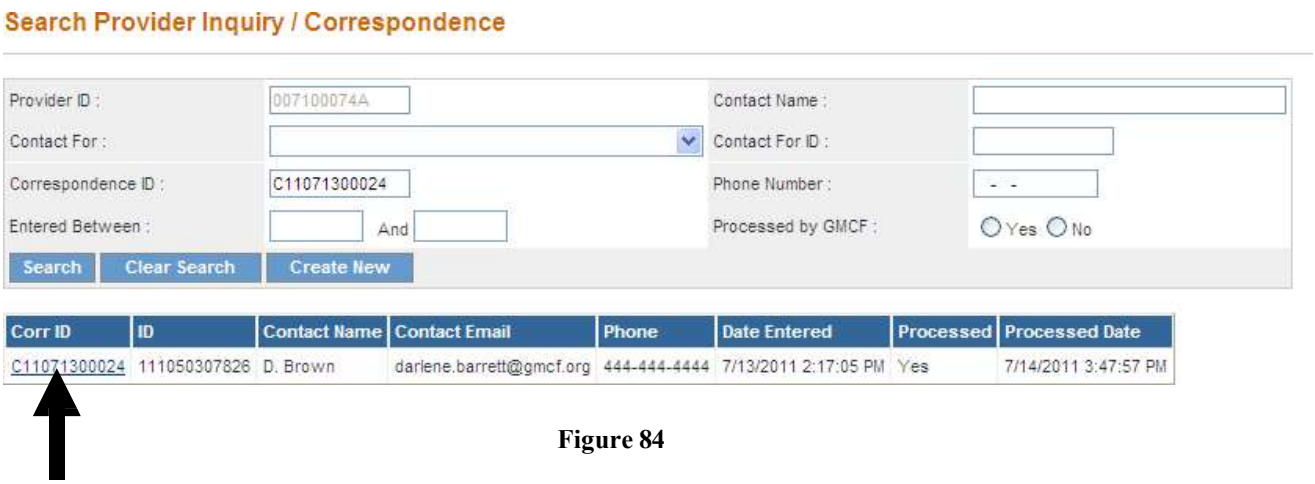


Figure 84

3. Click the 'Correspondence ID' (Corr ID) number underlined in blue font to open the contact form and view the response submitted by the Alliant reviewer.

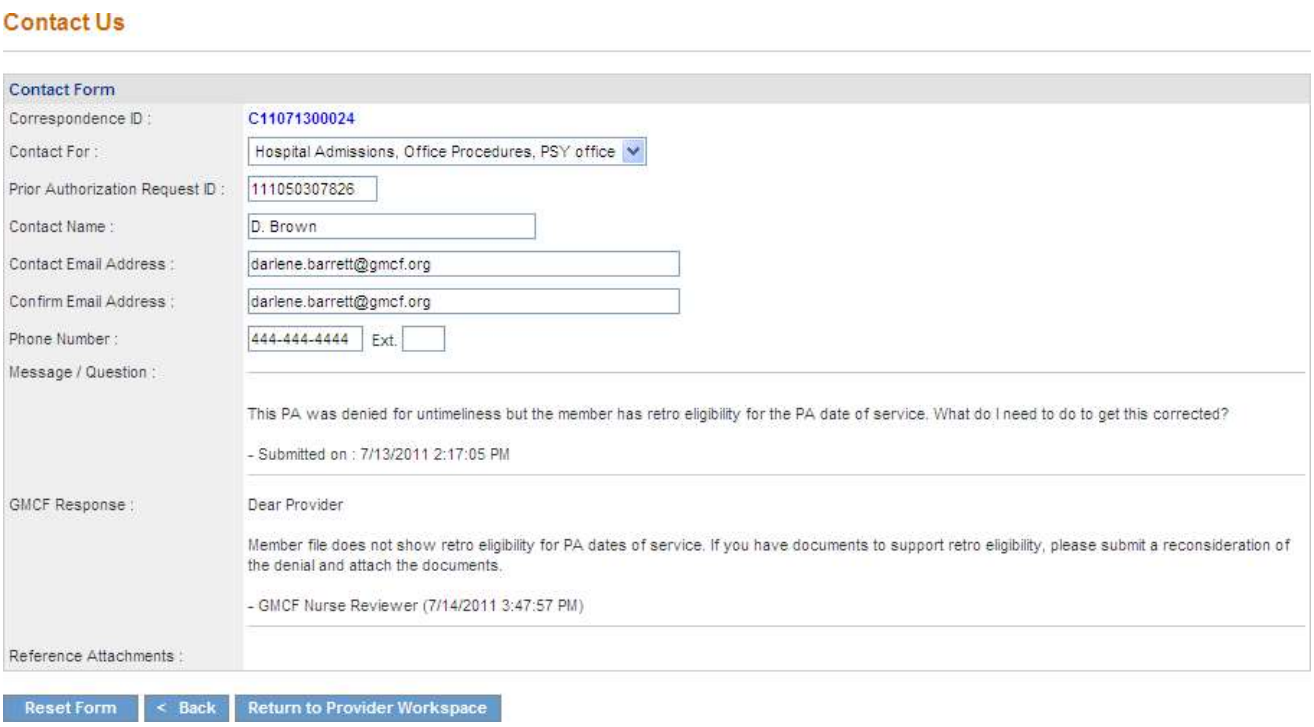


Figure 85

4. If staff attaches documents to the response, the files will be listed next to 'Reference Attachments'. Click the file name to open the attachment.

5. Click **Back** to return to correspondence search, or click **Provider Workspace** to return to the workspace page.

Appendix A

PA Type and Allowable Categories of Service

Review Type	Allowable Requesting Provider COS Codes	Reference ID Needed for Web Submission?
Adult Dental (Ages 21 and up)	450 – Health Check Dental Program (Under 21) 460 – Adult Dental Program	None
Autism Therapy Services	445 – Autism Therapy Services	None
CCSP Level of Care and Placement	590 – Community Care Services Program	None
COMP Level of Care and Placement	681 – Community Habilitation and Support Services Waiver Program	None
Child Dental – Health Check Dental Program (Ages 20 and below)	450 – Health Check Dental Program (Under 21)	None
Children's Intervention Services	400 – Speech Therapy – Medicare Only 410 – Physical Therapy – Medicare Only 420 – Rehabilitation Therapy – Medicare Only	None
Durable Medical Equipment	320 – Durable Medical Equipment Services 321 – Pharmacy DME Supplies	None
Emergency Air Ambulance Service	371 – Emergency Air Ambulance Services	None
Emergency Ground Ambulance Services	370 – Emergency Ground Ambulance Services 371 – Emergency Air Ambulance Services	None
Genetic Testing	070 – Outpatient Hospital Services 230 – Independent Laboratory Services 430 – Physician Services 431 – Physician's Assistant Services	If requestor is practitioner, then independent laboratory reference number is required. If requestor is independent laboratory, then no reference number is required.

	480 – Nurse Midwifery 600 – Health Check Services (EPSDT)	
Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP)	971 – GAPP In-home Priv Duty Nursing 972 – GAPP Medically Fragile Daycare	None
Hearing Services	330 – Orthotics and Prosthetics/Hearing Services	None
Hospital Outpatient Therapy	010 – Inpatient Hospital Services	None
Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP)	660 – Independent Care Waiver Services	None
Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-ID)	140 – Skilled Care in a State Owned Nursing Facility 180 – Intermediate Care Nursing Facility for the Mentally Retarded	None
Medications PA Facility Setting	010 – Inpatient Hospital Services 070 – Outpatient Hospital Services 430 – Physician Services 431 – Physician's Assistant Services 480 – Nurse Midwifery 550 – Podiatry 600 – Health Check Services (EPSDT)	None
Medications PA Inpatient Setting	010 – Inpatient Hospital Services 430 – Physician Services	If hospital requestor, Practitioner Reference Number is optional. If practitioner is requestor, then hospital Reference Number required.
Medications PA Physician Office	430 – Physician Services 431 – Physician's Assistant Services 480 – Nurse Midwifery 550 – Podiatry 600 – Health Check Services (EPSDT)	None
NOW Level of Care and Placement	680 – Mental Retardation Waiver Program (MRWP)	None

Newborn Delivery Notification Form	010 – Inpatient Hospital Services 070 – Outpatient Hospital Services 430 – Physician Services 431 – Physician's Assistant Services 480 – Nurse Midwifery 670 – Ambulatory Surgical Center/Birthing Centers	If requestor is facility, then practitioner reference number is required. If requestor is practitioner, then facility reference number is required.
Nursing Facility Mechanical Ventilation Services	110 – Skilled Care in a Nursing Facility 140 – Skilled Care in a State Owned Nursing Facility 160-Intermediate Care Nursing Facility 180 – Intermediate Care Nursing Facility for the Mentally Retarded	None
Oral Max	070 – Outpatient Hospital Services 430 – Physician Services 450 – Health Check Dental Program (Under 21) 460 – Adult Dental Program 480 – Oral Maxillofacial Surgery 600 – Health Check Services (EPSDT)	None
Orthotics and Prosthetics	330 – Orthotics and Prosthetics/Hearing Services	None
Practitioners' Office Procedures	430 – Physician Services 450 – Health Check Dental Program (Under 21) 480 – Nurse Midwifery 550 – Podiatry 600 – Health Check Services (EPSDT)	None
Preadmission Screening (PASRR)	No Category of Code restriction. All providers can enter.	None
Hospital Admissions and Outpatient Procedures	010 – Inpatient Hospital Services 020 – Inpatient Hospital Mental	If requestor is facility, then practitioner reference number is required. If requestor is practitioner, then facility reference number is required.

	070 – Outpatient Hospital Services 430 – Physician Services 440 – Community Mental Health Services 450 – Health Check Dental Program (Under 21) 460 – Adult Dental Program 480 – Nurse Midwifery 550 – Podiatry 570 – Psychological Services 600 – Health Check Services (EPSDT) 670 – Ambulatory Surgical Center/Birthing Centers	
Instate Transplants	010 – Inpatient Hospital Services 020 – Inpatient Hospital Mental 430 – Physician Services 440 – Community Mental Health Services 450 – Health Check Dental Program (Under 21) 460 – Adult Dental Program 480 – Nurse Midwifery 550 – Podiatry 570 – Psychological Services 600 – Health Check Services (EPSDT) 670 – Ambulatory Surgical Center/Birthing Centers	If requestor is facility, then practitioner reference number is required. If requestor is practitioner, then facility reference number is required.
Out of State Services	010 – Inpatient Hospital Services 020 – Inpatient Hospital Mental 070 – Outpatient Hospital Services 430 – Physician Services 440 – Community Mental Health Services 450 – Health Check Dental Program (Under 21) 460 – Adult Dental Program 480 – Nurse Midwifery 550 – Podiatry	If requestor is practitioner, then no reference number is required. If requestor is facility, then practitioner reference number is required.

	570 – Psychological Services 600 – Health Check Services (EPSDT) 670 – Ambulatory Surgical Center/Birthing Centers	
Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) – Non-SCA	020 – Inpatient Hospital Mental	Practitioner reference number required.
Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) – Single Case Agreement	020 – Inpatient Hospital Mental	Practitioner reference number required.
Additional Psychiatric Services	430 – Physician Services 570 – Psychological Services 600 – Health Check Services (EPSDT)	None
Psychology	570 – Psychological Services	None
Radiology Facility Setting	010 – Inpatient Hospital Services 020 – Inpatient Hospital Mental 070 – Outpatient Hospital Services 430 – Physician Services 440 – Community Mental Health Services 450 – Health Check Dental Program (Under 21) 460 – Adult Dental Program 480 – Nurse Midwifery 550 – Podiatry 570 – Psychological Services 600 – Health Check Services (EPSDT) 670 – Ambulatory Surgical Center/Birthing Centers	If hospital requestor, Practitioner Reference Number is optional. If practitioner is requestor, then hospital Reference Number required.
Radiology Physician Office	430 – Physician Services 450 – Health Check Dental Program (Under 21) 480 – Nurse Midwifery 550 – Podiatry 600 – Health Check Services (EPSDT)	None
Source Level of Care and Placement/Source Services	930 – SOURCE Program	None

Swingbed	080 – Swingbed Hospital Services	None
TEFRA/Katie Beckett	These PAs can only be entered by the Katie	None
Additional Physician Office Visit	430 – Physician Services 431 – Physician's Assistant Services 450 – Health Check Dental Program (Under 21) 480 – Nurse Midwifery 550 – Podiatry 600 – Health Check Services (EPSDT)	None
Vision	470 – Vision Care	None

Appendix B

PA Data Dictionary/Glossary of Terms

Data/Function Term	Operational Definition
Reference ID	The unique value assigned to identify a provider as performing a service related to a prior authorization. This is no the provider Medicaid ID, but a number starting with REF that is used to distinguish two providers associated with one PA request. For some review types, a provider ID and provider REF number are required when entering cases via the web portal. On the *New Request for PA* page, the Reference ID is categorized according to the PA type requested. *Facility Reference ID* refers to the REF number for a hospital or ambulatory surgical center. *Medical Practitioner Reference ID* refers to the REF number for a physician or other medical practitioner such as a Podiatrist. *Physician Reference ID* refers to the REF number for a physician.
Provider ID	A provider's Medicaid identification number. On the web portal *New Request for PA* page, the provider ID is categorized as one of the following depending on the type of PA requested: *Facility Provider ID* (hospitals/ambulatory surgical centers); Dental Providers (dentists); *Service Provider ID* (Ancillary service providers such as DME providers); *Transport Provider ID* (transport companies); *Therapist Provider ID* (CIS therapists); *Swingbed Provider ID* or *ICFMR Provider ID* (Swingbed or ICFMR facility).
Member ID	The Medicaid member identification number of the patient for whom you are requesting the prior approval.
Additional Information Questions	Online PA request forms may include an *Additional Information Questions* section. This section includes questions pulled into the online form based on all or some of the following determinants: type of review; place of service; diagnosis; and procedures. The questions are designed to capture key clinical information related to the service requested. Responses to the questions are important for the review process.
I agree – Attestation	The following attestation statement has been added to each of the online request forms. The person entering the case must select *I Agree* in order to submit the PA. "To the best of my knowledge, the information I am submitting in this transaction is true, accurate, complete and is in compliance with applicable Department of Community Health policies and procedures. I am submitting this information to the Georgia Department of Community Health, Division of Medical Assistance, for the purpose of obtaining a prior authorization number. I understand that any material falsification, omission or misrepresentation of any information in this transaction will result in denial

	of payment and may subject the provider to criminal, civil or other administration penalties. To accept this information and proceed with your transaction, please click 'I agree'."
Review Criteria	The medical necessity review criteria approved by DCH that Alliant utilizes to make decisions regarding a prior approval request. Review criteria include InterQual and DCH policy/guidelines.
Contact Information	Contact Information is a section of the online request. Contact Name, phone and fax number are required in order to submit the request. In general, the person entering the case is considered the contact person. The PA system auto-populates the contact information if the data is in the provider file; but the provider may edit the information if not correct. Contact information is important in the even that there is a question about the request or additional information is required to process the request
Taxonomy (Specialty)	The medical specialty or service specialty of the providers associated with a prior approval.
Category of Service	A Category of Service (COS) is a way of identifying a Provider according to the types of service(s) that they are authorized to request and render under the Georgia Medicaid Program. Each category of service is identified by a number code. A provider may have one category of service. For example, a dentist may have 450 Child Dental and 460 Adult dental categories of service.
Patient Transfer Information	*Patient Transfer Information* is a section of hospital-based request form. This section is designed to capture the reasons why a patient is transferred to a facility or transferred from a facility. The reasons for transfer have been revised to better correspond with DCH policy. If the provider indicates that a transfer has occurred, the reasons for the transfer must be selected.
Create an Attachment	'Create an Attachment' is a new function that allows providers to attach additional documentation to a PA when entering the request for authorization.
PA Number (PA ID) or Authorization ID	A unique reference number that is issued for each prior approval request and is transmitted to the Claims payment unit to ensure that appropriate prior approval was obtained for the services rendered to the Medicaid patient. When a PA is first entered, the case is assigned a 12 digit number which can be used to track the status of the case via the web portal. Once the case is reviewed and approved, the same number becomes the authorization number.
Review Decisions	Alliant will make the following review decisions for all prior approval types:

	Pended or Suspended – Upon initial submission of prior approval requests, the request will be pended until a decision is rendered. **Approved** – Approvals may be rendered by nurse reviewers or peer consultant reviewers. **Denied** – If the request fails to meet the review criteria for medical necessity, the prior approval request will be denied. Providers may submit a request for reconsideration of a denied case.
Provider Workspace	A section of the web portal that provides all prior authorization functionality. On the Provider Workspace, the provider can find training information and policy information; and can request a PA, search for PA information, enter change requests and attach documents.
PA-IVR – Interactive Voice Response	The caller accesses this interactive call system by dialing the main call system number. After entering identification information, the caller is able to select different options for obtaining PA information
NAP IVR – Interactive Voice Response	The NAP maintains an automated interactive call system designed to provide consumers, nurse aides, and providers with accurate and timely information regarding the Nurse Aide Registry (NAR) and other aspects of the Nurse Aide Program (NAP). The system responds to queries regarding nurse aid certification and status, adverse findings, request for forms, out-of-state reciprocity, training programs, and information for reporting abuse. The functions that require intervention by a person are transferred to a NAP Customer Service Representative.

Appendix C

Prior Authorization
Frequently Asked Questions

Where do I go in the web portal to request a PA?

After you log into the portal, select Prior Authorization on the Secure Home Page. Then select Submit/View from the drop down list. You can also access the authorization request page by selecting Provider Workspace from the drop down list to access your provider workspace. On the workspace page, click link Enter New Authorization Request.

How will I know what Provider IDs are needed to request a PA?

When a provider logs into the portal, the PA application identifies the provider's ID as the requesting provider ID, and places that ID in the appropriate box on the *New Request for Prior Authorization* page. If another provider ID is required for the specific PA type requested, an entry box is provided that is labeled with the specific provider ID needed. A search function allows the requesting provider to search for the 'other provider' ID.

What if I don't know an REF number?

You can search for a provider's reference number on the *New Request for Prior Authorization* page. Click the magnifying glass icon next to the box where the ID is to be entered. On the search page that displays, enter the provider name and click search. Click the provider ID number from the search results list, and it will display on the *New Request for Prior Authorization* page in the appropriate ID box.

How do I attach additional documentation required for a request?

The easiest and most efficient way to submit required documentation is to attach the documents directly to the PA request. Documents may be attached in real time when you are entering a PA request. First enter all the request data and submit. On the next page that displays, go to Create an Attachment. You may also attach documents to a pending PA that has already been submitted. On the *Provider Workspace*, select Attach Documentation to Existing Requests. Search for the PA, click Attach File or Edit Request; and then use Create an Attachment.

How do I request or make changes to a PA?

There are two ways to change information of a PA request. The first way is to edit the PA. Providers are able to edit PAs if the PA is still in pending status and has not been referred for peer consultant review. To edit a PA, go to your *Provider Workspace* and click Search and Edit Authorization Requests. Search for

and open the PA; then click Edit Request (if the PA cannot be edited, the link will not display). Make the changes to the PA and submit.

The second way to make changes is to submit a change request a you may have done previously. For most PA types, change requests must be submitted within 30 days of the PA request date or date of service (whichever is more current). To request a change, go to your *Provider Workspace* and click Submit and View PA Change Requests. Search for an open the PA to be changed; then click Enter a Change Request. Complete the change request form and submit.

What Information can I change when editing a PA?

Most Information that you entered may be edited including:

- Withdrawn the entire PA
- Change admit date/discharge date/still in facility indicator
- Add diagnosis code(s)
- Associate a 'real' Medicaid to cases where no Medicaid ID exists (Level I and Swingbed PAs)
- Attach additional information (some PA types are excluded)
- Modify clinical and request information
- Change procedure from/to dates
- Change units requested
- Change place of service

How will I know if a request has been denied and why?

Although you will receive PA notifications in the mail, the best way to find the status of a PA is to search via the web portal *Provider Workspace*. Search for the PA and you will see the denial reason and the reviewer's rationale for the denial.

What kind of requests will get denied or approved?

Experienced Nurse Reviewers utilize InterQual criteria and Department of Community Health (DCH) guidelines to review PA requests. If the request meets InterQual criteria and DCH policy guidelines, the nurse will approve the case. If the case is not approved, the provider may submit additional information for reconsideration.

What is the timeframe for submitting PA requests?

In general, requests should be submitted before or on the same day that the service is provided with the exception of emergency situations or cases involving members with retro eligibility. For emergencies,

provider has thirty (30) days from the date of service/admission date to request PA. For members with retro eligibility, providers have six (6) months from the retro effective month ed to request the PA. Other submission exceptions are also granted based on review type (check DCH Provider manuals per review type).

What is the review turnaround time for prior authorizations?

Turnaround times are determined by the Department of Community Health (DCH) and are different for each review type. For example, radiology prior authorization requests are reviewed within ten (10) days of the request date. Durable Medical Equipment requests are reviewed within thirty (30) days. For more information on review turnaround times, review the DCH Provider Manual for each review type.

What do the status codes WRD and MIS mean, and what are the other denial reason codes?

WRD means 'Waiting Review Decision'. This code is applied to PAs that are pending and have not yet been reviewed. MIS is a denial reason code that means 'Missing Information' The following table lists all the denial reason codes and descriptions.

Code	Description
IPC	Invalid Procedure Code
PRW	Provider Request
ACL	Inadequate documentation of Activities of Daily Living
CMO	Member is covered by a Care Management Organization for the entire PA request date span
DMM	Inadequate documentation of medical management
DOM	Inadequate documentation of outpatient management
DUA	Inadequate documentation of urgency of admission
INC	Incomplete information to make determination
LJS	Lack of Justification
LMN	Lack of proof of medical necessity
MIE	Member is not Medicaid eligible
MIS	Missing Information
MPC	Plan of care not submitted
NFD	Documentation shows normal findings; treatment not supported
OEC	Does not meet eligibility criteria
OLC	Does not meet LBL care requirements
OPC	Services not in plan of care

OPG	Does not meet policy guidelines
OTH	Other
SLE	Service limit exceeded
SMU	Submission untimely
SNC	Service not covered
SNJ	Setting not justified by documentation
UBP	Physician auth not obtained
CMP	CPT code doesn't match documentation of procedure
DUP	Duplicate request
PAN	Prior authorization not required

Where can I go to find PA training information?

Training information including workshops, webinars, user manuals, review process information, online testing, and other resources are available on the *Provider Workspace*. Click the Education and Training link to display education and training resources.