



Kentucky Medicaid Provider Resource Guide

WellCare of Kentucky, Inc. (WellCare) understands that having access to the right tools can help you and your staff streamline day-to-day administrative tasks. This guide will explain the services that WellCare offers to assist with those routine tasks. In this guide you will find information related to:

- Provider Portal
- Quick Reference Guide
- Verifying Member Eligibility
- Prior Authorizations
- Claims
- Appeals

Provider Portal

The Provider Portal offers providers the convenience of exchanging health care service information directly with WellCare. The Provider Portal, which is offered at no cost, features:

- The ability to verify member eligibility and co-pay information
- The ability to request authorizations and check status
- Claims submissions - look up claims status and inquiry
- The ability to use PaySpan Health's Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)/Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA)
- The ability to take training and attestations online
- Your own inbox for receiving messages from WellCare
- Provider news

Quick Reference Guide (QRG)

The **Quick Reference Guide** is a document that lists important mailing addresses, phone and fax numbers, and authorization requirements. The QRG can be accessed on our website at kentucky.wellcare.com/provider/resources.

Register for the Provider Portal

There are two types of users: administrative users and sub-accounts. Administrative users oversee additional website users (sub-accounts) in their practice or department.

Create a New Account

Administrative users can register by visiting our provider website: kentucky.wellcare.com/registration/provider.

You will need the following to register:

- WellCare-issued Provider ID number (located in your welcome packet or on your Explanation of Payment)
- Primary address ZIP code (the ZIP code submitted on your credentialing packet)
- Tax Identification Number (TIN)

Complete the registration form by submitting your:

- Provider ID
- ZIP code
- TIN

Then provide us with information regarding your organization and users. You will be prompted to complete a profile and accept HIPAA Terms and Conditions. You will then select a username and select a security question and answer. A confirmation page will be displayed. Within 24 hours of registration, you will receive an email with a temporary password. Use this password (within 30 days) to log in to the website and create a new password. Be sure to keep your username and password for future reference.

Verifying Member Eligibility

You can search, view, save and print member-specific WellCare eligibility and enrollment information using the Provider Portal.

- Log in at kentucky.wellcare.com/provider.
- Click the *Eligibility* tab.
- Enter the Member ID number.
- Click the *Show Eligibility Co-pay* button.

If you don't have the Member ID on hand, you may use the *Lookup Member* tool on the website. In addition to validating member eligibility on our Provider Portal, you may also validate eligibility and claim status through one of our Real-Time vendors. Please refer to the Real-Time Services section of this guide for more information.

Prior Authorizations

Requesting an Authorization

Providers must obtain authorizations for certain services and procedures. Authorizations can be requested via the secure online Provider Portal, via fax or via telephone. For details regarding services that require authorization and how to submit authorizations, please refer to the QRG.

The following information is generally requested for all authorizations:

- Member name
- Member identification number
- Provider ID and National Provider Identifier (NPI) number or name of the treating physician
- Facility ID and NPI number or name where services will be rendered (when appropriate)
- Provider and/or facility fax number
- Date(s) of service
- Diagnosis and diagnostic codes
- CPT codes
- Any relevant clinical information to support medical necessity of request

Via Provider Portal

Registered providers may log in, click the *Authorizations* tab, then select *Authorization Request*. For authorizations, please supply your phone and fax numbers. You can attach up to 10 clinical files. You can also add relevant clinical information by typing it into the text box. Your requests may not be visible in the Provider Portal inquiry until a final disposition has been determined. As a result, you may receive our fax response prior to seeing the determination online.


Via Fax

Complete the appropriate notification or authorization form for the type of care needed. Forms are online at kentucky.wellcare.com/provider/forms_and_documents. Fax the completed form and any supporting documentation to the fax number listed on the QRG.

Via Telephone

Emergent or Urgent Authorizations Only

Authorization requests that are emergent or urgent should be submitted via telephone. Emergent or urgent requests should only be submitted when the standard time frame could seriously jeopardize the member's life or health. Requests for expedited authorization will receive a determination no later than 24 hours after receipt of the request for service. Please contact Provider Services at the phone number listed on the QRG to request an expedited authorization.



Please note: Authorization/Certification determinations are made based on medical necessity and appropriateness, and reflect the application of WellCare's review criteria guidelines. Once you complete each authorization request via the Provider Portal, you can download or print a summary report for your records.

Authorizations are valid for the time noted on each authorization response. WellCare may grant multiple visits under one authorization when a plan of care shows medical necessity for this request. Failure to obtain the necessary prior authorization from WellCare could result in a denied claim. Authorization does not guarantee payment. All services or procedures are subject to benefit coverage, limitations and exclusions as described in applicable plan coverage guidelines.

Checking Authorization Status Online

WellCare encourages you to check the status of your authorization requests online via our secure Provider Portal at kentucky.wellcare.com/provider.

Simply log in and click the *Authorizations* tab, then select *Authorization Status*. Use the *Find By* menu to search by *Provider ID* or *Member ID*.

Enter the appropriate number in the *Provider ID* or *Member ID* box (depending on the option chosen). Please note that you can click *Lookup Provider* or *Lookup Member* if you do not know the ID number.

Select one of the service date ranges from within the dropdown box or enter any 30-day date range in the *From* option.

Click the *Find Authorizations* button. The results are displayed at the bottom of the page.

Claims

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA)

WellCare Health Plans, Inc. has partnered with PaySpan Health, a company with more than 25 years of experience in developing payment solutions, to provide EFT/ERA solutions.

Register for Electronic Funds Transfer at PaySpan Health

Create a New Account

WellCare has instituted additional security measures to ensure your EFT is secure. New users must first contact PaySpan Health to request a registration code. Call **1-877-331-7154** or email providersupport@payspanhealth.com. To prevent fraud, WellCare will contact you before you receive the code to verify that you have requested it. PaySpan Health will email instructions on how to register online.

Enter Your Registration Code

Once you receive your code, you can register at www.payspanhealth.com by selecting the *Register Now* button. Follow all the prompts and complete the required registration questions. You will need:

- Your Vendor/Provider Identification Number (PIN) and TIN
- A valid email address
- An account name (to identify the receiving account). Note: Providers typically use the account name to specify the payee designation. Each payee will have a separate registration code and can therefore have a separate receiving account established. The same routing and account number can be used for multiple receiving accounts.
- Bank routing number
- Bank account number

Your email address will become your username when logging in to PaySpan Health. After completing your registration, you will receive an email from PaySpan Health. In a few days, you will need to verify that a small deposit has been made to your bank account by PaySpan Health. This deposit amount will be used to confirm your electronic payments are properly set up. The deposit does not need to be returned to PaySpan Health.

Filing a Claim

All claims must have complete and compliant data including:

- Current CPT and ICD-9 (or its successor) codes
- TIN
- NPI number(s)
- Provider and/or practice name(s) matching the W-9 initially submitted to WellCare.

General definitions:

- Paid claims – claims that have at least one line item designated as payable
- Pending claims – claims that require additional review
- Denied claims – services indicated on the submitted claims are not covered, did not receive authorization and/or the member is not eligible
- Rejected Claims – claims that have missing or invalid information, such as invalid code sets or required data elements, which will not pass WellCare’s “front-end” edit process. You will need to correct the data and resubmit a new claim.

Electronic Claims

WellCare accepts electronic claims submission through Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) as its preferred method of claims submission. All files submitted to WellCare must be in ANSI ASC X12N format, version 50101A1 or its successor. This is less costly than billing with paper and, in most instances, allows for quicker claims processing. For more information on EDI implementation with WellCare, refer to the Claims/Encounter Companion guides located at kentucky.wellcare.com/provider/claims_updates.

HIPAA Electronic Transactions and Code Sets

Please follow the HIPAA transaction and code set requirements as found in the National Electronic Data Interchange Transaction Set Implementation Guides that are available at www.wpc-edi.com.

Fee-For-Service Clearinghouse Submitters

All Fee-for-Service (FFS) providers and vendors must send claims through a clearinghouse. WellCare has partnered with RelayHealth, a division of McKesson, as our preferred EDI clearinghouse. WellCare only accepts electronic claims through RelayHealth.

If you have any questions regarding submission of EDI transactions directly through RelayHealth, please call 1-888-499-5465. Clearinghouses, practice management vendors or billing services should call 1-888-743-8735 for assistance with EDI transactions.

- ▶ If your clearinghouse or billing system is **not** connected to McKesson/RelayHealth and requires five-digit Payer IDs, please use the following codes according to the file type (FFS or Encounters).

WellCare Payer IDs

14163 Fee-For-Service – Professional or Institutional	59354 Encounters – Professional or Institutional
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- ▶ If your clearinghouse or billing system is connected to McKesson/RelayHealth and uses their four-digit CPID, please use the following codes according to the file type (FFS or Encounters).

McKesson/RelayHealth CPIDs

1844 Fee-For-Service Professional	3211 Encounters Professional
8551 Fee-For-Service Institutional	4949 Encounters Institutional

Real-Time Services

Real-time HIPAA 270/271 eligibility transactions and 276/277 claim statuses are available to providers via the following vendors:

- RelayHealth 1-800-522-6562
- TransUnion Healthcare (Med Data) 1-877-732-6853
- Emdeon 1-800-845-6592
- Availity 1-800-282-4548
- Dorado Systems, LLC 1-856-354-0048

These services improve data interchanges, provide innovative solutions to provider requests and will be leveraged to implement other HIPAA-compliant transactions in the future.

- Real-time eligibility and claim status information – no waiting on the phone
- Low or no cost to the provider community
- Increase office productivity
- One-stop shopping – view eligibility and claim status information for all participating health insurance companies from a single website with a single login

Electronic Claims – Direct Data Entry (DDE)

Via kentucky.wellcare.com

Registered users can log in and directly enter professional and/or institutional claims and encounters into the Provider Portal. Once logged in, select the *Claims* tab, and then click on *Claims Submission* (single). Follow the prompts to complete your individual claims or encounters submission.

Alternative Solutions – Via MD On-Line

Register at www.mdon-line.com/wellcare. Once logged in, follow the prompts to complete your individual or batch claims/encounters submissions. Or call 1-888-499-5465 and select option 1 (sales). Tell the associate you would like to enroll so you can submit WellCare claims electronically.

Paper Claims

WellCare encourages electronic (EDI) claim submissions; however, we also accept paper CMS-1500 and UB-04 claim forms or their successors. Paper claims should only be submitted on original claim forms (red ink on white paper). If the paper claim is not submitted on the original red and white claim form, the claim will be rejected. Please visit kentucky.wellcare.com/provider/claims_updates for complete paper claims submission guidelines.

For more information on claims submissions, clean claims, timely filing guidelines and encounter data submission, refer to the *Claims* section of the Provider Manual at kentucky.wellcare.com/provider/resources. For the paper claims mailing address, please refer to the QRG.

For further instructions for both paper and EDI claim submission, including access to the EDI Companion Guides, visit kentucky.wellcare.com/provider/claims_updates.

Encounters Submission

Certain delegated vendors and providers are required to submit encounters. Encounters may be submitted electronically via:

- RelayHealth
- WellCare's Secure FTP (SFTP) process
- WellCare's Direct Data Entry (DDE)

For further details about Encounter Submissions, please refer to Encounter Reference guides located at kentucky.wellcare.com/provider/claims_updates.

Strategic National Implementation Process (SNIP)

All claims and encounter transactions submitted electronically, via paper or direct data entry (DDE) will be validated for transaction integrity/syntax based on the SNIP guidelines.

The SNIP validations used by WellCare are available at kentucky.wellcare.com/provider/claims_updates.

Checking Claim Status Online

WellCare encourages you to check the status of your claims online via our secure Provider Portal at kentucky.wellcare.com/provider.

Simply log in and access the *Claims* tab, then select *Claims Status*. Use the *Find By* menu to filter your search by *Provider ID*, *Member ID* or *Claim Number*.

Enter the appropriate number in the *Provider ID/Member ID/Claim Number* box (depending on the option selected above). Please note that you can click *Lookup Provider* or *Lookup Member* if you do not know the ID number.

Select one of the service date ranges from the dropdown box or enter any 30-day date range in the *From* option.

Click the *Check Claim Status* button. Claim results are displayed at the bottom of the screen.

Claim Payment Disputes

The claim payment dispute process is designed to address claims when there is disagreement regarding reimbursement. Claim Payment Disputes must be submitted to WellCare in writing within 24 months of the date of denial on the EOP. Refer to the QRG for mailing address and fax number. Claims disputes may also be submitted through the Provider Portal.

Appeals

Filing an Appeal

Providers have the right to file a request for review regarding provider payment or contractual decisions. Requests for review related to the following non-authorization-related reasons are processed under the claims disputes process. Claims may be denied or reduced for the following non-authorization-related reasons:

- Untimely filing
- Incidental procedures
- Bundling
- Unbundling
- Unlisted procedure codes
- Non-covered codes

Authorization-related denials or payment reductions are processed by appeals. Claims may be denied or reduced for the following authorization-related reasons:

- Lack of prior authorization
- Services exceeding authorization
- Lack of supporting documentation
- Late notification

Appeals must be submitted in writing within 30 calendar days of the date of the Explanation of Payment or the Provider Administrative Denial letter. If you have questions and/or concerns about the appeals process, please contact Provider Services for assistance.

You may file an appeal by mail or by fax. To file an appeal, refer to the QRG for applicable addresses and fax numbers. WellCare will process and finalize an appealed claim to a paid or denied status within 30 calendar days of receipt of the appealed claim.



Contacts

For important mailing addresses, phone numbers and fax numbers, refer to your state-specific QRG located at kentucky.wellcare.com/provider/resources.