Transition of Care Coverage Request

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Applies to:

Cleveland Clinic Employee Health Plans

Here’s the form you requested for temporary transition-of-care coverage from the health plan. If we approve your request, the health plan will cover temporary ongoing care at the highest level of benefits from

* An out-of-network doctor
* A doctor whose network status has changed
* Certain other health care providers who have treated you

Once we review your completed form, we’ll send you a letter explaining our decision.

Transition-of-care coverage does not apply if your provider is in your plan’s network (participating). The online provider search directory is found on the health plan’s webpage, in your Aetna Health account at Aetna.com.. It can tell you if your doctor is in the network or help you find a participating provider for your health plan. You can also call us at the precertification phone number on your ID card.

**How to complete the form and get it to us**

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| Step 1:   | Fill out these sections: 1. Section 1 (Group or employer information).
2. Section 2 (Subscriber and patient information): Plan information is on the front of your ID card.
3. Section 3 (Authorization): Read the authorization, then sign and date the form.
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| Step 2:   | Give the form to the doctor/health care provider to complete Section 4, including the diagnostic and treatment information requested on page 4. If there are multiple providers, complete a separate form for each provider.  |
| Step 3:  | Fax the completed form to us for review. You should complete one form for each health care provider.  |

Fax requests to 1-216-442-5791

Be sure to complete all fields on all pages.

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Please indicate above whether this request is for medical treatment, pharmaceutical treatment, or mental health/substance abuse treatment.

1. Subscriber and patient information

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| Subscriber’s name (please print)  | Subscriber’s ID number  |
| Subscriber’s address (please print)  |  |
| Patient’s name (please print)  |  | Birthdate *(MM/DD/YYYY)*  |
| Patient’s address (please print)  | Telephone number  |
| Plan type/product  |
| Telephone number for patient/subscriber submitting request (Business hours, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)  | Last date of treatment before beginning the health plan coverage (as applicable)  |

1. Authorization

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| I request approval for coverage of ongoing care from the health care provider named below for treatment started before my effective date with the health plan, or before the end of the provider’s contract with the health plan’s network, or before the provider’s network status change. If approved, I understand that the authorization for coverage of services stated below will be valid for a certain period of time. I give permission for the health care provider to send any needed medical information and/or records to the health plan so a decision can be made.  |
| Patient’s signature (required if patient is age 17 or older)  | Date *(MM/DD/YYYY)*  |
| Parent’s signature (required if patient is age 16 or younger)  | Date *(MM/DD/YYYY)*  |

1. Provider information (Note: Provide all specific information to avoid delay in the processing of this request.)

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| Name of treating doctor or other health care provider (Please print)  | Telephone number  |
| Contact name of office personnel to call with questions   |  Fax number  |
| Address of treating doctor or other health care provider (Please print)  | NPI number  |
| Signature of treating doctor or other health care provider  | Date *(MM/DD/YYYY)*  |
| The above-named patient is a member as of the effective date indicated above. We understand you are not or soon will not be a participating provider in the health plan’s network. The patient has asked that we cover your care for a specific time period. This is because of a condition, such as pregnancy, that is considered an active course of treatment. An active course of treatment is defined as: “A program of planned services starting on the date the provider first renders a service to correct or treat the diagnosed condition and covering a defined number of services or period of treatment and includes a qualifying situation.” Please include a brief statement of the patient’s current condition and treatment plan. For pregnancies, please indicate the estimated date of confinement (EDC). If we approve this request, you agree: * To provide the patient’s treatment and follow-up
* Not to seek more payment from this patient other than the patient responsibility under the patient’s plan of benefits

(for example, patient’s copayment, deductibles or other out-of-pocket requirements) * To share information on the patient’s treatment with us

You also agree to use the health plan’s network for any referrals, lab work or hospitalizations for services not part of the requested treatment.  |

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Birthdate

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*MM/DD/YYYY*

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Patient’s name (please print)

Provider: Please complete the diagnostic and treatment information below describing the active course of treatment.

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| Description of all medical and  |   |   |   | Dates of current  |   |
| behavioral health-related  |   |   |   | treatment:  | Number of  |
| diagnoses (for example,  |   | Date of  |   | *(Please provide*  | additional visits  |
| pregnancy, cancer, depression,  |   | original  | Date care  | *copies of medical*  | needed :  |
| post-operative). Include all ICD codes:  | Description of all treatment and procedures. Include all CPT codes:  | surgery, if applicable:  | was initiated:  | *records from the last office visit.)*  | *(For pregnancy, please include EDC.)*  |
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Misrepresentation

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| Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties. Attention Alabama Residents: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or who knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to restitution fines or confinement in prison, or any combination thereof. 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Attention Kansas Residents: Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurance company or other person submits an enrollment form for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto may have violated state law. Attention Kentucky Residents: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files a statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime. Attention Louisiana Residents: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison. Attention Maine and Tennessee Residents: It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines, or denial of insurance benefits. Attention Maryland Residents: Any person who knowingly or willfully presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or who knowingly or willfully presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison. Attention Missouri Residents: It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties include imprisonment, fines, denial of insurance and civil damages, as determined by a court of law. 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Attention Washington Residents: It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties include imprisonment, fines, and denial of insurance benefits. Attention New York Residents: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime, and shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars and the stated value of the claim for each violation.  |
| Patient/Member Signature:  | Date:  |

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1-800-648-7817, TTY: 711,

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**Transition-of-Care Coverage**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q. What is transition-of-care (TOC) coverage?**

A. TOC coverage is temporary. You can get TOC when you become a new member of a medical benefits plan or change your plan, and you are being treated by a doctor who Is not in your plan’s network

TOC coverage can also apply when your doctor leaves the plan’s network or changes network status or if certain laws or regulations require coverage. Approved TOC coverage allows a member who is receiving treatment to continue the treatment for a limited time at the highest plan benefits level.

TOC coverage is only for the requested primary or specialty doctor. If we approve TOC coverage, the doctor must use a health care facility, DME vendor or pharmacy vendor in your plan’s network and follow applicable precertification requirements.

**Q. What is an active course of treatment?**

A. An active course of treatment means you have begun a program of planned services with your doctor to correct or treat a diagnosed condition. The start date is the first date of service or treatment. An active course of treatment covers a certain number of services or period of treatment for special situations. Some active course-of-treatment examples may include, but are not limited to members who:

* Enroll with the plan after 20 weeks of pregnancy, unless there are specific state or plan requirements (Members less than 20 weeks pregnant whom the health plan confirms as high risk are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.)
* Have completed 14 weeks of pregnancy or more and are receiving care from a plan’s participating practitioner whose network status changes.
* Are in an active, ongoing treatment plan, such as chemotherapy or radiation therapy.
* Have a terminal illness and are expected to live three months or less.
* Have a planned and previously scheduled surgery
* Have recently had surgery and are still within the 90-day post-operative period.
* Are being treated for a mental illness or for substance abuse. Members are allowed a maximum of 30 days for transition visits with their current provider until they have switched to a new network provider. (The member must have had at least one treatment session within 30 days before the status of the member or the participating health care provider changed.)
* Are in the process of a work up for an organ or bone marrow transplant. To be considered for TOC coverage, treatment must have started before the enrollment or re-enrollment date, or *before* the date your doctor left the health plan’s network, or *before* the date a doctor’s network status changed.

**Q. What other types of providers, besides doctors, can be considered for TOC coverage?**

A. Only primary and specialty doctors. No other providers are considered for TOC. TOC does not apply to other health care facilities (for example, skilled nursing facility), DME vendors or pharmaceutical items.

**Q. If I am currently receiving treatment from my doctor, why wouldn’t you approve my request for TOC coverage?**

A. If you’re receiving treatment, the procedure or service must be a covered benefit. Your doctor must also agree to accept the terms outlined on the TOC request form.

**Q. How long does TOC coverage last?**

A. Usually, TOC coverage lasts up to 90 days, but this may vary based on your condition (for example, pregnancy). We will tell you if your TOC coverage request is approved and how long the coverage will last.

**Q. How do I sign up for TOC coverage?**

A. Contact the Aetna Concierge at the number on the back of your member ID card, or visit www.clevelandclinic.org/healthplan. You or your doctor must submit a completed and signed TOC request form to the health plan:

* Within 90 days of when you enroll or re-enroll
* Within 90 days of the date the health care provider left the plan’s network
* Within 90 days of a doctor’s network status change

**Q. How will I know if my request for TOC coverage is approved?**

A. We will send you a letter via U.S. mail. The letter will say whether or not you are approved.

**Q. What if I have more questions about TOC coverage?**

A. Contact the Aetna Concierge at the number on the back of your member ID card, or visit www.clevelandclinic.org/healthplan