

Guidance for PDN authorizations: UA modifier requirement

Starting Nov. 1, 2025, Texas Medicaid & Health Partnership (TMHP) requires the UA modifier with procedure code T1000 for any private duty nursing (PDN) specialized care prior authorization request made on or after Nov. 1, 2025 for. This applies to members who need invasive ventilator support or have a functioning tracheostomy.

If you already sent in a prior authorization for PDN specialized care before Nov. 1, 2025, you do not need to update it—even if services are provided after Nov. 1, 2025, it will stay active until it expires.

To request PDN specialized care, PDN providers must submit the [Comprehensive Care Program \(CCP\) Prior Authorization Request Form](#) through the UnitedHealthcare Provider Portal.

Prior authorization requests must include:

- Procedure code T1000 with modifier UA
- Brief description of the services needed
- Clinical documentation of medical necessity

You must show medical necessity using these 3 forms:

- [CCP prior authorization request](#)
- [Home Health Plan of Care \(POC\)](#)
- [Nursing Addendum to Plan of Care for Private Duty Nursing and/or Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers](#)

The doctor's recommended POC must include settings and/or modes for needed equipment and should include specific interventions and care related to a functioning tracheostomy.

How to submit and manage prior authorizations

- Sign in to the [UnitedHealthcare Provider Portal](#) with your One Healthcare ID
 - If you don't have a One Healthcare ID, [register now](#)
- From the left-hand tabs, select Prior Authorizations & Notifications

For training, view our [Prior Authorization and Notification interactive guide](#).

More details about these changes are available in the [Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership \(TMHP\) notification](#).

Resources:

- [Home Health Nursing and PDN Services Handbook](#) in the Texas Provider Procedures Manual
- [Quick Start: Prior Authorization and Notification](#)
- [Prior Authorization and Notification interactive guide](#)

Questions? We're here to help.

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