

Review Timings



Review Timing	Definition	When It's Used	Examples	Key Considerations
Prospective	Review conducted before services are provided or patient is admitted	When seeking prior authorization for scheduled or planned services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Therapy eval request Scheduled outpatient imaging Elective surgeries 	Must be approved before service begins to avoid denial
Concurrent	Review conducted during ongoing care	For ongoing medical necessity during an active admission or treatment episode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inpatient hospital stay Rehab requiring extended length of stay 	Submit clinical updates before current auth ends
Retrospective	Review conducted after the service has been provided	When prior or concurrent review due to eligibility coverage change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency surgery w/o prior auth Post-discharge review Unexpected ICU stay 	Requires justification and documentation to avoid denial

