

MEDICARE

Provider Newsletter

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Documentation Checklist



It is our goal to make the authorization process as easy as possible. Below is a documentation checklist of items that should be included with the

medical records. This should help decrease phone calls and the need for Peer Reviews.

- Pertinent medical history, not just the treatment Diagnosis
- Prior level of function, if applicable
- Specific level of skills for areas of concern
- Baseline information that is related to the goals
- Objective measures/test scores
- Level of overall impairment
- Short / Long term goals (Measurable and Functional)
- Updated goals (Progress reports/Re – evaluations)
- Specific Frequency and Duration
- Approved abbreviations
- Is your document legible?
- Did you document why there were missed visits?

If you have any questions about an approved auth, you can contact the TNGA UM department for a peer-to-peer review at 855-825-7818, option I, option I. You may also contact your TNGA Provider Relations Representative.

Are You Currently Utilizing TNGA's Provider Web Portal to submit your authorizations?

The Provider Web Portal (PWP) is a dynamic web-based tool that allows providers a variety of functions to manage their TNGA members. Wellcare Medicare providers can also use this tool to submit your authorization requests. The portal will allow you to quickly and securely upload all supporting documentation (script, plan of care, test scores, etc) in order to get an approved auth. Submission via the portal will also give you a real-time control number that will allow you to track the progress of your auth request, at any time. To set up a Web Portal account, please access the TNGA website (<https://mytnga.com>) and select the option "Request PWP Account" or you may also contact TNGA Provider Relation. Please contact your Provider Relations Representative if you have any questions about signing up.

Wellcare Medicare Member Information

As a contracted TNGA provider, you see Wellcare members. However, TNGA is not responsible for any Members Services functions for WellCare members, including ID card information, eligibility or provider look-up. If you require member-specific information, you should contact Wellcare of Georgia's toll free number listed on the member's card. This number does vary by benefit plan. Should the member need assistance, they should also be advised to contact the Member Service number indicated on their card. The options at the toll free numbers will allow you to get answers to member questions such as eligibility or co-pay verification. Because you are directly contracted with TNGA, the system may consider you non-par. However, you are still able to request par benefits, eligibility, co-pays, etc. Please inform the representative that you would like in-network benefit information.

CLAIMS CORNER



We want to make sure that getting your claims paid is an efficient manner for our providers. Below are some claims tip and updates on changes that can affect your claims processing:

Upcoming Billing Requirements for Medicare: Therapy Assistant Modifiers

CMS finalized its proposal to establish 2 new modifiers to identify services provided by physical therapist assistants (PTAs) and occupational therapy assistants (OTAs), as required by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018. Beginning January 1, 2020, claims from all providers of PT and OT services must include these modifiers for services furnished in whole or in part by a PTA or OTA.

These new modifiers are be appended on the same line of service as the respective PT, OT, or SLP therapy modifiers (GP, GO, GN):

- **CQ Modifier:** Outpatient physical therapy services furnished in whole or in part by a physical therapist assistant
- **CO Modifier:** Outpatient occupational therapy services furnished in whole or in part by an occupational therapy assistant

The 3 therapy modifiers will continue in effect, unchanged, as follows:

- GP – services delivered under an outpatient physical therapy plan of care
- GO – services delivered under an outpatient occupational therapy plan of care
- GN – services delivered under an outpatient speech-language pathology plan of care

Receiving your payment via V-Pay

TNGA Providers asked for an electronic payment solutions, and we listened. In late 2018, TNGA moved to electronic payments via V-Pay. Now, all provider payments are managed by V-Pay. The VCard gives providers a secure method to quickly receive payments. VCard is fast, pays in real time, improves revenue flow and is up to 10 days faster than checks. V-Pay also offers check and EFT options. If you have any questions about V-Pay, please contact V-Pay at 1-855-388-8374. If you have any claims questions, please contact TNGA at 877-372-1273.

Claims Denials for Authorization:

TNGA does not require prior authorization in order for you to evaluate your patients. However it is imperative that you submit you plan of care (along with all supporting documentation) to obtain an approved authorization **prior** to submitting your claims for payment. Claims that are received where no approved referral has been issued will be denied.

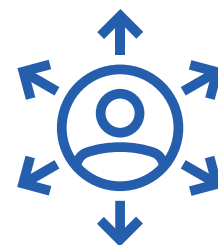
Electrical Stimulation

Procedure code **97014** -- electrical stimulation unattended is not a covered code by Medicare (NOTE: 97014 is not recognized by Medicare.) Use G0283 when reporting unattended electrical stimulation for other than wound care purposes.

Bundled Codes

Medicare considers CPT Code **97010** (hot/cold packs) a "bundled" service. When a service is bundled, it means that the reimbursement for the code is built into or grouped with the reimbursement for another code.

Both Codes 97010 and 97602 are bundled. They are bundled with any therapy codes. Regardless of whether they are billed alone or in conjunction with another therapy code, payment is never made separately for these codes. If billed alone, either code will be denied.



TNGA Provider Relations Territories

Do you have questions that are not addressed in the TNGA Provider Manual? Do you need information that is not available on the TNGA PWP? Do you have changes in practice demographics that you would like to inform us of? The relationship TNGA has with its providers is important to the overall operation of the Network. We make routine visits to our providers to assist with any issues, as well as get any feedback on what may be happening in their respective therapy communities. We want to make sure that you are able to contact your dedicated Provider Relations Representative any time that you need. Our reps are here to assist the provider community with all things TNGA. The rep territory direct contact information is listed below:

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