

Bulletin - BCW Authorization Process

As a contracted provider with Therapy Network of Georgia (TNGA) for participation with WellCare of Georgia (WellCare), we offer you an enhanced reimbursement arrangement when treating WellCare members enrolled in Georgia's Babies Can't Wait (BCW) Program. Services provided for Babies Can't Wait members will be eligible for a fee-for-service reimbursement paid at **100% of the prevailing Medicaid Allowable fee schedule**.

As stated in the TNGA Provider Manual, if providing therapy to a child enrolled in the Babies Can't Wait Program, the provider must submit the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) with each authorization request, as the IFSP indicates that the child is enrolled in the BCW Program.

The following documentation is required for processing an authorization request for a Babies Can't Wait child:

1. IFSP
2. Prescription or Referral Form
3. Letter of Medical Necessity (LMN) and/or POC with diagnosis signed/dated by the referring physician
 - i. The Plan of Care must include the start and stop dates
 - ii. The Plan of Care must include the Signature of the referring physician recorded on or after the recorded date of the treating therapist
 - iii. The therapist that develops the POC must sign and date the document on the date it is completed. The therapist must sign and date the POC prior to the PCP's signature and date. The PCP may sign and date the POC on the same date the therapist signs and dates the POC.
4. Standardized Assessment Scores clearly denoted

It is important that all supporting documentation is submitted at the time of the authorization request. Authorization requests submitted without the member's corresponding IFSP will be processed under the standard case rate reimbursement. **Once a case rate authorization has been issued, the member will only be eligible for a new BCW – FFS auth, upon expiration of the existing the case rate authorization.**

In addition, Therapy Network of Georgia (TNGA) also reimburses TNGA network providers for evaluations performed to determine the eligibility of a member for the BCW Program (Eligibility Evaluations). In order to receive authorization for these services, TNGA providers will need to submit the authorization request via the GAMMIS portal along with the physician's orders, and documentation from the respective BCW district that designates them as the evaluating therapist for this Eligibility Evaluation.

The authorization request, along with the supporting documentation, must state that this evaluation is a "**BCW Eligibility Evaluation Only**" in the comment section on the GAMMIS portal auth request. TNGA will cover only one Eligibility Evaluation every six months for members who are evaluated and are not admitted to the program, regardless if the member is evaluated by a different therapist. The six-month requirement may be waived if there are unique medical circumstances, which have created a dramatic change in the member's health condition. These changes should be supported by the documentation submitted with the GAMMIS authorization. For these cases, all requests will be reviewed by TNGA to determine if an evaluation prior to the six-month time period will be approved.

The aforementioned process is applicable to the Eligibility Evaluation process only. TNGA will continue to cover authorization requests for evaluations and treatment of members participating in the BCW Program (under a single auth) with the submission of the GAMMIS auth request, script, evaluation and Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP).



If you have any questions regarding the information provided, please contact your TNGA Provider Relations Representative

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Or you may contact TNGA Provider Relations at **1-855-825-7818**, choose Option 1 then Option 2 or via email at **TNGA@mytnga.com**. Thank you for the quality therapy services that you provide to WellCare members.



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