

Regular Meeting of the

Santa Clara County Health Authority Utilization Management Committee

Wednesday, October 20, 2021, 6:00-7:30 PM Santa Clara Family Health Plan 6201 San Ignacio Ave., San Jose, CA 95119

Via Zoom

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AGENDA

1. Introduction	Dr. Lin	6:00	5 min
 Public Comment Members of the public may speak to any item not on the agenda; two minutes per speaker. The committee reserves the right to limit the duration of public comment to 30 minutes. 	Dr. Lin	6:05	5 min
 Meeting Minutes Review minutes of the Q3 July 21, 2021 Utilization Management Committee (UMC) meeting. Possible Action: Approve Q3 July 21 2021 UMC Meeting Minutes. 	Dr. Lin	6:10	5 min
 Chief Executive Officer Update Discuss status of current topics and initiatives. 	Ms. Tomcala	6:15	5 min
5. Chief Medical Officer Updatea. General Updateb. Cal MediConnect NCQA Audit Timeline	Dr. Nakahira	6:20	10 min
6. Old Business/Follow-Up Itemsa. General Old Businessb. Plan All-Cause Readmissions Rates Due to COVID-19	Ms. Vu	6:30	10 min
 Summary of DMHC Final Report - 2020 Summary of results from DMHC Final Report. 	Ms. Vu	6:40	5 min
UM Delegate Oversight Matrix Dashboard Review of UM Delegation Process.	Ms. Vu	6:45	5 min
 Inter-Rater Reliability (IRR) BH Report – 2021 Annual review of IRR BH Report for 2021. 	Ms. McKelvey	6:50	5 min



10. Me	edical Covered Services Prior Authorization (PA) Grid Possible Action: Approve PA Grid	Ms. Vu	6:55	5 min
11. Re	ports			
a.	Membership	Dr. Nakahira	7:00	5 min
b.	Over/Under Utilization by Procedure Type/Standard UM Metrics			
C.	Dashboard Metrics	Mr. Perez	7:05	5 min
	 Turn-Around Time – Q3 2021 			
d.	Cal MediConnect and Medi-Cal Quarterly Referral Tracking – Q3 2021	Ms. Vu	7:10	10 min
e.	Quality Monitoring of Plan Authorizations and Denial Letters (HS.04.01) – Q3 2021			
f.	Behavioral Health UM	Ms. McKelvey	7:20	10 min
	ljournment xt meeting: January 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.	Dr. Lin	7:30	

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UMC Meeting Minutes July 21, 2021



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Minutes - Draft

Members Present

Jimmy Lin, M.D., Internal Medicine, Chair Ali Alkoraishi, M.D., Psychiatry Ngon Hoang Dinh, OB/GYN Laurie Nakahira, D.O., Chief Medical Officer Habib Tobbagi, PCP, Nephrology

Members Absent

Dung Van Cai, D.O., Head & Neck Indira Vemuri, Pediatric Specialist

Staff Present

Dang Huynh, PharmD, Director, Utilization Management & Pharmacy Lily Boris, M.D., Medical Director Natalie McKelvey, Manager, Behavioral Health Luis Perez, Supervisor, Utilization Management Hoang Mai Vu, Utilization Management & Discharge Planning Nurse Amy O'Brien, Administrative Assistant

1. Roll Call

Jimmy Lin, MD, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the April 21, 2021 Utilization Management Committee (UMC) meeting were reviewed.

It was moved, seconded, and the minutes of the April 21, 2021 UMC meeting were unanimously approved.

Motion: Dr. Alkoraishi
Seconded: Dr. Nakahira

Ayes: Dr. Alkoraishi, Dr. Lin, Dr. Nakahira, Dr. Tobbagi

Absent: Dr. Cai, Dr. Dinh, Dr. Vemuri

4. Chief Executive Officer Update

This item was addressed during the Chief Medical Officer update.



5. Chief Medical Officer Update

a. General Update

Dr. Laurie Nakahira, Chief Medical Officer, began with a reminder to committee members to complete the diversity survey that was sent via email. The survey is brief and will provide valuable data as to the diversity of our committee members. Dr. Nakahira also reminded the committee that the Whole Person Care and Health Homes programs will sunset on December 31, 2021. SCFHP is in the process of implementing Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and In-Lieu-of Services (ILOS). There are approximately 14 ILOS that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) requests the Plan implement now. Over the next few years, ILOS will turn into a benefit. The Plan's goal is to implement ECM and ILOS by January 1, 2022.

Respective to COVID-19, the Plan is working on transitioning staff back into the office sometime after Labor Day 2021. SCFHP continues to work in conjunction with Public Health to hold pop-up vaccination clinics at the Blanca Alvarado Community Resource Center. The first 2 or 3 clinics were very successful with only a few leftover vaccines. Recently, attendance at these clinics has decreased. The Plan believes this is due to the vaccine hesitancy issue. The Plan will continue to work with Public Health to determine if and when future pop-up clinics will be held. Public Health continues to recommend indoor mask wearing for all Bay Area residents, including those who are fully vaccinated.

Behavioral Health has contracted with Array for telehealth behavioral health care services. These services will go live between August and September of 2021. Further updates will be included in the provider newsletters, as well as on the SCFHP website.

Dr. Nakahira continued with a Medi-Cal Rx update. The Plan is pending further details and direction from the DHCS as to the implementation date.

Dr. Tobbagi asked if Array behavioral health care services will offer virtual services, and Ms McKelvey confirmed that virtual services are included.

Dr. Nakahira concluded with a reminder to committee members to please update their contact information and forward to Ms. O'Brien for our records.

6. Old Business/Follow-Up Items

a. Prior Authorization Volume 2019 vs. 2020 vs. 2021

Dr. Dang Huynh, PharmD, Director Utilization Management and Pharmacy, presented an overview and comparison of the Prior Authorization Volumes for 2019, 2020, and 2021. This data was requested at the April 2021 UMC meeting to provide a snapshot of the impact of COVID on the Plan's prior authorization volume. The data presented is specific to our Cal MediConnect and Medi-Cal lines of business.

The number of Cal MediConnect authorizations for 2019 and 2020 are within the 11,000 range. The reason the number of authorizations in 2020 falls within this 11,000 range is largely due to an increase in membership due to COVID, as well as retroactive authorizations. In 2021, the volume dropped dramatically; however, it is expected to at least double for the remainder of 2021. The number of Medi-Cal authorizations drops from 19,274 in 2019 to 17,364 in 2020. The number of authorizations in 2021 currently stands at 9,143. Dr. Huynh reminded committee members that, during the peak of COVID, the Plan waived prior authorizations, and many claims were paid for certain services without the requirement of prior authorizations.

Dr. Lin commented that patients may have chosen not to receive services that were not of an urgent nature. Dr. Boris agreed that COVID did impact the volume of prior authorizations, and whether or not services were rendered, in spite of increased membership.



b. Plan All-Cause Readmissions Rates Due to COVID-19

Dr. Huynh continued with an overview of Plan All-Cause Readmissions Rates for 2021 as a result of COVID. The Readmission Rate column represents readmissions for any cause within 30 days from discharge. Dr. Lin requested that the UM department break down these numbers to determine how many admissions and readmissions resulted from unvaccinated members. Dr. Huynh stated the UM analytics department will be able to run this data against our vaccinated members and bring the comparison to the October 2021 UMC meeting. Dr. Huynh believes approximately 13% of initial admissions were due to COVID.

Dr. Boris stated that the data shows how initial admissions due to COVID also impacted the number of readmissions for both the Cal MediConnect and Medi-Cal lines of business.

7. UM Policy Updates

a. HS.02 Medical Necessity Criteria

Dr. Huynh explained that, in order to meet National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) requirements, a slight update to the verbiage was made under Section II. Policy, Item A, to include the use of the term 'current', as per UM QA 5 of the NCQA requirements. In addition, there are some minor changes to grammar and sentence structures.

It was moved, seconded and the UM Policy Updates were unanimously approved.

Motion: Dr. Alkoraishi Second: Dr. Tobbagi

Ayes: Dr. Alkoraishi, Dr. Lin, Dr. Nakahira, Dr. Tobbagi

Absent: Dr. Cai, Dr. Dinh, Dr. Vemuri

Dr. Dinh joined the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

8. Inter-Rater Reliability (IRR) UM Report – 2021

Dr. Boris presented the results of the annual UM IRR testing to the Committee. The testing is designed to assess the consistency and accuracy of review criteria applied by all physician and non-physician reviewers, and to identify areas for improvement. The majority of staff members passed, and only 2 staff members did not pass. The 2 staff members who did not pass will receive individual coaching sessions. Dr. Boris conducted a group meeting with all staff members, and all 10 cases were analyzed and discussed. The UM team remains stable with no staff changes. Dr. Lin remarked that this speaks highly of UM department leadership and their team.

9. UM Review of Delegation Results and Process

a. Annual Review of UM Delegation Results

Dr. Boris presented the results from the Annual Review of UM Delegation Results and Process. This will become a standing item for the UMC in order to meet NCQA accreditation requirements. It is necessary to show that the Plan understands their delegation responsibilities to our delegated groups, such as Valley Health Plan, PMG, Premier Care, and Kaiser, and that delegation audits are conducted.

Dr. Huynh presented an overview of the annual oversight audit results for 2020. Delegates are offered an opportunity for rebuttal of the results. Dr. Lin asked if the Plan conducts the audits, or do we use a consulting firm. Dr. Huynh responded that audits are conducted by an in house oversight department. Delegates must meet the same DHCS, Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC), and NCQA requirements as SCFHP.

b. Annual Review of the UM Delegation Process

Dr. Huynh next presented an overview of the documentation preparation and submission processes. Dr. Huynh discussed the items that constitute the Plan's audit request process. Monthly prior authorization audits are also conducted; however, this is the main annual UM oversight audit. Delegates have 15 business days to respond. The audit includes oversight of the delegates' individual UMC committee meetings. UM Quality



Assurance (QA) and Policies and Procedures (P&P) are also included. Delegates are provided the results of the audit and offered an opportunity for rebuttal of these results.

It was moved, seconded and the Annual Review of the UM Delegation Process was **unanimously approved**.

Motion: Dr. Lin Second: Dr. Tobbagi

Aves: Dr. Alkoraishi, Dr. Dinh, Dr. Lin, Dr. Nakahira, Dr. Tobbagi

Absent: Dr. Cai, Dr. Vemuri

10. UM 1B Annual Provider and Member Satisfaction with UM Process - 2020

Dr. Boris gave an overview of the 2020 UM 1B Annual Provider and Member Satisfaction with UM process results. The Cal MediConnect line of business uses the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) survey tool, while the Medi-Cal line of business uses the number and types of grievances filed in the calendar year.

Dr. Boris discussed the CAHPS survey results for 2020 in comparison with 2019. Though there appears to be a slight drop in 2020, overall Customer Service satisfaction remains high. There is also a high level of satisfaction with the Pharmacy benefit. Dr. Boris also discussed the numbers and types of grievances filed against the UM department from both our Cal MediConnect and Medi-Cal members. The overall volume of grievances is low, and there were no physician related grievances. The UM program continues to improve, and no changes to the program are required at this time.

11. Reports

a. Membership

Dr. Boris gave a brief summary of the Membership Report from July 2020 through July 2021. The Plan's Cal MediConnect membership continues to grow with 10,148 members. Medi-Cal membership has increased to 274,030 members, largely due to the pause on Medi-Cal redeterminations due to COVID-19. The Plan's total population has increased from 257,036 members to 284,178 members. The majority of our members remain delegated to Valley Health Plan, with the remaining majority delegated to Physicians Medical Group, Kaiser Permanente, and Premier Care.

b. Over/Under Utilization by Procedure Type/Standard UM Metrics

Dr. Boris presented the Committee with the UM objectives and goals. Dr. Boris summarized the results of the Medi-Cal SPD and non-SPD lines of business from September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The numbers for discharges per thousand and average length of stay remain stable and similar to the results presented at the April 2021 UMC meeting. As you compare inpatient utilization rates for our SPD and non-SPD populations, the SPD population, which is high risk and consists of approximately 30,000 to 40,000 members, appears to have a high rate of discharges per thousand. This rate is offset by our membership of approximately 280,000 members, which normalizes the discharges per thousand rate to 4.0 and average length of stay of 4.5. Dr. Boris also summarized the results for the Cal MediConnect line of business. The Cal MediConnect line of business has a slightly higher rate of average length of stay and discharges per thousand compared to our Medi-Cal line of business.

Dr. Boris presented a summary of the inpatient readmission rates for Cal MediConnect and Medi-Cal. These rates are higher than normal and may have been impacted by COVID-19.

Dr. Boris concluded with an overview of the ADHD Medi-Cal Behavioral Health metrics. These numbers remain stable, and there are minimal changes in these numbers from the April 2021 UMC meeting.



c. Dashboard Metrics

Turn-Around Time – Q2 2021

Mr. Perez summarized the Cal MediConnect Turn-Around Time metrics for Q2 2021. The turn-around times in all categories are compliant at 99.6% or better, with many reaching 100%. Mr. Perez next summarized the Turn-Around times for Medi-Cal authorizations for Q2 2021. The turn-around times for all combined Medi-Cal authorizations are compliant at 98.9% or better.

Dr. Tobbagi requested clarification of exactly what 100% means. Does it mean there are more staff members than there are requests, or does it mean the staff works a lot of overtime? Dr. Boris clarified that these reports cover a 3 month period, in this case, April, May, and June, and she used the 'Routine Authorizations' and 'Expedited Authorizations' categories to break down these numbers and explain how they were achieved. Dr. Boris explained that the DHCS mandates response times within 5 business days, with a turnaround time of 72 hours for 'Expedited Prior Authorization Requests'.

Dr. Tobbagi was still unclear as to how the volume of all these requests can be turned around so quickly. Dr. Huynh provided an overview of the UM staff and their roles and responsibilities. Dr. Huynh advised that between 80-150 authorizations are completed on a daily basis. There are approximately 14-17 individuals directly responsible for authorizations. Of the entire staff, each individual may be responsible for a certain element that contributes to compliant turnaround times. Dr. Lin and Dr. Tobbagi agreed these numbers are excellent.

d. Cal MediConnect and Medi-Cal Quarterly Referral Tracking – Q2 2021

Ms. Hoang Mai Vu, UM and Discharge Planning Nurse, summarized the data from the Q2 2021 Cal MediConnect Quarterly Referral Tracking report for the Committee. Ms. Vu drew the committee's attention to the column '% Auths w/No Services Rendered' at 44.2%. Ms. Vu explained this is due partly to a higher number of authorizations, and to transportation, home health, and outpatient services that are still in process, and to claims that are open or pending.

Ms. Vu continued and summarized the data from the Q2 2021 Medi-Cal Quarterly Referral Tracking report. Ms. Vu explained that the 37.4% in the '% Auths w/No Services Rendered' column is also attributable to a higher number of authorizations, as well as transportation, home health, and outpatient services that are still in process, and claims that are open or pending.

e. Quality Monitoring of Plan Authorizations and Denial Letters (HS.04.01) - Q2 2021

Ms. Vu provided the committee with the results from Q2 2021 Quality Monitoring of Plan Authorizations and Denial Letters for the Committee. Ms. Vu reported that the UM department received a 100% score in virtually all categories, with the exceptions of 1 letter that was mistakenly sent in English instead of the member's threshold language, Spanish, and 1 letter that did not reference the applicable Medicare guideline. UM leadership will continue to take an active role in QA oversight.

f. Behavioral Health (BH) UM

Ms. Natalie McKelvey, Manager, Behavioral Health, presented an overview of utilization of the Behavioral Health Treatment program. Ms. McKelvey highlighted the screenings that the BH team wants to complete during the upcoming fiscal year. The BH team will take advantage of the new funding from the Newsom administration to increase BH services in schools. The BH team will survey our community partners and assess the current Santa Clara County school districts to identify opportunities to build the infrastructure and offer more BH services. The Plan's new Community Resource Center (CRC) will be an integral way to offer these services. The DHCS has yet to offer guidance on how the school incentive program will work, though it may follow the same structure as the Behavioral Health Integration Incentive Program (BHIIP).

Ms. McKelvey gave an overview of the screenings already completed as of 7/8/2021. There is a large decrease in May and June; however, this may be attributable to a claims lag. Trauma screenings are trending



upward as awareness of this tool increases. Ms. McKelvey broke down the number of developmental screenings by network.

In the area of treatment, Ms. McKelvey discussed the number of psychiatric admissions for the Cal MediConnect line of business. She compared the number of Cal MediConnect members in mild to moderate psychiatric treatment for 2019 vs. 2020 vs. 2021. In addition, Ms. McKelvey summarized the number of MediCal members in mild to moderate psychiatric treatment per each provider network. Dr. Boris commented that it appears that at least 1/10th of our Cal MediConnect members are in some sort of treatment program, and Ms. McKelvey stated that this number reflects BH specialty services. She agreed that this is a large number of patients.

Ms. McKelvey next reviewed BH treatment, which includes ABA, broken down per one thousand members, per treatment hours, per network. Ms. McKelvey concluded with an announcement that the Plan is up and running with our new telehealth provider, Array. Dr. Lin congratulated the entire UM team on their accomplishments thus far for 2021.

12. Adjournment

October 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.	ne next meeting of the Utilization Management Commitment is on
Jimmy Lin, M.D, Chair Utilization Management Committee	Date



Chief Executive Officer Update



Chief Medical Officer Update

- General Update
- Cal MediConnect NCQA Audit Timeline



Old Business/Follow-Up Items

- General Old Business
- Plan All-Cause Readmissions Rates due to COVID-19



Plan All-Cause Readmissions (PCR)

Due to COVID-19: CY2020 - Cal MediConnect

Hospital	# PCR member(s) with COVID-19 Admission	# of Readmissions	Readmission Rate
EL CAMINO HOSPITAL-MOUNTAIN VIEW CAMPUS	1	0	0%
GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL	3	0	0%
KAISER HOSPITAL - SAN JOSE	1	0	0%
O'CONNOR HOSPITAL	8	0	0%
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER OF SJ	6	0	0%
SAINT LOUISE REGIONAL HOSPITAL	5	1	20%
SCVMC ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL	8	0	0%
Grand Total	32	1	3%



Plan All-Cause Readmissions (PCR)

Due to COVID-19: CY2020 - Medi-Cal

Hospital	# PCR with COVID-19 Admission	# Readmissions	Readmission Rate
EL CAMINO HOSPITAL-MOUNTAIN VIEW CAMPUS	4	0	0%
EMERGENCY MEDICINE	3	0	0%
GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL	4	0	0%
KAISER HOSPITAL - SAN JOSE	5	0	0%
KAISER HOSPITAL - SANTA CLARA	4	1	25%
O'CONNOR HOSPITAL	5	0	0%
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER OF SJ	19	1	5%
SAINT LOUISE REGIONAL HOSPITAL	2	0	0%
SCVMC ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL	39	5	13%
SOUTHWEST HEALTHCARE SYSTEM RANCHO SPRINGS CAMPUS	1	0	0%
ST ROSE HOSPITAL	1	0	0%
STANFORD MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL	3	0	0%
SUTTER TRACY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	1	0	0%
WESTERN MEDICAL CENTER-SANTA	1	0	0%
Grand Total	92	7	8%



7. Summary of DMHC Final Report – for Routine Survey of 2020



In the Routine Survey (Final Report), dated 02/06/2020, DHMC found 2 uncorrected deficiencies:

- 1. The Plan did not conduct adequate oversight of its delegates to ensure compliance with required utilization management (UM) denial letter requirements below:
 - a. Denial reason is clear and concise;
 - b. Applicable criteria or guidelines used are identified;
 - c. Denial notice to provider includes name and telephone of physician making decision; and
 - d. Notice of interpretation services and non-discrimination is included.
- 2. The Plan failed to provide evidence that care is deemed authorized if the Plan fails to approve or disapprove a request for post-stabilization medical care within 30 minutes of the request.



Corrective Action Plan:

Deficiency 1: The Plan did not conduct adequate oversight of its delegates to ensure compliance with required utilization management (UM) denial letter requirements below:

- a. Denial reason is clear and concise;
- b. Applicable criteria or guidelines used are identified;
- c. Denial notice to provider includes name and telephone of physician making decision; and
- d. Notice of interpretation services and non-discrimination is included.

SCFHP has now instituted a monthly review of our delegated providers authorization process for: timeliness, readability, use of guidelines, peer to peer process and corrected template use.

SCFHP reviews a sampling of letters and feedback is provided to the delegate.

UMC will also receive ongoing quarterly updates by delegate about the findings of our delegated authorization review.



Deficiency 2: The Plan failed to provide evidence that care is deemed authorized if the Plan fails to approve or disapprove a request for post-stabilization medical care within 30 minutes of the request.

_ This has been corrected with the Plan conducted review of all 64 authorization requests, and found no post-stabilization denials, and no Medi-Cal post-stabilization denials that exceeded 30 minutes from the time of the received request.



UM Delegate Oversight Matrix Dashboard



	UM Delegation PA Oversight - Passing Percentage												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
VHP	N/A	N/A	50%	70%	60%	80%	90%	50%	60%				2021
PMG	N/A	N/A	N/A	90%	80%	90%	100%	80%	80%				2021
PCNC	N/A	N/A	N/A	60%	40%	40%	30%	40%					2021



Inter-Rater Reliability (IRR) BH Report - 2021



InterRater Reliability Summary – Behavioral Health Department 2021

- 1. In accordance with Policy HS.09, Santa Clara Family Health Plan (SCFHP) scheduled IRR testing is completed biannually. Behavioral Health Department IRR Testing for September 2021 is complete. This testing is required twice a year. IRR testing is scheduled for SCFHP 1st and 2nd half of the calendar year. In accordance with NCQA/DHCS, DMHC guidelines, and SCFHP policy, 10 random BH authorizations are selected to test BH staff with the authority to Authorize services. Our BH staff consists of non-licensed (Personal Care Coordinators) as well as Licensed Staff (Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Medical Directors/Chief Medical Director).
- 2. It is the policy of SCFHP to monitor the consistency and accuracy of review criteria applied by all reviewers physicians and non-physicians who are responsible for conducting Behavioral Health service reviews and to act on improvement opportunities identified through this monitoring.
- 3. The Chief Medical Officer or Manager of Behavioral Health will review and approve the assessment report of decision making performance of staff responsible for conducting Behavioral Health approval reviews for BH staff. The report results and recommendations for improvement will be presented annually to the Utilization Management Committee.
- 4. The Plan classifies reviews into one of two performance categories: Proficient (80% 100% of the records are in compliance with the criteria); Not proficient (below 80% in compliance) Scores below 80% require increased focus by Supervisors/Managers with actions described in Policy/Procedure HS.09/HS.09.01 or an individual corrective action plan.

The following are the findings for all BH UM staff tested on September 2021:

Reviewer	UM (BH) Staff Position	Pass/Failed
1	Manager Behavioral Health	Pass
2	Project Manager BHT	Pass
3	Behavioral Health PCC	Pass
4	Medical Director	Pass
5	Medical Director	Pass
6	Chief Medical Director	Pass

In the testing, we found that 6/6 of our staff are proficient during this review. There was no need for any corrective action planning. The Project Manager for Behavioral Health Treatment has provided trainings to Behavioral Health staff to monitor and implement any necessary UM changes.

Currently all Behavioral Health staff who are completing authorizations have received a passing grade.

Our common finding after the testing process was:

- 1. Staff who are currently authorized to review/approve BH services through SCFHP express comfort in knowing the process/where to go to for clarification.
- 2. Ongoing support throughout the department helps all performing UM functions to operate at an efficient level all of those who completed BH IRR testing passed with 80-100% grading.

The corrective action's plan after identifying the common findings:

- 1. Mandatory remedial training with post testing for all non-proficient staff Required.
 - a. None necessary to provide at this time.
- 2. Mandatory review of guidelines and criteria as well as biannual testing will continue to be scheduled for all staff who complete behavioral health authorizations.





This Prior Authorization Grid contains services that require prior authorization only and is not intended to be a comprehensive list of covered services. Providers should refer to the appropriate Evidence of Coverage (EOC) for a complete list of covered services.

Santa Clara Family Health Plan (SCFHP) Utilization Management Department:

Telephone: 1-408-874-1821

Prior Authorization Request Submission Fax Lines: 1-408-874-1957

When faxing a request to SCFHP, please:

 Use the SCFHP Prior Authorization Request – Medical Services Form found at <u>www.scfhp.com</u>

2. Attach pertinent medical records, treatment plans, test results and evidence of conservative treatment to support medical necessity.

Other Contact Information:

SCFHP Automated Eligibility: 1-800-720-3455 SCFHP

Customer Service:

Medi-Cal: 1-800-260-2055 Cal MediConnect: 1-877-723-4795

For Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) & Non-Medical Transportation (NMT) contact SCFHP Customer Service

Benefits Authorized by Vendors:

Dental Services

Denti-Cal: 1-800-322-6384

Vision Services

Vision Service Plan (VSP): 1-844-613-4779

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Category of Service	Services Requiring Prior Auth	orization		
Behavioral Health Treatment	All Behavioral Health Treatment Services for members age 21 years and under with behavioral conditions that may or may not include autism spectrum			
Durable Medical Equipment (DME) *Benefit and frequency limits apply. Refer to CMS, Noridian, and/or Medi-Cal Provider Manual	Cal MediConnect Custom made items Any other DME or medical supply exceeding \$1000 Prosthetics & customized orthotics exceeding \$1000 Hearing aids and repairs Other specialty devices Requests over the benefit limit	CPAP and BIPAP Enteral formula and supplies Hospital bed and mattress Power wheelchairs, scooters, manual wheelchairs except standard adult and pediatric, and motorized wheelchairs and accessories Respiratory: Oxygen, BIPAP, CPAP, ventilators Prosthetics & customized orthotics except off-the-shelf covered items Hearing aids and repairs Other specialty devices Requests over the benefit limit		
Experimental Procedure	Experimental proceduresInvestigational proceduresNew technologies			
Home Health	All home health servicesHome IV infusion services			



Inpatient Admissions	 □ All elective medical and surgical inpatient admissions to: • Acute hospital • Long Term Acute Care (LTAC) □ All admissions for:
	 Acute inpatient psychiatric Partial hospital psychiatric treatment Substance use disorder including detoxification Rehabilitation and therapy services: Acute rehabilitation facilities Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)
Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS)	Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS)Long-Term Care (LTC)

Category of Service	Services Requiring Prior Authorization
Medications	 Refer to the 2021 Medical Benefit Drug Prior Authorization Grid Physician administered drugs in the doctor's office or in an outpatient setting
Non-Contracted Providers	All non-urgent/non-emergent services provided by non-contracted providers
Organ Transplant	All organ transplants



Outpatient Services and Procedures	 Abdominoplasty/Panniculectomy Bariatric surgery Breast reduction and augmentation surgery Cataract surgery Cochlear auditory implant Dental surgery, jaw surgery and orthognathic procedures □ Dermatology: Laser treatment Skin injections Implants All types of endoscopy except colonoscopy and nasal endoscopy Gender reassignment surgery Genetic testing and counseling Hyperbaric oxygen therapy Intensive Outpatient Palliative Care (IOPC) □ Neuro and spinal cord stimulators □ Outpatient diagnostic imaging: Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA) Nuclear cardiology procedures Single-Photon Emission Computerized Tomography (SPECT) Positron-Emission Tomography (PET/PET-CT) Outpatient therapies Occupational Therapy (OT) Physical Therapy (PT) Speech Therapy (ST) All plastic surgery and reconstructive procedures □ Podiatric surgeries □ Radiation therapy: Proton beam therapy Stereotactic Radiation Treatment (SBRT) Sleep studies Spinal procedures except epidural injections Surgery for Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA) Temporomandibular Disorder (TMJ) treatment
Category of Service	Services Requiring Prior Authorization

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Effective Date: 01/01/2021 Revised Date: 09/21/2021

40515 Medical Prior Authorization Grid



	 Transplant-related services prior to surgery <u>except</u> cornea transplant Unclassified procedures Varicose vein treatment
Transportation	Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) <u>except</u> ground transportation from facility to facility and hospital to home.



Membership Report



Membership

Source: iCat (10/1/2021)

Mbr (Ct Sum													
LOB	Network Name	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21
CMC		9,570	9,679	9,820	9,807	9,893	9,880	9,924	9,989	10,080	10,148	10,245	10,325	10,368
	Santa Clara Family Health Plan	9,570	9,679	9,820	9,807	9,893	9,880	9,924	9,989	10,080	10,148	10,245	10,325	10,368
MC		256,490	259,202	261,287	263,093	265,095	266,962	269,043	271,246	272,590	274,030	275,227	276,227	554,334
	ADMIN-MEDI-CAL ONLY										2,088	1,931	1,881	3,974
	ADMIN-MEDICARE PRIMARY	15,742	15,830	16,002	15,941	16,048	16,085	16,094	16,124	16,224	15,925	16,078	16,152	32,478
	KAISER PERMANENTE	28,868	29,337	29,706	30,131	30,557	31,024	31,418	31,885	32,224	32,568	32,864	33,163	66,804
	NEMS													6,885
	PALO ALTO MEDICAL													
	FOUNDATION	6,935	6,985	7,010	7,065	7,143	7,221	7,277	7,338	7,388	7,400	7,378	7,343	14,688
	PHYSICIANS MEDICAL GROUP	44,223	44,560	44,861	45,178	45,466	45,631	45,945	46,224	46,462	46,353	46,561	46,655	85,813
	PREMIER CARE	15,473	15,593	15,646	15,695	15,781	15,852	15,941	15,966	15,981	15,864	15,818	15,805	31,759
	SCFHP DIRECT	16,627	16,829	16,938	16,987	17,132	17,266	17,442	17,510	17,579	17,504	17,592	17,619	35,685
	VHP NETWORK	128,622	130,068	131,124	132,096	132,968	133,883	134,926	136,199	136,732	136,328	137,005	137,609	276,248
Grand	d Total	266,060	268,881	271,107	272,900	274,988	276,842	278,967	281,235	282,670	284,178	285,472	286,552	564,702



Over/Under Utilization by Procedure Type



UMC Goals and Objectives

- Compare SCFHP utilization levels against relevant industry benchmarks and monitor utilization trends among SCFHP membership over time
- Analyze key drivers and potential barriers, prioritize opportunities for improvement, and develop interventions that promote high-quality and cost-effective use of medical services



Membership

Source: iCAT (10/14/2021)

Year-Month	2021-04	2021-05	2021-06	2021-07	2021-08	2021-09
Medi-Cal	269,043	271,246	272,590	274,030	275,227	276,227
Cal MediConnect	9,924	9,989	10,080	10,148	10,245	10,325
Total	278,967	281,235	282,670	284,178	285,472	286,552



Inpatient Utilization: Medi-Cal –SPD DOS 12/1/2020 – 9/30/2021

Source: MCL Enrollment & QNXT Claims and Encounter Data (Run Date:10/14/2021)(SPD, no Kaiser no SPD Full Dual

Quarter	Discharges	Discharges / 1,000 Member Months	Days	Average Length of Stay
2020-Q4	810	12.86	4,184	5.17
2021-Q1	816	12.92	4,308	5.28
2021-Q2	886	13.97	4,763	5.38
2021-Q3	904	14.22	5,302	5.87
Total	3,416	13.50	18,557	5.43

Note: Data are less complete for more recent quarters due submission lag.

Inpatient Utilization: Medi-Cal – Non-SPD Santa Clara Family Health Plan. DOS 12/1/2020 – 9/30/2021

Source: MCL Enrollment & QNXT Claims and Encounter Data (Run Date:10/14/2021)

Quarter	Discharges	Discharges / 1,000 Member Months	Days	Average Length of Stay
2020-Q4	2,098	3.59	8,139	3.88
2021-Q1	2,434	3.98	10,007	4.11
2021-Q2	2,247	3.56	10,058	4.48
2021-Q3	2,568	3.96	11,944	4.65
Total	9,347	3.78	40,148	4.30

Note: Data are less complete for more recent quarters due submission lag.



Inpatient Utilization: Cal MediConnect (CMC) DOS 12/1/2020 – 9/30/2021

Source: CMC Enrollment & QNXT Claims Data (Run Date:10/14/2021)

Quarter	Discharges	Discharges / 1,000 Member Months	Days	Average Length of Stay
2020-Q4	544	19.05	2,982	5.48
2021-Q1	581	20.01	3,578	6.16
2021-Q2	545	18.42	2,937	5.39
2021-Q3	467	15.45	2,708	5.80
Total	2,137	18.20	12,205	5.71

Note: Data are less complete for more recent quarters due submission lag.



Medi-Cal Inpatient Utilization DOS 12/1/2020 – 9/30/2021

	Medi-Cal Population				
Measure	Non-SPD	SPD	Total		
Discharges / 1,000 Member Months	3.78	13.50	4.68		
ALOS	4.30	5.43	4.59		



Inpatient Readmissions: Medi-Cal

Source: HEDIS Plan All-Cause Readmissions (PCR) data for 2020 and YTD 2021 measurement period (Run Date: 09/17/2021)

Year	LOB	Count of Index Stays (Denominator)	Count of 30- Day Readmissions (Numerator)	Actual Readmissio n Rate ^{1,2,3}
2020	MC - All	3,977	380	9.55%
2021	MC - All	3,410	357	10.47%

¹ A lower rate indicates better performance.

² Only for members aged 18-64 in Medi-Cal.

³ Outliers are not included in the rates.



Cal MediConnect (CMC) Readmission Rates

Source: HEDIS Plan All-Cause Readmissions (PCR) data for 2020 and YTD 2021 measurement period (Run

Date: 09/17/2021)

Rate Description	PCR 2020	PCR 2021
Count of Index Hospital Stays	943	869
Count of 30-Day Readmissions	99	108
Actual Readmission Rate	10.50%	12.43%

¹ A lower rate indicates better performance.

² The PCR rate applies only to SCFHP's CMC line of business and includes members 18 years of age and older.

ADHD Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Metrics

Santa Clara Family

Source: HEDIS data for 2020 and YTD 2021 measurement period (Run Date: 09/17/2021)

Measure	NCQA Medicaid 50 th Percentile	2020 Rate	2020 SCFHP Percentile Rank	2021 Rate	2021 SCFHP Percentile Rank
Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication					
Initiation Phase	44.91%	45.26%	50 th	37.79%	10 th
Continuation & Maintenance Phase	55.96%	49.28%	25 th	34.00%	5 th
Antidepressant Medication Management					
Acute Phase Treatment	56.66%	64.15%	75 th	68.55%	90 th
Continuation Phase Treatment	40.28%	50.40%	90 th	49.70%	75 th
Cardiovascular Monitoring for People with Cardiovascular Disease & Schizophrenia	73.43%	71.43%	10 th	66.67%	10 th



Dashboard Metrics

Turn-Around Time – Q3 2021



CAL MEDICONNECT	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3 2021
# of Concurrent Requests Received	174	183	166	523
# of Concurrent Review of Authorization Requests (part C)				
completed within five (5) working of request	174	183	165	522
% of Concurrent Review of Authorization Requests (part C)				
completed within five (5) working of request	100.0%	100.0%	99.4%	99.8%
PRE-SERVICE ORGANIZATION DETERMINATIONS				
Standard Part C				
# of Standard Pre-Service Prior Authorization Requests Received	746	745	763	2,254
# of Standard Pre-Service Prior Authorization Requests (part C) completed within fourteen (14) calendar days	746	741	759	2,246
% of Standard Pre-Service Prior Authorization Requests				
(part C) completed within fourteen (14) calendar days	100.0%	99.5%	99.5%	99.6%
Expedited Part C				
# of Expedited Pre-Service Prior Authorization Requests Received	253	293	273	819
# of Expedited Pre-Service Prior Authorization Requests				
(part C) completed within sevety-two (72) hours	251	291	271	813
% of Expedited Pre-Service Prior Authorization Requests				
(part C) completed within seventy-two (72) hours	99.2%	99.3%	99.3%	99.3%
POST SERVICE ORGANIZATION DETERMINATIONS				
# of Retrospective Requests Received	76	76	73	225
# of Retrospective Requests (part C) completed within thirty (30) calendar days	76	75	73	224
% of Retrospective Requests (part C) completed within			_	
thirty (30) calendar days	100.0%	98.7%	100.0%	99.6%
PART B DRUGS ORGANIZATION DETERMINATIONS				
# of Standard Prior Authorization Requests (part B drugs)	4.5	1.4	10	40
Requests Received	15	14	19	48
# of Standard Prior Authorization Requests (part B drugs) completed within sevety-two (72) hours of request	15	14	19	48
% of Standard Prior Authorization Requests (part B drugs)				
completed within seventy-two (72) hours of request	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
# of Expedited Prior Authorization (part B drugs) Requests Received	17	15	17	49
# of Expedited Prior Authorization requests (part B drugs)				
completed within twenty-four (24) hours of request	17	15	17	49
% of Expedited Prior Authorization requests (part B drugs) completed within twenty-four (24) hours of request	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



MEDICAL AUTHORIZATIONS - HS COMBINED				
Concurrent Review	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3 2021
Total # of Concurrent Requests Resolved	194	232	203	629
# of Concurrent Review of Authorization Requests completed within				
five (5) working days of request	194	228	201	623
% of Concurrent Review of Authorization Requests completed within				
five (5) working days of request	100.0%	98.3%	99.0%	99.0%
Routine Authorizations				
Total # of Routine Prior Authorization Requests Resolved	1,162	1,236	1,067	3,465
# of Routine Prior Authorization Requests completed within five (5)				
working days of request	1,157	1,229	1,064	3,450
% of Routine Prior Authorization Requests completed within five (5)				
working days of request	99.6%	99.4%	99.7%	99.6%
Expedited Authorizations				
Total # of Expedited Prior Authorization Requests Resolved	151	161	182	494
# of Expedited Prior Authorization Requests completed within seventy-				
two (72) hours of request	151	161	181	493
% of Expedited Prior Authorization Requests completed within				
seventy-two (72) hours of request	100.0%	100.0%	99.5%	99.8%
Retrospective Review				
Total # of Retrospective Requests Resolved	351	347	346	1,044
# of Retrospective Requests completed within thirty (30) calendar				
days of request	351	347	346	1,044
% of Retrospective Requests completed within thirty (30) calendar				
days of request	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Member Notification of UM Decision				
Total # of UM decisions	1,682	1,754	1,609	5,045
# Member Notification of UM decision in writing within two (2)				
working days of the decision.	1,677	1,742	1,603	5,022
% Member Notification of UM decision in writing within two (2)				
working days of the decision.	99.7%	99.3%	99.6%	99.5%
Provider Notification of UM Decision				
# Provider Notification of UM decision by telephone, facsimile or				
electronic mail and then in writing within twenty-four (24) hours of	4.654	4.600	4.505	4.000
making the decision	1,654	1,698	1,587	4,939
% Provider Notification of UM decision by telephone, facsimile or				
electronic mail and then in writing within twenty-four (24) hours of	00.30/	06.00/	00.60/	07.00/
making the decision	98.3%	96.8%	98.6%	97.9%



Cal MediConnect and Medi-Cal Quarterly Referral Tracking
Q3 2021

Cal MediConnect Q3 2021 Referral Tracking Report

LOBRollupN	Template	Disposition	Total # of Auths	# Auth Services Rendered within 90 days	# Auth Services Rendered After 90 days	# Auth Services Not Rendered	% Auths w/ No Services Rendered
Cal	CBAS	Retro Request	15	12	0	3	20.0%
MediConnect		Routine - Extended Service	17	14	0	3	17.6%
		Routine - Initial Request	1	1	0	0	0.0%
	CONT OF CARE	Member Initiated Org Determi	12	2	0	10	83.3%
		Overturned Denial	1	1	0	0	0.0%
	CUSTODIAL	Non Contracted Provider - Ret	. 1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Retro Request	142	133	0	9	6.3%
		Routine - Initial Request	39	31	0	8	20.5%
	Dental	Routine - Initial Request	1	0	0	1	100.0%
	DME	Member Initiated Org Determi	11	1	0	10	90.9%
		Member Initiated Org Determi	6	0	0	6	100.0%
		Member Rep Initiated Org Det	4	0	0	4	100.0%
		Member Rep Initiated Org Det	1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Ret.	. 2	1	0	1	50.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Ro	33	8	0	25	75.8%
		Non Contracted Provider - Urg.	. 7	2	0	5	71.4%
		Overturned Denial	7	3	0	4	57.1%
		PDR/Claims Medical Review	1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Retro Request	8	5	0	3	37.5%
		Routine - Initial Request	198	90	0	108	54.5%
		Urgent - Initial Request	13	8	0	5	38.5%
	HomeHealth	Member Initiated Org Determi	3	1	0	2	66.7%
		Member Initiated Org Determi	4	2	0	2	50.0%
		Member Rep Initiated Org Det	1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Member Rep Initiated Org Det	4	1	0	3	75.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Ro	2	0	0	2	100.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Urg.	. 3	0	0	3	100.0%
		Operational PA	90	30	0	60	66.7%
		Overturned Denial	4	1	0	3	75.0%
		PDR/Claims Medical Review	3	2	0	1	33.3%
		Retro Request	15	11	0	4	26.7%
		Routine - Extended Service	24	13	0	11	45.8%

Referral Tracking Report

LOBRollupN	Template	Disposition	Total # of Auths	# Auth Services Rendered within 90 days	# Auth Services Rendered After 90 days	# Auth Services Not Rendered	% Auths w/ No Services Rendered
Cal MediConnect	HomeHealth	Routine - Initial Request	30	13	0	17	56.7%
MediConnect		Urgent - Extended Service	159	65	0	94	59.1%
		Urgent - Initial Request	226	93	0	133	58.8%
	HOSPICE	Non Contracted Provider - Ret	2	0	0	2	100.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Ro	2	1	0	1	50.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Urg	1	1	0	0	0.0%
	Inpatient		2	2	0	0	0.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Ret	1	1	0	0	0.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Ro	7	7	0	0	0.0%
		PDR/Claims Medical Review	13	10	0	3	23.1%
		Retro Request	2	2	0	0	0.0%
		Routine - Extended Service	2	2	0	0	0.0%
		Routine - Initial Request	584	556	0	28	4.8%
	InpatientPsych	Routine - Initial Request	8	3	0	5	62.5%
	Inpt Elective	CMC Part B Drugs – Urgent	1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Member Initiated Org Determi	1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Member Initiated Org Determi	1	1	0	0	0.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Urg	1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Routine - Initial Request	49	28	0	21	42.9%
		Urgent - Initial Request	26	4	0	22	84.6%
	OP-BehavioralGr	Non Contracted Provider - Ro	1	0	0	1	100.0%
	OP-Behavorial	Non Contracted Provider - Ret	4	3	0	1	25.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Ro	1	1	0	0	0.0%
		Routine - Initial Request	1	0	0	1	100.0%
	OPHospital		1	0	0	1	100.0%
		CMC Part B Drugs – Routine	24	11	0	13	54.2%
		CMC Part B Drugs – Urgent	34	7	0	27	79.4%
		Member Initiated Org Determi	32	4	0	28	87.5%
		Member Initiated Org Determi	18	3	0	15	83.3%
		Member Rep Initiated Org Det	3	0	0	3	100.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Ret	1	1	0	0	0.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Ro	44	4	0	40	90.9%

LOBRollupN	Template	Disposition	Total # of Auths	# Auth Services Rendered within 90 days	# Auth Services Rendered After 90 days	# Auth Services Not Rendered	% Auths w/ No Services Rendered
Cal MediConnect	OPHospital	Non Contracted Provider - Urg.	. 15	2	0	13	86.7%
Wediconnect		Non-contracted CMC Part B D	. 1	1	0	0	0.0%
		Overturned Denial	8	1	0	7	87.5%
		PDR/Claims Medical Review	33	25	0	8	24.2%
		Retro Request	20	13	0	7	35.0%
		Routine - Extended Service	21	6	0	15	71.4%
		Routine - Initial Request	826	174	0	652	78.9%
		Urgent - Extended Service	5	2	0	3	60.0%
		Urgent - Initial Request	262	114	0	148	56.5%
	OPHospitalGr	CMC Part B Drugs – Routine	24	11	0	13	54.2%
		CMC Part B Drugs – Urgent	14	7	0	7	50.0%
		Member Initiated Org Determi	16	6	0	10	62.5%
		Member Initiated Org Determi	4	3	0	1	25.0%
		Member Rep Initiated Org Det	1	1	0	0	0.0%
		Member Rep Initiated Org Det	1	1	0	0	0.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Ro	7	1	0	6	85.7%
		Non Contracted Provider - Urg	. 2	0	0	2	100.0%
		Non-contracted CMC Part B D	. 3	1	0	2	66.7%
		Overturned Denial	3	0	0	3	100.0%
		PDR/Claims Medical Review	30	22	0	8	26.7%
		Retro Request	2	1	0	1	50.0%
		Routine - Extended Service	17	8	0	9	52.9%
		Routine - Initial Request	253	93	0	160	63.2%
		Urgent - Extended Service	2	2	0	0	0.0%
		Urgent - Initial Request	66	37	0	29	43.9%
	SkilledNursing	Member Rep Initiated Org Det	1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Operational PA	67	44	0	23	34.3%
		Retro Request	17	13	0	4	23.5%
		Routine - Initial Request	52	36	0	16	30.8%
		Urgent - Initial Request	99	59	0	40	40.4%
	Transportation	Member Initiated Org Determi	19	1	0	18	94.7%
		Member Initiated Org Determi	3	0	0	3	100.0%

Referral Tracking Report

LOBRollupN	Template	Disposition	Total # of Auths	# Auth Services Rendered within 90 days	# Auth Services Rendered After 90 days	# Auth Services Not Rendered	% Auths w/ No Services Rendered
Cal MediConnect	Transportation	Member Rep Initiated Org Det	3	0	0	3	100.0%
Mediconnect		Operational PA	1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Overturned Denial	2	0	0	2	100.0%
		Retro Request	1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Routine - Initial Request	76	11	0	65	85.5%
Grand Total			3,932	1,892	0	2,040	51.9%

Medi-Cal Q3 2021 Referral Tracking Report

LOBRollupN	Template	Disposition	Total # of Auths	# Auth Services Rendered within 90 days	# Auth Services Rendered After 90 days	# Auth Services Not Rendered	% Auths w/ No Services Rendered
Medi-Cal	CBAS	Operational PA	1	1	0	0	0.0%
		Retro Request	87	83	0	4	4.6%
		Routine - Extended Service	59	46	0	13	22.0%
		Routine - Initial Request	5	4	0	1	20.0%
	CONT OF CARE	Non Contracted Provider - Ret	1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Ro	1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Urg	. 2	1	0	1	50.0%
	CONT OF CARE GR	PDR/Claims Medical Review	1	1	0	0	0.0%
	CUSTODIAL	Non Contracted Provider - Ret	8	3	0	5	62.5%
		Non Contracted Provider - Ro	4	2	0	2	50.0%
		Retro Request	774	727	0	47	6.1%
		Routine - Initial Request	242	162	0	80	33.1%
	Dental	Non Contracted Provider - Ro	1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Urg.	. 2	0	0	2	100.0%
		Routine - Initial Request	55	32	0	23	41.8%
		Urgent - Initial Request	7	1	0	6	85.7%
	DME	Non Contracted Provider - Ret	15	9	0	6	40.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Ro	32	6	0	26	81.3%
		Non Contracted Provider - Urg	. 3	0	0	3	100.0%
		Operational PA	7	7	0	0	0.0%
		Overturned Denial	3	3	0	0	0.0%
		PDR/Claims Medical Review	19	14	0	5	26.3%
		Reopening CMC	1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Retro Request	26	8	0	18	69.2%
		Routine - Extended Service	2	0	0	2	100.0%
		Routine - Initial Request	323	130	0	193	59.8%
		Urgent - Initial Request	49	29	0	20	40.8%
	HomeHealth	Non Contracted Provider - Ret	4	2	0	2	50.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Ro	2	0	0	2	100.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Urg.	. 3	0	0	3	100.0%
		Operational PA	20	5	0	15	75.0%
		PDR/Claims Medical Review	3	2	0	1	33.3%

LOBRollupN	Template	Disposition	Total # of Auths	# Auth Services Rendered within 90 days	# Auth Services Rendered After 90 days	# Auth Services Not Rendered	% Auths w/ No Services Rendered
Medi-Cal	HomeHealth	Retro Request	3	0	0	3	100.0%
		Routine - Extended Service	3	0	0	3	100.0%
		Routine - Initial Request	3	0	0	3	100.0%
		Urgent - Extended Service	9	3	0	6	66.7%
		Urgent - Initial Request	38	16	0	22	57.9%
	HOSPICE	Non Contracted Provider - Ret	24	17	0	7	29.2%
		Non Contracted Provider - Ro	6	3	0	3	50.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Urg.	. 4	0	0	4	100.0%
		Retro Request	1	1	0	0	0.0%
		Routine - Initial Request	1	1	0	0	0.0%
	Inpatient		1	1	0	0	0.0%
		Concurrent Review	4	0	0	4	100.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Ro	24	18	0	6	25.0%
		Operational PA	1	1	0	0	0.0%
		PDR/Claims Medical Review	32	26	0	6	18.8%
		Retro Request	4	4	0	0	0.0%
		Routine - Extended Service	3	1	0	2	66.7%
		Routine - Initial Request	726	589	0	137	18.9%
	InpatientAdmin		2	2	0	0	0.0%
		PDR/Claims Medical Review	1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Routine - Initial Request	1	0	0	1	100.0%
	Inpt Elective	Non Contracted Provider - Urg	. 2	0	0	2	100.0%
		Overturned Denial	1	1	0	0	0.0%
		Routine - Extended Service	2	0	0	2	100.0%
		Routine - Initial Request	67	36	0	31	46.3%
		Urgent - Initial Request	19	6	0	13	68.4%
	OP-BehavioralGr	Non Contracted Provider - Ret	1	1	0	0	0.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Ro	7	3	0	4	57.1%
		PDR/Claims Medical Review	1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Retro Request	11	6	0	5	45.5%
		Routine - Extended Service	64	28	0	36	56.3%
		Routine - Initial Request	7	3	0	4	57.1%

Referral Tracking Report

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LOBRollupN	Template	Disposition	Total # of Auths	# Auth Services Rendered within 90 days	# Auth Services Rendered After 90 days	# Auth Services Not Rendered	% Auths w/ No Services Rendered
Medi-Cal	OP-Behavorial	Non Contracted Provider - Ro	23	2	0	21	91.3%
		Overturned Denial	1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Retro Request	4	4	0	0	0.0%
		Routine - Extended Service	58	41	0	17	29.3%
		Routine - Initial Request	36	13	0	23	63.9%
		Urgent – RN review; Expedite	1	0	0	1	100.0%
-	OPHospital	Non Contracted Provider - Ret	. 21	4	0	17	81.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Ro	64	9	0	55	85.9%
		Non Contracted Provider - Urg	. 27	1	0	26	96.3%
		Operational PA	1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Overturned Denial	8	2	0	6	75.0%
		PDR/Claims Medical Review	128	38	0	90	70.3%
		Retro Request	41	27	0	14	34.1%
		Routine - Extended Service	75	21	0	54	72.0%
		Routine - Initial Request	571	154	0	417	73.0%
		Urgent - Extended Service	2	0	0	2	100.0%
		Urgent - Initial Request	191	80	0	111	58.1%
-	OPHospitalGr	Non Contracted Provider - Ro	10	4	0	6	60.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Urg	. 3	0	0	3	100.0%
		Operational PA	1	1	0	0	0.0%
		Overturned Denial	6	2	0	4	66.7%
-		PDR/Claims Medical Review	40	17	0	23	57.5%
		Retro Request	16	14	0	2	12.5%
		Routine - Extended Service	127	54	0	73	57.5%
		Routine - Initial Request	540	159	0	381	70.6%
		Urgent - Extended Service	4	0	0	4	100.0%
		Urgent - Initial Request	123	52	0	71	57.7%
	SkilledNursing	Operational PA	34	22	0	12	35.3%
		PDR/Claims Medical Review	1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Retro Request	11	10	0	1	9.1%
		Routine - Initial Request	26	13	0	13	50.0%
		Urgent - Initial Request	65	44	0	21	32.3%

Referral Tracking Report

LOBRollupN	Template	Disposition	Total # of Auths	# Auth Services Rendered within 90 days	# Auth Services Rendered After 90 days	# Auth Services Not Rendered	% Auths w/ No Services Rendered
Medi-Cal	Transportation		1	1	0	0	0.0%
		Non Contracted Provider - Ret	1	1	0	0	0.0%
		PDR/Claims Medical Review	71	69	0	2	2.8%
		Retro Request	9	6	0	3	33.3%
		Routine - Extended Service	1	0	0	1	100.0%
		Routine - Initial Request	391	141	0	250	63.9%
Grand Total			5,568	3,051	0	2,517	45.2%



Quality Monitoring of Plan Authorizations and Denial Letters
Q3 2021



Quality Monitoring of Denial Letters for HS.04.01 3st Quarter 2021

I. Purpose of the Quality Assurance (QA)

In order to present the results to Utilization Management Committee (UMC), Santa Clara Family Health Plan (SCFHP) completed the quarterly review for timely, consistent, accurate and understandable notification to members and providers regarding adverse determinations.

II. Procedure

Santa Clara Family Health Plan reviewed in accordance to this procedure, 30 authorizations for the 1st guarter of 2021 in order to assess for the following elements.

A. Quality Monitoring

- The UM Manager and Medical Director are responsible for facilitating a random review of denial letters to assess the integrity of member and provider notification.
 - a. At least 30 denial letters per quarter
 - b. Is overseen by the Utilization Management Committee on a quarterly basis
 - c. Assessment of denial notices includes the following:
 - Turn-around time for decision making
 - Turn-around time for member notification
 - Turn-around time for provider notification
 - Assessment of the reason for the denial, in clear and concise language
 - Includes criteria or Evidence of Benefit (EOB) applied to make the denial decision and instructions on how to request a copy of this from UM department.
 - Type of denial: medical or administrative
 - Addresses the clinical reasons for the denial
 - Specific to the Cal Medi-Connect membership, the denial notification includes what conditions would need to exist to have the request be approved.
 - Appeal and Grievance rights
 - Member's letter is written in member's preferred language within plan's language threshold.
 - Member's letter includes interpretation services availability
 - Member's letter includes nondiscriminatory notice.
 - Provider notification includes the name and direct phone number of the appropriately licensed professional making the denial decision



III. Findings

- A. For Q3 2021, the dates of service and denials were pulled in October 2021.
 - 1. 30 unique authorizations were pulled with a random sampling.
 - a. 50% or 15/30 Medi-Cal LOB and 50% or 15/30 CMC LOB
 - b. 100% or 30/30 were denials
 - c. 53% or 16/30 were expedited requests
 - 100% of the expedited authorizations are compliant with regulatory turnaround time of 72 calendar hours
 - d. 47% or 14/30 were standard requests
 - 100% of standard authorization are compliant with regulatory turnaround time (5 business days for Medi-Cal LOB and 14 calendar days for CMC LOB / or 30 calendar days for retro)
 - e. 40% or 12/30 were medical denials
 - f. 60% or 18/30 were administrative denials
 - g. 100% were denied by a Medical Director
 - h. 100% or 30/30 of all requests were provided written notifications to both member and provider
 - 100% or 16/16 of the expedited authorizations were provided oral notifications to member.
 - j. 100% or 30/30 of the member letters are in the member's preferred language.
 - k. 100% or 30/30 of the written notifications were readable
 - I. 100% or 30/30 of the written notifications included the rationale for denial
 - m. 100% or 30/30 of the letters included the criteria or EOC that the decision was based upon.
 - n. 100% or 30/30 of the letters included interpreter rights and instructions on how to contact the Medical Director.

IV. Follow-Up

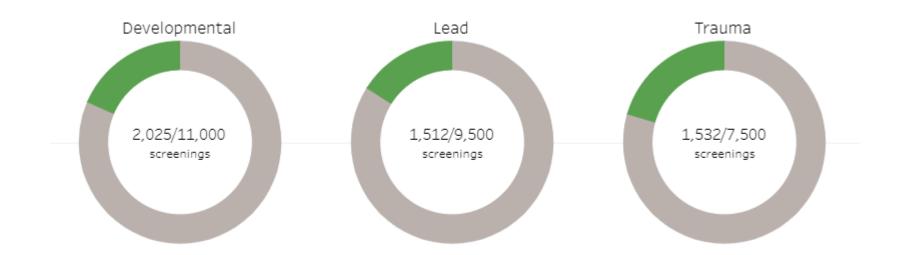
The Utilization Management leadership team and Medical Director reviewed the findings of this audit and recommendations from that finding presented to UMC are as follows:

- 1. Quality and productivity will continue to be monitored on a regular basis including these quarterly audits. Findings were reviewed by the Medical Director.
- 2. Issues will be addressed with the appropriate staff member.





Screening Goals (Jul 2021- Jun 2022)



Data pulled 10-11-21



Psychiatric Admissions: CMC

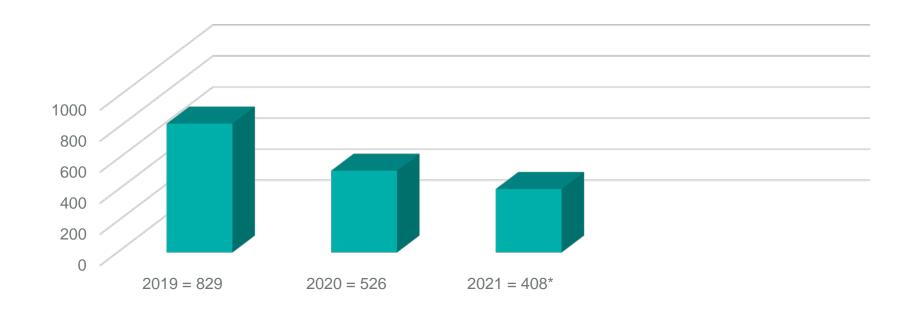
Quarter 1- 2021: 11 admissions, one readmission at Reno Behavioral Health

Quarter 2- 2021: 9 admissions

Quarter 3- 2021: 14 admissions



Utilization: Behavioral Health** Cal MediConnect per 1,000

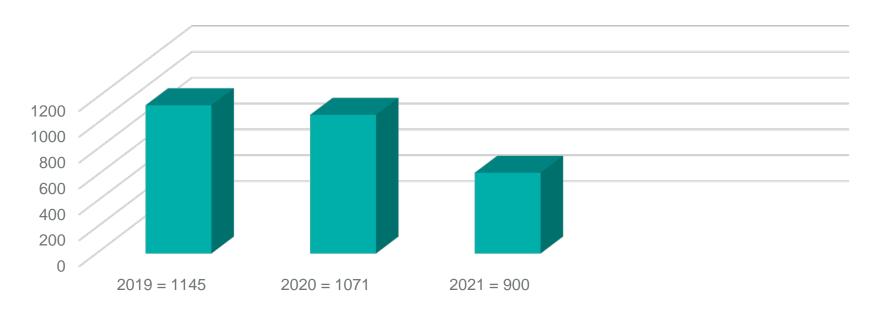


2021* = Jan – Oct
Run Date 10/13/2021

** Utilization includes both specialty and mild to moderate
Category of Service: Visit, Unique member, Service NPI, Date of service



Utilization: Cal MediConnect Unique Members

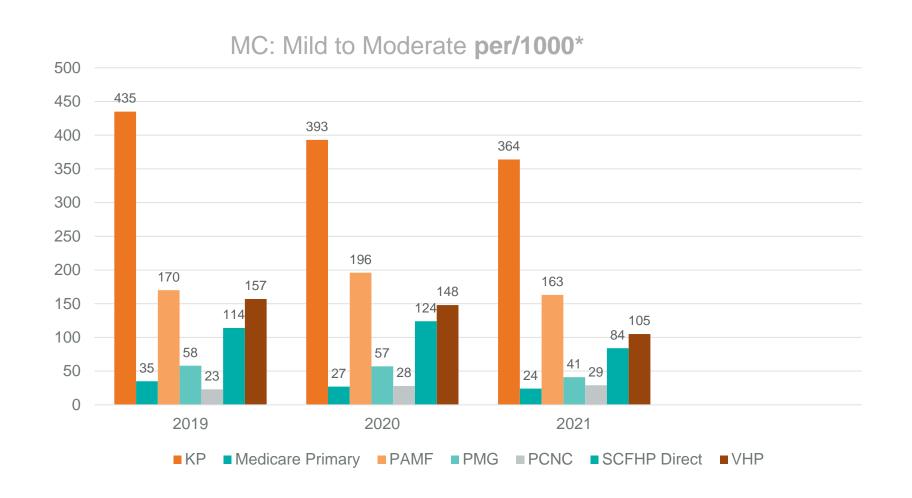


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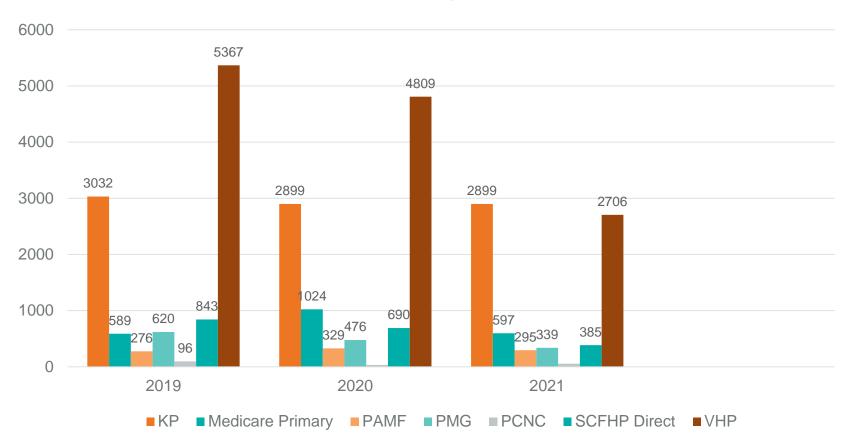
Mental Health = All ages





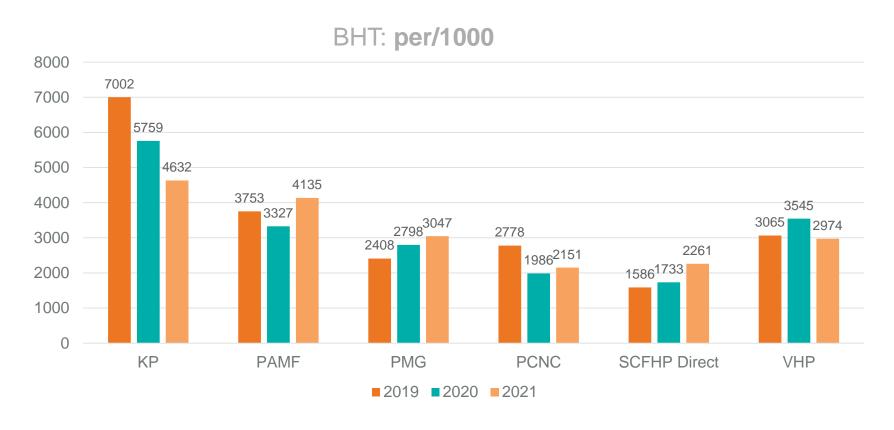








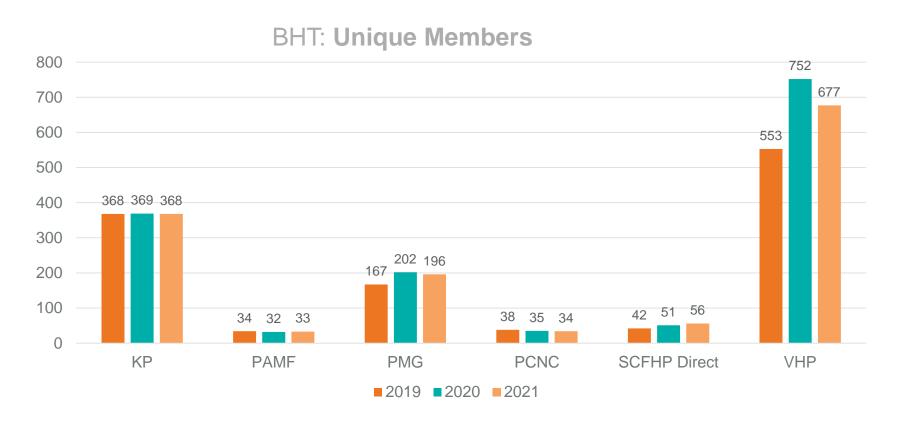
Behavioral Health Treatment



2021 = Jan – Oct Run date 10/13/21 BHT = Units = hours Member = <21 years



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Adjournment

Next Meeting: January 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.