

# **Access Express**

# PROVIDER OFFICE GUIDE



# DIRECT WEB COMMUNICATIONS FOR PHYSICIAN OFFICES

Eligibility - Authorizations - Pay for Performance Claims & Capitation Inquiry - Secure Messaging

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# 'TOP 10' Time-saving Features of Access Express

- Self-guiding, Internet system with easy-to-use drop-down lists to simplify data entry.
- Direct access to medical group data with most up-to-date health plan information.
- Easy member eligibility research uses health plan, last name and birthday to eliminate member confusion.
- Faster response for authorization and procedure requests.
- Lists correct provider choices for each plan and area.
- Simplifies choice of diagnosis codes and CPT descriptions.
- Reminders for patients who require testing and care included in Pay For Performance Quality Measures.
- Secure online messaging between physicians, office staff & your medical group.
- Authorization, claims & primary care capitation history available to your office.
- Care Tips function identifies members to be treated according to specific health plan and organization treatment guidelines.



# **About Access Express**

Access Express brings the power of Web technology to managed care communications. It is an easy-to-use Internet system that was developed by Pacific Partners Management Services, Inc. (PPMSI) and marketed by the Health Access Solutions division of the company.

Check with Health Access Solutions regarding the specific details about your installation:

- Access Express is available 7 days a week, from 6:00 am to midnight.
- For technical assistance with *Access Express* installation and support, call the *Help Desk* at 1-877-258-4357, Monday through Friday, 8 am through 5 pm.

Access Express is designed to help physician office staff make the right provider choices for each patient and health plan. To speed data entry and online research, the system uses drop-down lists that are customized to reflect medical group contracts.

Your staff can quickly check HMO member eligibility or laboratory results, and request referrals or procedure authorizations for your patients. In addition, they can send secure electronic messages to network providers as well as your IPA/medical group personnel. Since replies are automated, your staff receives faster responses. Your billing staff can view claims and capitation history for your office.

#### **Secure Online Communications**

To provide secure access to confidential patient data, the *Access Express* system has been developed with CMS and HIPAA security protocols using 128-bit encryption. Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.x and 6.x with 128 bit encryption are the only Web browsers supported by Access Express, although other browsers with 128-bit encryption may be used.

Use the MSO web link at the online website to download the most recent release of Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.x or 6.x software.

#### **Minimum Required Hardware**

Your office will need a personal computer capable of running Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.x or 6.x Web browser.

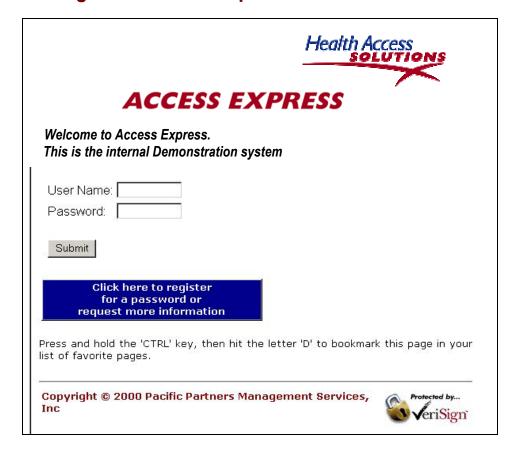


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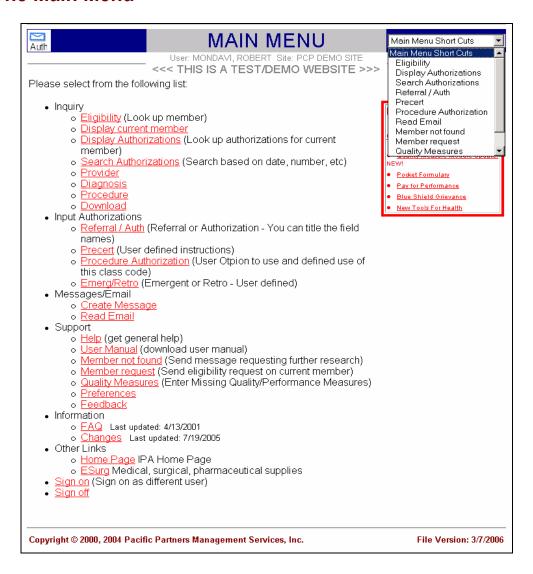
# 1. Log In to Access Express



- Open the Health Access Solutions website at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
- Make this your Home Page so it will show automatically every time you dial into the Internet: At the top Microsoft Internet Explorer Toolbar, select *Tools/Internet Options*, then highlight *Use Current*. Click *OK* at the bottom of the screen.
- <u>OR</u> You can add this page to your Favorites: On the top Toolbar, click *Favorites*, then *Add to Favorites*, then fill in *Access Express*. Click *OK*. You can now find the LogIn page under *Favorites*.
- Use the Forward and Back Arrows in Microsoft Internet Explorer to navigate between screens.
- To complete your Log In: fill in *User Name* and *Password* provided, click *Submit*.
- Accept the HIPAA Privacy agreement.
- You are now at the Main Menu.



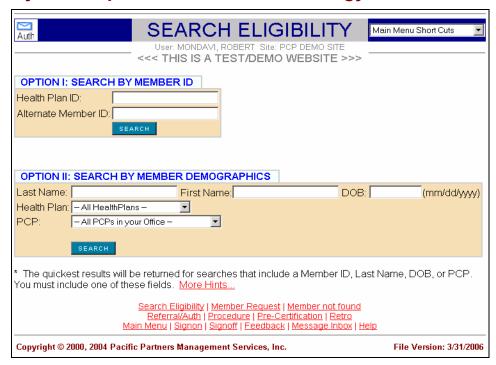
#### 2. The Main Menu



- The Main Menu selectively lists functions available to each user depending on the system functions that are
  defined for that user at Setup. Physician office staff has access to different screens and functionality from
  Administrator Staff. Physician Staff screens are included in this Getting Started manual.
- There are 6 functional groupings--Inquiry, Input Authorization, Messages/ Email, Support, Information, Other Links. Clicking on each major category will reveal a list of bullets in red within each category which are shown in the screen above.
- Scroll down to the function you want, then just point and click. Navigate through the system with the Main Menu Short Cuts in the upper right corner or scroll to the end of the screen and click on the functions (not shown).
- To display or input an authorization request, or to check claims or authorization history, you must first select a member. To select a member, click on Eligibility.

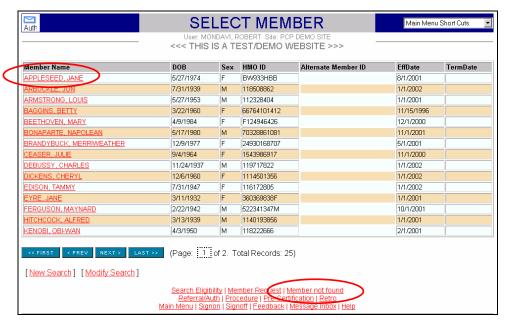


# 3. Eligibility Look-up & Overall Search Strategy



- The *Eligibility* function is used to look up health plan members. It can be accessed from the Inquiry option on the Main Menu, from the drop down Short Cuts, and from the link at the bottom of most screens.
- Option I allows you to search by Member ID number which is usually the fastest way to check member eligibility. Then, select the member's name from a list of family members with the same ID number.
- Option II uses demographic criteria. You can search with full name or partial name to find all occurrences that match your search. To check member eligibility, you can input a full name, e.g. *Apple*, to generate a list of medical group members named *Apple*. Users can also input 'Ap' or 'App' to generate a list of members with last names beginning with Ap or App.
- Most users input the <u>fewest number of letters</u> or numbers to generate a list of choices. Then choose the correct entry from the list. This technique minimizes errors due to misspellings and typos.
- DROP-DOWN MENUS with arrows on the right are created to speed user input.
   Clicking on an arrow with the left mouse button will yield a list of possible selections.
   Click the selection that is most appropriate for your search.
- Words that appear <u>red and underlined</u> like those listed at the bottom of the page above indicate links to other windows that allow users to view additional information.
- If the member's name was misspelled during data entry, or if a nickname is provided rather than a legal name, there may not be a direct online match through eligibility. Once a list of potential members is created, DOB (date of birth) and Sex may be used to narrow the selection.



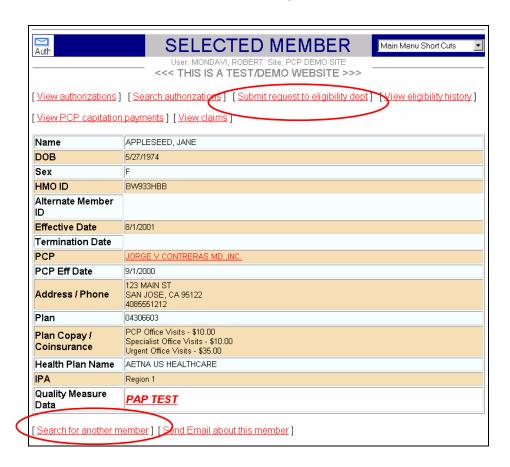


- Once a member or a list of members is identified as a possible match, the user can click on the red <u>Member</u>
   Name to view more information and to verify the patient information matches the Eligibility data for a specific member.
- Information that can be accessed is shown in RED. Notice in the above screen shot, you see the Members Names in RED, you see [New Search] in RED, Modify Search is in RED. You also see the system functions at the bottom of the page in RED. Click any link to continue. (The example in Section 4 selects the member, Jane Appleseed, from the list above.)
- The member *Effective Date* will reflect the most current information for the member that your organization has received from the health plan. Since your administrator receives fresh regular membership downloads from every plan, long term member information changes should always be made by the member directly contacting the health plan.
- If your patient is not listed on the roster, click on the link for *Member Not Found* at the bottom right of the screen, and proceed to the next section for further information.



#### 4. Information About Each Health Plan Member

- The Selected Member screen provides information about each member including PCP, Member demographics, Health Plan, HMO ID, Effective & Termination Dates, Plan Code and if configured Copay. It also provides direct links to more information about a Member, including authorizations, eligibility research requests, optionally claims and capitation payments information. The links are shown in RED. You can use the drop down Main Menu Short Cuts or the links at the bottom of the screen to select an action for this member.
- Use the back arrow at the top left of the Internet Explorer screen (not shown) to return to the prior screen.
- To Search for another member, select <u>Search for another member</u> at the bottom left of this screen. To send a secure Email about the member, click that option at the bottom of the screen.



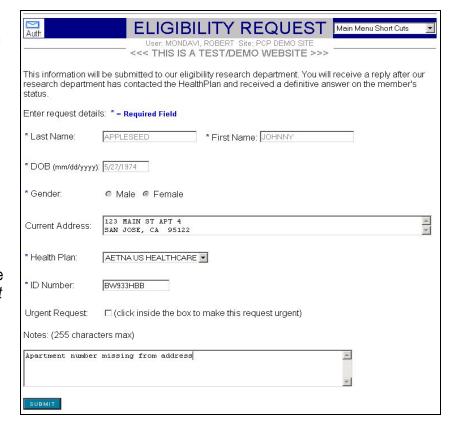
- Discrepancies in member information should be corrected to prevent continuing problems for both your office and the member, when health plan services are required. Without the correct address, members cannot receive their authorizations, health plan ID cards, and other information.
- If the information in the above screen is incorrect, the member should call the health plan to make a change. The member's name or address may have been entered incorrectly, or the member may have changed his or her name or address without notifying the health plan. Sometimes there are data input errors or mismatches caused by nicknames given to the physician office. Alternatively, the office may decide to update office records to assure a continuing match with the name that shows up in the online record.



- When users select <u>Search for another member</u> at the bottom of the screen or <u>Submit Request to eligibility</u> <u>dept</u> at the top, your organization's eligibility group will contact the health plan, research the question, and get back to users with answers (See Sections 5 and 6). However, it will still be necessary for the member to call the health plan to assure long term continuing changes.
- Use the back arrow at the top left of the Internet Explorer screen if necessary to return to the prior screen. There is also a forward arrow that can be used to navigate throughout the online system.
- Several information options are available from this screen. Email is explained later in this User Guide.
- You can also <u>View Authorizations</u> for this member (for a specific date range, diagnosis or procedure code or based on specific words in the *Reasons* fields on the original Authorization Request) by selecting the link at the top of the *Select Member* screen. See Section 7 for more information.

#### 5. Member Listed with Incorrect Information or Not Found Online

- Use this function when the member is not listed online or is listed with incomplete information. Patients may be listed incorrectly in the Eligibility database, or may be terminated from one health plan and not yet registered for another.
- To access the Member Request screen, select the Support option on the Main Menu or use the Member Request option in the Short Cuts or the link at the bottom of the Eligibility screens.
- If your patient's address is incorrect or incomplete, at the top of the Selected Member screen, click Submit Request to Eligibility Dept.
- Then, on the Eligibility Request screen pictured at right, insert the correct information under Current Address, and fill out the Notes to indicate why you are making the change.
- Users can also input revisions for the Health Plan ID and ID Number.



Completed Member Request information will be submitted to the eligibility dept. The user will receive an Eligibility Request Submitted confirmation, and will be notified by email when the eligibility group receives an answer from the health plan. Patients should also contact their health plans with the correct information.



#### 6. Member Not Found Online

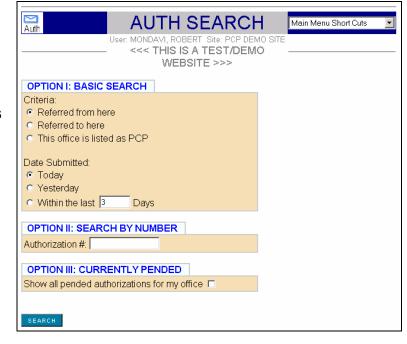
#### Use this function when the member is NOT listed online.

- The *Member Not Found* function can be accessed from the Support option on the *Main Menu*, the *Short Cuts*, and other Eligibility screens. Eligibility screen is similar to the one described in the previous section.
- Patients who are not listed in the eligibility database may have enrolled late for their health plan or switched from another medical group.
- The information on this screen will be submitted to your medical group Eligibility Research department. The user will receive an *Eligibility Request Submitted* confirmation (below), and will be notified by email when your administrator receives an answer from the plan. In the meantime, without correct Eligibility information, Authorization Requests will not be accepted by the system. Please call the UM Department for further information. For a longer term solution, please advise these members to contact their health plans directly with the correct information.

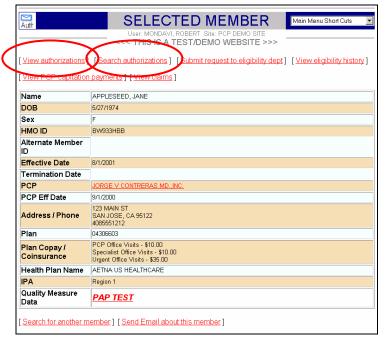


#### 7. Check Active Authorizations for Provider Office or Member

- Provider office users can use the Search Authorizations function in the Main Menu or Short Cuts to list all authorizations for a specific office for a specific day or authorization number. The Auth Search screen allows the user to generate a list of authorizations that meet the specific search criteria selected.
- Alternatively, the Main Menu or Shortcuts may be used to identify the member using the Eligibility functions described in Sections 3, 4 and 5. This method generates the Selected Member screen pictured in Section 4.









Once the member is identified, the user can select *Search Authorizations* in the *Selected Member* screen to search Auths by diagnosis or procedure codes or by words used in the Reason section of the Authorization.



Or, the user can select *View Authorizations for member* in the *Selected Member* screen by clicking the underlined selection at the top left of the *Selected Member* screen or selecting the *Display Authorizations* function from Shortcuts.

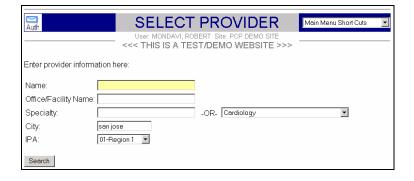
- Either way, the user will see a list of authorizations like the one above.
   Hold the cursor over underlined text to find out the reason for a referred visit.
- To view a specific authorization, click on a particular authorization date and number <u>underlined in red</u> in the
   *Date* column and you will see the Authorization screen on the next page, or you can *Search* for another
   Member.





The Selected Authorization screen above provides basic information about a specific authorization, as well
as several links at the bottom of the page to (a) send an e-mail or upload attachments about the authorization, (b) view letter history, (c) add notes, and (d) upload attachments. Specific information about these
functions is provided later in this user guide. The caduceus insignia indicates there is a relevant Care Tip for
this patient (described in Section 13).

#### 8. Find a Network Provider



The Select Provider screen is used to identify your network providers. It can be accessed—

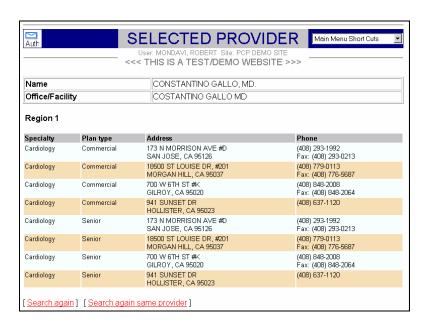
 (a) from the Main Menu,
 (b) from a Referral or Authorization screen, or
 (c) using the links at the bottom of some screens.



- To search for a provider, enter the last name or part of the last name with an asterisk. Users who input B\* and Search, get a screen listing all names beginning with B. Users who select Search, get an alpha list of preferred providers.
- Alternatively, the user may select Specialty from the drop-down menu to generate a shorter list. The user
  can input Cardiology from the pull-down menu or car --the use of partial words eliminates many
  unmatched entries.



- Region and Patient Site information for the search are summarized at the top of the screen.
- Select the red <u>Provider Name</u> to the left, to see a third <u>Selected Provider</u> screen with more information (including street address) about the selected provider.
- If the user is researching providers for a Referral or Authorization, the Provider selected will automatically be transferred to the Referral or Authorization that is being completed.

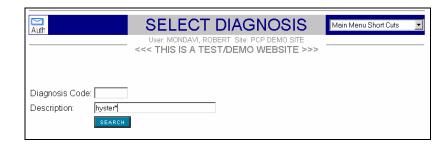


- If the user selects a provider that is not a <u>preferred</u> provider for a Referral or Authorization, you will be asked to make another provider selection.
- Since all preferred contracting providers are listed online, use of a non-Plan or unlisted provider will only be authorized if needed care is unavailable from a preferred provider.

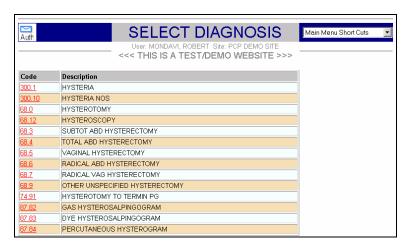


- If a provider is not listed in the Access Express database, use Provider Not Listed as provider of choice for the authorization. Two essential facts must <u>always</u> accompany a Provider Not Listed request in the Notes field--
  - --Name and telephone number of the unlisted provider, and
  - --Explanation of why a listed provider could not be used
- See Section 11 for information about Authorizations.

# 9. Find the Correct Diagnosis Code



- Access Express helps the user select appropriate diagnosis codes when completing Referrals and Authorizations. Access the Select Diagnosis screen from the Main Menu or from one of the Referral or Authorization screens.
- If the user inputs a partial word general description like hyster, a second screen will come up with a list of diagnosis codes and descriptions for the full range of problems that include hyster.
- The Asterisk (\*) can be used in place of part of a number field to find all occurrences that match. For example, V68\* will not only find codes equal to V68, but also codes beginning with V68, like V68.7.
- Cancer diagnoses are often listed under neoplasm or mal neo depending on their listing in the ICD-9 tables.
- Access Express will accept multiple diagnoses. For Authorizations, a second blank diagnosis input line
  will appear once the first diagnosis is completely filled out. The third diagnosis input line will appear once the
  second diagnosis is filled out, and so on.



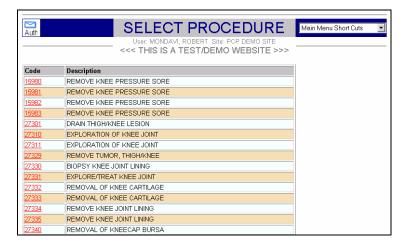


When directed to the *Diagnosis* screen from a Referral or Authorization, users can select the appropriate <u>red</u> <u>code</u> at the left on the second screen. Both code and description will automatically be transferred to the Referral or Authorization in process. When researching a Diagnosis with no associated Referral or Authorization, a new screen will come up with the information selected from the listing above.

#### 10. Find the Correct Procedure Code



- The Select Procedure screen can be accessed from the Main Menu or from one of the Referral or Authorization screens.
- A general description like 'knee', will generate a second screen with a list of codes and descriptions
  for the full range of procedures associated with the knee. If 'Biopsy' is input, the user will get a list of
  biopsy codes. Check the past section for information about how to use the Asterisk (\*) character for number
  fields to select a range of procedure codes.



- When directed to the Select Procedure screen from a Referral or Authorization, users can select the appropriate red code on the second Procedure screen. Both code and description will automatically be transferred to the Referral or Authorization in process.
- When researching a Procedure with no associated Referral or Authorization, users will see a new screen with the information selected from the listing above.



#### 11. Referrals & Authorizations

There are four types of Authorizations that can be entered by the UM and provider office staff—

- **Referrals** completed by PCP offices to request visits to Specialists and by Specialist offices to request additional visits/followups through PCPs.
- **Precertifications** for all services performed in a facility (hospital, surgicenter or hospital outpatient surgical suite) with the exception of Special Procedure Authorizations (below).
- **Special Procedure Authorizations** involve special procedures & medical equipment your administrator wants to review before care is rendered (listed in the drop-down list of the online input form.
- Emergency Authorizations are required for <u>urgent care already taken place</u> that has not been authorized in advance due to specific clinical circumstances.

#### 11A. How to Get Started with Authorizations

- The first step in every Authorization is to identify the Member using the Member Eligibility inquiry screens described in the section on *Eligibility*. Select *Eligibility* from the *Short Cut* drop-down menu or from the *Inquiry* section of the *Main Menu*. Enter the *Health Plan ID* number without prefix from the card. Alternatively, you can input any data you know (*Member Last Name-First Name* or *Initial*, *Date of Birth* or *Health Plan*) to help identify the member. Once the member has been identified as a possible match, click the red Member Name to view more information.
- Once the Selected Member screen is displayed and the user has verified the correct member, click on the Main Menu Short Cut drop-down menu. Select the type of authorization and the correct screen will be displayed with the Selected Member and PCP data filled in.
- Check the box to indicate if the Referral or Authorization was requested by the Patient.
- Fill in the Category which will determine the priority with which the request will be reviewed—Emergency, Urgent, Routine or Retro (retroactive). Categories are not used for Emergency authorizations. From this point, each type of authorization has specific requirements which are listed in this section.

#### 11B. Search Strategy for Authorizations

With Access Express, users can complete the entire request while connected to the Internet system. All Authorizations use the search strategy described in prior sections to identify members, specialists, facilities, diagnoses and procedures.

- As users click on each search tab, the screen shifts to the individual screens described in prior sections.
- When the search is complete, the user's selection is added to the original *Authorization Request* screen.
- When the request has been completed and submitted, the user sees the message--*Authorization Submitted*. The provider's office will receive an email or online response once the request is reviewed.

Assuming Authorization letters are used by your administrator:

- -An Auth letter will be sent to the patient and also to specialists/facilities that don't use Access Express
- The specialist and/or facility will also receive an online response if the office is an Access Express user.



#### 11C. Authorization Guideline Questions

Access Express users who request referrals and authorizations will often be required to answer additional questions about their requests. These questions were developed by the medical director to expedite referral and authorization requests by making sure requestors include the information required for an appropriate decision.

For example, your organization may have decided that all referrals to otolaryngologists for chronic or recurrent otitis media should be made only after two trials of antibiotics and sinus films or CAT scans. For these types of referrals, requesters will be asked to answer two questions—

- 1. Has patient failed at least 2 courses of antibiotics?
- 2. Has patient had sinus films or CAT scan of sinuses?

The answers to these questions will be factored in when the referral decision is made.

## 11D. Urgent Referrals to Specialists & Urgent Procedures/ Precertifications

If care has not yet taken place:

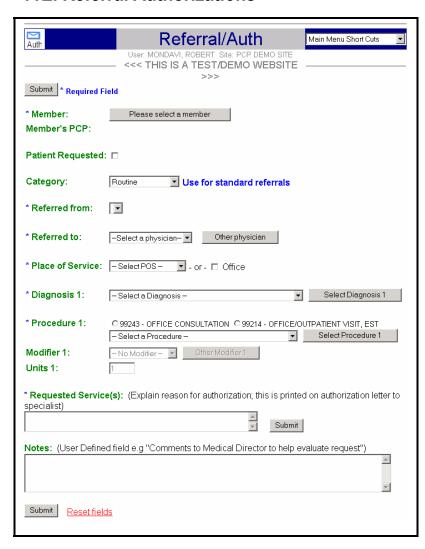
Fill out a Referral, Precertification or Procedure Authorization Request explaining why the care is Urgent in the Note Section.

If care has already been provided on an Emergency basis:

Fill out an Emergency Request explaining why the care was required as Urgent or Emergency care without advance authorization.



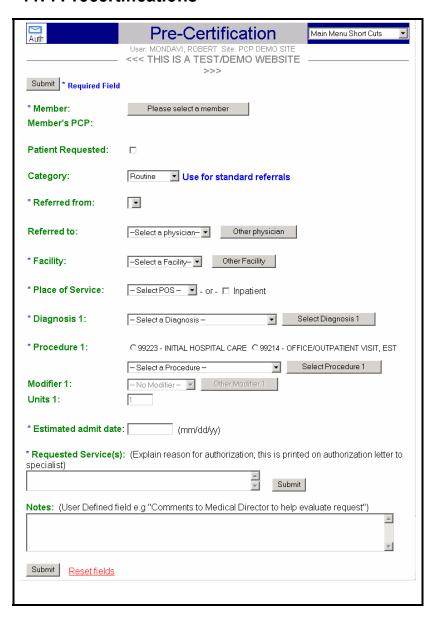
#### 11E. Referral Authorizations



- The system will recognize the user once the user signs in and it will automatically fill in the Referred from field.
- Check the box provided if the Patient requested the Referral.
- Select the Referral Category—Urgent, Emergency, Routine, Appeal, Retro.
- The Referred to Select a Physician drop-down list will populate with the user's most common choices as it is used.
- Until your list develops, click the
   Other Physician button to bring up the
   Select Provider screen (see Select
   Provider Section 8 and Search Strategy Section 11B). In the Name field,
   create a specialty list by clicking Pick
   A Specialty or enter last name (or
   partial last name) of the physician to
   generate a screen with a list of physicians with that name. Select the
   desired name, and return to the
   Referral Authorization screen with the
   Referred to physician filled in.
- For Diagnosis, the Select a Diagnosis drop-down list will populate as more referrals are completed. To begin, enter the diagnosis code in the Code box and click the Other Diagnosis button. If it is a valid code, the Code and Description will appear in the Diagnosis field. If not, use the Asterisk\* and the Other Diagnosis button to search for the right code.
- Enter the number of visits. Default is one (1) visit. If needed, adjust the number of visits, then proceed.
- Explain the Reason for this Authorization is a description of why the Referral is requested--either the patient's symptoms or the doctor's diagnosis. Avoid using codes or unique specialty abbreviations; depending on the policy of your organization, this is the only information the specialist or facility will receive to explain the patient's problem. This field is printed exactly as entered in letters to facility and specialist but does not display on the patient's letter.
- The Notes field is an optional entry only viewed by the Requester and Medical Director. This information will
  not show in letters to patients or specialists. The entry might include the reasons for urgency of the referral.
- When all information has been entered for this Referral, click Submit, and expect to see the Authorization Submitted screen as your confirmation. Once the Referral is reviewed, the physician office will see the AUTH E-mail icon displayed at the top left of the screen. If they click on the icon, they will be able to view/print any authorizations they have received.



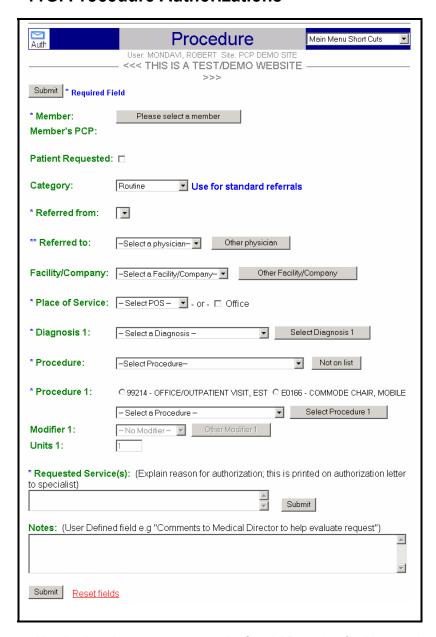
#### 11F. Precertifications



- Fill in Referred From and To spaces as described under Referral and in the Search Strategy on Sections 8 & 11B.
- Check the box provided if the Patient requested the Precert.
- Select the Category—Urgent, Emergency, Routine, Appeal, Retro.
- The Facility is the site where the procedure will be performed--either a surgery center or hospital. The Select a Facility drop-down list will populate with the user's choices as more precert requests are entered. Until your list develops,, click the Other Facility button to bring up the Select Provider screen. In the Name or Facility field, enter the name or type of facility, bringing up a list that matches the request. Select the desired facility and you will return to the Precertification screen with the Facility filled in. Partial words can also be used to research facilities.
- The Diagnosis code for this Precertification is filled out like the Referral Authorization on the prior page. However, the Precertification allows for an optional Secondary Diagnosis. Fill in the Units and Modifier for professional or technical services, where they apply.
- Estimated admit date should be filled in using 2 digits each for month, day and year—09/12/05.
- Explain the Reason is a description of the doctor's diagnosis or why the Precert is requested for the procedure to be
  performed. Avoid using codes or unique specialty abbreviations; depending on the policy of your organization,
  this is the only information the specialist or facility will receive to explain the patient's problem. This field is
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- The Notes field is an optional entry only viewed by the Requester and Medical Director. This information will not show
  in letters to patients or specialists. The entry might include the reasons for urgency of the precert.
- When all information for this Precert has been entered, click the Submit button, and expect to see the Authorization Submitted screen as your confirmation. Once the Precert is reviewed, the physician office will see the AUTH E-mail icon displayed at the top left of the screen. If they click on the AUTH E-mail icon they will be able to view/print any authorization they have received as either a response to their own request or one by another Access Express physician office.



#### 11G. Procedure Authorizations



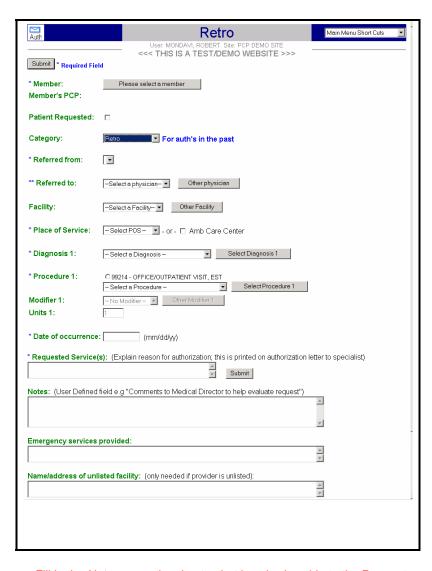
- Fill in Referred From and To spaces as described under Referral and in the Search Strategy in Sections 8 & 11B.
- Check the box provided if the Patient requested the Procedure.
- Select the Category—Urgent, Emergency, Routine, Appeal, Retro
- The Facility is the site where this procedure will be performed. The Select a Facility drop-down list will populate with the user's own choices as more procedure requests are entered. Until your list develops, click the Other Facility button to bring up the Select Provider screen. In the Name or Facility field, enter the name or type of facility, bringing up a list that matches the request. Select the desired facility and you will return to the Procedure screen with Facility filled in. Partial words can also be used to research facilities.
- Diagnosis codes are filled out using the Search Strategy described on page 19.
- Fill in the number of Visits Requested.

- Use the drop-down menu to select the Special Procedure for this authorization. If the procedure to be reviewed is not
  included in this menu, it is not designated by your organization as a Special Procedure, and should be requested as a
  Referral, a Precertification or Emergency. Select Not on list for further information about authorizations. Each Special
  Procedure includes all related services (e.g. Home Health includes all services possible in a single day).
- Explain the Reason for this Procedure is a description, up to 100 characters, of why the Procedure is being requested.
   Avoid using codes or unique specialty abbreviations; depending on the policy of your organization, this is the only information the specialist or facility will receive to explain the patient's problem. This field is printed exactly as entered in letters to facility and specialist but does not display on the patient's letter.
- The Notes field is an optional entry that is <u>only viewable to the Requester and the Medical Director</u>. This information will <u>never show</u> in letters to patient or specialist. This entry might include reasons for the urgency of the procedure or specific injectables to be administered. When the information has been entered, click Submit, and you will see the Authorization Submitted screen confirmation. Providers who click on the AUTH E-mail icon can view/print any authorization they received as either a response to their own request or one by another Access Express physician office.



#### 11H. Emergency/Retro Authorizations

Emergency Authorizations are required for <u>urgent care that has already taken place</u> that has not been authorized in advance due to specific clinical circumstances. This allows past unauthorized emergent care to be described for possible retroactive approval. <u>Be sure to note WHY</u> the problem was not reported until after the care was rendered. Select the Emergency option from the *Main Menu* under *Input Authorizations*. The Emergency Authorization is the only Authorization that cannot be accessed from *Short Cuts*.



- Fill in *Referred From* and *To* spaces as described under *Referral* and in the Search Strategy in Sections 8 & 11B.
- Check the box provided if the Patient requested the Emergency Room visit.
- Fill in the Facility as described in the Precertification and Procedure instructions.
   Partial words can be used to research facilities.
- Complete the *Diagnosis* section as indicated in the *Procedure* and *Precert Authorization* sections.
- Enter the Date of Occurrence, using MM/DD/YY format (for the January 5, 2005 you would enter 01/05/05).
- Requested Services is the reason for the services, up to 100 characters, including-patient symptoms and/or diagnosis.
   Avoid using codes or abbreviations.
   Depending on the policy of your organization, this field is printed exactly as entered in letters to facility and specialist but does not display on the patient's letter.
- Fill in the *Notes*, an optional entry that is <u>only viewable to the Requester and the Medical Director</u>. This information will <u>never show</u> in letters to patient or specialist. This entry should include reasons for the urgency of the procedure.
- Enter the Emergency Services Provided to this member.
- If services were rendered at an *Unlisted Facility*, enter the name and address of that facility in the field provided.
- Click the Submit button and expect to see the Authorization Submitted screen displayed to confirm your submission. When the Emergency Authorization has been reviewed, physician office personnel will see the AUTH E-mail icon displayed at the top left of the screen. They can click on the icon to view/print any authorization received as either a response to their own request or one initiated by another Access Express physician office.



## 12. Pay For Performance Quality Measures

Pay for Performance (P4P) is an employer initiative that requires health plans and physician organizations to demonstrate their patients are getting appropriate care based on specific standard quality measures like immunizations for children under age 2, Pap & mammogram screenings for women, Glycohemoglobin tests for diabetics, and suppressor drug treatment for asthmatics.

Access Express helps maximize your physician's P4P score by insuring the most current administrative data is recorded and submitted for your office. Measurement is based on claims and encounters from your office and on data submitted by pharmacy and lab providers. *Neither your physicians nor your managed care organization get P4P credit for needed care, unless the data is recorded in the Access Express administrative records.* 

- Since each HMO member is linked to a specific Primary Care Physician, most organizations rely on their PCPs to gather and input all P4P information.
- Access Express functions use PCP office staff time efficiently to enter missing information so your office can meet P4P goals.

# How to Update P4P Quality Measures To Add Missing Information & Conditions Excluded from Quality Measures

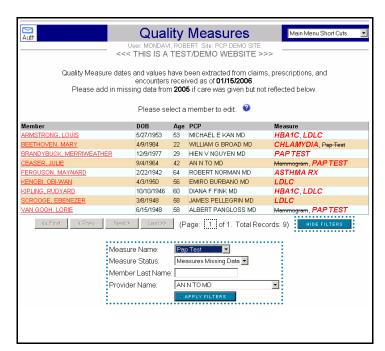
Once a health plan member is qualified for a P4P measure, the Access Express system views each measure as either—Passed, Missing or Excluded (based on valid P4P criteria).

- Select Quality Measures in the Main Menu/ Support section, to find the list of patients who lack specific P4P measures according to your medical group records.
- Use the information below to enter missing Quality Measures online for each patient listed for your office.

The Quality Measures screen shows the cutoff date (01/15/06) for data extracted from claims, prescriptions & encounter data.

**Select the right filter from** the Filter section in blue dots. You can choose to—

- -Show ONLY measures that need action
- -List patients for EACH physician OR for ALL physicians in the practice
- -Show patients who require a specific Quality Measure for a SPECIFIC disease OR
- -Show ALL Quality Measures
  This example filters only patients of Dr. To with no
  specific last name, who need a Pap Test.







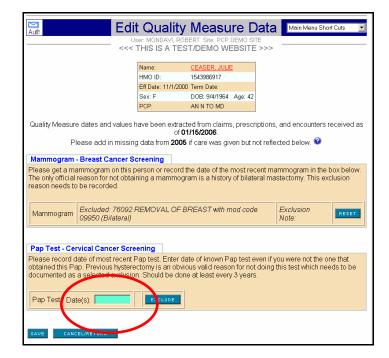
Click one of the names to see a summary of the measures on record & the measures required for that patient.

#### For each member, you will see a list of Quality Measures still missing from the P4P database.

In this case, Julie Ceaser has an acceptable mammogram exclusion, but still requires a Pap.

If historical data is included in your organization's database, the DATE OF THE LAST EXAM will be listed.

- FILL IN the missing data, if there has been a more recent test. Because of the lag time, your data will usually be more timely than the database.
- If the member is due for a new test, leave it blank for now, but place a note in the patient chart to order the missing test at the next visit.



- Click Exclude to enter the appropriate reason your patient should be excluded from the measure. Only
  valid exclusions will remove a member from a physician's P4P score. For example, a Bilateral Mastectomy
  is an official exclusion for the Breast Cancer Screening measure. The next screen will pop up with a list of
  valid exclusions.
- After entering a valid exclusion (see below), click Save to save the data added to the database.



To Enter A Valid Exclusion, Click on the exclusion, then click SAVE EXCLUSION at the bottom of the window to update the database.

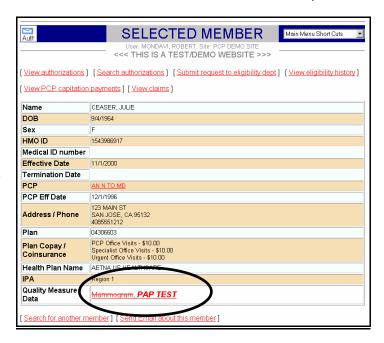
- The Exclusion screen at the right shows *Bilateral Mastectomy* is the only acceptable exclusion for a mammogram.
- Although *Patient declined test* is not an approved exclusion under P4P, it should be filled in where appropriate.

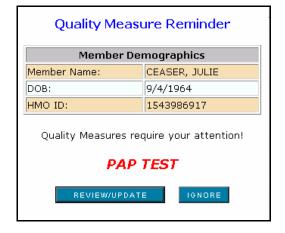


- Quality Measures required for a specific member are also referenced on the Member Eligibility Screen.
  - If the Measure is listed in <u>BOLD RED</u>
     P4P data is still required—either there is no date or no value entered or the data does not satisfy P4P.
  - If the Measure is listed in regular type,
     P4P data is up-to-date.
  - If the Measure is crossed out, it is excluded for that patient.

In this example, the Mammogram is excluded but the PAP TEST is still required.

- Click on the Quality Measure listed at the bottom of the screen to link with the Edit Quality Measure screen pictured on the previous page.
- To the right is the POP-UP Quality Measure Reminder that shows up when the PCP office checks this Member's eligibility or requests an Authorization.







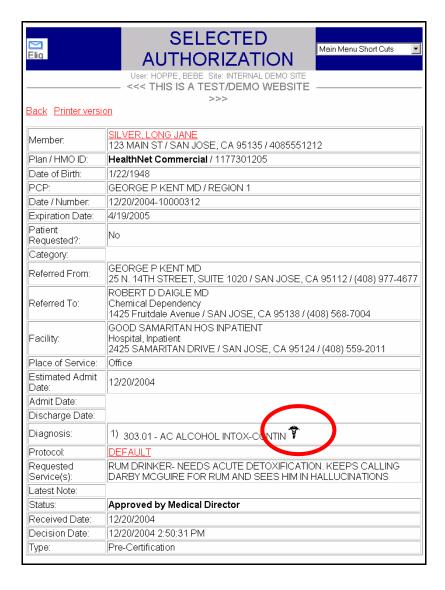
# 13. Care Tips

Care Tips brings health plan guidelines and clinical information directly to the doctor or nurse at the point of service where it can do the most good. It provides the providers in your organization (and, where appropriate, patients) with detailed clinical information and recognized medical source data to facilitate care. It distributes health plan and medical group treatment guidelines to providers in a timely, efficient manner.

Care Tips may be used for guidelines that are specific to a particular health plan. For example, for a Health Net Substance Abuse carveout that applies to Medicare members, Care Tips reminds the provider staff that, following acute detoxification, care should be arranged by Health Net's subsidiary, MHN.

Care Tips will also be used for medical group guidelines that apply to specific diagnoses like asthma, diabetes and coagulation problems that have been reviewed and accepted by UM and Quality Committees. Physician offices will also have access to Milliman Care Guidelines from the appropriate the Care Tip.

To find Care Tips: Click the Caduceus symbol

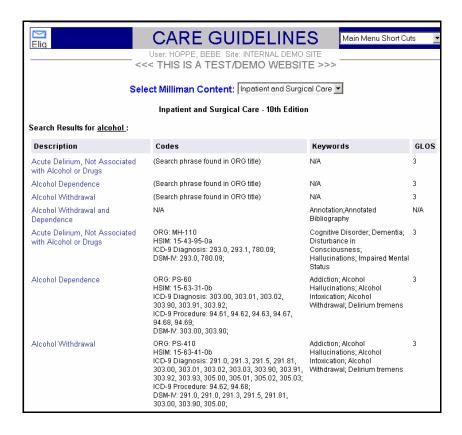




Click to find the Milliman Care Guidelines listed below.

Then Search
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to find the related
Milliman Care
Guidelines.



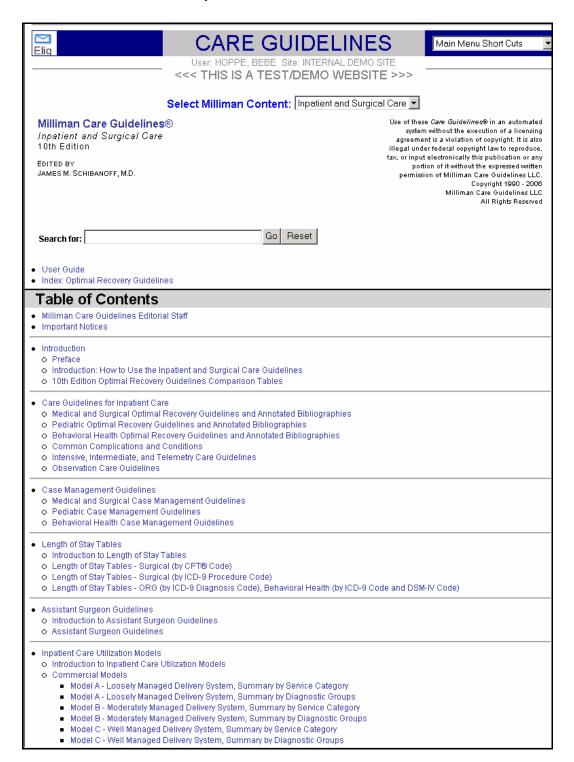


Select the appropriate Milliman Care Guideline from the list at the left.

A sample Milliman Care Guideline is pictured on the next page.



#### Sample Milliman Care Guideline

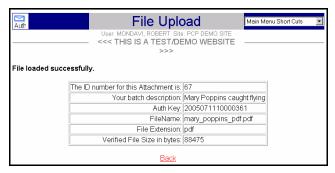




## 14. Add an Attachment to an Authorization Request

- An Authorization Attachment can be uploaded after submitting an authorization or receiving an email
  response. The user must input an authorization before managing the attachments. Attachments may be
  added to the authorization when it is requested or at a later date.
- Click <u>Upload</u> in red at the bottom of the Authorization page. The user can browse all files on the system for a new file to attach or the user can enter the path and new file name. A message is issued indicating whether the upload was successful. The Attachment continues to be part of the Authorization Request.



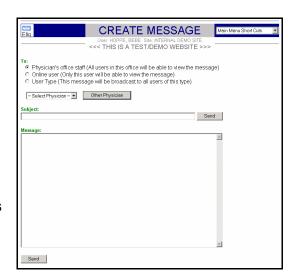


Once files have been attached to the authorization, a summary line appears on the attachment screen. The
attached files may be selected and viewed by selecting the appropriate file name <u>underlined in red</u>.

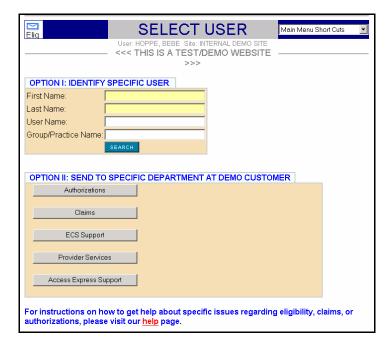


# 15. Send Email to Referring or Referred to Physicians

- The Message/Email system allows Access Express users to exchange messages with participating physician offices and administrator personnel. To create a message, click Create Message from the Messages /Email section on the Main Menu. This will bring up the Create Message Screen.
- Now select from three lists of recipients, Physician's office On-Line Access Express user or User Type. Click on the circle before your choice to activate the selected list.
- Users who select Physician's office will find the Select Provider search screen with some changes built in. Since not all providers are enrolled in Access Express, email can only be sent to participating physicians who are underlined on the list. Physicians who do not participate online are indicated by an asterisk(\*).

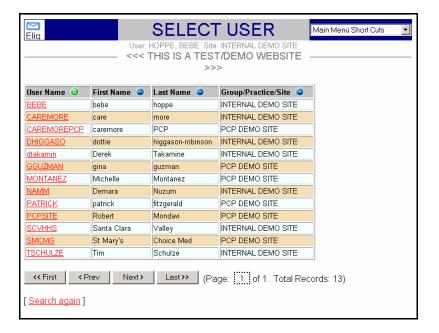






- To select an Access Express
  user, click on the Last Name
  field then enter the user's Last
  Name or initial and click Search.
  This will bring up the Select User
  screen below with a list of users
  who match the request.
- Alternatively, an email can be sent to a specific administrator department.

 Click the desired User Name to be sent back completed to the Create Message screen with the User Name filled in.



- Now, to complete the original Email, click on the Subject field and type a few words.
- The body of the message can be as long as several pages. Use the Enter key for spacing to make the
  email more readable. When the message is complete, click the Send button at the bottom of the screen.
   NOTE: there is no spell check or grammar check.



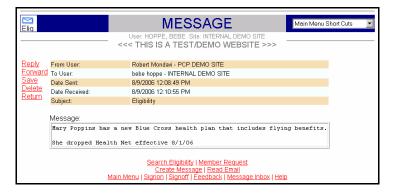
# 16. Review Email Replies

Incoming email is most easily accessed through the letter icon visible at the top left of the *Access Express* screen when email is received. (The icon is similar to the AUTH icon pictured at the top left of the Main Menu.) Click the icon to display a summary list of the mail sent to the user.

- From the *Inbox* screen, the user may read email directed to the office, email directed to the user who is logged in, or a combined list which is the default option.
- Click the icon to display a summary list of the mail sent to the user. From the *Inbox* screen, the user may read email directed to the office, email directed to the user who is logged in, or a combined list which is the default option.



- To view the message, click the underlined name. To delete a message, click the 'X' box before the senders name.
- To open & view saved, deleted or sent items click the underlined item in the list.
- To reply to a message, forward, save or delete it, click on the corresponding underlined item to the left of the message header.
- To print the message, click your browser Print icon or use your browser print option (file/print).
- To return to the message Inbox, click the Return item to the left of the message header.
- From the Message screen the user can display the relevant authorization and the member eligibility information which is <u>underlined in red</u> toward the center of the screen.

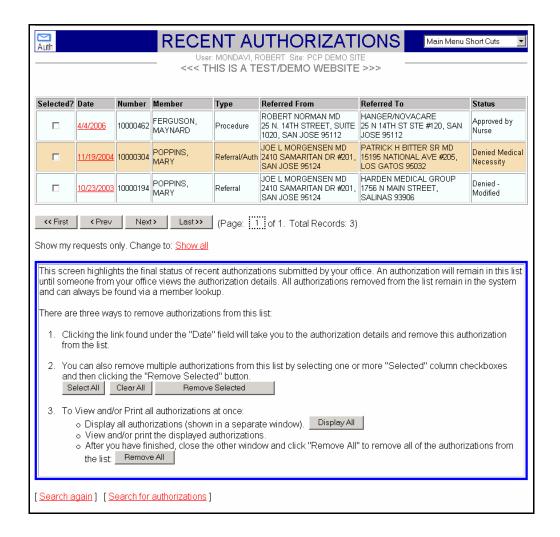




## 17. Review Authorization Replies Delivered by Email

When the AUTH Icon is visible at the top left of the screen, you will be able to access the most recent responses to authorizations submitted by your office.

Follow the instructions detailed in the blue box on the screen to examine each authorization, remove authorizations from the list, or print authorizations for your office.



# 18. Check Claims & Capitation Payments for a Member

Once a specific member has been identified using Eligibility search, additional information can be checked. This information is updated after every capitation and claims check-run--

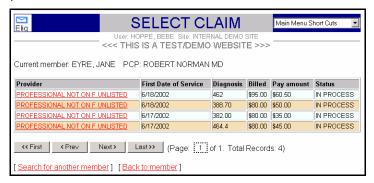
- View Capitation Payments by clicking <u>View Capitation</u>
   <u>Payments</u> at the top of the screen. The user will find a history of cap payments to your PCP group for each member along with check numbers and dates.
- Use the links at the bottom of the screen to send e-mail to your IPA/medical group or to check cap payments for other members.







View Claims by clicking View Claims at the top of the Selected Member screen. The user will find a history
of claims payments to your group for that member, listed by date of service and diagnosis. Click the provider
name, for details of a specific claim.

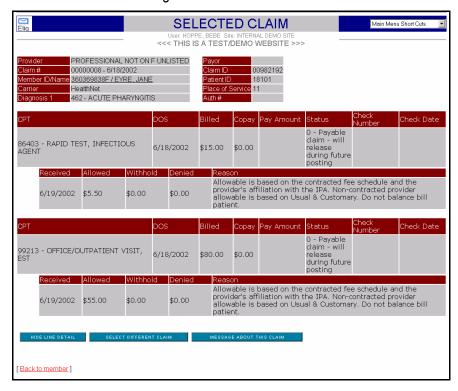


View Details of specific line items by clicking the CPT. The links at the bottom of the screen can be used to send your administrator an email about a claim or to select a different claim.





Click Show Line Detail at the bottom of the screen for more information about a claim, or click to send a
message about this claim or to see the original electronic HCFA claim.



#### 19. Preferences

- The *Preferences* screen can be accessed from the *Main Menu*. It reflects the information provided during signup, as well as subsequent changes made by users online. When a user logs in to the online system, it will automatically adjust to reflect the preferences most recently set.
- If the physician practice would like to change a Password following the departure of a staff member, select a new password.
- Preferences can be used to establish a personal online user profile to fit individual or group workflow
  patterns. Users can check the boxes midway in the screen to display Menu shortcuts and to be notified of
  messages that have been approved or denied. Notification occurs via the email icon at top left of the screen.
- The final section of this screen allows users to select the items to be reset on the system screens after Submitting the data in the authorization screens.
  - If the user checks Reset Member, the system will reset the member ID after the auth has been submitted. Or, s/he can leave it unchecked to have the system remember the member ID so other auths for the member can be submitted without requiring a search.
  - Users in a PCP office may set *Preferences* to fill in the PCP physician name automatically in the Referred From designation. Or, if an obstetric office refers patients most frequently for an ultrasound, the *Preferences* can be set to fill in ultrasound automatically for all referrals, with variable information added for non-ultrasound referrals.



