



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
**Workers' Compensation Commission**  
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**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

Beginning January 1, 2022, the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission will launch a program for Petitioning Authorization of Medical Treatment. The goal is to expedite the decision on the delivery of medical care. Initially, the program will be available in those cases where an Award has been entered and a treating physician established, both the claimant and the employer are represented by counsel, and the request is for medical care or treatment only.

The party petitioning for authorization of medical treatment must submit with its request the documentation supporting the care requested (surgery, diagnostic testing, physical therapy, medication, etc.). The respondent will have seven (7) calendar days to advise the Commission and the requesting party of whether the care requested is authorized or denied. If no response is made in the prescribed time, a telephone conference will be scheduled with the Chief Deputy Commissioner (or his designee) and the parties to determine the status of the request. Following the telephone conference, an Order will be entered either affirming the authorized care or referring the request to the Commission's Evidentiary or On-the-Record Hearing Docket.

All petitions for authorization of medical treatment are to be filed with the Commission's Claims Services Department. Any questions should be directed to the Customer Contact Center at 1-877-664-2566.

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