

Pediatric Long-Term Home Health CNA Reallocation Summary & Template

Summary

Prior Authorization Requests (PARs) for Long-Term Home Health (LTHH) visits include two revenue codes: 571 and 579.

Code 571 corresponds to “basic units”, i.e. the first 60 minutes of care provided during a particular visit on a particular day. Code 579 corresponds to “extended units”, i.e. each subsequent 30 minutes of care provided during the same visit.

For example, consider two 2-hour daily LTHH visits for a particular member (an A.M. visit and a P.M. visit). The first 60 minutes of each visit qualifies as one unit of basic care, and the second 60 minutes of each visit qualifies as two units of extended care. In total, these daily visits consist of 2 units of 571 and 4 units of 579.

While LTHH PARs are approved for a specific number of units of each code, in certain cases LTHH providers must re-allocate approved units of 571 and 579 on a particular PAR. *(Note: Units may be changed, but the total number of approved hours must remain the same.)*

To request such a re-allocation, please use the following template. *(Note: For complete accuracy in determining the remaining number of units, please use the date calculator utility within eQSuite[®], located under the “Utilities” section.)*

Template

PAR [list PAR# here] is Approved from [list ‘from date’ here] through [list ‘thru date’ here]. The following number of units remains for each code:

571 = [list remaining # of 571 units here]

579 = [list remaining # of 579 units here]

Please re-allocate the number of units as follows, effective [list new ‘from date’ here]:

571 = [list desired # of re-allocated 571 units here]

579 = [list desired # of re-allocated 579 units here]

Example

In this example, a LTHH provider is requesting 213 units of code 571 be re-allocated into 426 units of code 579.

PAR F123456 is Approved from 7/15/2016 through 7/14/2017. The following number of units remain for each code:

571 = 639

579 = 1065

Please re-allocate the number of units as follows, effective 12/20/2016:

571 = 426

579 = 1491

If you have questions, or need assistance, please contact ColoradoPAR customer service toll-free at **1-888-801-9355** or submit an Online Helpline ticket in [eQSuite®](#).