TAR Completion for Long Term Care

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«In Medi-Cal fee-for-service, the Long Term Care Treatment Authorization Request (LTC TAR, form 20-1) is used to request authorization for all Medi-Cal recipients admitted to a Nursing Facility (NF).» The LTC TAR form is initiated by the NF. For online eTAR submissions, refer to the eTAR User Guide: Inpatient, Outpatient, & Long Term Care Services on the Medi-Cal Providers website.

Note: Nursing Facility Level A (NF-A) replaces Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) references, and Nursing Facility Level B (NF-B) replaces Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) references.

«As of January 1, 2024, Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD) under a Managed Care Plan (MCP) are required to use the *MCP ICF/DD Authorization Request* form in lieu of the LTC TAR, form 20-1. For recipients who remain in fee-for-service, providers will continue to use the LTC TAR, form 20-1.

Note: The *MCP ICF/DD Authorization Request* form requirement applies to the following facility types:

- Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD), as defined in Health and Safety Code (H&S) section 1250 (g),
- Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled- Habilitative (ICF/DD-H) as defined in H&S 1250(h), and
- Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled- Nursing (ICF/DD-N) as defined in H&S 1250(e).

Note: ICF/DDs are often referred to as ICF/DD Homes.>>

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 42, Section 440.155(a)(1) defines nursing facility services as those provided in a facility that "fully meets the requirements for a State license to provide, on a regular basis, health-related services to individuals who do not require hospital care, but whose mental or physical condition requires services that – (i) are above the level of room and board; and (ii) can be made available only through institutional facilities[.]

Federal law allows continuity of care protections for individuals to receive medically necessary intermediate care services at the NF-B where they are receiving medically necessary skilled nursing services. If a Medi-Cal recipient needs intermediate care services, but the NF-B facility is not licensed to provide intermediate care, the facility can arrange for transfer to a facility that provides intermediate care services if the recipient is ready for transfer and there are beds available in that facility. While the recipient is awaiting transfer, the NF-B shall continue to provide medically necessary services to the recipient until another facility is available.

«After the facility receives approval of the LTC TAR or the MCP ICF/DD Authorization Request form, the 11-digit TAR Control Number (TCN) is entered in the appropriate box on the UB-04 claim form.»

- For providers who submit TARs using the paper LTC TAR (20-1) form, a nine-digit number is provided and the provider must add two zeros at the end to complete the 11-digit TCN.
- For providers who submit electronic TARs (eTARs), a 10-digit number is provided, and the provider must add a zero at the end to complete the 11-digit TCN.
- For providers who submit the MCP ICF/DD Authorization Request, the number of digits provided may differ depending on the MCP. The provider must add the necessary zeros at the end to complete the 11-digit TCN.

Do not attach a copy of the LTC TAR or the MCP ICF/DD Authorization Request form to the UB-04 claim form. Enter the TCN only in the appropriate space. For additional UB-04 claim completion instructions, refer to the UB-04 Completion: Long Term Care Services section in this manual.

Note: Verbal authorization is not available for NF or ICF/DD admissions. For additional information on LTC TARs, refer to the *TAR for Long Term Care: 20-1* Form section in this manual. For additional information on the *MCP ICF/DD Authorization Request* form, refer to the "Explanation of MCP ICF/DD Authorization Request Form Items" heading in this section below. >>

Glossary

The following terms apply to NF:

Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR)

PASRR is a federally mandated program that applies to all individuals being admitted to a Medicaid certified NF. The PASRR program determines the appropriate level of care and specialized services for all Medicaid certified NF admissions that have been identified with a serious mental illness (MI) or intellectual/developmental disability (ID/DD) or related conditions (RC). The PASRR must be completed prior to the individual's admission to the Medicaid certified NF. For more information, refer to the *Preadmission Screening and Resident Review* (PASRR) section in this manual.

Note: The PASRR is not used for any ICF/DD.>>

PASRR Level I Screening

Level I is the first level of screening for PASRR. The purpose of the Level I is to screen or assess if individuals admitting to Medicaid certified NFs have a diagnosis or suspicion of a MI/ID/DD/RC. The Level I screening must be submitted in the PASRR online system by the provider. If a suspected or diagnosed MI is identified on the Level I screening, then the Level I will automatically be sent to the state's third party contractor for a possible Level II evaluation. If a suspected or diagnosed ID/DD/RC is identified on the Level I screening, then the Level I will automatically be sent to the Department of Developmental Services for a possible Level II evaluation.

PASRR Level II Evaluation

The PASRR Level II evaluation determines the appropriateness for NF care and if there is a need for specialized services. For MI, the Level II evaluation is performed by the state's third party contractor. For ID/DD/RC, the Level II evaluation is performed by DDS. For more information, refer to the Preadmission *Screening and Resident Review* (PASRR) section in this manual.

Minimum Data Set for Nursing Home Resident Assessment and Screening (MDS 3.0)

The State has designated the *Minimum Data* (*Set* (*MDS*) – *Version 3.0* for *Nursing Home Resident Assessment and Care Screening* (MDS 3.0) form as the Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) to be used by NFs certified by the State to participate in the Medicare and Medi-Cal programs. These NFs are required to conduct resident assessments on a regular basis using the MDS information. For further information on the MDS 3.0 and the *Quarterly Assessment Form* 2.0, refer to the *TAR for Long Term Care*.

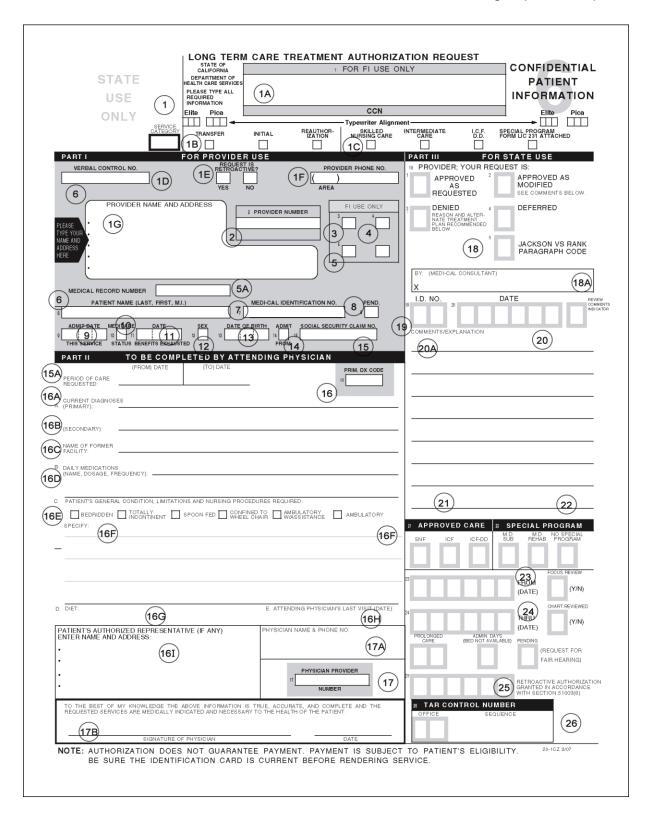


Figure 1: Sample Long Term Care Treatment Authorization Request (Form 20-1).

<<Explanation of Form 20-1 Items>>

The following item numbers and descriptions correspond to the sample *Long Term Care Treatment Authorization Request* (Form 20-1) on a previous page in this section.

Table of Form 20-1 Items and Explanations: Top Segment of Form

Form Item	Description
1.	State Use Only. Leave blank.
1A	Claim Control Number (CCN). For FI use only. Leave blank.
1B	Transfer, Initial, Reauthorization. Enter an "X" in the appropriate box.
	Transfer: Indicates admission to an NF-B from another NF-B or admission to an ICF/DD-H or ICF/DD-N from another ICF/DD-N.
	Initial: Indicates new admission other than a transfer.
	Reauthorization: Indicates request for extension of an authorized period.
1C	Skilled Nursing Care, Intermediate Care, ICF/DD, Special Program Certification For Special Treatment Program Services Form (HS 231) Attached. Enter an "X" in the appropriate box. Subacute facilities annotate S/A next to the SNF box to clarify level of care requested.
	Skilled Nursing Care (SNF): Care given a recipient who does not require the full range of health care services provided in a hospital as hospital acute care or hospital extended care, but who requires skilled nursing care on a continual basis. This is now known as NF-B.
	Intermediate Care (ICF): Care given to a recipient whose medical condition requires an out-of-home protective living arrangement with 24-hour supervision and skilled nursing care or observation on an ongoing intermittent basis to abate health deterioration. Intermediate care services emphasize care aimed at preventing or delaying acute episodes of physical or mental illness and encouragement of individual patient independence to the extent of their ability. This is now known as NF-A.
	ICF/DD-H and ICF/DD-N: Care given a recipient with chronic developmental disability. (Note: Attach Form HS 231 to the LTC TAR.)

Table of Form 20-1 Items and Explanations: Top Segment of Form (continued)

Form Item	Description
1C (continued)	Skilled Nursing Care, Intermediate Care, ICF/DD, Special Program Certification For Special Treatment Program Services Form (HS 231) Attached (continued).
	Facilities certified to bill for special programs (such as the Mentally Disordered Rehabilitation Program) and facilities approved for ICF-DD level of care must attach form HS 231 to the LTC TAR when requesting initial authorization and reauthorization.
	Form HS 231 may be approved for up to two years, depending on the type of special program involved. Once the approved period on form HS 231 expires, a new form must be filled out and signed by the appropriate agency. Form HS 231 should be submitted with all initial and reauthorization TARs identified above. Subsequent HS 231 forms are to be maintained on file by the facility and must be reviewed by the Medi-Cal consultant.
	Note: If the facility does not receive form HS 231 before the initial written LTC TAR is submitted, the facility should submit the LTC TAR anyway. The LTC TAR will be date-stamped on receipt and returned to the facility without approval. When form HS 231 is received, the facility should resubmit the LTC TAR for approval with form HS 231 attached.
	If you check the Special Program Form 231 Attached box, you must check either the Skilled Nursing Care box or Intermediate Care box.

Table of Form 20-1 Items and Explanations: Part I, For Provider Use

Form Item	Description
1D	Verbal Control Number. Leave blank. Verbal authorization is not available.
1E	Retroactive Request. Enter an "X" in the appropriate box to indicate whether the request is retroactive. Guidelines for obtaining retroactive authorization are outlined in Title 22, Section 51003(b), (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6).
1F	Provider Phone No. Optional.
1G	Provider Name And Address. Enter the provider name, address and nine-digit ZIP code.
	Note: The nine-digit ZIP code entered in this box must match the billing provider's nine-digit ZIP code on file for claims to be reimbursed correctly.
2	Provider Number. Enter your provider number.
3 thru 5	F.I. Use Only. Leave blank.
5A	Medical Record Number. This is an optional field. Enter the recipient's medical record number or account number in this field (maximum of five characters – either numbers or letters).
6	Patient Name. Enter the last name, first name, and middle initial, if known. Avoid nicknames or aliases.
7	Medi-Cal Identification No. When entering the recipient identification number from the Benefits Identification Card (BIC), begin in the farthest left position of the field. Do not enter any characters (dashes, hyphens, special characters, etc.) in the remaining blank positions of the Medi-Cal ID field. The county code and aid code must be entered just above the recipient <i>Medi-Cal Identification Number</i> box (see the example in figure 2 below)
8	Pend. If the recipient's Medi-Cal eligibility is not yet established and the Medi-Cal number is not known, insert the letter "P" in Box 12 to indicate "Pending."
9	Admit Date This Service. Enter the recipient's admission date to the facility in six-digit format (for example, November 1, 2006, equals 110106).

Table of Form 20-1 Items and Explanations: Part I, For Provider Use (continued)

Form Item	Description
10	Medicare Status. Leave blank if recipient is Medicare eligible. If not, enter one of the following codes:
	 Under 65, does not have Medicare coverage. Benefits exhausted (documentation required). Utilization committee denial or physician non-certification (documentation required). No prior hospital stay. Facility denial (documentation required). Non-eligible provider (documentation required). Non-eligible recipient (documentation required). Medicare benefits denied or cut short by Medicare intermediary (documentation required). Non-covered services. PSRO denial (documentation required).
11	Date Benefits Exhausted. If Medicare Status Code "1" (Benefits
	Exhausted) is indicated in Box 10, and you are billing for NF-B or Subacute
	Care, enter the date that Medicare benefits were exhausted.
10	Documentation supporting benefit exhaustion must be submitted with TAR.
12	Sex. Use the capital "M" for male, or "F" for female
14	Date of Birth. Enter the recipient's date of birth in a six-digit format. Admit From. Enter the code number from the following list:
	1: Acute Hospital Care. 2: Hospital Skilled Nursing Care. 3: NF-B Facility. 4: NF-A, ICF/DD, ICF/DD-H, ICF/DD-N Facility. 5: Board and Care Home. 6: Home.
15	Social Security Claim Number. Not required by Medi-Cal.

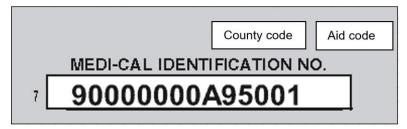


Figure 2: Example of Box 7 on the TAR (20-1) Form.

This also shows the placement of the county code and aid code on the form above Box 7.

Table of Form 20-1 Items and Explanations: Part II, To Be Completed By Attending Physician

Form Item	Description
15A	Period of Care Requested. Enter the "From Date"
16	Primary DX (Diagnosis) Code. Enter the appropriate primary ICD-10-CM
	diagnosis code.
16A	Current Diagnoses (Primary). Always enter the English description of the
	primary diagnosis corresponding to the ICD-10-CM diagnosis code entered
	in Box 16.
16B	Current Diagnoses (Secondary). If necessary, provide the description of
	the secondary diagnosis.
16C	Name of Former Facility. Enter the name of the facility where the
	recipient previously resided. Enter "Home" if the recipient is being admitted
	from home.
16D	Daily Medications (Name, Dosage, Frequency). Enter the name, dosage
	and frequency of medications given to the recipient on a daily basis.
16E	Patient's General Condition, Limitations And Nursing Procedures
	Required. Enter an "X" in the appropriate boxes to show Bedridden,
	Totally Incontinent, Spoon Fed, Confined to Wheel Chair, Ambulatory
	w/Assistance, or Ambulatory conditions.

Table of Form 20-1 Items and Explanations: Part II, Section C: To Be Completed By The Nursing Facility

Form Item	Description
16F	Specify. Specify the reason for the recipient's limitation(s) on the first line.
	Fill out the following three lines as indicated below. This information is only
	required for recipients being admitted to a Nursing Facility.

Table of Form 20-1 Items and Explanations: Part II, To Be Completed By Attending Physician (continued)

Form Item	Description
16G	Diet. Enter the type of diet prescribed.
16H	Attending Physician's Last Visit (Date). Enter the attending physician's
	last visit in six-digit format.
161	Patient's Authorized Representative (If Any) Enter Name And
	Address. If applicable, enter the name and address of the recipient's
	authorized representative, representative payee, conservator over the
	person, legal representative or other representative handling the recipient's
	medical and personal affairs.
17	Physician Provider Number. Enter the rendering provider number in this
	area.
17A	Physician Name And Phone Number. Enter the physician name and
	telephone number.
17B	Signature Of Physician. Must be signed and dated by the admitting or
	primary physician. An original signature is required.

Table of Form 20-1 Items and Explanations: Part III, For State Use

Form Item	Description
18 thru 26	For State Use. Leave this area blank. Consultant's or on-site nurse's
	determination is entered in this section.
18	Only submit your claim if Box 1 (Approved as Requested) or Box 2
	(Approved as Modified) is marked. The Denied and Deferred boxes
	indicate that the provider's request has not been approved.
19	The consultant will write his or her ID number in this box.
20	The consultant will write the date the LTC TAR was reviewed in this box.

Table of Form 20-1 Items and Explanations: Part III, For State Use

Form Item	Description
20A	The consultant may use this section to list the approved procedures or any further information the provider must submit with the claim or resubmit with the LTC TAR. The on-site nurse uses this area to indicate the length of stay and level of care approved.
21 & 22	The consultant will indicate the approved care and special program in these boxes.
23 & 24	The consultant will indicate the valid dates of authorization for this LTC TAR.
25	The consultant will enter a retroactive authorization code in this box, if applicable.
26	The consultant will enter a two-digit prefix to the pre-imprinted seven-digit number. The provider must add two zeroes at the end of the nine-digit number to complete the 11-digit LTC TCN. For providers who submit eTARs, a 10-digit number is provided, and the provider must add a zero at the end to complete the 11-digit TCN.
	This entire 11-digit TCN must be entered in the appropriate box on the <i>UB-04</i> claim form when this service is billed. Do not attach a copy of the LTC TAR to the claim form

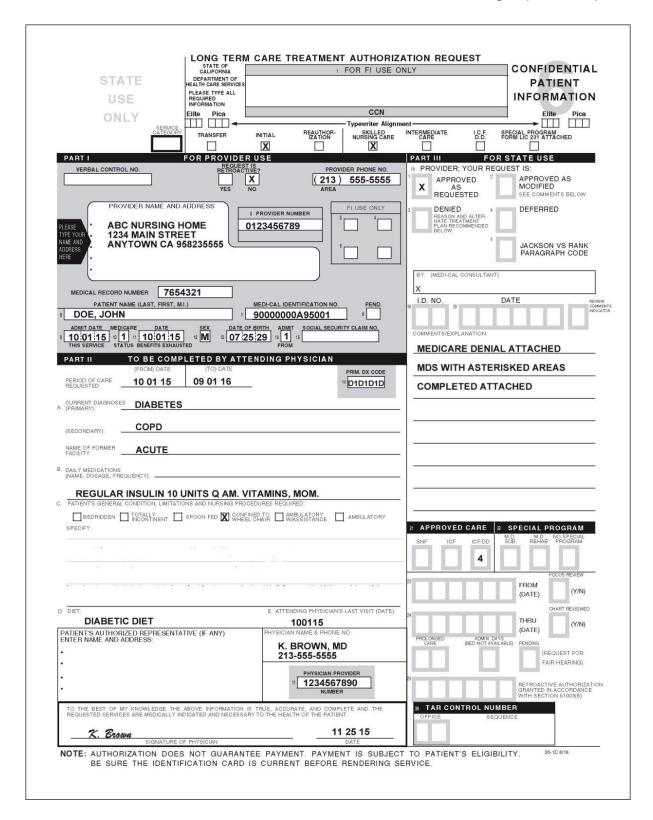


Figure 3: Sample Initial LTC TAR.

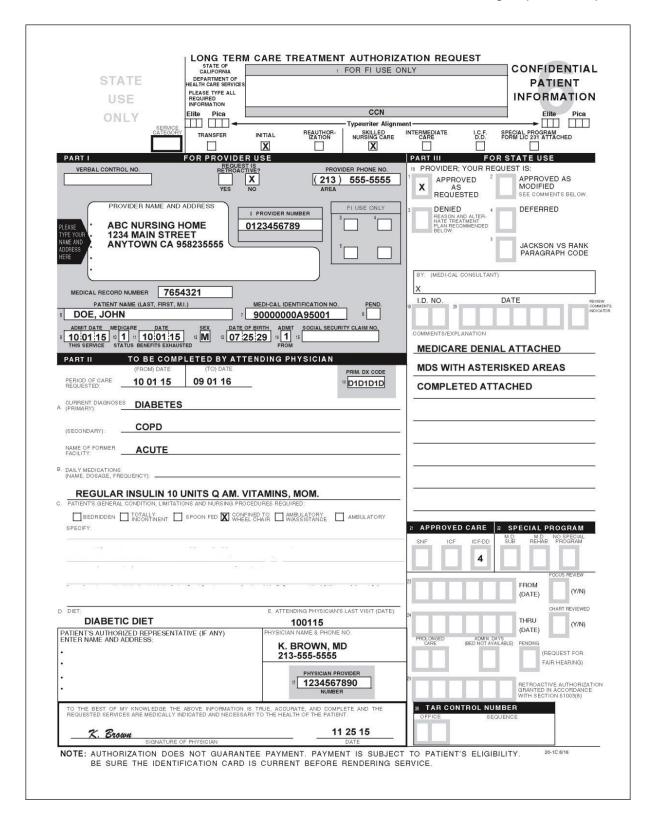


Figure 4: Sample Reauthorization LTC TAR.

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Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (MCP) Intermediate Care Facility/Home for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD) Authorization Request

1. Member Name

Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Medi-Cal Identification Number and Eligibility

Click or tap here to enter text.

3. Facility/Home Name, Address and Contact Information

Click or tap here to enter text.

4. International Classification of Diseases (ICD) Diagnoses Codes

Click or tap here to enter text.

5. Initial, Transfer, Re-admission, or Reauthorization

Click or tap here to enter text.

6. Prescribing Physician Name and License Number

Click or tap here to enter text.

7. Level of Care Requested (ICF/DD, ICF/DD-H or ICF/DD-N)

Click or tap here to enter text.

8. The "Admit" Date

Click or tap to enter a date.

9. The "From" Date

Click or tap to enter a date.

10. The "Through" Date

Click or tap to enter a date.

11. Physician Signature

Click or tap here to enter text.

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<:Figure 5: Sample MCP ICF/DD Authorization Request.>>

Explanation of MCP ICF/DD Authorization Request form Items

The following item numbers and descriptions correspond to the sample *MCP ICF/DD Authorization Request* form on a previous page in this section.

Table of MCP ICF/DD Authorization Request Form Items and Explanations

Form Item	Description
1	Member Name. Enter the recipient's full name from the Benefits Identification Card (BIC)
2	Medi-Cal Identification Number and Eligibility. When entering the recipient identification number from the BIC, begin in the farthest left position of the field. Do not enter any characters (dashes, hyphens, special characters, etc.) in the remaining blank positions of the Medi-Cal ID field. The county code and aide code must be entered just above the Medi-Cal Identification Number
3	Facility/Home Address and Contact Information. Enter the Facility/Home's physical address and the name, email, and telephone contact information for the individual submitting the request.
4	ICD Diagnosis Codes. List the ICD diagnosis codes for the recipient, up to three.
5	New, Transfer, or Readmission Authorization . Note if the authorization is for a new recipient, a transfer to another ICF/DD facility/home, or for a readmission.
6	Prescribing Physician Name and License Number. Enter the full name and license number for the physician authorizing the service from the home. The state license number is the Medi-Cal rendering provider number.

«Table of MCP ICF/DD Authorization Request Form Items and Explanations (continued)

Form Item	Description
7	Enter Level of Care — ICF-DD, ICF/DD-H, or ICF/DD-N, as defined below:
	Intermediate Care Facility/Home for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD, ICF/DD-H, and ICF/DD-N). These three models are offered, as appropriate, to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) who are eligible for Regional Center services as administered by the Department of Developmental Services. The models offer specialized living arrangements and are briefly defined as follows:
	 ICF/DD (Developmentally Disabled): Intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled is a facility that offers 24-hour personal care, habilitation, developmental, and supportive health services for individuals with IDD whose primary need is for developmental services and who have a recurring but intermittent need for skilled nursing services.
	 ICF/DD-H (Habilitative): Intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled-habilitative is a home with a capacity of four to 15 beds that provides 24-hour personal care, habilitation, developmental, and supportive health services for 15 or fewer individuals with IDD who have intermittent recurring needs for nursing services but have been certified by a physician and surgeon as not requiring availability of continuous skilled nursing care.
	• ICF/DD-N (Nursing): Intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled-nursing is a home with a capacity of four to 15 beds that provides 24-hour personal care, developmental services, and nursing supervision for individuals with IDD who have intermittent recurring needs for skilled nursing care but have been certified by a physician and surgeon as not requiring continuous skilled nursing care. The facility shall serve medically fragile persons who have developmental disabilities or demonstrate significant developmental delay that may lead to a developmental disability if not treated.>>

«Table of MCP ICF/DD Authorization Request Form Items and Explanations (continued)

Form Item	Description
8	Admit Date This Service. Enter the recipient's admission date to the facility/home in six-digit format (for example, November 1, 2006, equals 110106).
9	Period of Care Requested . Enter the "From Date" and the "Through Date" requested for authorization in six-digit format (for example, November 1, 2006, equals 110106). This applies to numbers nine and 10.
10	Physician Signature . The authorization request must be initiated by the ICF/DD Home. Per 22 CCR section 51343(a), the ICF/DD Home's attending physician must sign the authorization request and certify to the MCP that the recipient requires this level of care. ICF/DD Homes are to upload the physician's signature as an attachment.>>

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Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (MCP) Intermediate Care Facility/Home for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD) Authorization Request

1. Member Name

DOE, JOHN

2. Medi-Cal Identification Number and Eligibility

COUNTY CODE 01, AID CODE 7D

9000000A95001

3. Facility/Home Name, Address and Contact Information

ABC HOME

12345 MAIN STREET, ANYTOWN, CA 95823

(213) 555-5555

4. International Classification of Diseases (ICD) Diagnoses Codes

F84.9, F78

5. Initial, Transfer, Re-admission, or Reauthorization

INITIAL

6. Prescribing Physician Name and License Number

K. BROWN, MD, 1234567890

7. Level of Care Requested (ICF/DD, ICF/DD-H or ICF/DD-N)

ICD/DD-H

8. The "Admit" Date

10/1/2023

9. The "From" Date

10/1/2023

10. The "Through" Date

9/30/2025

11. Physician Signature

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<:Figure 6: Sample Initial MCP ICF/DD Authorization Request.>>

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Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (MCP) Intermediate Care Facility/Home for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD) Authorization Request

1. Member Name

DOE, JOHN

2. Medi-Cal Identification Number and Eligibility

COUNTY CODE 01, AID CODE 7D

9000000A95001

3. Facility/Home Name, Address and Contact Information

ABC HOME

12345 MAIN STREET, ANYTOWN, CA 95823

(213) 555-5555

4. International Classification of Diseases (ICD) Diagnoses Codes

F84.9. F78

5. Initial, Transfer, Re-admission, or Reauthorization

REAUTHORIZATION

6. Prescribing Physician Name and License Number

K. BROWN, MD, 1234567890

7. Level of Care Requested (ICF/DD, ICF/DD-H or ICF/DD-N)

ICD/DD-H

8. The "Admit" Date

10/1/2023

9. The "From" Date

10/1/2025

10. The "Through" Date

9/30/2027

11. Physician Signature

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<:Figure 7: Sample Reauthorization MCP ICF/DD Authorization Request>>

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