## **Provider Engagement**

## WellSense Provider Portal: Elective outpatient authorization requests



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### **General overview**

The WellSense Portal enables WellSense network providers to submit authorization requests electronically, track their progress, and receive decisions within a secure, real-time environment. Through the portal, providers can:

- **Submit** emergent inpatient and elective inpatient and outpatient requests
- Monitor request status and see if additional clinical information is required
- **Upload** any requested documentation directly within the portal
- View final determinations and decision letters

#### Note:

For elective inpatient requests, see "WellSense Provider Portal: Elective inpatient authorization requests".

For emergent inpatient requests, see "WellSense Provider Portal: Emergent inpatient authorization requests".

# Key benefits of the WellSense Provider Portal:

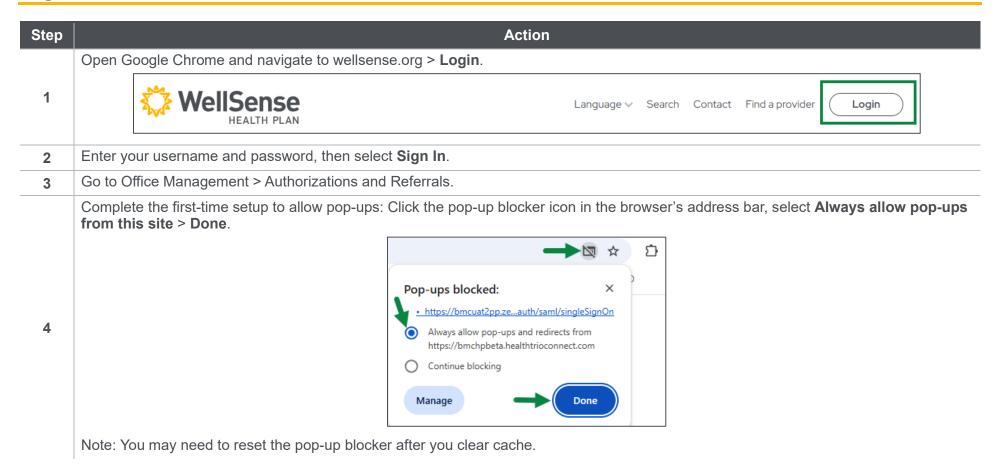
Platform enhancements	Provider benefits
Real-time, secure messaging between your team and WellSense utilization management staff	Faster processing times
Simplified, streamlined workflows for submitting and managing your prior authorization requests	Improved provider experience
Real-time decision notification, which reduces administrative burdens	Greater efficiency and support for timely, high-quality patient care

## Before submitting a request

For elective procedures and services, use the <u>CPT and HCPCS Code Lookup Tool</u> on wellsense.org to determine:

- If prior authorization is required for the planned procedures or services
- Which insurance plan(s) the requirement applies to
- Whether the request should be submitted to WellSense or eviCore

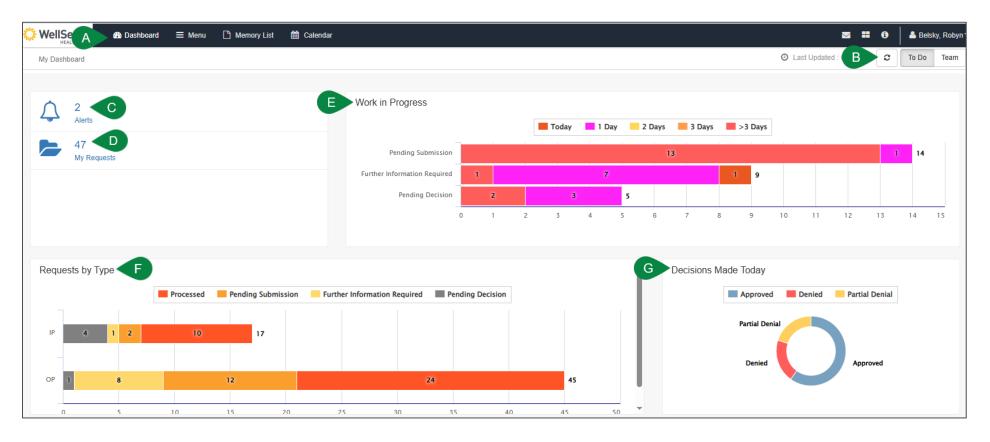
## Log in and review the Dashboard



#### Overview of the Dashboard

The Dashboard serves as the homepage for the WellSense Provider Portal. It provides a centralized view of authorization activity for providers, including real-time statuses, alerts, and recent determinations. All auth requests submitted under this provider's Tax ID appear, regardless of who submitted the request.

Click the colored bars to access the requests.



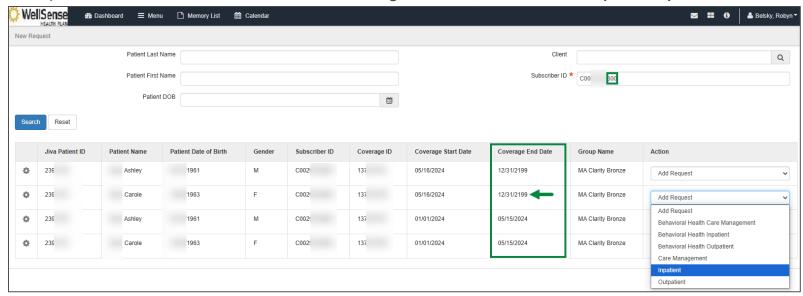
Item	Description	
Α	Dashboard on the black navigation bar returns to this homepage from any screen.	
В	Refresh: Click to manually refresh the Dashboard and display the most current data.  Note: The Dashboard does not automatically refresh.	
С	Alerts: Indicate when WellSense has added a note for your review.	
D	My Requests: Shows the total number of authorizations submitted under this Tax ID. Click to view the list of submitted requests.	
E	<ul> <li>Work in Progress: Displays request statuses across time:</li> <li>Pending Submission – Drafted but not yet submitted to WellSense</li> <li>Further Information Required – WellSense is awaiting additional clinical information for processing</li> <li>Pending Decision – Submitted and under review by WellSense</li> </ul>	
F	Requests by Type: Displays inpatient vs. outpatient requests	
G	Decisions Made Today: Shows color-coded decisions made today	

# Look up a patient

Step	Action	
1	On the navigation bar, select <b>Menu &gt; New Request</b> .	
2	<ul> <li>Enter the Subscriber ID from the member's WellSense ID card.</li> <li>The ID is 9 digits—add two zeros at the end to meet the system's 11-digit requirement.</li> <li>Fields marked with a red asterisk (*) are required.</li> <li>Click Search to continue.</li> </ul>	

If multiple rows appear, confirm the correct patient by matching the name and date of birth.

If there are duplicate entries, select the row with the future **Coverage End Date**, then click **Add Request > Inpatient**.



The patient record appears.

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- Verify demographic details at the top.
- Use the arrow on the far right to expand and view additional information if needed.
- A green dot indicates the member is currently eligible with WellSense.
- A red dot means the member is not currently eligible.



If the wrong patient or request type is selected (e.g., outpatient instead of inpatient), scroll to the bottom and click **Cancel**. Then return to **Menu > New Request** to begin again.

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## **Complete the Outpatient Request screen**

This screen includes several required fields. Some are marked with a red asterisk (\*), while others must be completed even if not marked. Follow the steps below to ensure that the request is entered correctly.

### **Section 1: Request setup**

### **Episode details**

Field	Value
Request Type	Select <b>Pre-Service</b> for elective outpatient services and procedures.
Request Priority	Select:  • Standard for most elective requests  • Urgent only if medically urgent  For MA Clarity members, other options appear:
	<ul> <li>QHP -Info Received – select if you are attaching clinical information.</li> <li>QHP -No Info – select if clinical information is not available.</li> <li>These options affect the turn-around time.</li> </ul>
Member Class	<ul> <li>Choose one:</li> <li>Maternity - for antepartum/postpartum care</li> <li>Medical - for home care and any other medical services</li> <li>Rehab - for any outpatient or home care rehab</li> <li>Surgical - for planned outpatient surgeries</li> </ul>

#### **Example:**



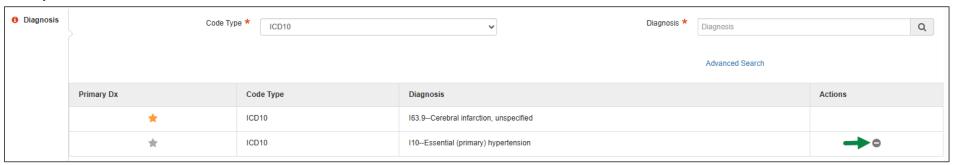
### **Diagnosis**

Field	Value
Diagnosis	Enter code or description. Select the correct match from the dropdown.

- To add more diagnoses, search again.
- The orange star indicates the primary diagnosis. Click a different diagnosis to make that one primary.
- To remove an incorrect diagnosis, click the Detach icon on next to the one you want to remove.

Note: You may have to add the new data before detaching.

### Example:

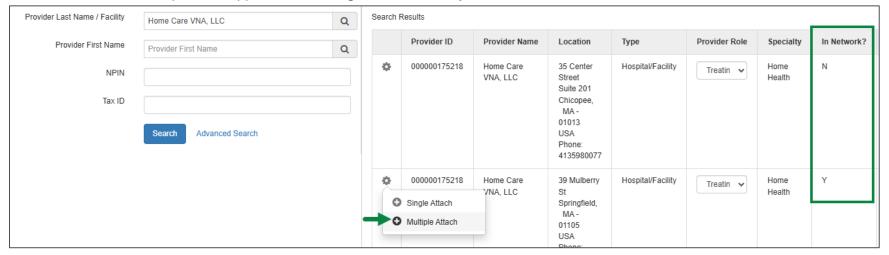


#### Section 2: Provider details

Click Attach Providers, then enter the facility name, OR provider first and last name, OR the NPI, OR the tax ID.

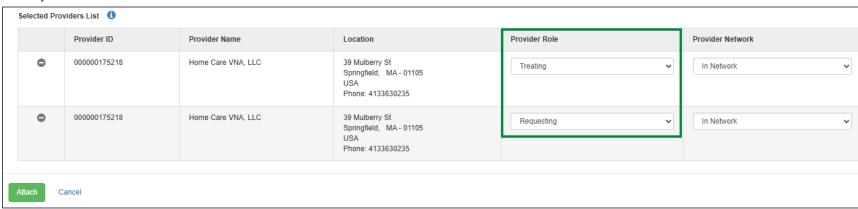
Field	Value
Provider Last Name / Facility	Enter the provider or facility name
Provider First Name	Optional
NPI	Enter the 10-digit National Provider Identifier
Tax ID	Enter the provider's Tax Identification Number

- Click **Search**. If no results appear, try different search criteria.
- Review the provider and verify whether they are in or out of that patient's network.
- When the correct provider appears, click the gear icon > Multiple Attach.



- For emergent inpatient admissions, attach:
  - Treating Provider (the facility)
  - o Requesting Provider (provider requesting this service; may be the same as the Treating provider)
- Once all providers are listed, scroll down, assign each role and click **Attach**.

#### **Example:**



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## Section 3: Service request

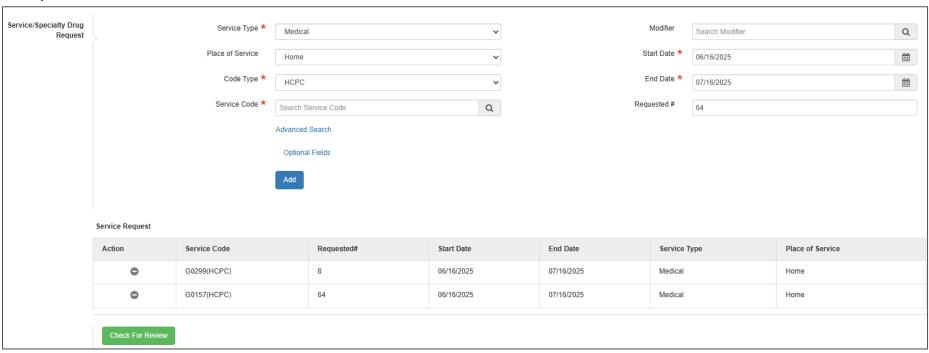
Elective outpatient requests include at least one Service line.

Field	Value
Service Type	Match the <b>Member Class</b> from the <b>Episode Details</b> .
Place of Service	<ul> <li>Ambulance</li> <li>Ambulatory Surgical Center</li> <li>Home</li> <li>Hospice</li> <li>Office</li> <li>Outpatient Hospital</li> </ul>
Code Type	<ul><li>CPT</li><li>HCPC</li><li>UMSG</li></ul>
Service Code	<ul> <li>For specific Sleep Study codes, the requesting provider can run InterQual to check whether criteria are met. If InterQual recommends the procedure, the system auto-approves this request when the treating provider is in the patient's provider network. For steps to complete InterQual for Sleep Studies, see Appendix B: Complete InterQual.</li> <li>Specific unattended sleep study codes do not require authorization if the treating provider is in the member's provider network. See Appendix C: No Authorization Required.</li> <li>Standard prenatal/postpartum care can auto-approve. See Appendix D: Maternity Requests for details.</li> </ul>
Start Date	Start date of service
End Date	End date of service; defaults to the day after the start date but can be edited.  For outpatient procedures such as sleep studies, can set the <b>End Date</b> to 3 months from the <b>Start Date</b> .

Field	Value
Requested #	Enter units  Note: Units do not always equal visits, especially for some home health care and outpatient therapies. See
	Appendix A: Units/Visits for details.

- Click Add after entering each code.
- Only enter codes that require prior authorization. Use the <u>CPT and HCPCS Code Lookup Tool</u> on wellsense.org to confirm which codes need to be submitted to WellSense.

#### Example:



#### **Section 4: Documents**

Upload all required clinical documentation. All prior authorization requests require documentation for review.

Field	Value
Document Title	Paste the filename or enter a clear, descriptive title.
Document Type	UM Provider Document
<b>Document Description</b>	Clinicals

Click **Browse** to locate the file, then click **Attach**. To attach more than one file, scroll down and **Save as Draft** and then attach another document.

#### **Example:**



#### **EDC Date**

Field	Value
EDC Date	Enter the baby's due date. Skip if this is not a prenatal/postpartum request.

#### **Clinical Site**

Leave blank.

#### Section 5: Add a note and submit the request

#### Add a note

Include:

- Contact information for the requester: name, phone, fax number.
- · Clarify units vs. visits if necessary.
- Details not captured elsewhere, such as "date TBD."

#### **Example:**



#### **Submit the request**

Field	Value
Submit	Sends the request to WellSense for review
Save as Draft	Saves your work so you can return to complete it later
Cancel	Clears the screen without saving changes

The system displays a message. Click **OK** to bypass. Currently InterQual applies only to sleep studies. See <u>Appendix B: Complete InterQual</u> if applicable.

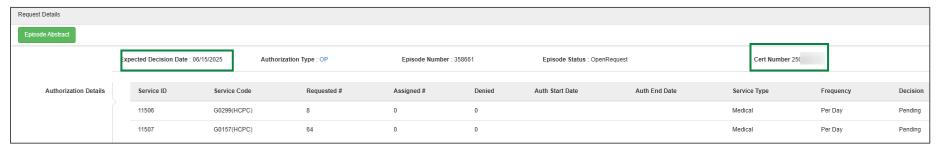


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After submission, the Request Details page displays the:

- Episode Abstract: Summary of the request (excluding documents). This can be printed for the patient's record.
- Expected Decision Date: Timeline for WellSense to review and respond.
- Cert Number: Use this number for reference if contacting WellSense.

#### **Example:**



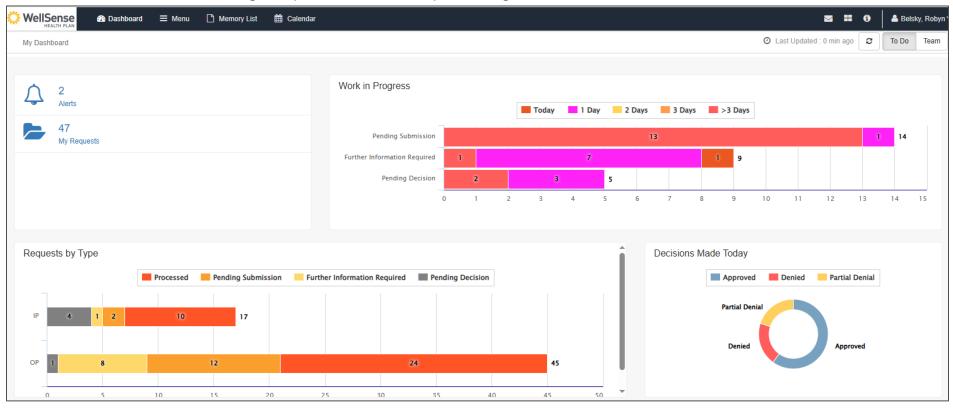
### Start another request

To begin a new authorization request:

- 1. Click Menu > New Request.
- 2. Follow the steps outlined in the Look up a patient section.

### Review authorization status/view letters

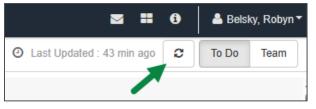
From the Dashboard, track and manage the prior authorization requests using the colored status bars.



Refresh the Dashboard screen by clicking the Refresh button on the upper right to see the most current information.

Do not use the browser Refresh button; always use the Portal Refresh.

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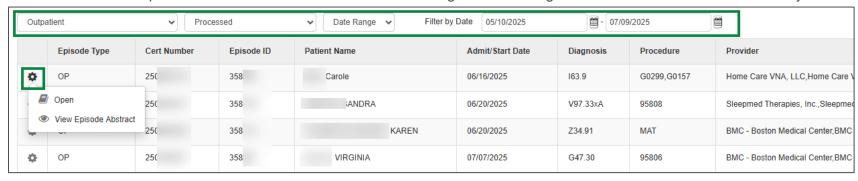


Click any of the colored bars (e.g., **Pending Submission, Further Information Required**, **Pending Decision**, **Decisions Made Today**) to open the list of associated authorizations.

**Note:** Use filters at the top of the screen to sort or narrow results. Change the date range to view decisions made before today.

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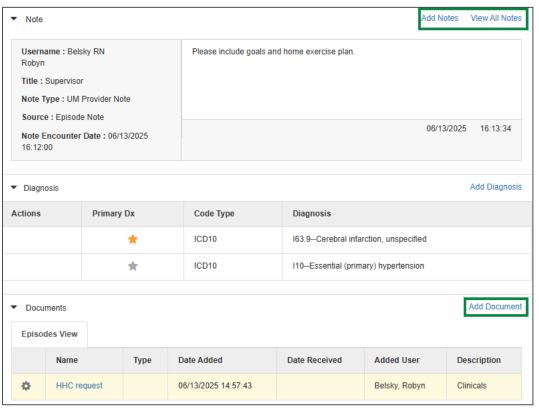


#### To edit a request:

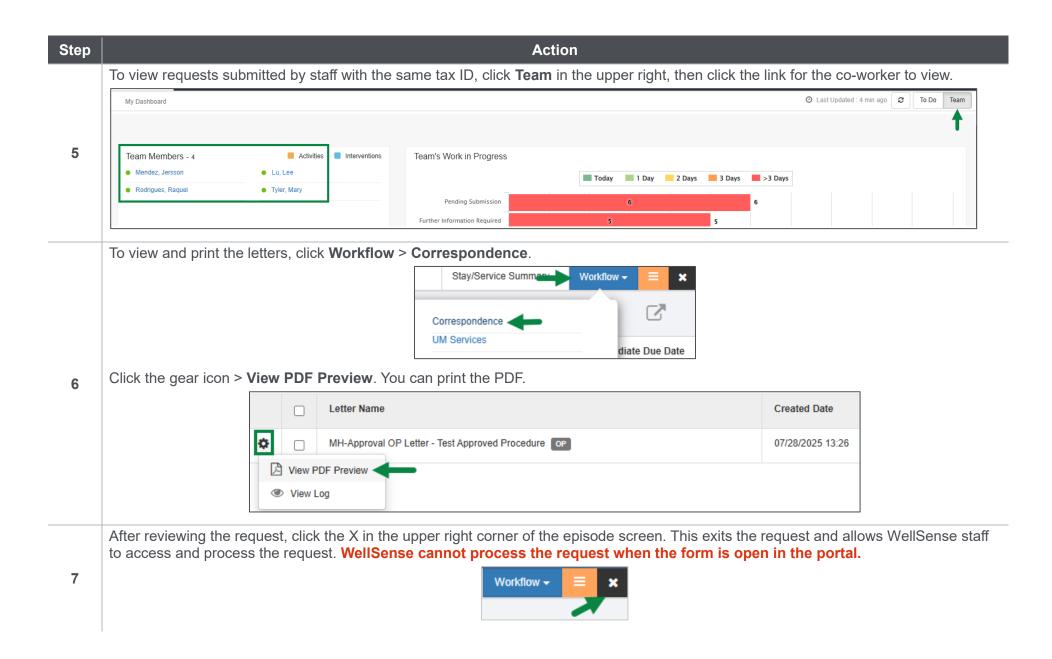
- If the request is pending submission, click the gear icon to edit.
- If the request has been submitted, users can:
  - Add a note.
  - Upload documents. To update a document, delete the old version first, then upload the new one.
     Important: Avoid using Add New Version.
  - o Review the abstract (summary of the episode).

Note: If you need to cancel a request, or edit dates or units/visits, please contact WellSense and refer to the Cert Number.

When a request has an alert or falls under **Further Information Required**, open to review the note that states what is specifically being requested. You can attach documents or add clinical information in a note. WellSense is notified that additional information has been sent.

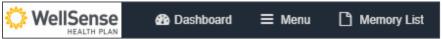


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## Using the navigation bar

The navigation bar remains visible at the top of the screen and provides quick access to common features and functions.



Tip: Be sure to exit requests once you have completed reviewing or editing them to prevent access delays for WellSense staff.

Option	Description
Dashboard	Returns to the main <b>Dashboard</b> view. See the previous section for details.
Menu	Provides access to authorization tools:  New Request: Search for a member and submit a new authorization request.  My Patients and Search Request: These features are currently not functional.
Memory List	Stores up to the last 10 open screens that have not been closed.  Click <b>X</b> next to each item or <b>Close All</b> to exit all open requests and release them for WellSense review.

# **Appendix A: Units/Visits**

### Massachusetts

Code type	Code	Description	MA units
UMSG	CON	Consultation	1 visit = 1 unit
UMSG	MAT	Maternity (prenatal/postpartum)	9999
		Outpatient Therapy	
		Medical Nutrition Therapy	1 visit = 4 units
UMSG	ОТ	Occupational Therapy	1 visit = 4 units
UMSG	PT	Physical Therapy	1 visit = 4 units
UMSG	PROP	Pulmonary Rehab	1 visit = 1 unit
UMSG	ST	Speech Therapy	1 visit = 1 unit
		Home Health Care	
HCPC	G0299, G0300	Home Care RN	1 visit = 1 unit
HCPC	G0156	Home Health Aide	1 two-hour visit = 8 units
HCPC	T1021	Home Health Aide for ADL (MassHealth only)	1 two-hour visit = 8 units
HCPC	G0152	HHC - OT	1 visit = 8 units
HCPC	G0151	HHC - PT	1 visit = 8 units
HCPC	G0153	HHC - ST	1 visit = 8 units
HCPC	S9127	HHC - Social Worker	1 visit = 8 units
HCPC	T1502	Medication Admin Visit	1 visit = 1 unit
HCPC	S9470	Nutrition Counseling	1 visit = 1 unit
HCPC	T1000	Private Duty Nursing (SCO/Special Kids only)	1 hour = 4 units

## **New Hampshire**

Code type	Code	Description	MA units
UMSG	CON	Consultation	1 visit – 1 unit
UMSG	MAT	Maternity (prenatal/postpartum)	9999
		Outpatient Therapy	
UMSG	ОТ	Occupational Therapy	1 visit = 4 units
UMSG	PT	Physical Therapy	1 visit = 4 units
UMSG	PROP	Pulmonary Rehab	1 visit = 4 units
UMSG	ST	Speech Therapy	1 visit = 1 unit
		Home Health Care	
HCPC	G0299, G0300	Home Care RN	1 visit = 1 unit
HCPC	G0156	Home Health Aide	1 visit = 4 units
HCPC	T1021	Home Health Aide	1 visit = 1 unit
HCPC	G0152	HHC - OT	1 visit = 4 units
HCPC	G0151	HHC - PT	1 visit = 4 units
HCPC	G0153	HHC - ST	1 visit = 4 units
HCPC	T1021	Home Health Aide	1 visit = 4 units
HCPC	T1019, T1020	Personal Care Assistant	1 unit = 15 minutes
HCPC T1019		PCA	1 visit = 4 units
		Private Duty Nursing	
HCPC	S9123	PDN - RN	1 hour = 1 unit
HCPC S9124		PDN - LPN	1 hour = 1 unit
		Adult Medical Day Care	
HCPC	S5102	Day Care	1 visit = 1 unit
HCPC	T2003	Transportation Round-trip = 2 units	

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## **Visits/Units Calculator**

# Visits	X 2	X 4	X 8
1	2	4	8
2	4	8	16
3	6	12	24
4	8	16	32
5	10	20	40
6	12	24	48
7	14	28	56
8	16	32	64
9	18	36	72
10	20	40	80
11	22	44	88
12	24	48	96
13	26	52	104
14	28	56	112
15	30	60	120
16	32	64	128
17	34	68	136
18	36	72	144
19	38	76	152
20	40	80	160

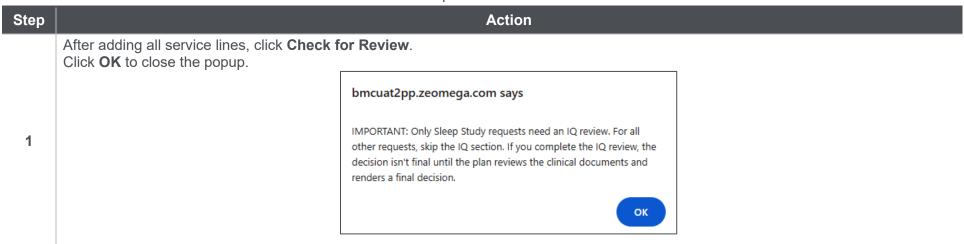
### **Appendix B: Complete InterQual**

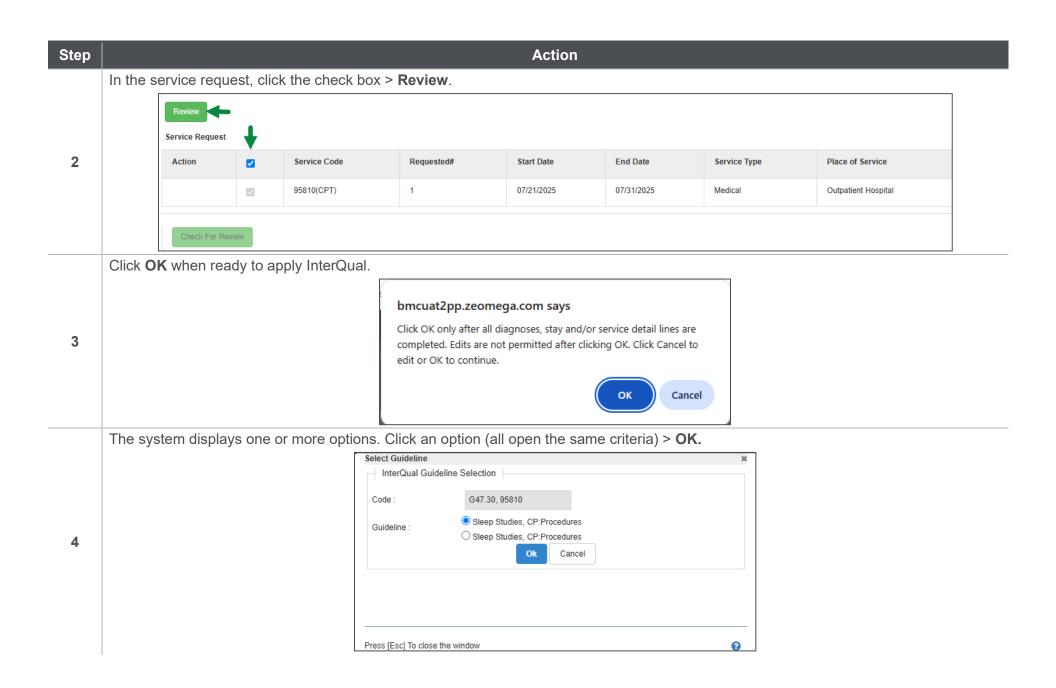
WellSense is initially allowing requesting providers to complete InterQual reviews to check for medical necessity of sleep studies when the following procedure codes are used for adults age 21 and older:

- 95805 with 95808 or 95810
- 95807
- 95808 with 95805
- 95810 with or without 95805
- 95810 with or without 95811
- 95811

#### Note:

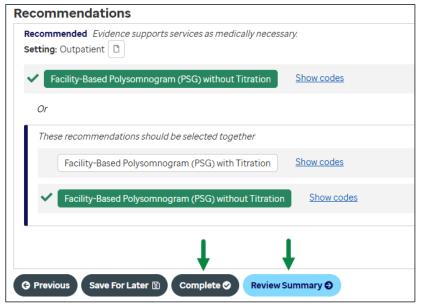
- No auth is required for sleep studies for patients under age 21 when the treating provider is in network.
- The treating provider must be in the patient's provider network for the request to auto-approve. All out-of-network requests require WellSense review even if the request meets InterQual criteria.
- InterQual review will be available for additional services and procedures in the future.



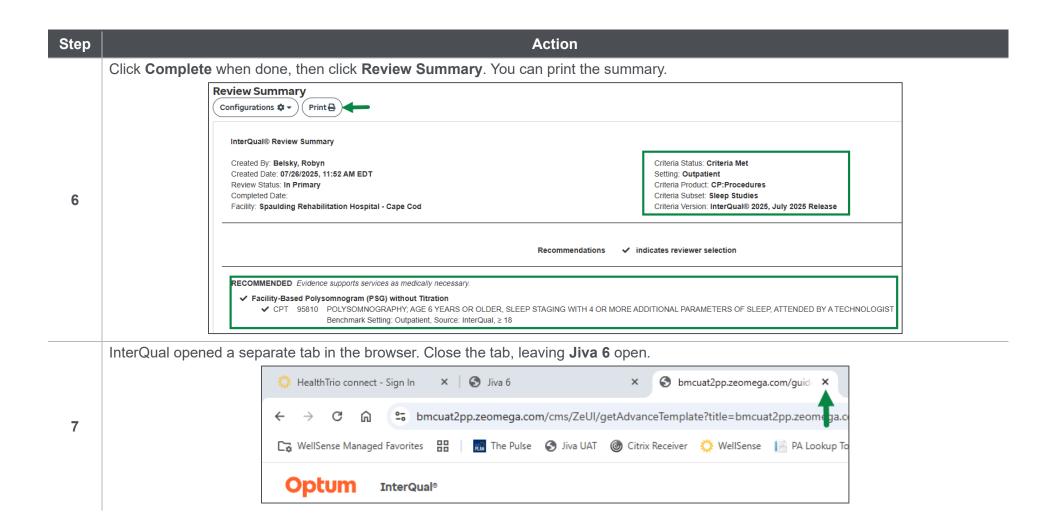


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Run the medical review and select the appropriate InterQual responses. At the end, one or more options will be green if criteria are met, or yellow if criteria are not met.







Submit the request to view the results.

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### When criteria are met and provider is in network:



#### When criteria are not met, or are met but provider is out of network



## Appendix C: No authorization required

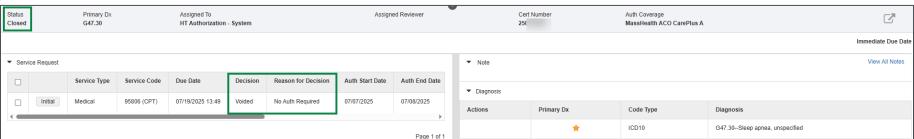
If no authorization is needed for that code **and** the treating provider is in the member's network, when you build a request, this message appears:



Click **Submit** to view the Request Details screen:



The request closes. WellSense does not review for medical necessity. Note that the request **Decision = Voided**. You can print the Episode Abstract for your records.



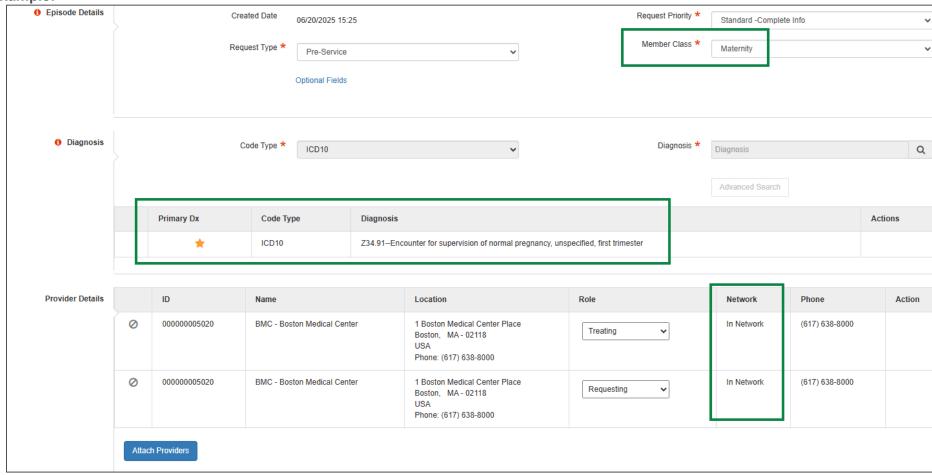
# **Appendix D: Maternity requests**

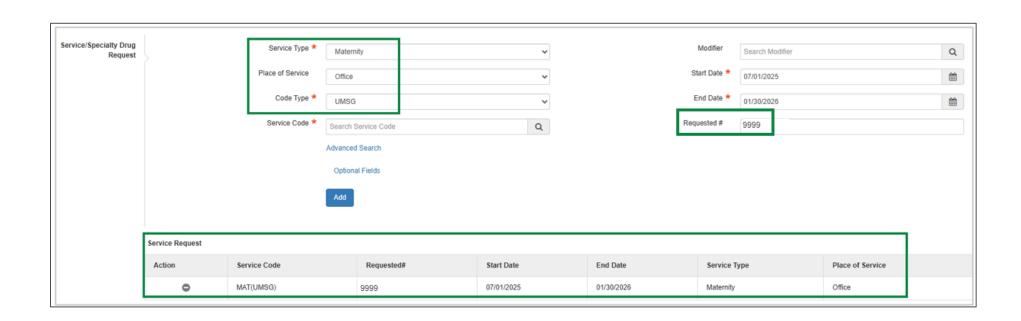
Requests for prenatal/postpartum care can auto approve when the following conditions are met:

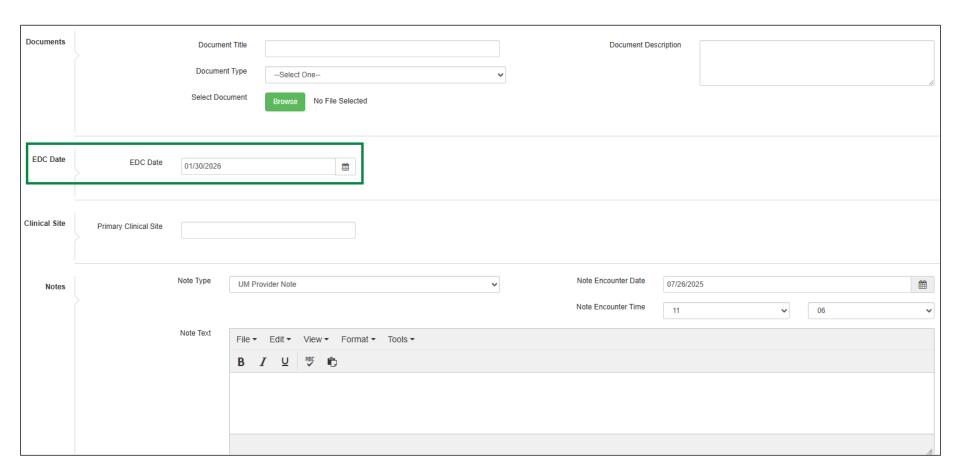
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Field	Description		
Member Class	Maternity		
Diagnosis	One of the following:  Z34.00 Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, unspecified trimester  Z34.01 Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, first trimester  Z34.02 Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, second trimester  Z34.03 Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, third trimester  Z34.80 Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, unspecified trimester  Z34.81 Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, first trimester  Z34.82 Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, second trimester  Z34.83 Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, third trimester  Z34.90 Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, unspecified trimester  Z34.91 Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, first trimester		
Provider	<ul> <li>Z34.92 Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, second trimester</li> <li>Z34.93 Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, third trimester</li> <li>Treating provider is in the member's network</li> </ul>		
Service Type	Maternity		
Place of Service	Office or Outpatient Hospital		
Code Type	UMSG		
Service Code	MAT – Maternity Service		
End Date	Enter due date		
Requested #	9999		
EDC Date	Added		

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**Example:** 







### The request is approved:



# **Document history**

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