

Avalon Prior Authorization System (PAS)Provider Training Manual



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How to Use the PAS Training Manual



The Lesson Objectives section lists the outcomes expected of the user after a lesson has been completed.



Alerts appear throughout the lesson and are used to bring valuable information to the user's attention.



Notes may clarify content, refer the user to additional reference maternal, provide more background for selected topics or emphasize exceptions to rules.

Lesson Objectives

This training document provides step-by-step instructions for providers on how to Use Avalon's Prior Authorization System (PAS). At the end of this lesson, you will be able to:



- Create and submit an authorization request.
- Check the status of a submitted request.
- Download and print your determination letters.



PAS Navigation Buttons

You can use buttons to navigate in PAS.

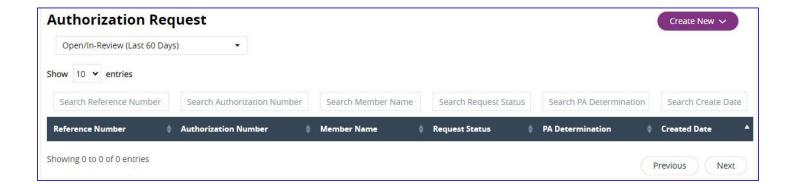
Button	Function		
Create New	Create a new preservice request.		
Cancel Request	Cancel a request. Does not save data depending on where the user is in the process. Takes user to prior authorization work queue.		
Back Takes the user to the previous screen.			
Next	Takes the user to the next screen. In some situations, it initiates an automated process. For example, procedure code validation, member eligibility check, etc.		
Submit	Submits a request.		
Browse	Search for your documents.		
Upload	Upload and attach your documents to the request.		
Save	Saves any updates to the request.		
+	Adds more procedure or diagnosis codes.		

Prior Authorization Work Queue

Work Queue Information

From the Work Queue page, you can:

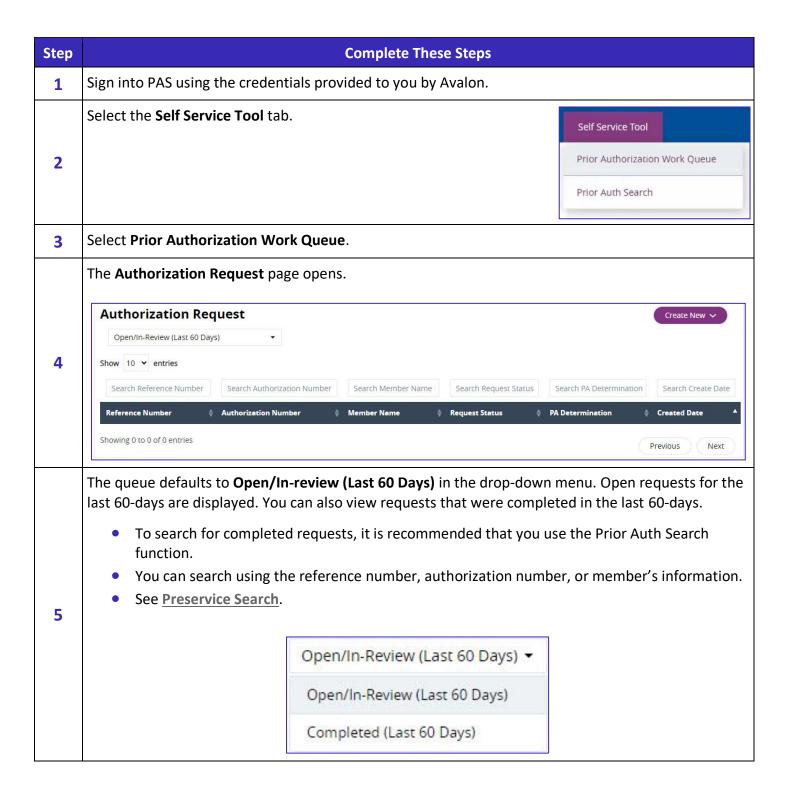
- Search for an existing request or authorization by entering a keyword in any field.
 - o For example, enter "John" in the Member Name field. The requests where "John" is in either the first or last names are displayed.
 - You can limit your results by filtering on the fields.
- Select the **Page Number** button to go to a specific page.
- Select the Next button to go to the next page.
- Select the Create New button to enter a new preservice request. Select the appropriate health plan.
 The health plan is on the member's insurance ID card.
 - See Enter Authorization Information.







Follow these steps to go to the PAS work queue.

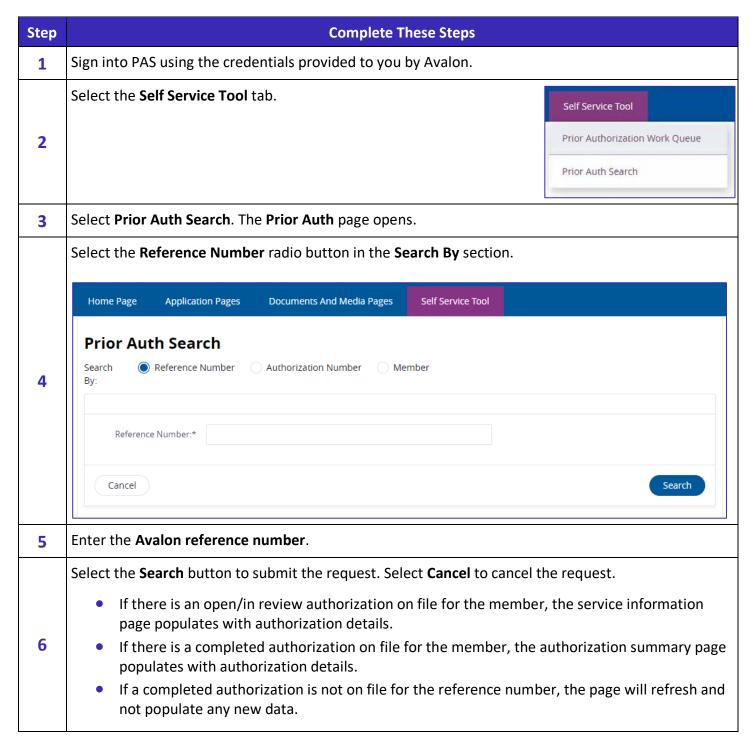




Preservice Search

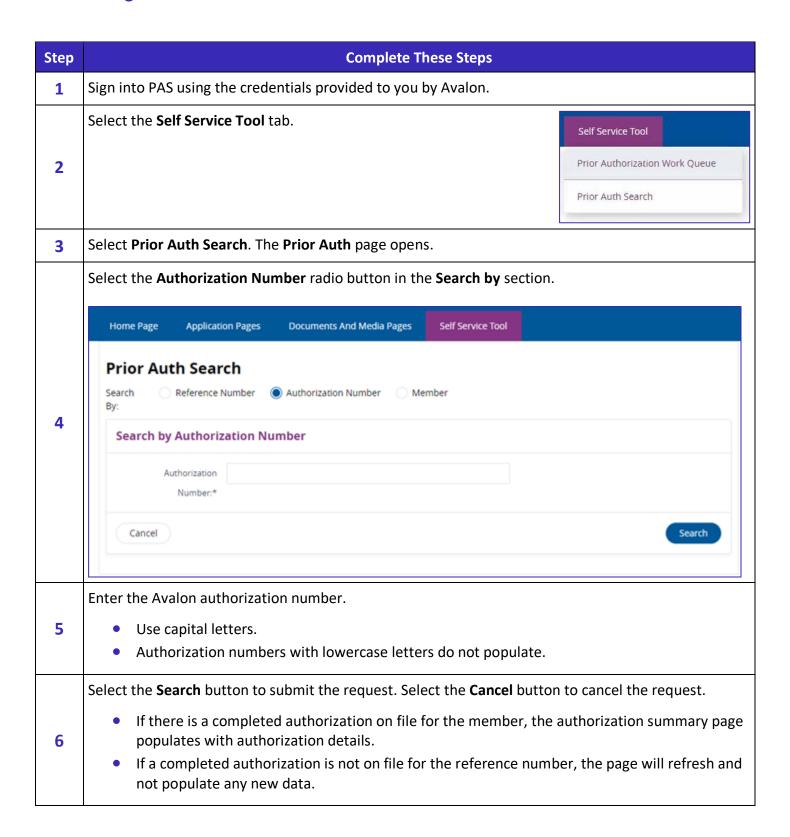
You can search for a completed authorization by using the Avalon reference number, authorization number, or using the member's information.

Search Using a Reference Number



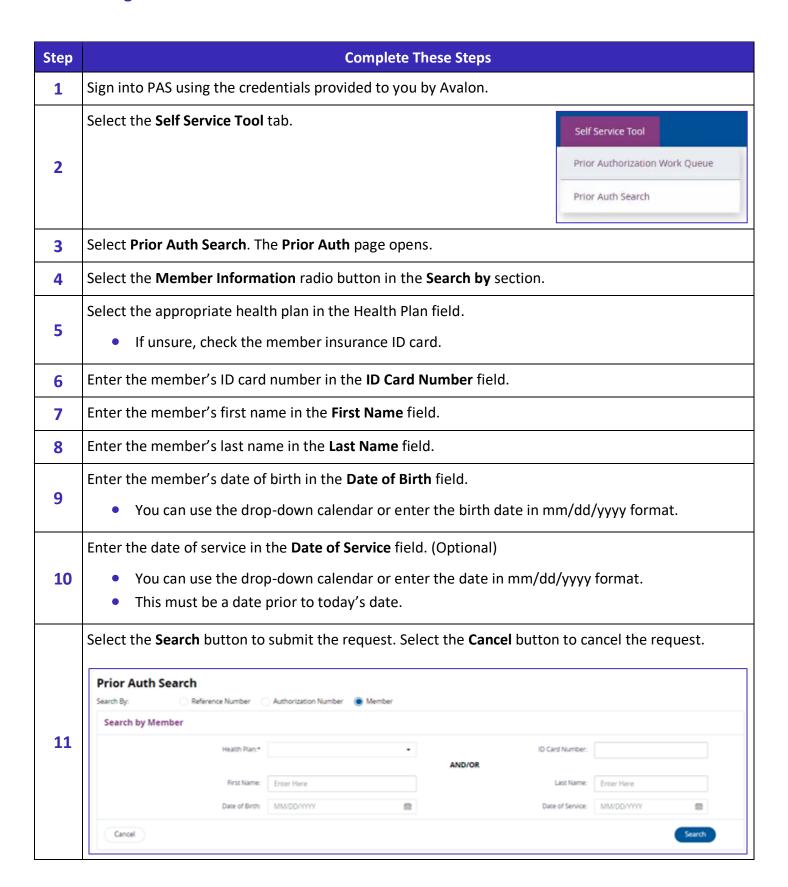


Search Using an Authorization Number



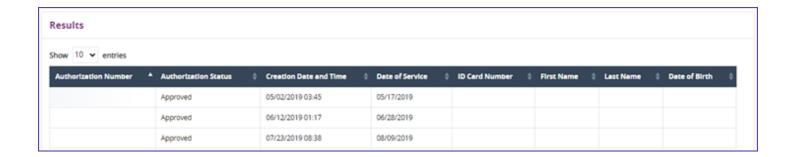


Search Using Member Information





Search Results



Enter Authorization Information

Preservice

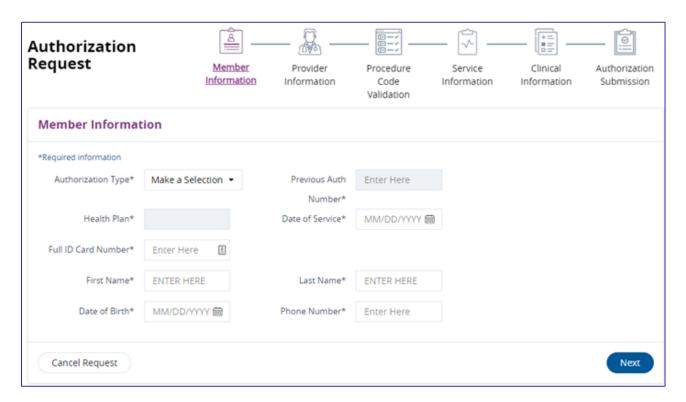
Step	Complete These Steps				
1	Select the Create New drop-down menu.				
2	Select your health plan name.				



Member Information

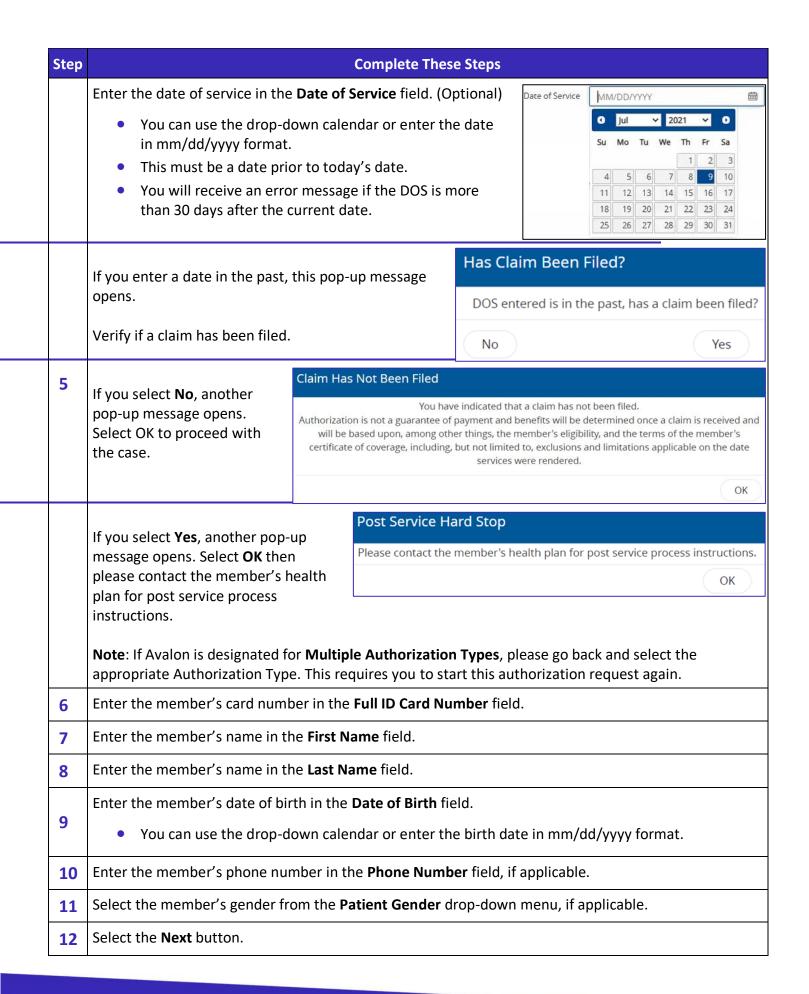
The Member Information screen is used to enter the member's information. The information is used to verify the patient's eligibility and benefit coverage.

You may move forward with entering the request but be sure that you have verified that the member's benefit plan covers the service. It is the requesting provider's responsibility to verify the member's benefits prior to submitting a preservice request.



Step	Complete These Steps						
1	he Authorization Request Member Information page opens.						
2	select the Authorization type from the drop-down menu, if applicable.						
3	Enter the PA number, if applicable.This only applies to an appeal or post.						
4	The Health Plan field auto-populates.						







Provider Information

Enter the ordering and rendering providers' information. If you are the ordering provider and do not have a rendering provider, skip that section. Rendering providers are required for certain health plans. If the field has an asterisk, then the health plan requires the information.



You must enter information in a required field. A required field is indicated by an asterisk (*).

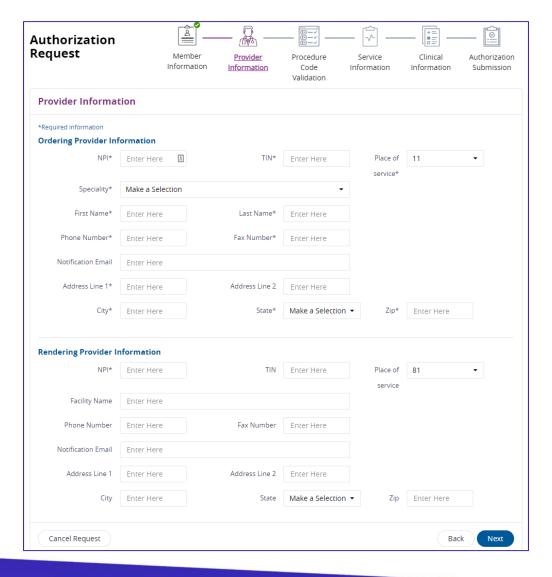


If you are the rendering provider, you must enter the ordering provider's information and you must attest to its accuracy.



Select **Next** to initiate the provider validation process.

The provider validation process checks both the ordering and rendering providers' sanction status. If either provider comes up as a potentially sanctioned provider, when you submit the request, the request is pended for review. If the rendering provider is not a health plan participating provider, when you submit the request, the request is pended for review.





Step	Complete These Steps							
1	The Authorization Request Provider Information page opens.							
2	Enter the Ordering Provider Information.							
	Enter the National Provider Identifier (NPI) in the NPI field.							
3	Enter the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) in the TIN field, if ap	plicable.						
	The Place of Service field defaults to 11.							
4	 If applicable, change the place of service using the drop-dowr 	menu.						
	Use the drop-down menu to select a name in the Specialty field.	Speciality*	Make a Selection	•				
			Nephrology	_				
			Neurological Surgery					
5			Neurology Obstetrics & Gynecology					
			Oncology					
			Ophthalmology					
			Orolaningolomi	*				
6	Enter your name in the First Name field.							
7	Enter your name in the Last Name field.							
8	Enter your phone number in the Phone Number field.							
9	Enter the fax number in the Fax Number field.							
	Enter the email address in the Notification Email field.							
10	This is optional to receive email notifications.							
11	Enter your address in the Address Line 1 field. Add additional information, such as the suite number, in the Address Line 2 field.							
12	Enter the city in the City field.							
13	Use the drop-down menu to select a state in the State field.							
14	Enter the zip code in the ZIP field.							
45	Enter the Rendering Provider Information .							
15	Enter the National Provider Identifier (NPI) in the NPI field.							
16	Enter the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) in the TIN field, if applicable.							
	The Place of Service field defaults to 81.							
17	 If applicable, change the place of service using the drop-dowr 	menu.						



Step	Complete These Steps					
18	Enter the facility name in the Facility Name field.					
19	Enter the phone number in the Phone Number field.					
20	Enter the fax number in the Fax Number field.					
21	Enter the email address in the Notification Email field. This is optional to receive email notifications.					
22	Enter the address in the Address Line 1 field. Add additional information, such as the suite number, in the Address Line 2 field.					
23	Enter the city in the City field.					
24	Use the drop-down menu to select a state in the State field.					
25	Enter the zip code in the ZIP field.					
26	Select Next to submit the request.					
27	Select the Ok button.					

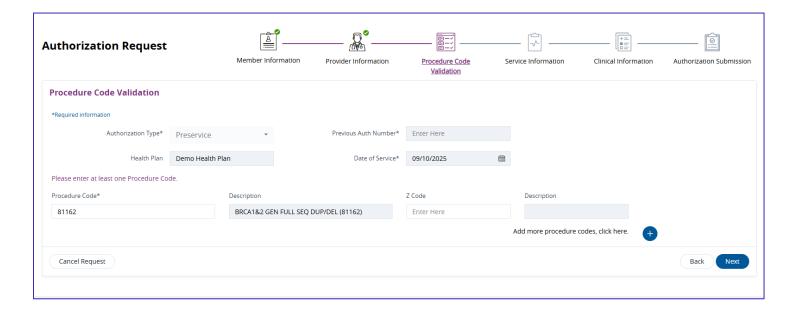


Procedure Code Validation

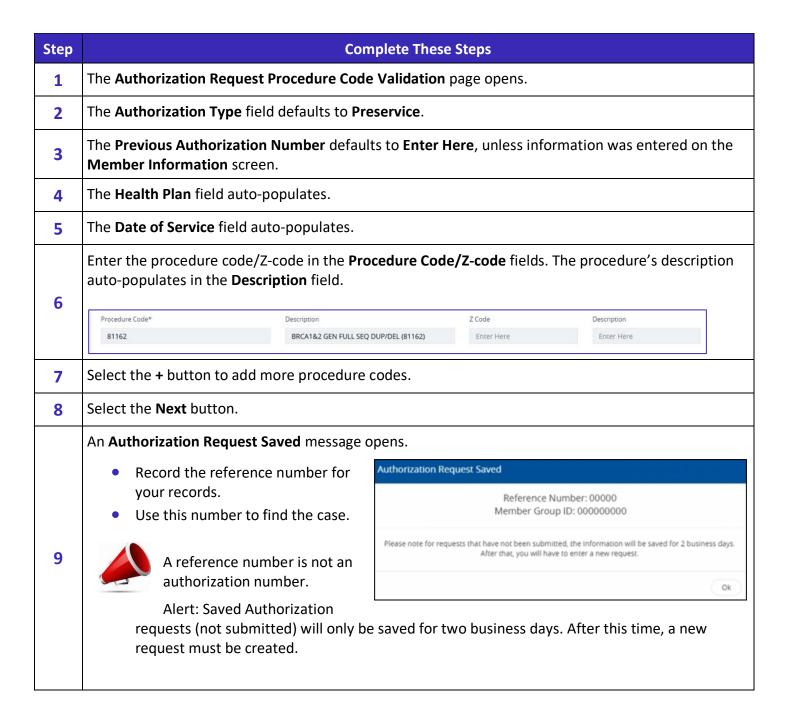
Procedure Code Validation confirms the procedure codes/Z-codes that you enter are HIPAA-compliant procedure codes/z-codes and the codes require an authorization for the health plan you selected when you created the request.



You must enter information in a required field. A required field is indicated by an asterisk (*).



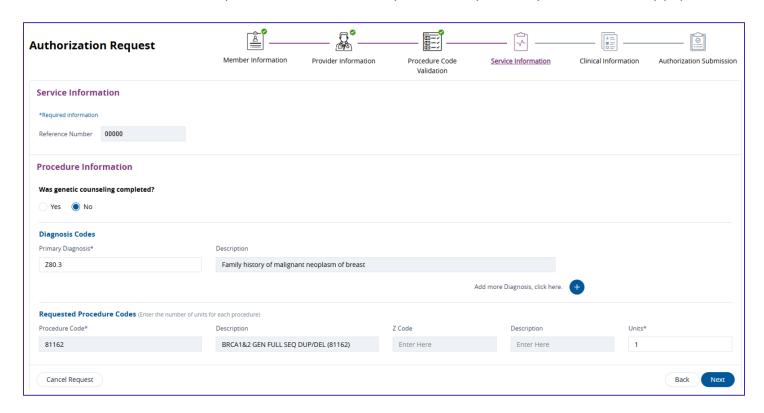






Service Information

The reference number and the procedure codes/z-codes you entered previously are automatically populated.





Step	Complete These Steps					
1	The Authorization Service Information page opens.					
2	The Reference Number field auto-populates.					
3	The Genetic Counseling question defaults to No . If applicable, select the Yes radio button to answer the genetic counseling question.					
4	 Enter the diagnosis number in the Primary Diagnosis field. Use capital letters. Diagnosis numbers with lowercase letters do not populate. 					
5	The Description field auto-populates.					
6	Select the + button to add more diagnosis codes.					
7	The Requested Procedure Code/Z-code field auto-populates with the description.					
8	Enter the number of units in the Unit field.					
9	If you entered a Molecular Pathology (MoPath) or unlisted code, enter a description in the Enter Test Description Here field.					
10	Select the Next button.					

Clinical Information

Some procedure codes can auto-approve, if your health plan has configuration for auto-approvals, and others cannot auto-approve. If you request codes that can auto-approve, a set of clinical questions are displayed for you to answer. Once you respond to all the questions and submit the request, PAS evaluates the responses and either auto-approves the procedure code or pends it for review. You may be requesting some codes that can auto-approve and some that cannot.

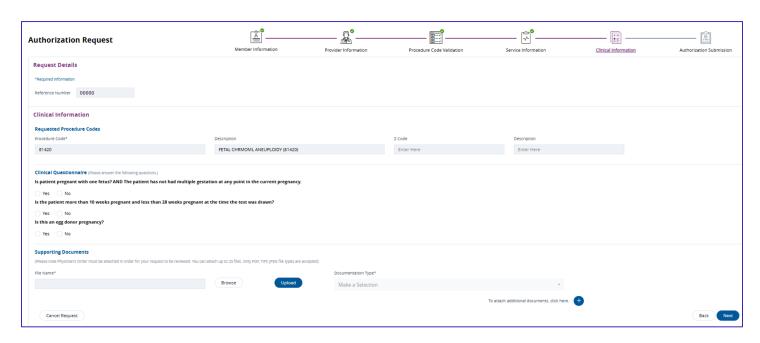


Avalon requires that you attach the physician's order and clinical notes supporting medical necessity to the request!

If the procedure code has a corresponding clinical questionnaire, the questions are displayed. If your health plan has the option to answer "I Don't Know" for corresponding clinical questions and you answer "I Don't Know" to any of the questions, the request will not auto-approve. The request is pended for clinical review. If your responses meet medical policy criteria, the request will auto-approve, and you will receive a message with the authorization number.



With Clinical Questions

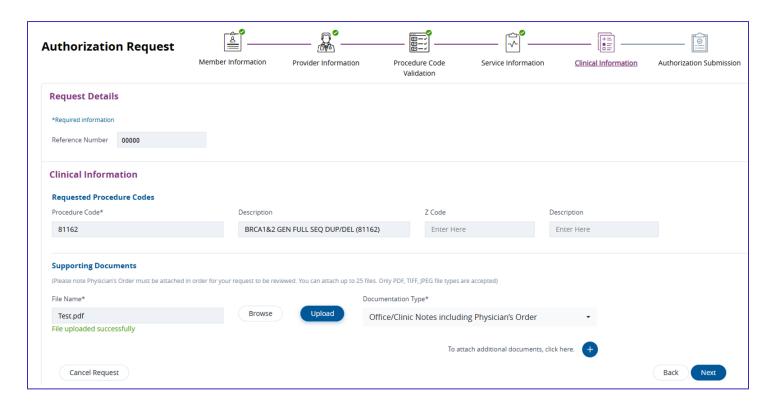




Step	Complete These Steps						
1	The Authorization Request Clinical Information page opens.						
2	The Reference Number field auto-populates.						
3	The Requested Procedure Code/Z-code and Description fields auto-populate.						
4	If your procedure code populates questions, select the Yes , No , or I Don't Know radio button for all questions in the Clinical Questionnaire section.						
	Not all codes populate questions.						
	Upload supporting documents.						
5	A Physician's Order must be attached for your request to be reviewed.						
	Select the Browse button. Your computer's file window opens.						
	Select the file.						
6	Only PDF, TIFF, JPEG file types are accepted.						
7	Select Open . The file uploads to the request page.						
8	Select the document type from the Documentation Type drop-down menu.						
	Select the Upload button. A File Uploaded Successfully message opens below the File Name field.						
9	Duplicate documents are not accepted.						
10	Select the + button to add more documents.						
10	You can attach up to twenty-five files.						
11	Select the Next button.						



Without Clinical Questions



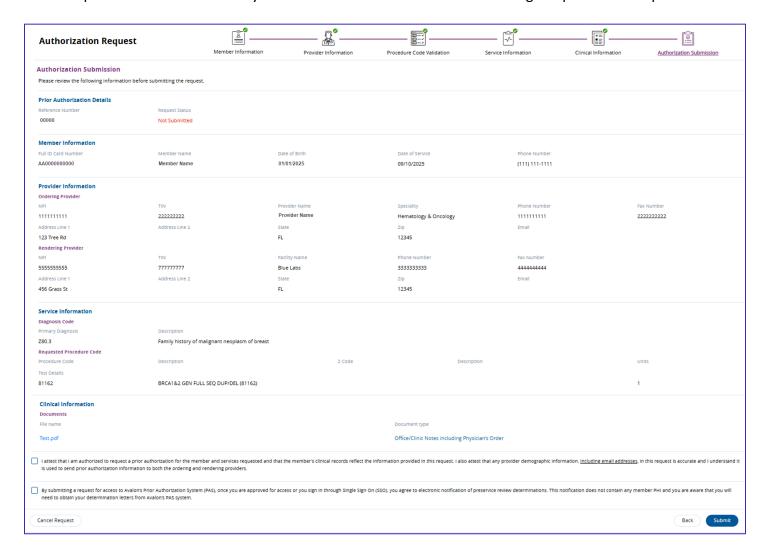


Step	Complete These Steps						
1	The Authorization Request Clinical Information page opens.						
2	The Reference Number field auto-populates.						
3	The Requested Procedure Code/Z-code and Description fields auto-populate.						
4	 Upload supporting documents. A Physician's Order must be attached for your request to be reviewed. Select the Browse button. Your computer's file window opens. 						
5	Select the file. Only PDF, TIFF, JPEG file types are accepted.						
6	Select Open . The file uploads to the request page.						
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10	Select the Next button.						



Authorization Submission

This displays the information you entered, your responses to any clinical questions and the files you attached to the request. This is the last time you can edit the sections before submitting the preservice request.





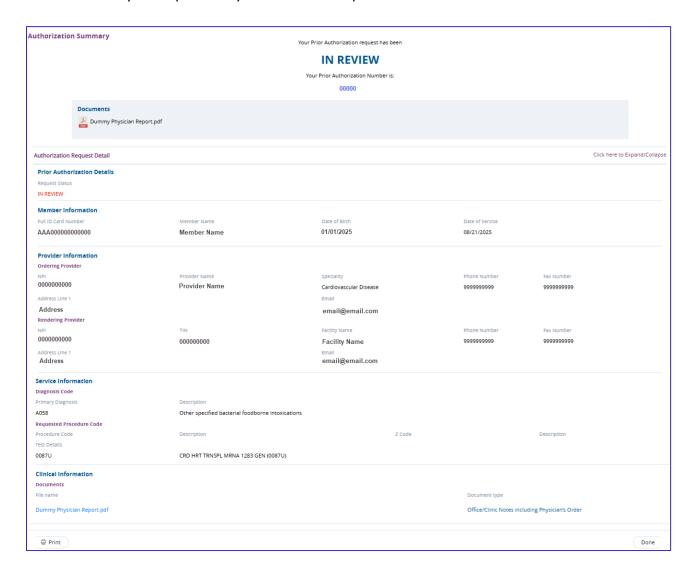
Step	Complete These Steps						
1	The Authorization Request - Authorization Submission page opens.						
2	Select the checkbox to agree with the Attestation Statement . • This is required.						
3	 Select the checkbox to agree with the Electronic Consent Statement. This is how you receive email notifications. If you have PAS access, this is required. 						
4	Select Cancel Request at any time during the request to cancel the request.						
5	 Select the Submit button. Your request is in review. The Authorization Summary page opens. If the request requires clinical review, the request is pended. If the request is approved or auto approved, the authorization number is displayed. 						



Determination Notification

In Review

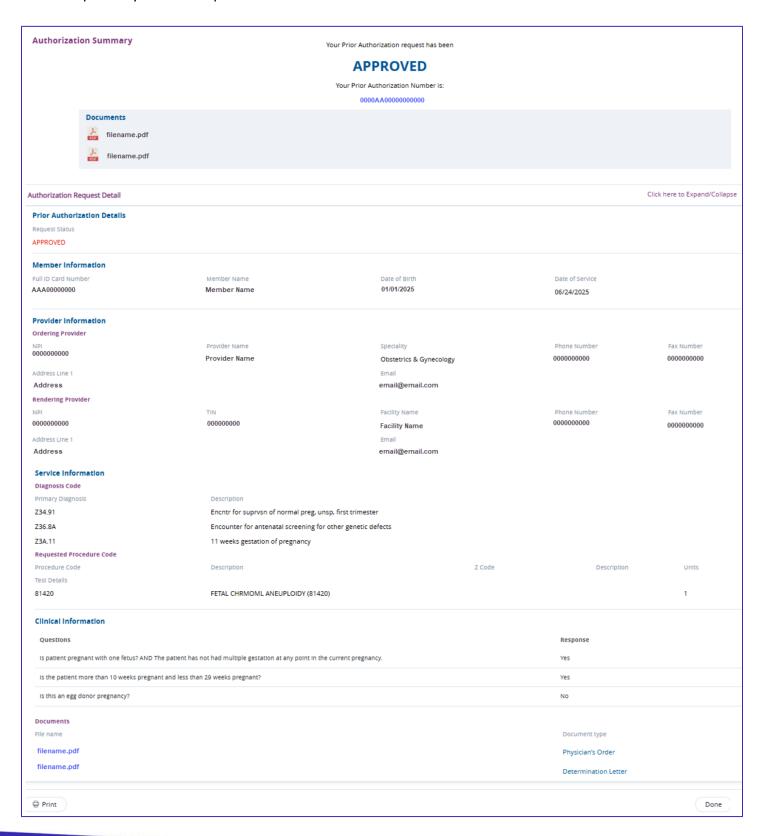
When your Prior Authorization request is in review, that means that an automatic approval cannot be provided based on the information you submitted. A review of the request is performed, and additional information may be requested by Avalon. Use the provided Prior Authorization number as a reference.





Approvals

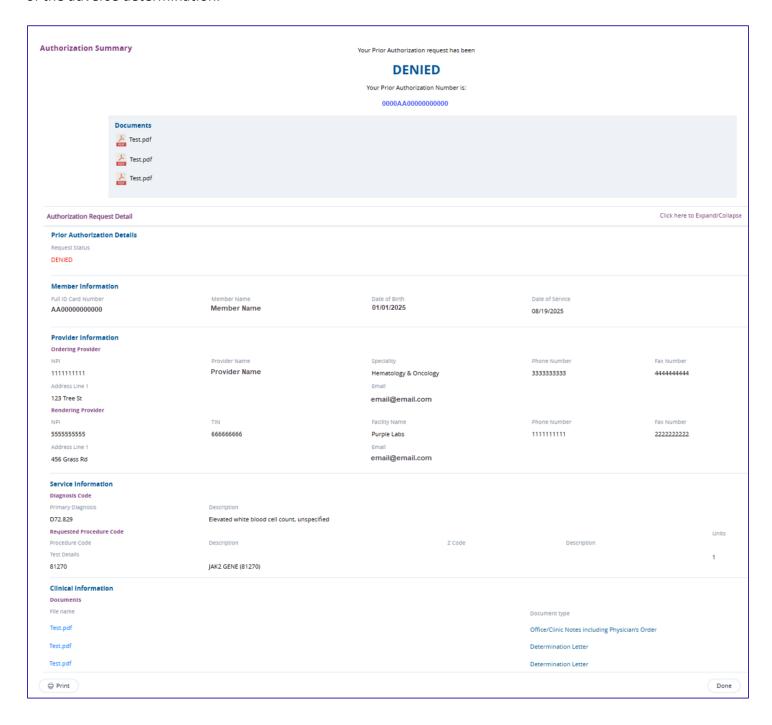
Ordering and rendering providers receive a fax and/or email notification that Avalon has completed its review and that all the requested services have been authorized (approved). The approval letters are posted to the request in PAS and can be viewed, downloaded, and printed. Members do not receive an approval notification unless required by the health plan.





Denials

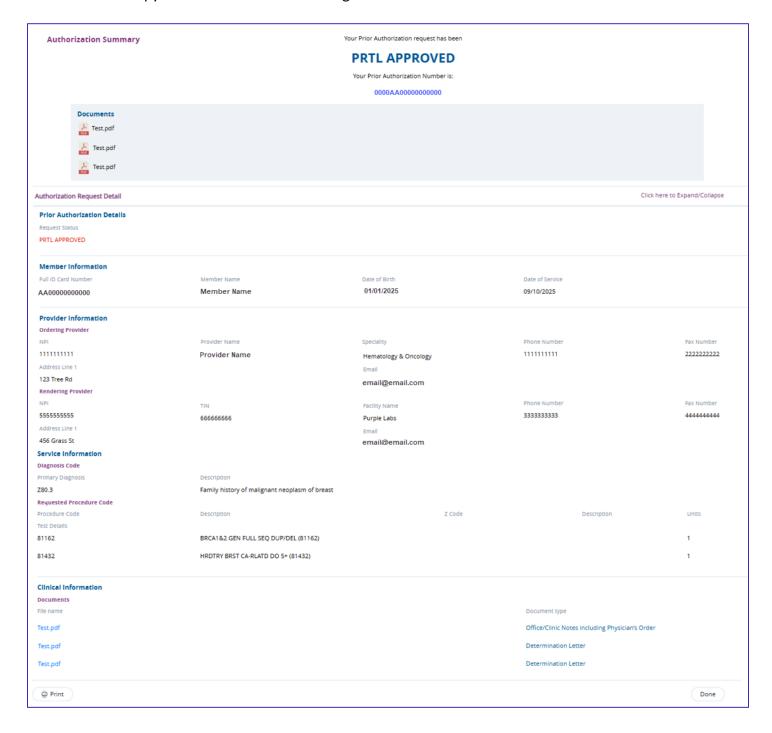
Ordering and rendering providers receive a fax and/or email notification that Avalon has completed its review and that all requested services have been denied. The denial letters are posted to the request in PAS and can be viewed, downloaded, and printed. Members receive a hard copy of the letter from Avalon informing them of the adverse determination.





Partial Approvals

Ordering and rendering providers receive a fax and/or email notification that Avalon has completed its review and that some of the requested services have been authorized and some have been denied. The partial approval letters are posted to the request in PAS and can be viewed, downloaded, and printed. The member receives a hard-copy letter from Avalon informing them of both the authorized and denied services.





Provider Notification

- Ordering and rendering providers receive a fax and/or email notification once Avalon has completed its review.
- The notification outlines whether:
 - All services requested are authorized (approval),
 - Some services are authorized and some denied (partial approval), or
 - None of the services are authorized (denial).

Accessing Determination Letters

- All determination letters are posted directly to the request in PAS.
- Providers can:
 - View letters in real time,
 - Download copies for their records,
 - o Print as needed for patient charts or office documentation.

Fax/Email Notification Example

Avalon has completed its review of your prior authorization request, **Member ID #: (AA000000000).** An Avalon **Authorization #: (0000AA00080000000) for DOS (00/00/2025)**, has been **Approved**.

	Authorization Request Details							
Procedure Code	Procedure Description	Date-of- Service	Ordered	Approved	Not Approved	Determination Status	Health Plan Medical Policy	
81519	ONCOLOGY BREAST MRNA (81519)	00/00/2025	1	1	0	0		

You may review and print the determination letter for this request from Avalon's automated Prior Authorization System (PAS) within 24 hours of this notification.

In the event of an adverse determination, for Medicaid and Commercial Plans, a peer-to-peer (P2P) consultation is an opportunity for an ordering physician to discuss a medical necessity denial determination with an Avalon Healthcare Solution physician reviewer. If you wish to schedule a P2P consultation, you must request an appointment within five (5) business days from the date you were notified of the adverse determination by Avalon. You may request a consultation with the Avalon physician who denied your request.

To schedule an appointment, contact our Preservice Review Department at 844-227-5769, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM Eastern Time.



Participating Avalon Providers – Log directly into PAS to access the determination letter.

Participating Health Plan Providers - You can access the determination letter using the health plans' provider portals to access PAS.

Non-Participating Providers - Please call 844-227-5769 between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM ET, Monday through Friday, to have the determination letter faxed to you.



Help

If you have questions about Avalon's PA process or PAS, you can email <u>Avalon-PASHelp@AvalonHCS.com</u> or contact the Avalon Call Center at 1-844-227-5769.

