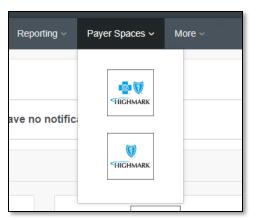
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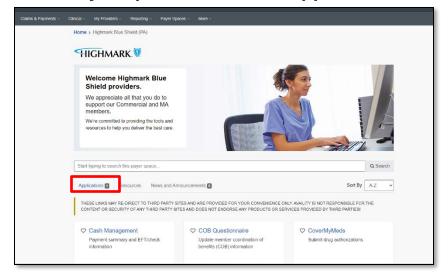
After logging into Availity, first choose the appropriate state for your practice/facility.

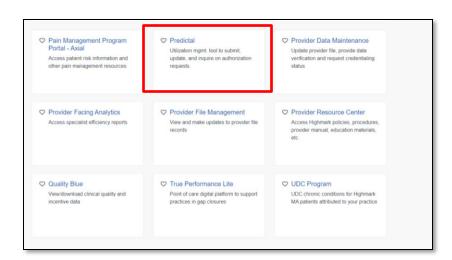


Next, select **Payer Spaces** for the appropriate Health Plan.



Within Payer Spaces, look under Applications and select Predictal.









Authorization requests for the following inpatient services may be completed within the Predictal Auth Automation Hub:

Inpatient - Urgent

Inpatient - Newborn

Inpatient - Chemotherapy

Inpatient - Planned Surgical

Inpatient - Planned Medical

Inpatient – Large Joint Procedures (Highmark Managed only)

Inpatient – Spine Surgery Procedures (Highmark Managedonly)

Inpatient Transfer – Skilled Nursing Facility

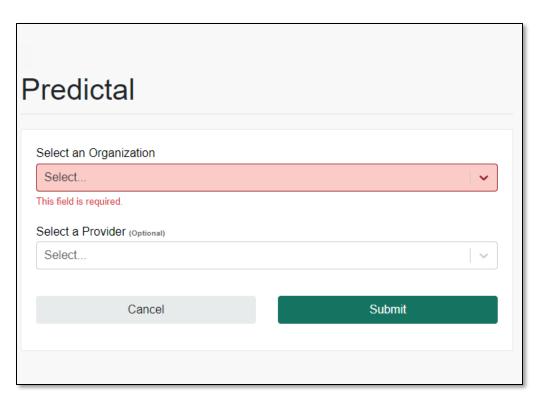
Inpatient Transfer - Acute Rehab

Inpatient Transfer - Long Term Acute Care

Select your provider Organization

*Note, for inpatient services, skip **Select a Provider (Optional)** and leave that field blank.

Click Submit to get to a new tab.

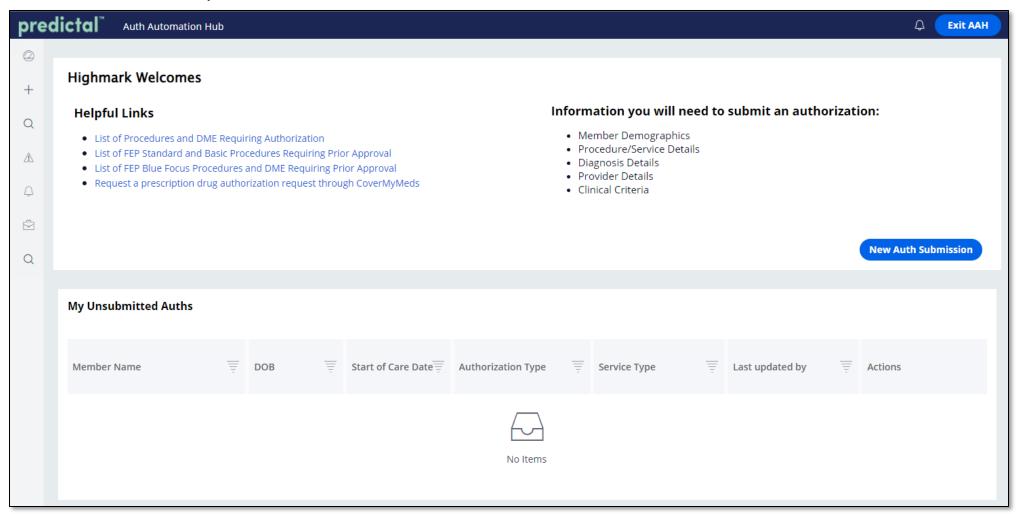






You will be taken to the home page of the Auth Automation Hub.

The home screen has links to the Prior Authorization List, Cover My Meds submission, and a view into authorizations that have not been completed.







The left side navigation panel includes links to the functions available within Predictal.

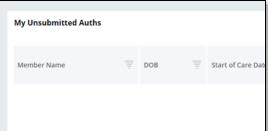
Select **New Auth Submission** to initiate a new request.

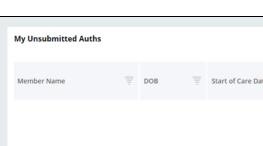
Select **Auth Inquiry** to do any of the following:

- **Check Authorization Status**
- Change/Update Start of Care Date
- Review Approval and Denial Letters
- Discharge Planning
- Concurrent Review
- Respond to a Request For Additional Information

Select **Unsubmitted Auths** to view an authorization request that was started but not yet submitted.

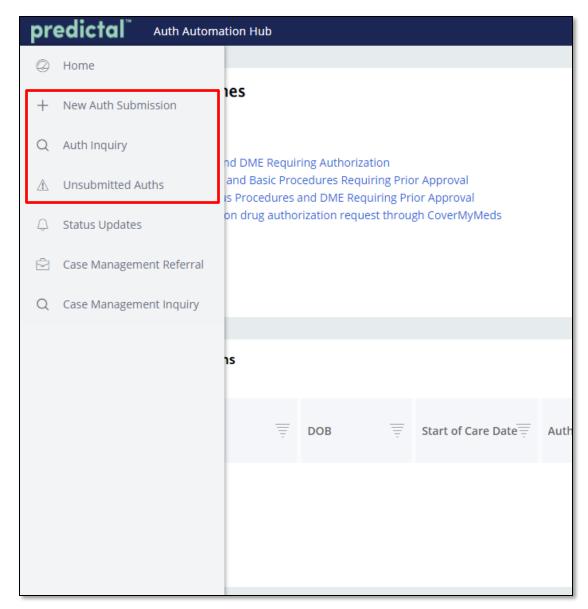
You can also view your Unsubmitted Auths on the Predictal homepage.











New Authorization Submission



The top menu bar in the Predictal Auth Automation Hub will walk you through the steps of the electronic authorization submission process.

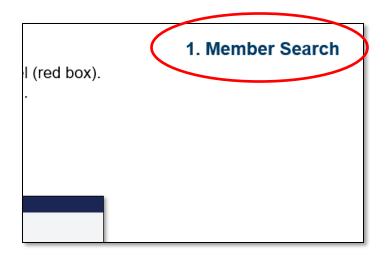
1. Member Search 2. Authorization Details 3. Enter Provider 4. Review Authorization 5. Confirmation

After each step listed in the top menu bar, you will be asked to hit **Submit**. Your authorization will not be submitted to Highmark until the final **Submit** on the Confirmation screen (Step 5 above.)

Throughout the authorization process, you will have the opportunity to **Save** your work without submitting. Hitting **Save** at the bottom of the screen will move the authorization request into your **Unsubmitted Auths** gueue.

There is also a **Back** button that will allow users to go back and make any corrections to information that is incorrect.

In the upper right-hand corner of the following slides, we've noted where you are in the submission process.







For a new Authorization Request:

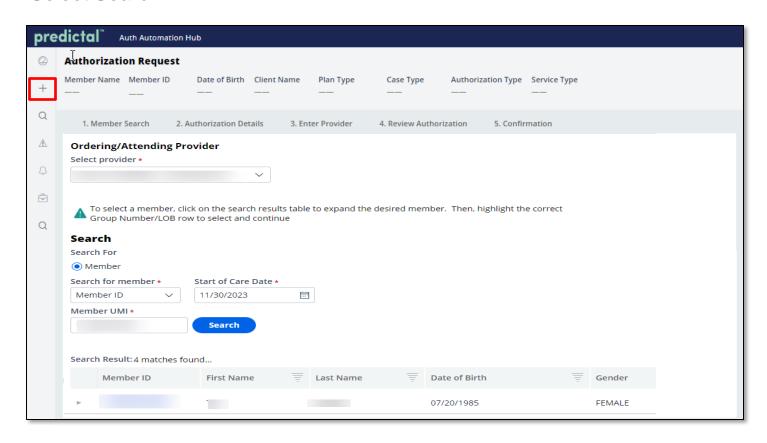
1. Member Search

- Select **New Auth Request** from the left side navigation panel (red box).
- Select the **Ordering/Attending Provider** from the dropdown.

Search the Member ID.

Fill in the Start of Care Date.

Select Search.







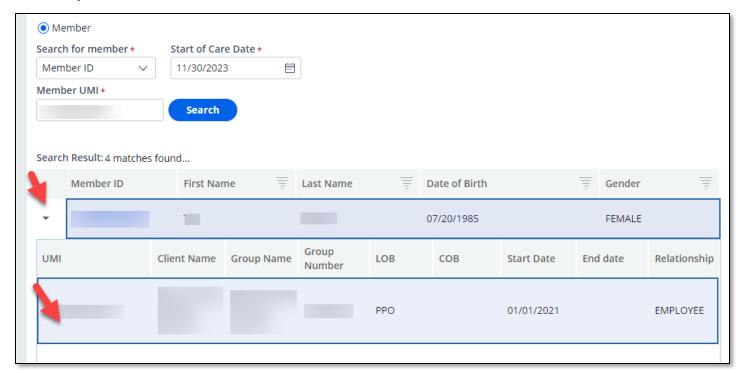
1. Member Search

When results return, to select the appropriate member, you will need to complete the following steps to select the specific member.

- Click on the widget to highlight the member and open the additional information about the member.
- Click on the **member** you wish to submit an authorization to highlight the row.

Doing this will select the member on the policy that the authorization will be submitted for.

You can then select **Submit** to move to the next step.



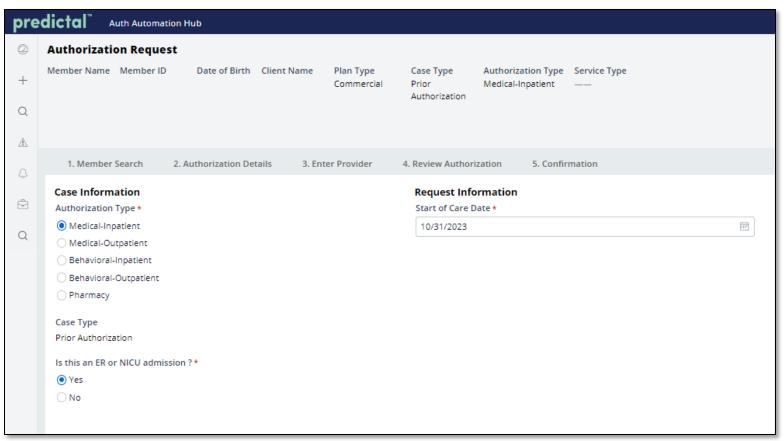




After you have completed the member information, can you move on to the following steps:

- 3. Select the Authorization Type
- 4. Select the Place of Service
- 5. Select the Service Type

Fill in the appropriate case information and indicate if this is an Emergent or NICU admission.



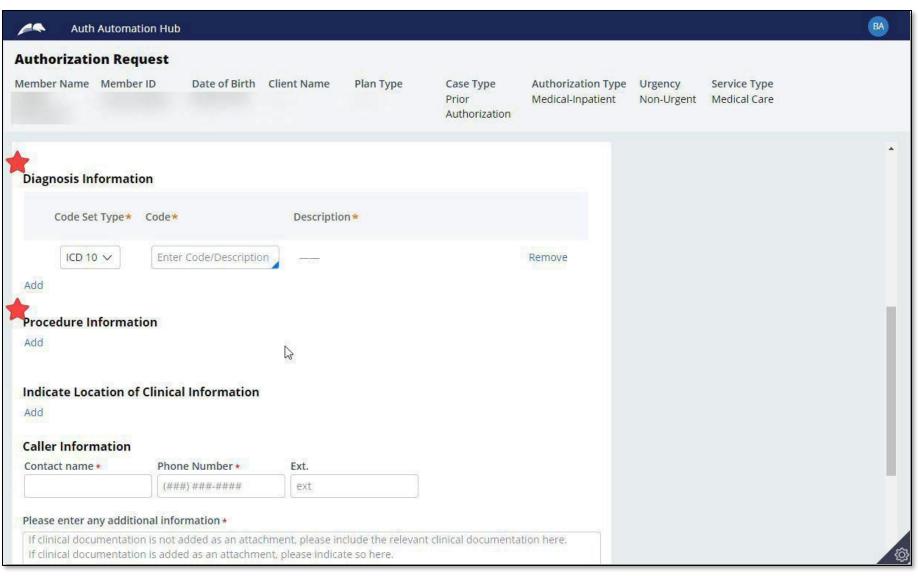




As you scroll down on the page you will complete the **Diagnosis Information** and **Procedure Information**.

The type of authorization you are seeking will determine whether the **Procedure Information** is a required field.

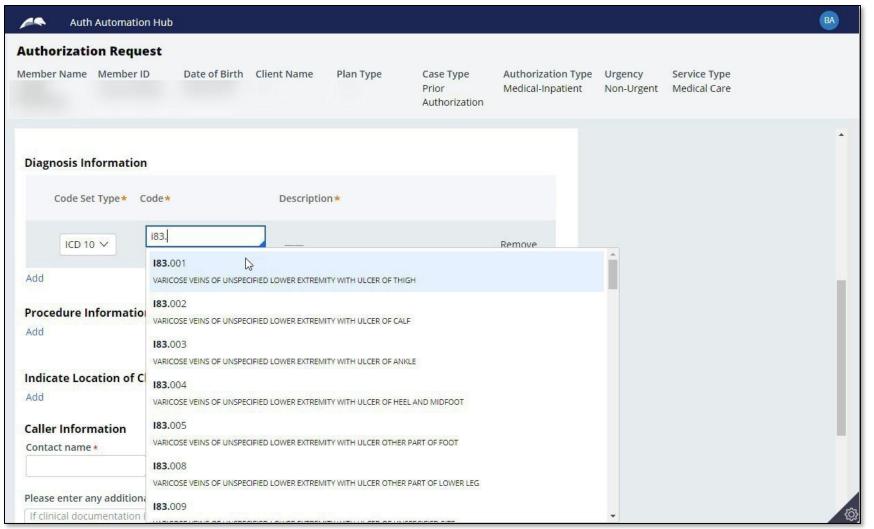
Note: Procedure codes are NOT required for an inpatient urgent authorization request; however, they are required for inpatient planned admissions.







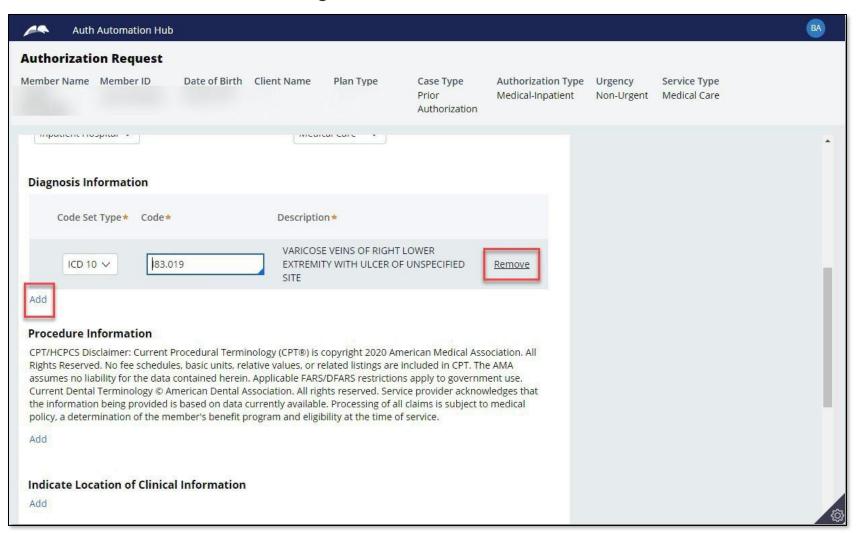
In the Diagnosis Information section - entering a partial diagnosis code or description will populate a list of codes for you to selectfrom. You must include the decimal point when entering your diagnosis.







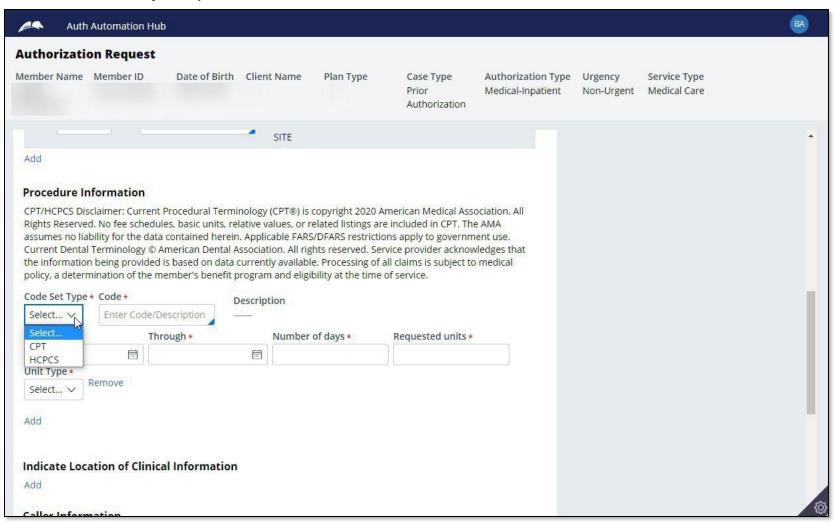
If you have entered an incorrect code, you can click the **Remove** link to delete that diagnosis from the request. Select the Add link to add additional diagnosis codes.







When entering the **Procedure Information** – you **must** select the appropriate **Code Set Type**. If this is not selected, your procedure code will not be found.



Note: A **CPT** Code is a 5digit numeric code.

A **HCPCS** is a 5-digit code that begins with an alphanumeric value.



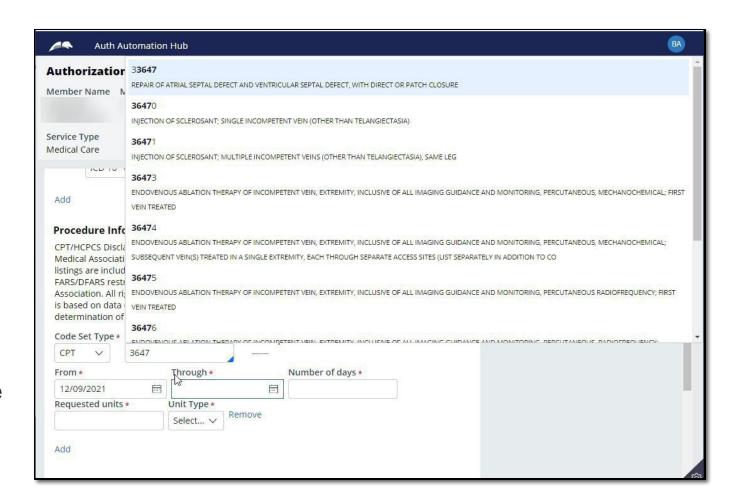


Once you have selected the **Code Set Type**, enter a partial procedure code or description to see a list of codes you can select.

Next, complete the remaining required fields.

Like the **Diagnosis** section, you can select **Remove** if you have entered something incorrectly. Click Add, if you need to authorize more than one procedure code.

Note: There is no limit to the number of procedure codes that can be added.



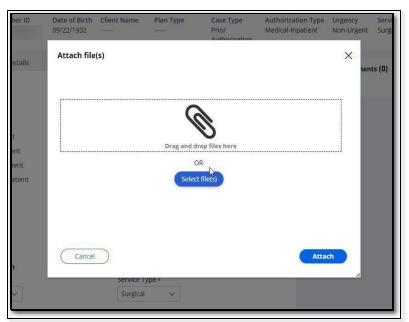


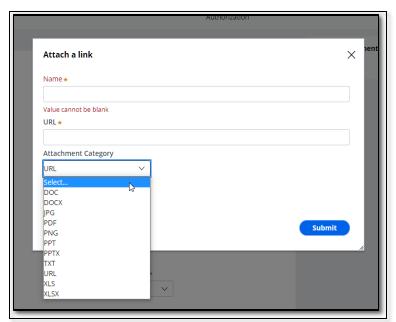


The Recent Attachments **section** will allow you to send attachments with an authorization by clicking on the **+ icon**.



You can also attach a file or a URL in the Recent Attachments section.

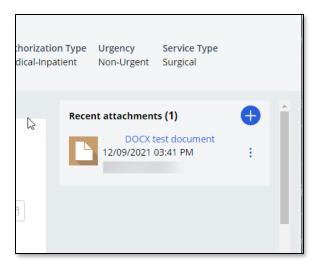




Note: If your authorization is for urgent inpatient admission, you will have the opportunity to utilize MCG criteria later in the workflow. Utilizing MCG criteria and attaching any supporting documentation will greatly reduce response time as well as provide additional clinical to support the inpatient request.

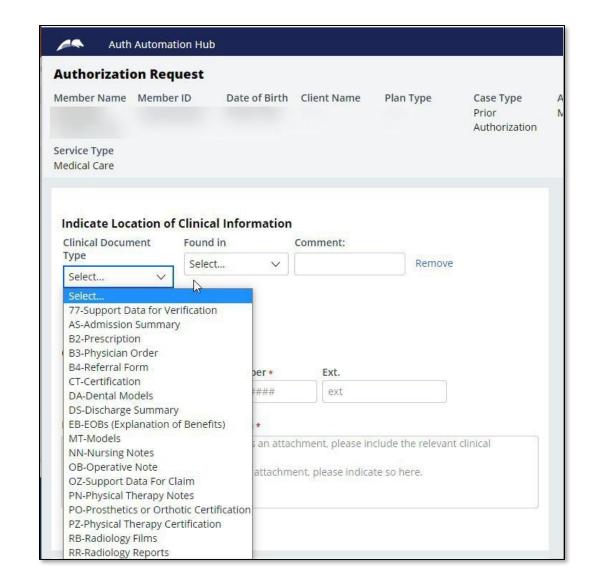






When a document has been attached in the **Recent**. Attachment section, you should complete the Indicate Locations of Clinical Information section to provide additional information about the attachment such as:

- The type of attachment
- Select the attachment being referenced.
- Enter any comments that will assist those reviewing the attachment in finding necessary information.
 - For example Clinical notes found on page 3 of attachment







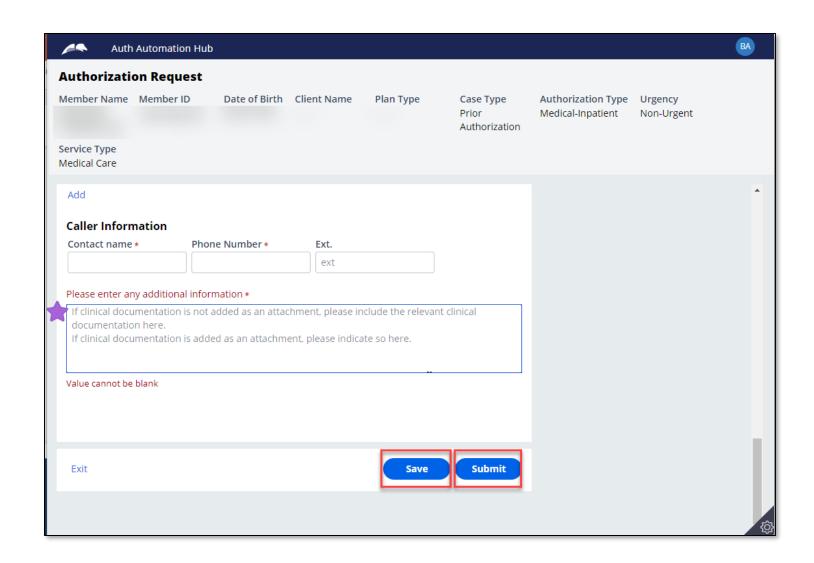


Complete the **Caller Information** section by:

- Noting any additional clinical information (there is a 255-character limit)
- If information isn't added in an attachment. include the necessary clinical information here.
- If the clinical information is added as an attachment, please note that here (this is a mandatory field).

NOTE: The phone number field format is (XXX) XXX-XXXX. However, if you enter only the numeric portion it will automatically format.

When all fields are complete, click **Submit**.







3. Enter Provider

The **Provider Details** page will automatically populate with the Ordering/Attending Practitioner that was selected previously.

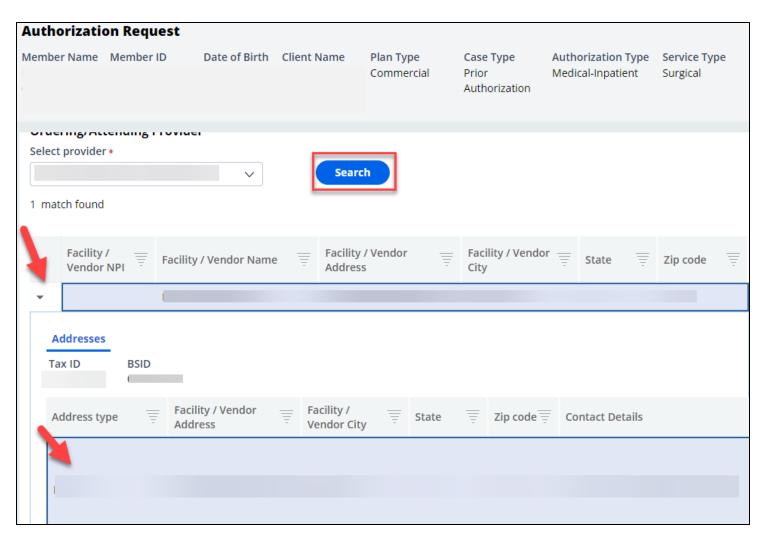
Select **Search** to choose the ordering/attending provider's location.

When results return, to select the appropriate ordering/attending practitioner, you will need to complete the following steps.

- Click on the widget to highlight the Ordering/Attending Practitioner and open to view additional information.
- Click on the address line to highlight the address

Doing this will select the ordering/attending practitioner that will be submitted with the auth request.

You can then move on to the next field.

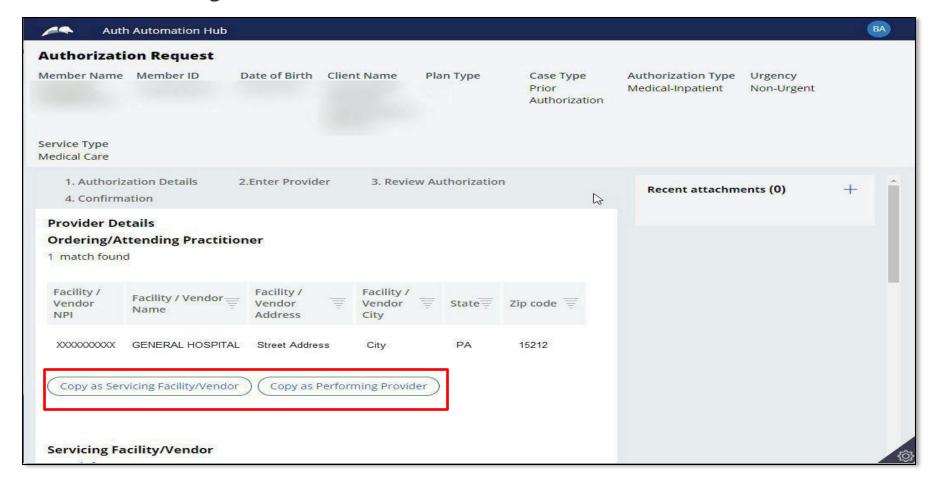






3. Enter Provider

Here you will find the Copy As Servicing Facility/Vendor and Copy As Performing Provider buttons which will allow you to copy the Ordering/Attending Practitioner information into the Servicing Facility/Vendor and Performing Provider information.



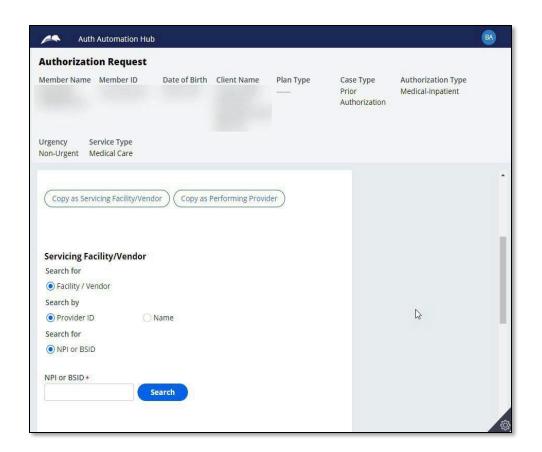




If you do not use the copy links, you can:

Searchforthe Servicing Facility/Vendor by the following mandatory fields:

- Provider ID (using NPI or Blue Shield ID)
- Name (Facility/Vendor)





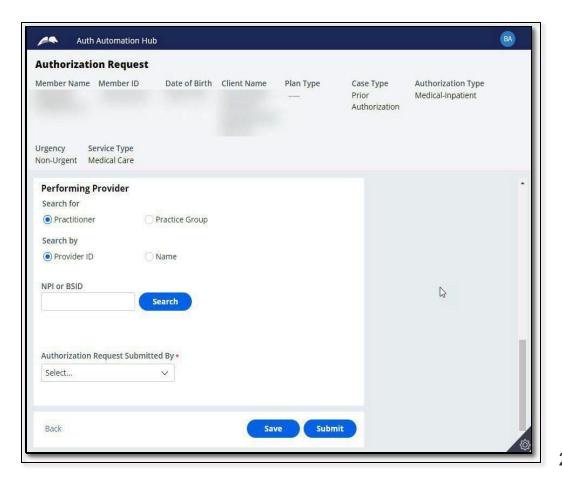


Search for the **Performing Provider** by: Practitioner using:

- Provider ID (using NPI or BlueShield ID)
- Name

(or) Practice Group using:

- Provider ID (using NPI, Blue Shield ID or Tax ID)
- Name



3. Enter Provider

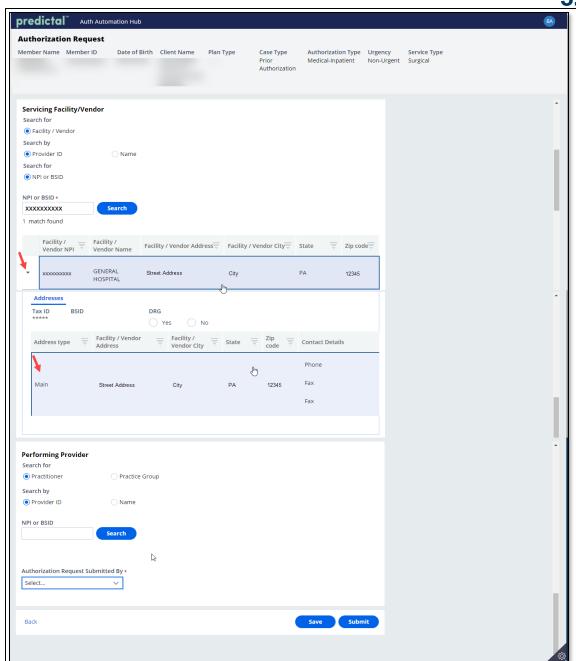
3. Enter Provider

When results return, to select the appropriate facility/vendor, you will need to complete the following steps to select the specific facility/vendor.

- Click on the widget to highlight the facility/vendor and open the additional **information** about the facility/vendor.
- Click on the address line to highlight the address

Doing this will select the facility/vendor that will be submitted with the auth request.

You can then move on to the next field.



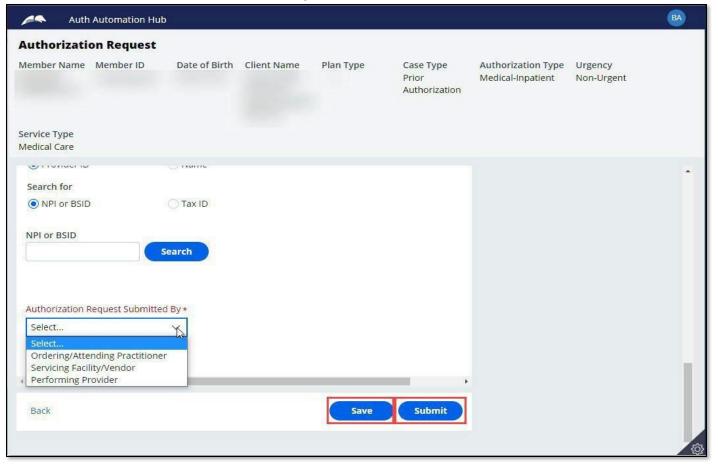




3. Enter Provider

Select the provider who is requesting the authorization in the Authorization Request Submitted By drop down.

Click **Submit** when all information has been completed.

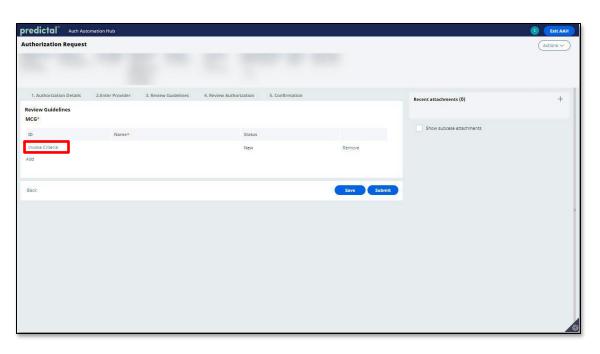




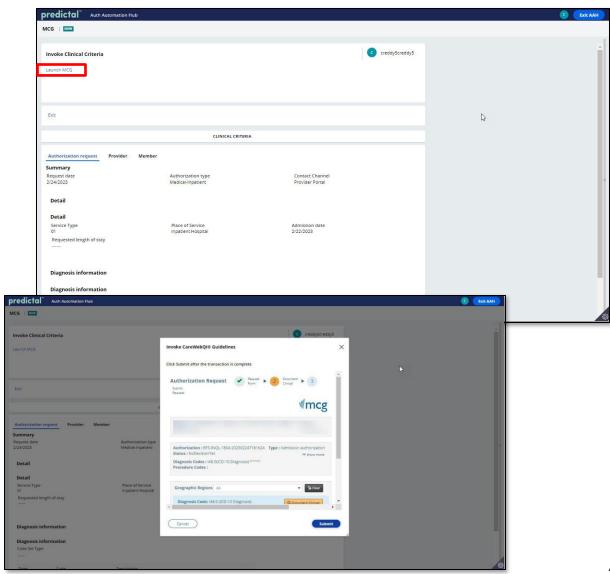


4. Review Authorization

Inpatient Urgent authorization submissions will require additional clinical criteria. To add the criteria, select Invoke Criteria, then Launch MCG.



Complete the MCG Criteria by saving before submitting.



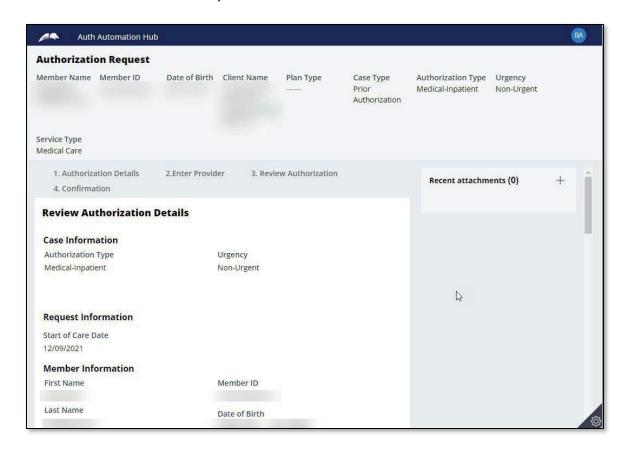


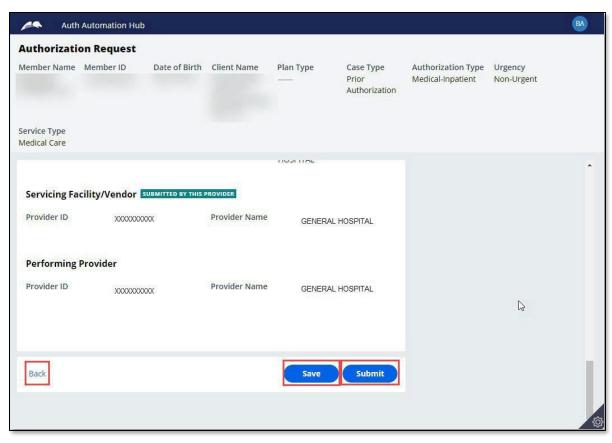


4. Review Authorization

After submitting the **Provider Details**, users will be taken to the **Review Authorization Details** page to review all information submitted to this point.

Scrolling to the bottom will allow users to **Submit.** This is the **final submission** which will send your authorization request for review.





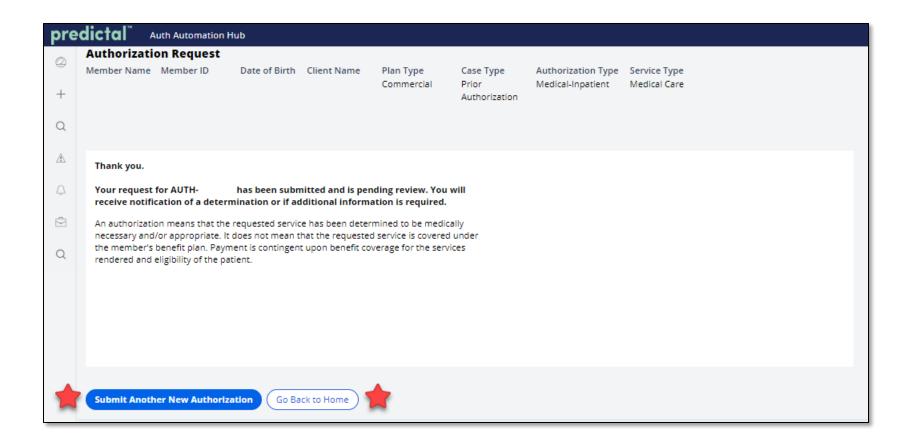




5. Confirmation

When the authorization is submitted, a confirmation will be displayed on the page with the **Authorization Number**.

From here, you can select to submit another **Authorization Request**, or return to the Predictal home screen.



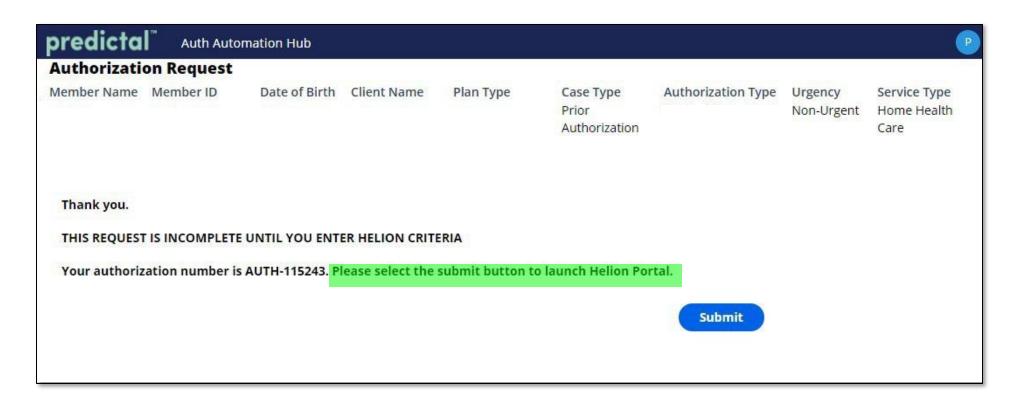




5. Confirmation

<u>Please note</u>: When submitting Inpatient Transfer – Skilled Nursing Facility, Acute Rehab or Long-Term Acute Care requests, be sure to click **Submit** to launch to the Helion Portal.

Additional information Helion Arc begins on the next page of this guide.



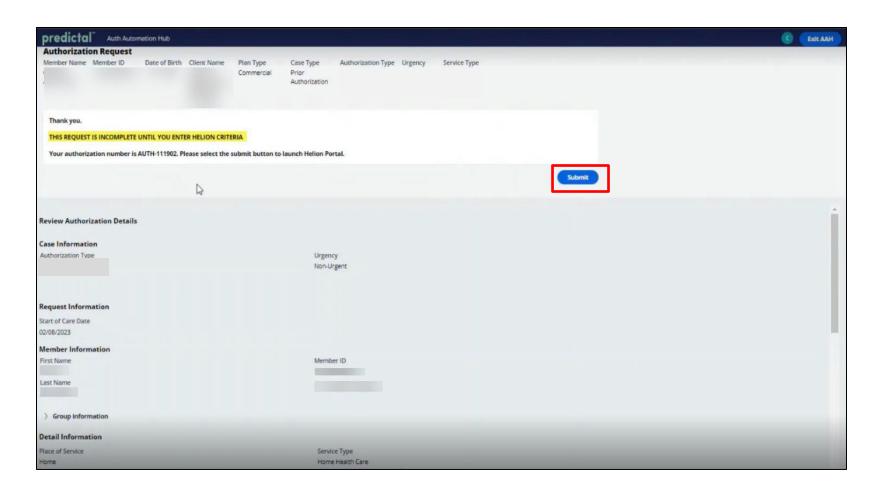


Helion Arc Authorization Submission



If you are submitting a request for an Inpatient Transfer – Skilled Nursing Facility, Acute Rehab or Long-Term Acute Care - You will get a notification that the request is incomplete until Helion criteria is entered.

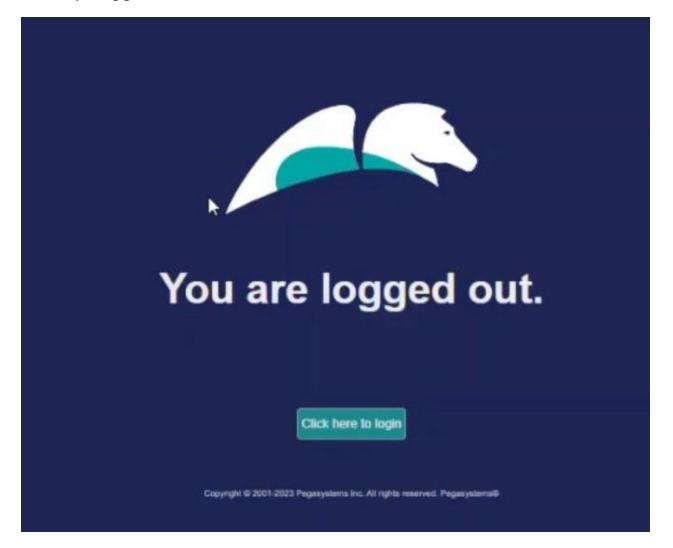
Hit Submit.







You will be automatically logged out of the Predictal Auth Automation Hub and taken directly to Helion Arc.



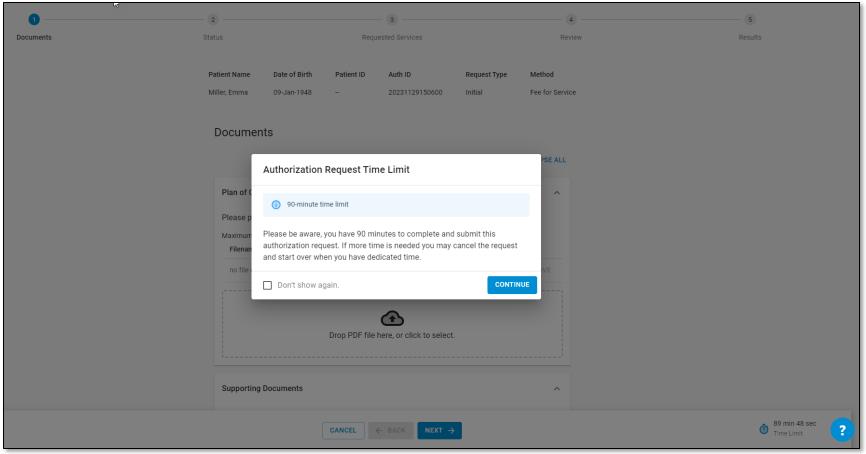




Once in Helion Arc, you will receive a message regarding the Authorization Request Time Limit, which indicates you have 90 minutes to complete and submit the authorization.

Click Continue.

(Content may differ between requested services)

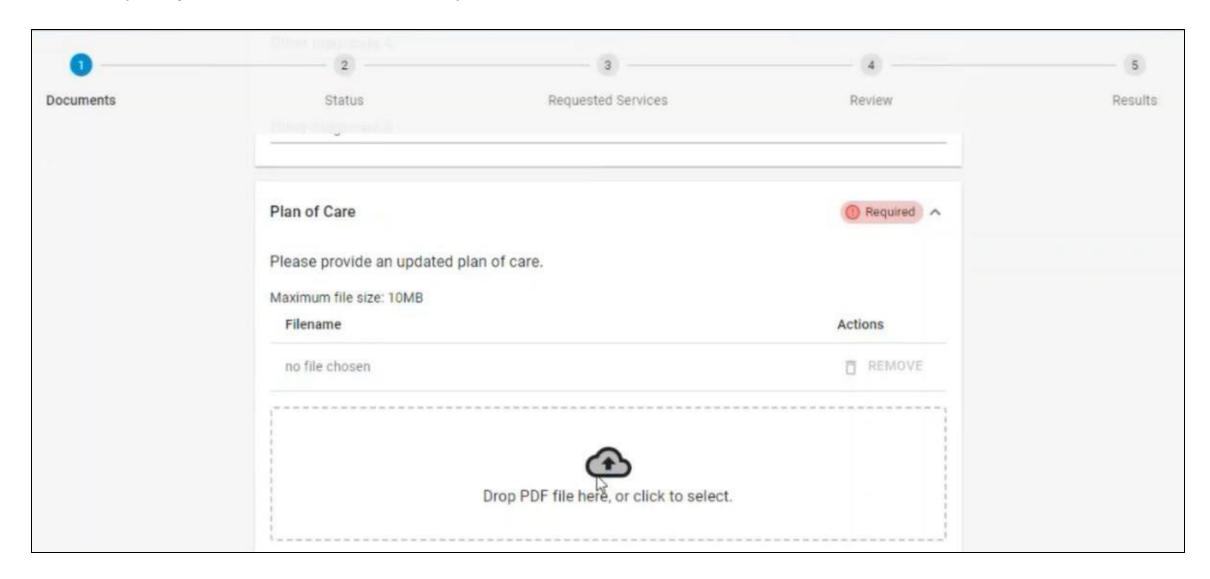






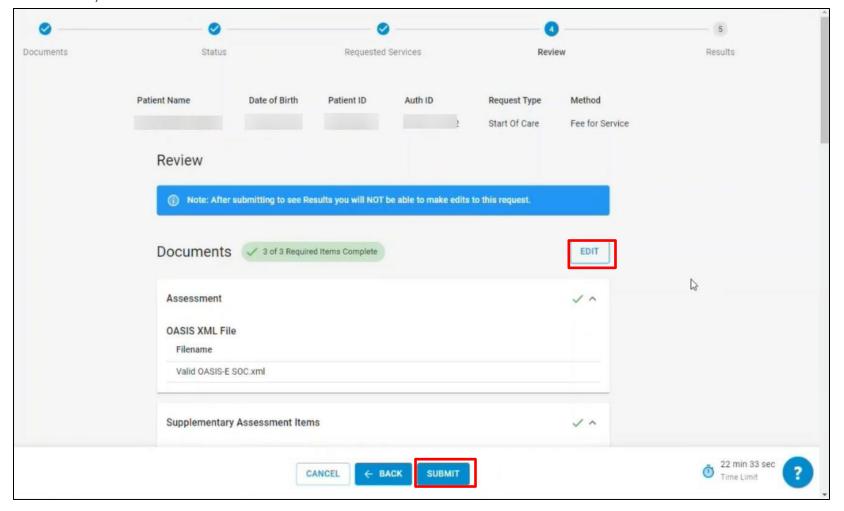
You can upload your **Plan of Care**. This can be uploaded as a PDF file.

Helion Arc Submission





This is a review screen. You can edit any information using the Edit button located in each section. If all information looks correct, hit **Submit**



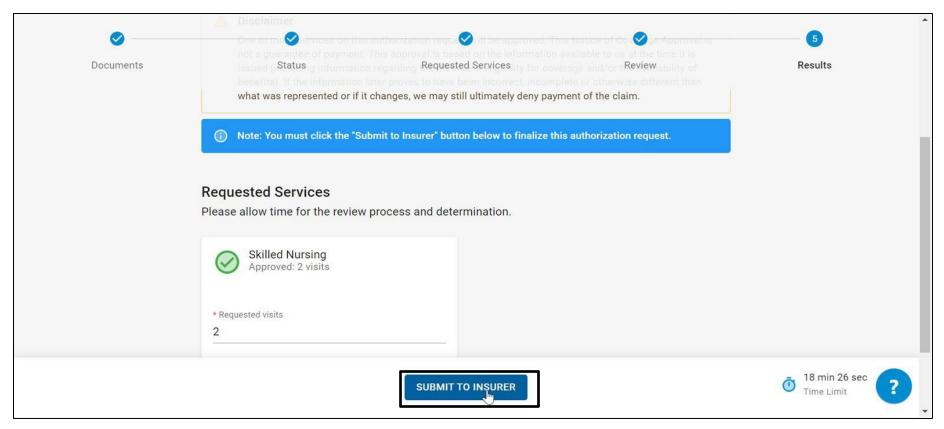




The request will be "Approved" or "Pended."

If the authorization does **not** meet medical necessity through Helion Arc, it will be pended to a clinician at the Health Plan for review. You will be notified of the final determination via the provider portal.

Click "Submit To Insurer."

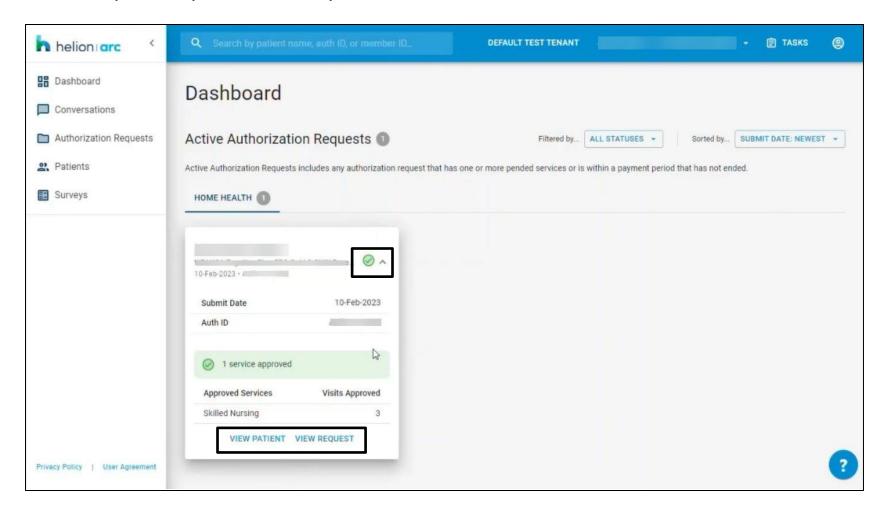






Helion Arc Submission

You will be directed to the Helion Arc dashboard, where you can view all active authorization requests. Clicking the arrow will open the patient and request information.

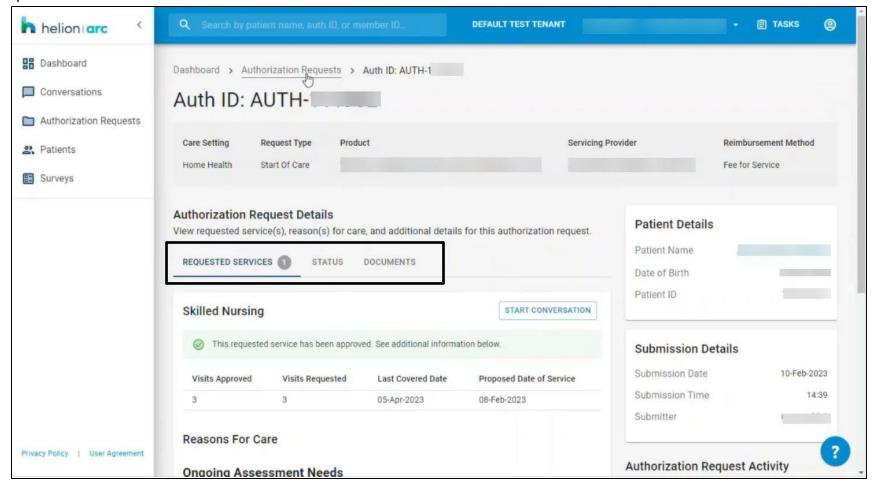






Clicking on either View Patient or View Request will open the Authorization Request Details.

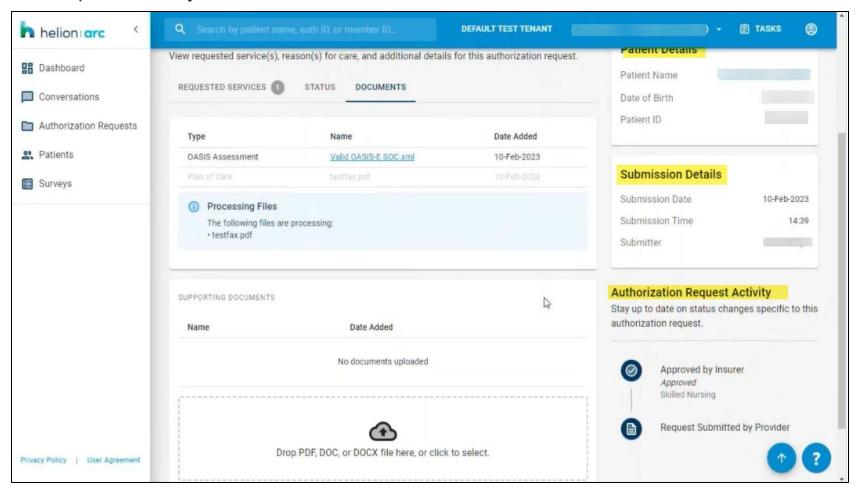
You can see the Auth number at the top, as well the Requested Services, Status, and any Documentation that has been uploaded.







The panels on the right-hand side of the screen show you Patient Details, Submission Details, and an audit history under 'Authorization Request Activity.'

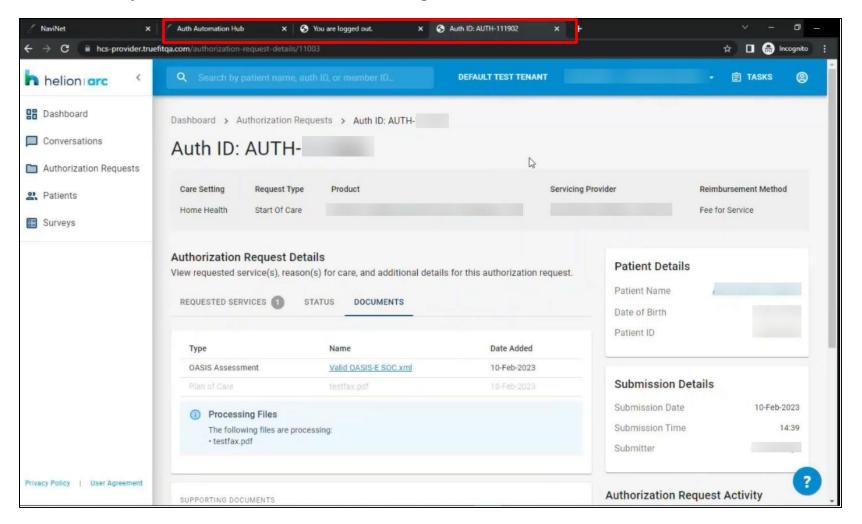






This completes the submission process for a request through Helion Arc.

You can now close out of any browser tabs as needed using the 'X' on each tab.







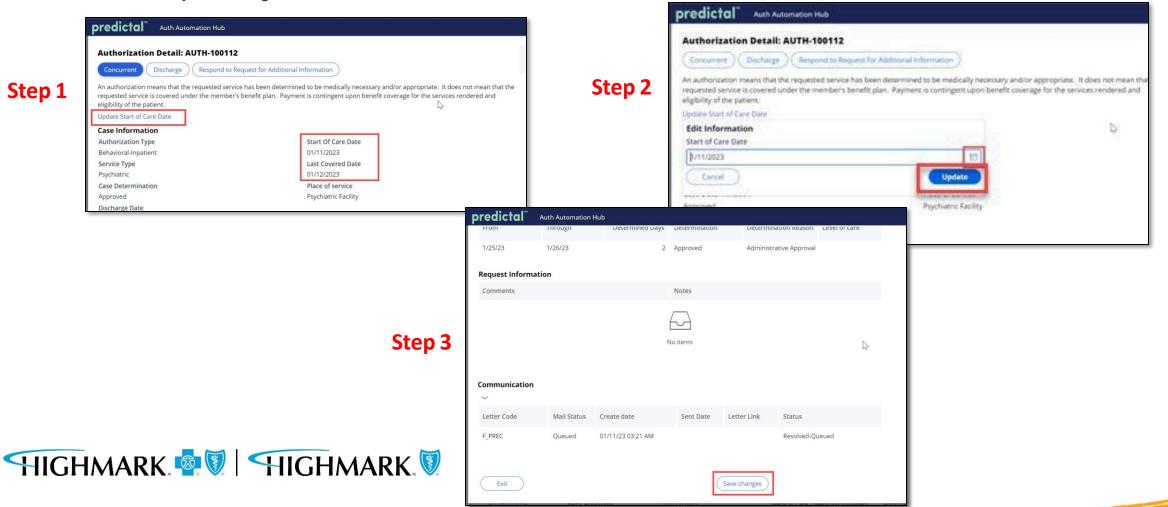
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Change/Update Start of Care Date

To update the Start of Care Date after the authorization is submitted:

- Go to Auth Inquiry
- 2. Click the **Update Start of Care Date** hyperlink.
- Click the calendar in the Edit Information field, select the appropriate Start of Care Date, and click UPDATE.
 IMPORTANT: This date must be within 7 days prior to the original Start of Care Date that was selected or within 30 days in the future of the original Start of Care Date.
- 4. Save your changes.



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