

End User Manual for the Intensive Home-Based Services & Therapeutic Behavioral Services Process

ProviderConnect NX
IHBS and TBS End User Manual
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Introduction to Avatar NX for Intensive Home-Based Services and Therapeutic Behavioral Service Providers

The Avatar NX is the Electronic Health Record System (EHRS) that the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) implemented. **ProviderConnect NX** is a web-based interface that communicates with Avatar NX. **ProviderConnect NX** is a standard browser-based application that can be launched from any web browsing application such as Edge, Chrome, or Firefox. **ProviderConnect NX** has real-time communication with Avatar NX, hence any information submitted is directly entered or updated into Avatar NX immediately.

Intensive Home-Based Services (IHBS) and **Therapeutic Behavioral Service** (TBS) providers will use **ProviderConnect NX** for the following functions:

- 1. Search for Clients.
- 2. View Clients Demographics
- 3. Submit Authorization requests for Avatar NX Services.
- 4. Upload the Client document(s) as an Attachment to Client cases.
 - Documents to upload:
 - IHBS /TBS Assessment
- 5. Review the status of the authorization.

Provider Authorizations vs. Member Based Authorizations

Provider Authorizations are at funding source level for a given fiscal year for a provider. Each provider authorization (P-Auth) is assigned with a specific dollar amount allocated as per the contract/amendment. When claiming for a service, the provider uses a P-Auth and claiming can continue until the dollar is exhausted. Based on clients Financial Eligibility and the type of service claimed, the provider uses a P-Auth that is linked to a Medi-Cal Funding Plan or a Non-Medi-Cal Funding Plan.

Member Based Authorizations are child records of P-Auth's that are assigned to a specific member for a specific service. When requesting a member-based authorization for IHBS/TBS, the provider should use an appropriate funding source that covers the requested service. The authorization must be based on the client's Financial Eligibility, use a Medi-Cal or a Non Medi-Cal Funding Source. Also, note that for each claim submitted with a member-based authorization, the dollar amount will be deducted from the parent P-Auth.

Access and Limitations

- To access the system, a web address (URL Uniform Resource Locator) is used to launch the browser-based application.
- Once your request is approved, a user ID and system generated password will be issued to designated users by LACDMH. This initial password must be changed upon the first login to the application.
- The client must have an open admission (Open Episode) and their Financial Eligibility setup in Avatar NX with the Legal Entity seeking an authorization request for the client that has been submitted through Client Web Service. This is prior to the provider creating a Member Authorization in **ProviderConnect NX**.
- Once an authorization request is submitted via **ProviderConnect NX**, designated users will not be able to make any changes to the submitted request.
- If changes to the authorization in **ProviderConnect NX** are required, users should contact the Authorizations Unit at ChildWelfareAuth@dmh.lacounty.gov for further direction.
- If the User is having **ProviderConnect NX** functionality issues Users will need to complete a HEAT ticket to have the issue investigated and resolved.

Links and Numbers

Help Desk – (213)351-1335

HEAT ticket System - https://lacdmhheat.saasit.com
Authorizations Unit - ChildWelfareAuth@dmh.lacounty.gov
User Manuals and Videos - https://dmh.lacounty.gov/pc/cp/provider-connect/

Forms and Instructions for the process to apply for access to ProviderConnect NX

Request Forms for Provider Connect NX Access:

- APPLICATION ACCESS FORM (AAF)
- CONFIDENTIALITY OATH
- COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AGREEMENT FOR ACCEPTABLE USE AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF COUNTY INFORMATION ASSETS (AUA)
- ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE AGREEMENT
- SECURITY AGREEMENT NON-LACDMH USER

Below is an example of the email an Onboarding Provider will receive

This is a reminder for Legal Entity (LE) Providers that they required to Onboard a designated a Legal Entity Representative (liaison). The LE liaison will be the point of contact for any LE staff requesting access to Department of Mental Health (DMH) resources/applications. To facilitate staff requests, the DMH Provider Advocacy Office (PAO) has developed the online **Systems Access Request (SAR)** portal. The SAR portal will enable liaisons with a quick, reliable, and more accountable way to request access to existing and future DMH applications.

IMPORTANT Mailed access request forms and/or emailed access request forms will NO longer be processed. Any requests for application access or New C-Number/C-Number business agreement renewals MUST be created in the SAR portal by the LE liaison.

The SAR portal is only accessible to LE liaisons. To request SAR portal access for an LE liaison, please complete and email the "Individuals Authorized to Sign Application Access Forms" in addition to the "Contractor Number Request Packet" to the DMH Systems Access Unit at SystemsAccessUnit@dmh.lacounty.gov with subject line "ONBOARDING SAR PORTAL LIAISON ACCESS." For your convenience, we have provided the direct link to the above-mentioned forms below:

Contractor Number Request Packet:

http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dmh/1076333 CNumberRequestPacket.pdf

Individuals Authorized to Sign Application Access Forms:

http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dmh/1055863 Individuals Authorized to Sign Access Forms.pdf

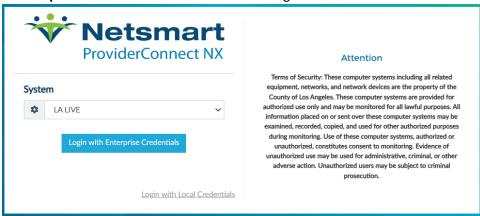
NOTE Please make sure that the forms are filled out or typed in the PDF form. All scanned documents should be legible, and all parties must either use a wet or digital signature. Requests with typed signatures, incomplete forms, or signature dates older than 60 days will NOT be processed.

Should you have any questions or if you require additional assistance, please contact the DMH Systems Access Unit at SystemsAccessUnit@dmh.lacounty.gov and we will gladly assist you. We sincerely thank you for all your time and cooperation.

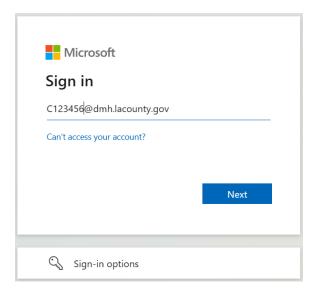
Provider Connect NX: Login with Enterprise Credentials

Start the web browser (Edge, Chrome, or Firefox) on your computer. Type or cut and paste the following web address in the address line https://lapcnx.netsmartcloud.com/#/home to access the link for **ProviderConnect NX**. We also suggest that User save this link to their Favorites Bar for ease of access.

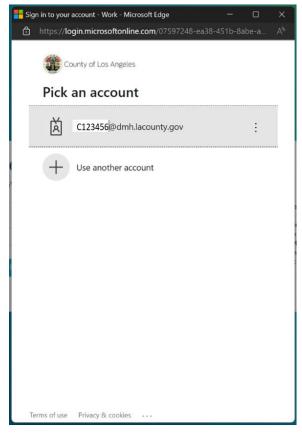
Select the "Login with Enterprise Credentials" button. This will navigate the User to the Microsoft MFA login screen.



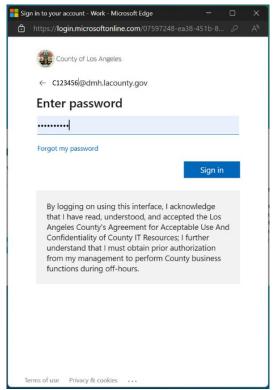
Users will either enter in their "C" number with @dmh.lacounty.gov email address and click the "Next" button or



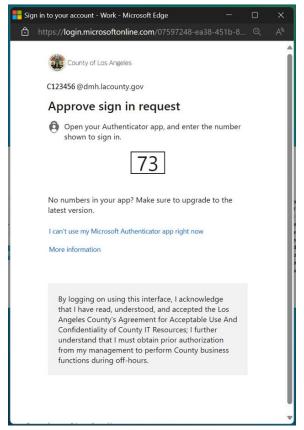
on the "Pick an account" popup screen User will either select the "C" number DMH email address or if the User does not see their "C" number DMH email the User can click the "+" to use another account. This will navigate the User back to the "Sign in" to where the User can enter their "C" number DMH email address and click the "Next" button.



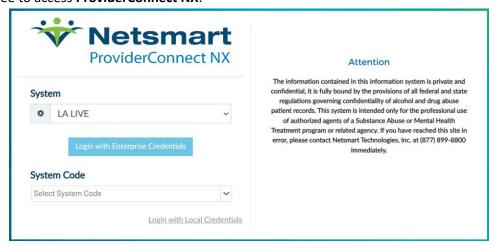
The User will enter their password and click the "Sign in" button. This will navigate the User to the Netsmart ProviderConnect NX login.



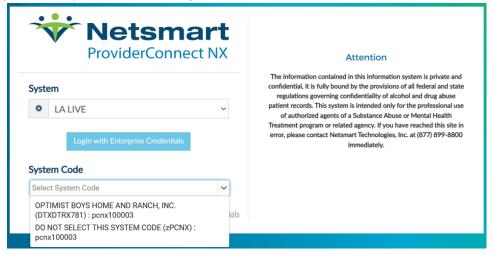
User will receive the number to be entered into the "Authenticator App". The User will enter the number in the app and click the checkmark. This will navigate the User back to the Netsmart ProviderConnect NX login screen.



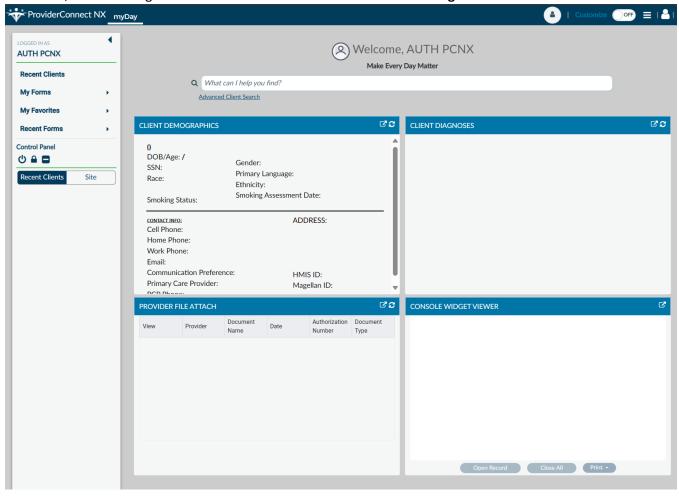
Using the "System Code" dropdown select the code for the Users agency. The User will only see the system code (they are authorized to see to access ProviderConnect NX.



Click the arrow to open the dropdown menu for "System Code".

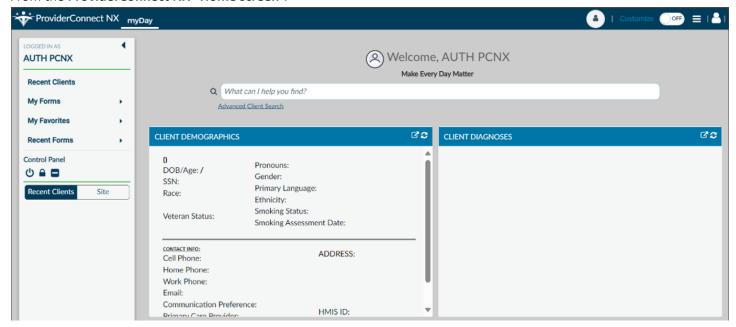


Once selected, this will navigate the User to the ProviderConnect NX Home Page.

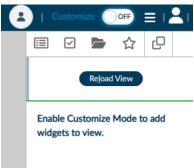


Provider Connect NX: How Add a Widget

From the ProviderConnect NX "Home screen".



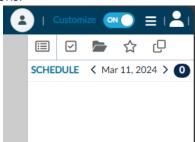
In the upper right corner of the screen Users will see a "Customize" selector.



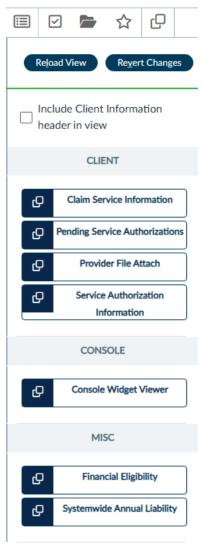
Turn the "Customize" selector from the "OFF" selection to the "ON" selection.



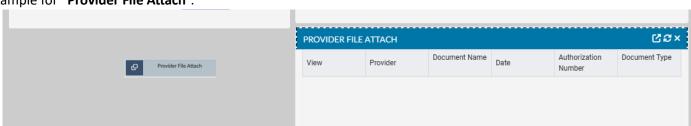
Select the icon to open the widget options.



In the widget options select, drag and drop the "Provider File Attach" and "Consoel Widget Viewer" widget to the "Home Screen".



Example for "Provider File Attach".



Example for "Console Widget Viewer".

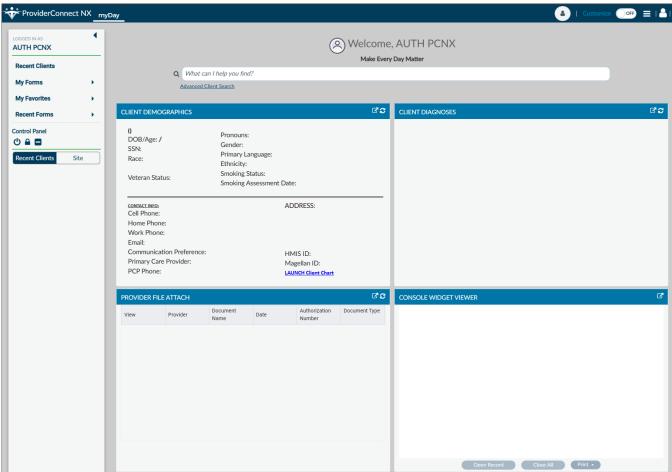


Once completed turn the "Customize" selection from the "ON" selection to the "OFF" selection.



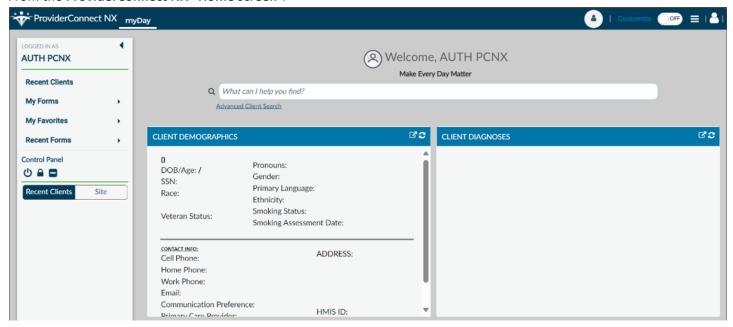
Select the icon to close the side bar.

Users will now be able to view the Client file attachments from the "Home Screen".

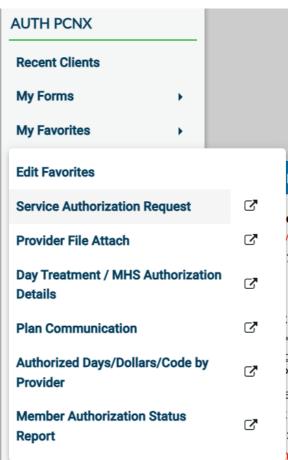


ProviderConnect NX: How to create an Authorization

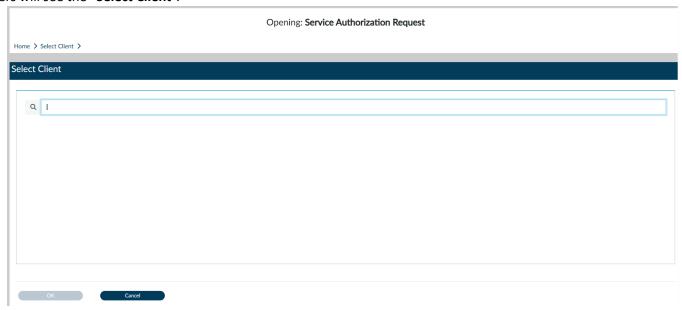
From the ProviderConnect NX "Home screen".



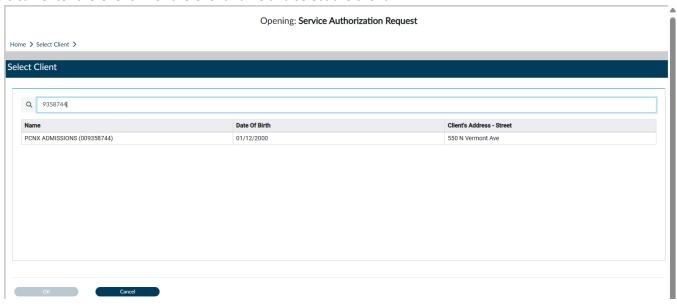
The User will go to their "My Favorites" in the TASK Navigation and select "Service Entry Submission" from the dropdown menu.



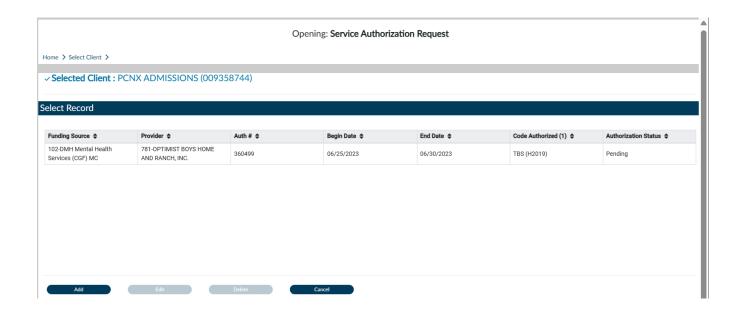
Users will see the "Select Client".



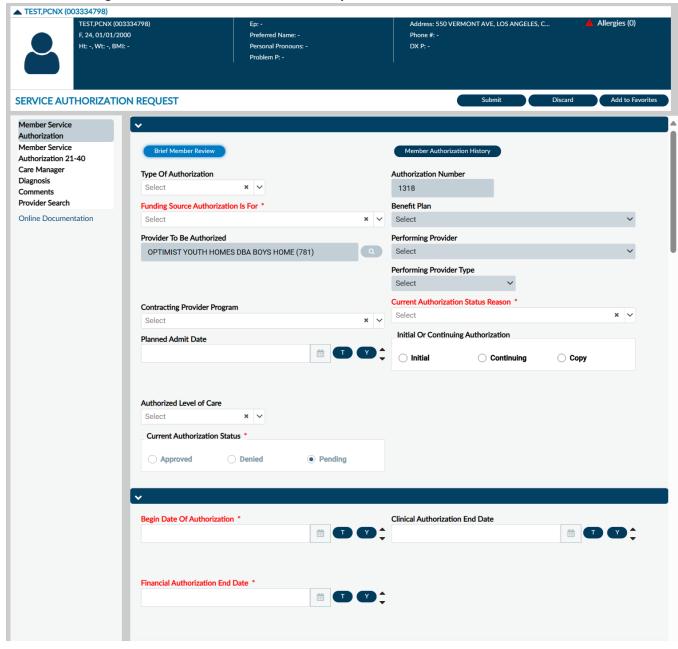
Users can enter the **Client ID** or the Client name and select the client.



Users will be navigated to the pre-display for "Service Authorization Request". When Users will see past Authorization Request. Users must select the "Add" button to create a new Authorization Request.

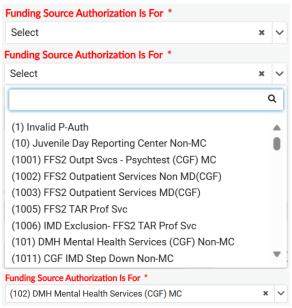


The User will be navigated to the "Service Authorization Request" form.

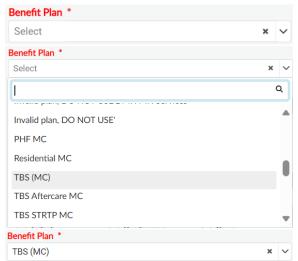


NOTE: All field names that are in RED with RED Asterisk are required fields and must be completed before claims can be submitted. There are other fields, that are not marked as "Required" but are needed to complete an "Authorization Request".

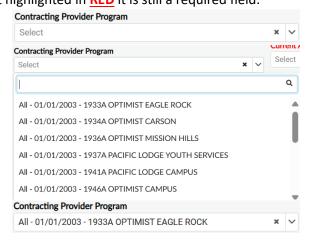
Using the dropdown under the "Funding Source Authorization Is For" field select the Funding Source to be used for this request.



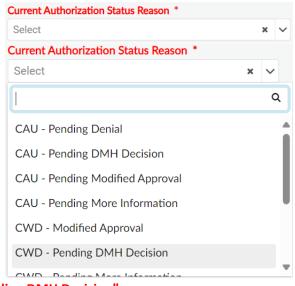
Using the dropdown under the "Benefit Plan" field select the corresponding Benefit Plan for the chosen Funding Source to be used for this request.



Using the dropdown under the "Contracting Provider Program" field select the program to be used for this request. **NOTE:** Even though this field is not highlighted in **RED** it is still a required field.



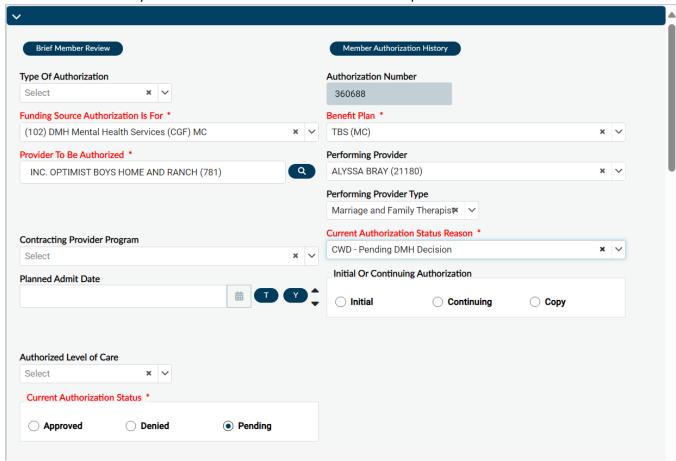
Using the dropdown under the "Current Authorization Status Reason" field select the Reason to be used for this request.



NOTE: User must select "CWD Pending DMH Decision"

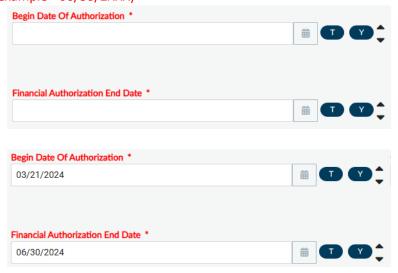


Review the section to verify all fields that were reviewed have been completed.



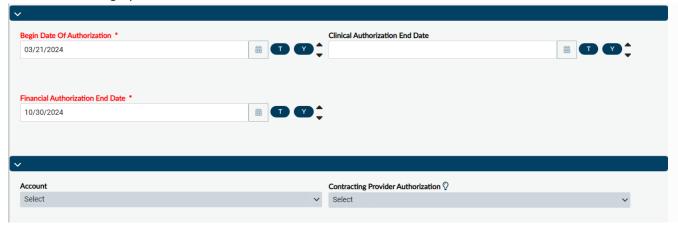
Enter the "Begin Date of Authorization" and the "Financial Authorization End Date".

NOTE: For Authorizations that span over into the next Fiscal Year the "Financial Authorization End Date" **MUST** be the last day of the Fiscal Year. (example - 06/30/2XXX)

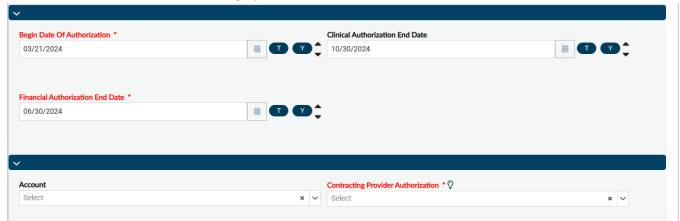


NOTE: For Authorizations that span over into the next Fiscal Year the "Financial Authorization End Date" **MUST** be the last day of the Fiscal Year. (example - 06/30/2XXX) and date the User wants to enter will be entered into the "Clinical Authorization Date" field.

If the "Financial Authorization Date" spans into the next Fiscal Year the "Account" and the "Clinical Authorization End Date" field will show grayed and the User will not be allowed to continue.



The User **MUST** enter the last day of the current Fiscal Year into the "Financial Authorization End Date" field and then enter the end date they request in the "Clinical Authorization End Date" field before the "Account" and the "Clinical Authorization End Date" field will show ungrayed.

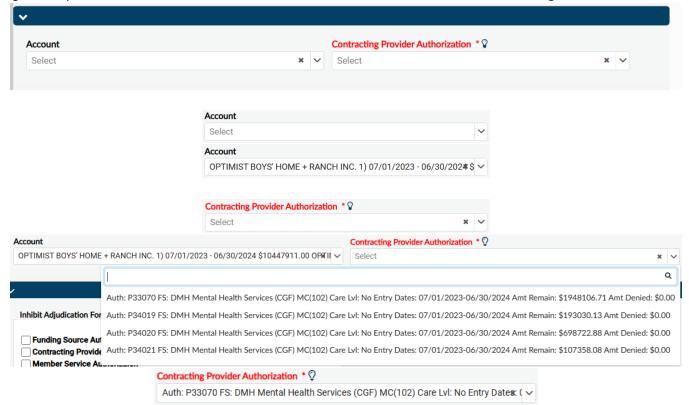


NOTE: Once the Authorization is "Approved" the actual end date will show in the "Clinical Authorization End Date" field.

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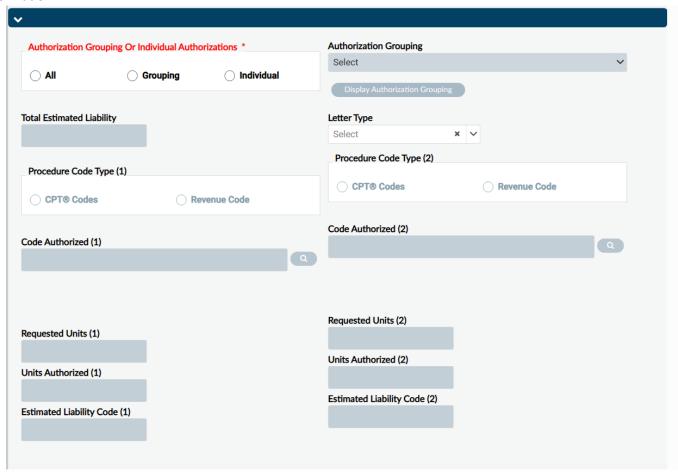
Using the dropdown select the "Account" to be used for the authorization and the "Contracting Provider Authorization".



Review the section to verify all fields that were reviewed have been completed.



In this section the fields are dynamic. Fields will be ungrayed once other field(s) have been completed with the correct information.



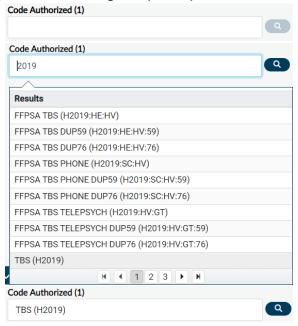
In the section select the "Individual" radio button.

Authorization Grouping Or Individual Authorizations *

		○ Grouping	○ Individual		○ All	○ Grouping	Individual	
In the section select the "CPT Codes" radio button.								
	Procedure Code Type (1)			Procedure Code Type (1)				
	○ CPT® Codes	○ Reve	enue Code		CPT® Codes	○ Re	venue Code	

Authorization Grouping Or Individual Authorizations *

Using the dropdown for "Code Authorized" type in the code to activate the dropdown. Then select the full title for the code to be authorized. In this example we will be using "TBS(H2019)".



NOTE: The Procedure Code must be selected according to the type of services being provided and requiring authorization, see list below.

Enter the unit requested.

NOTE: One unit is equal to 15 minutes, for example, 15,000 minutes will equal 1000 Units.

- IHBS has no limit for units, User will use 1000 for units.
- TBS has a limit of 1000 units. (Every 6 months)



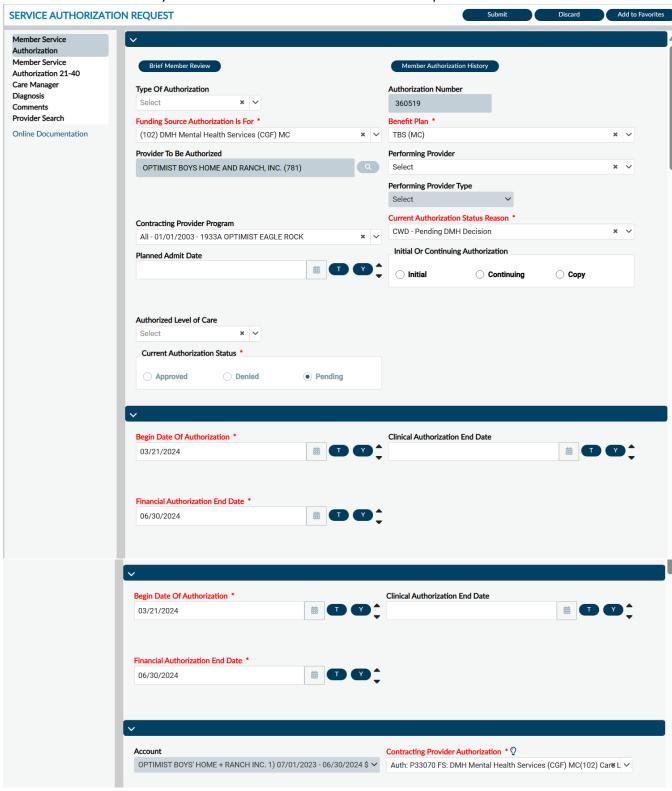
^{*}For IHBS Medi-Cal services select the Procedure Code H2017:HK

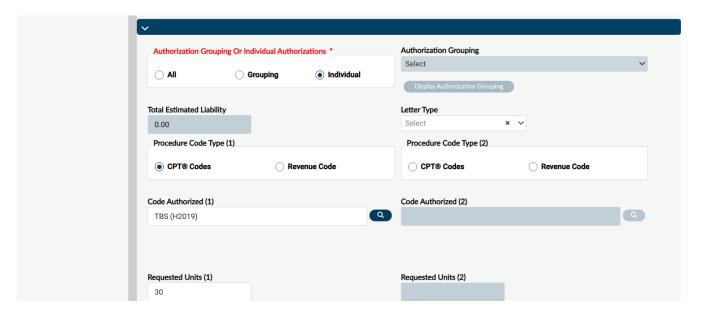
^{*}For IHBS Non Medi-Cal services select the Procedure Code H2017:HK:HX

^{*}For TBS Medi-Cal services select the Procedure Code H2019

^{*}For TBS Non Medi-Cal services select the Procedure Code H2019:HX

Review the section to verify all fields that were reviewed have been completed.





Scroll to the top of the form and select the "Submit" button.

SERVICE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

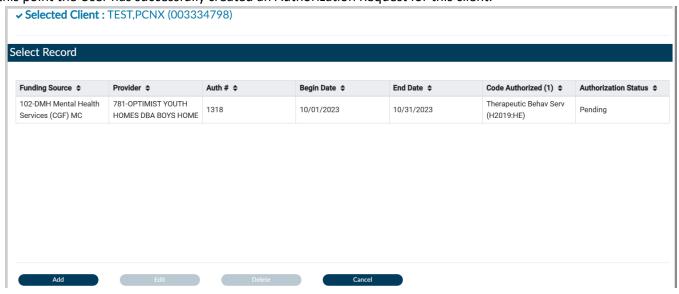


The User will receive a message. Selecting "NO" will navigate the User back to the "Home" screen. Selecting "YES" navigates the User to the Authorization pre-display screen where the User will see all past and current authorizations that have been requested for this Client, this includes the authorization that was just created.



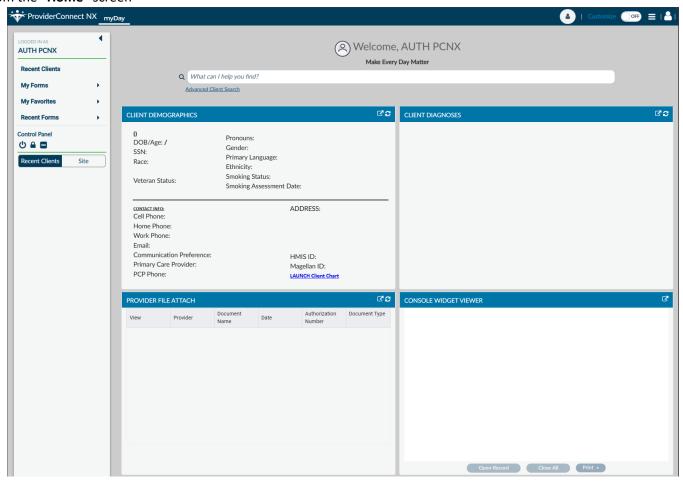
Note: For this example, we will select "YES" to navigate to the Authorization pre-display screen.

At this point the User has successfully created an Authorization Request for this client.

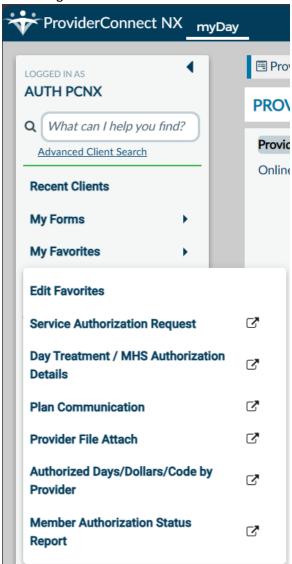


ProviderConnect NX: How to Add an Attachment File

From the "Home" screen

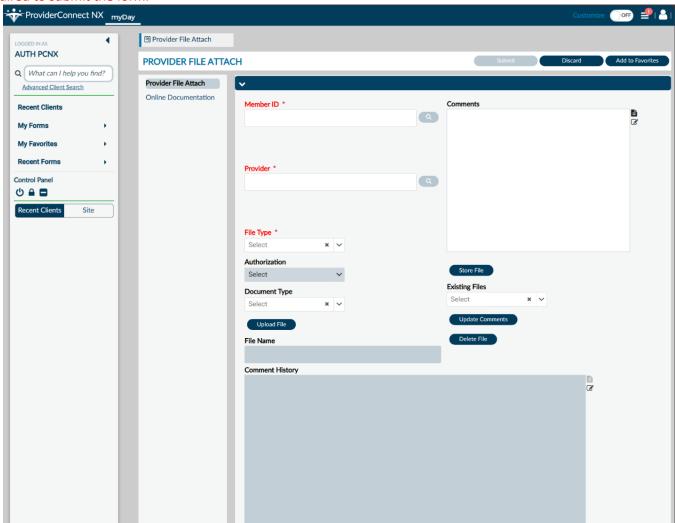


Using the "My Favorites" tab in the TASK navigation select "Provider File Attach" to navigate to that form.



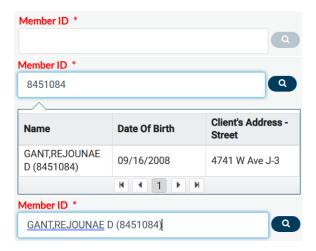
Once on the "Provider File Attach" form enter the "Member ID", "Provider", and "File Type" to upload an attachment (File). In this section the fields are dynamic. Fields will be ungrayed once other field(s) have been completed with the correct information.

NOTE: The fields highlighted in **RED** and/or with asterisks are required fields. They represent the minimum information required to submit the form.

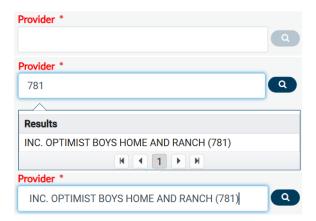


To Upload an Attachment (File)

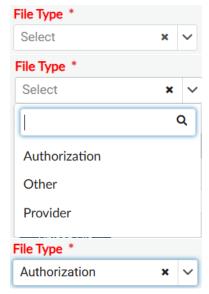
Enter "Member ID"



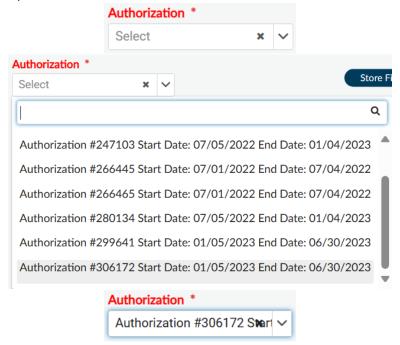
Enter the "Provider ID"



From the "File Type" dropdown select "Authorizations"



From the "Authorization" dropdown select the desired authorization number



Select the "Upload File" button. Two windows will open. One for where the User must select the file to upload from their computer and the other is where the User can drag and drop the file to upload.

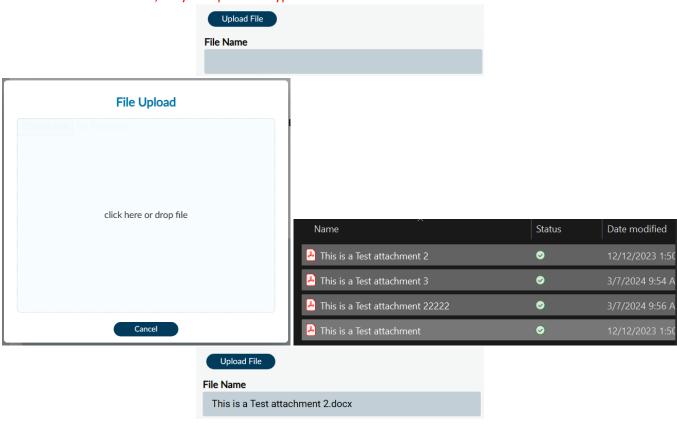
File Attachments form.

NOTE: Form to be attached:

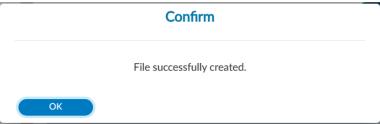
IHBS /TBS Assessment

NOTE: Provider should follow file naming convention: "Auth Number_Form Name_Date MonthDayYear" (Example - "1318_IHBS_TBS_Assessment_01182024"). Providers should use the date that they are submitting the Authorization Request.

NOTE: MAX file size is 100MB, only accepted file type .PDF.



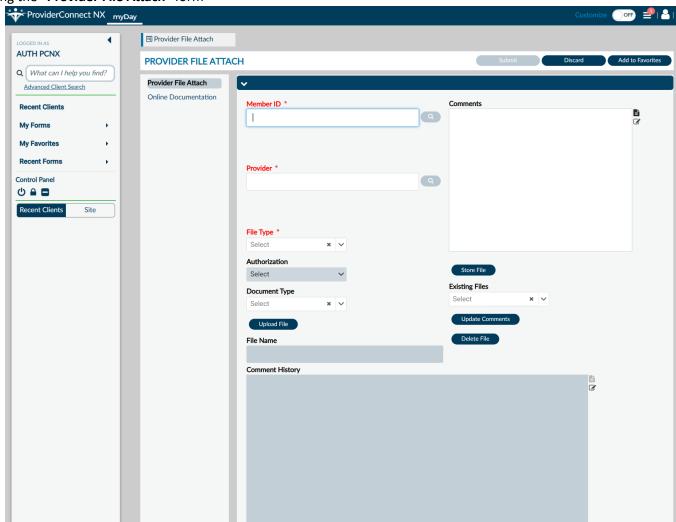
Click the "Store File" button to complete the file upload. User will receive a pop-up message to confirm the file was successfully uploaded. Select the "OK" button to close the pop-up message.



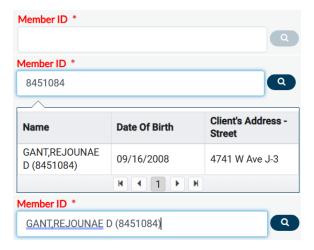
ProviderConnect NX: How to View, Print or Save uploaded files

To View Uploaded Attachments (Files)

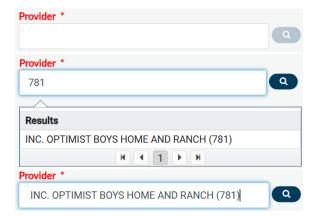
Using the "Provider File Attach" form



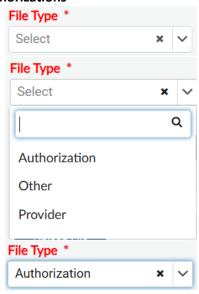
Enter "Member ID"



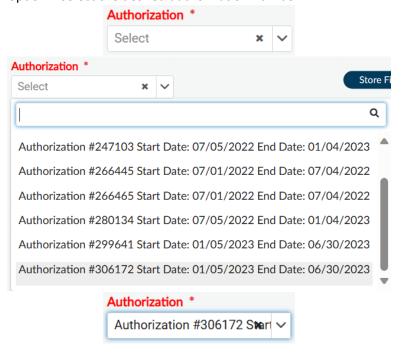
Enter the "Provider ID"



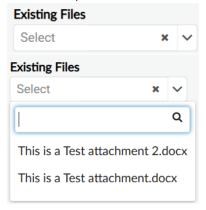
From the "File Type" dropdown select "Authorizations"



From the "Authorization" dropdown select the desired authorization number



Using the "Existing Files" dropdown Users will see the uploaded file for the selected Authorization.



The User must select the "Discard" button at the top of the form.

PROVIDER FILE ATTACH



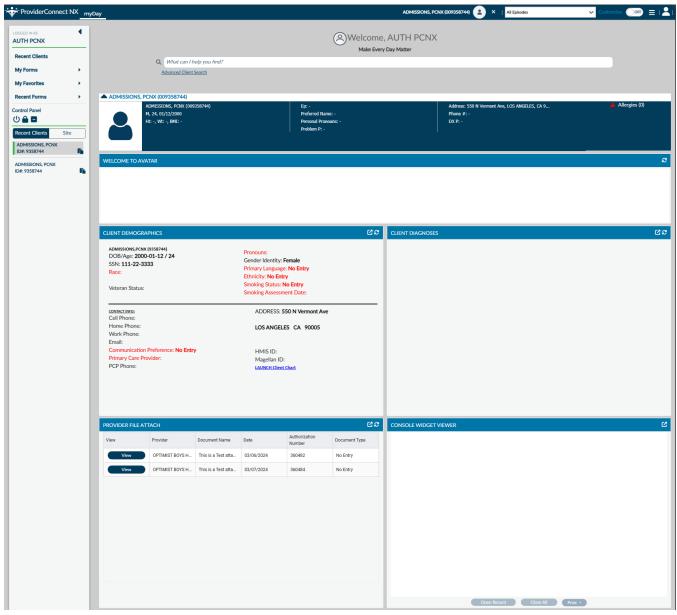
The system will as the User "Are you sure you want to Close without saving?". The User will selec the "Yes" button.



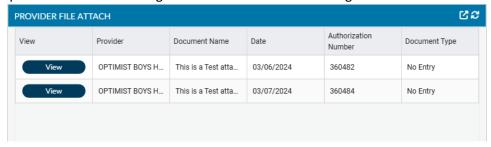
This will navigate the User back to the "Home Screen".

To View Uploaded Attachments (Files)

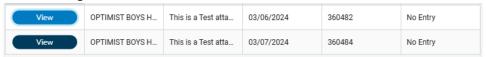
From the "HOME" screen



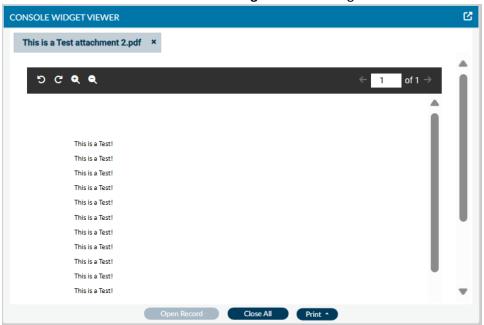
Users can view the uploaded documents using the "Provider File Attach" widget.



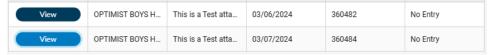
In the "Provider File Attach" widget Users must click the "View" button next to the document to view.



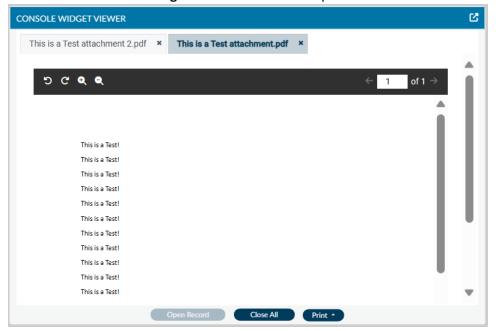
Once selected the document will be viewed the "Console Widget Viewer" widget.



Select another file to view in the "Console Widget Viewer".

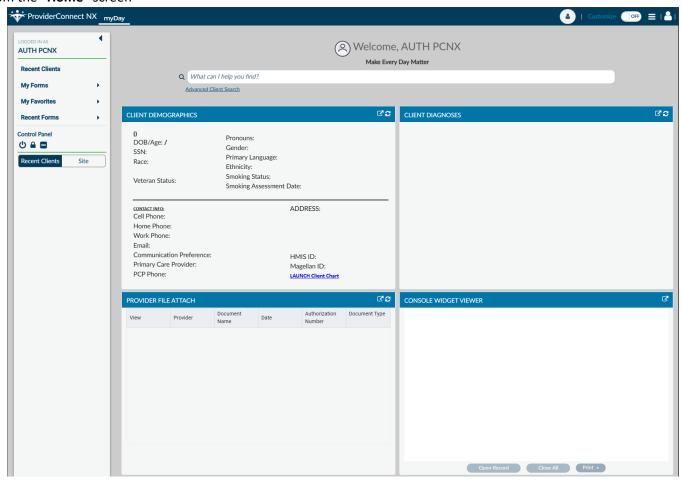


Users will see the fill name in the "Console Widget Viewer" across the top of the viewer.

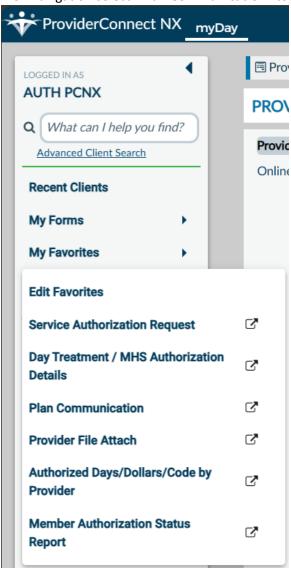


ProviderConnect NX: Plan Communication

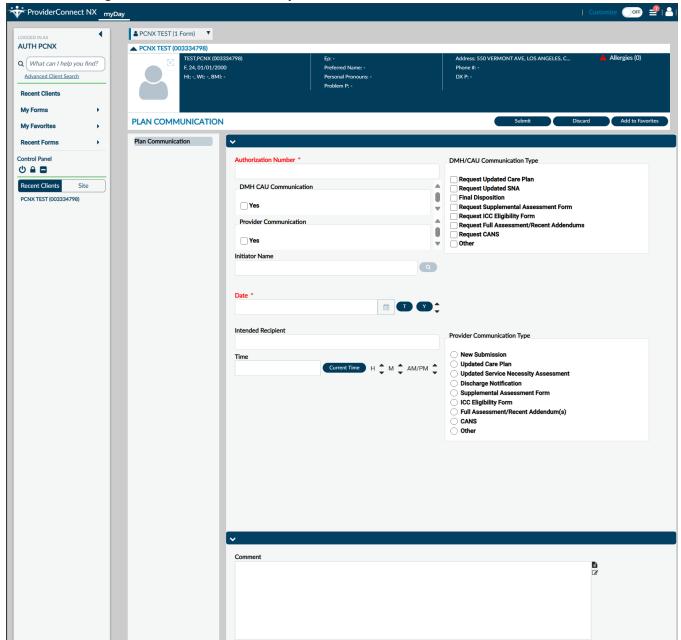
From the "Home" screen



Using the "My Favorites" tab in the TASK navigation select "Plan Communication" to navigate to that form.



The User will be navigated to the "Fast Service Entry Submission" form.



NOTE: All field names that are in **RED** with **RED** Asterisk are required fields and must be completed before claims can be submitted. There are other fields, that are not marked as "**Required**" but are needed to complete an "**Authorization Request**".

Enter the "Authorization Number" Authorization Number * Authorization Number * 1318 Select "YES" box for Provider Communication Provider Communication **Provider Communication** Yes ✓ Yes Enter the "Initiator Name". Users can enter either the name of the initiator or enter their ID number. Initiator Name Initiator Name Q 21180 Results ALYSSA BRAY (21180) H 1 1 H Initiator Name ALYSSA BRAY (21180) Enter the "Date" for the communication. 01/04/2024 "Intended Recipient" must be filled out if this message is going to a specific person. Intended Recipient Intended Recipient Jane Doe Enter the time by typing in the time or selecting the "Current Time" button. Current Time H AM AM/PM Current Time H AM AM/PM Check the box under "Provider Communication" for the reason communication is being sent. **Provider Communication Type Provider Communication Type** New Submission New Submission Updated Care Plan Updated Care Plan Updated Service Necessity Assessment Updated Service Necessity Assessment Discharge Notification Discharge Notification Supplemental Assessment Form Supplemental Assessment Form ICC Eligibility Form ICC Eligibility Form Full Assessment/Recent Addendum(s) Full Assessment/Recent Addendum(s)

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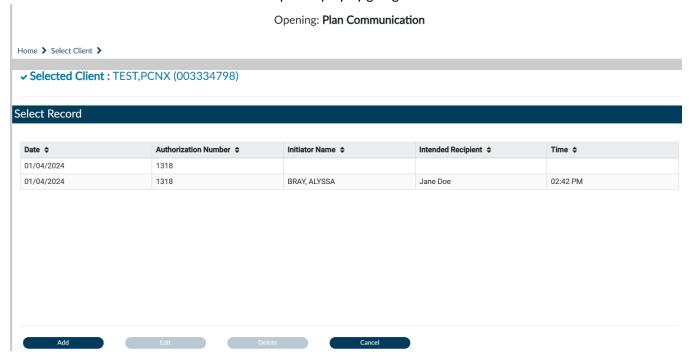
Enter the message to be sent in the "Comments" field.



Once all fields have been completed scroll to the top of the form and select the "**Submit**" button. This will navigate the User back to the "**Home Screen**".



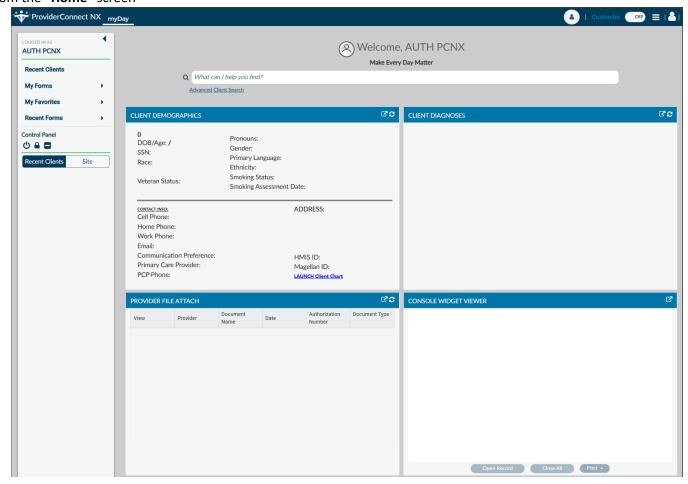
Users can view all "Plan Communications" in the pre-display by going back to the form.



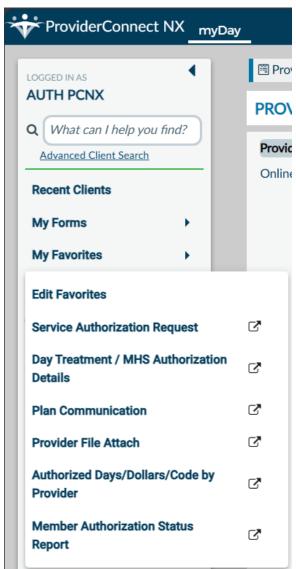
If the User needs to create another message click the "Add" button and repeat the process.

ProviderConnect NX: How to View Authorization Reports

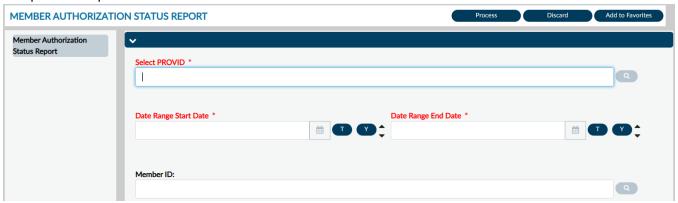
From the "Home" screen



Using the "My Favorites" tab in the TASK navigation select "Member Authorization Status Report" to navigate to that form.

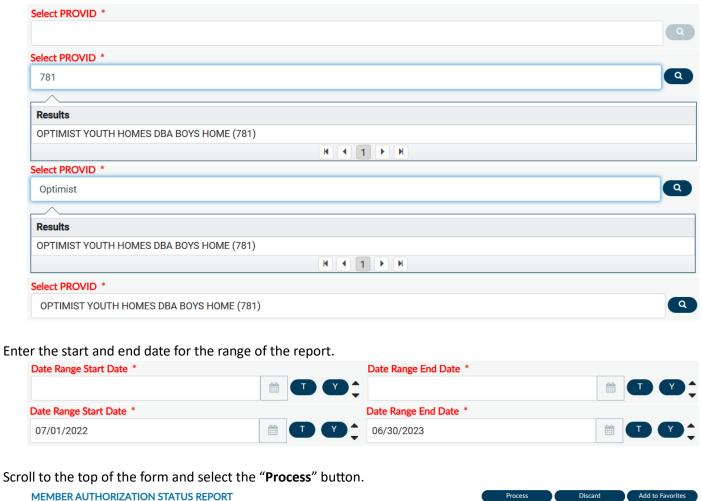


Complete all required fields in RED.



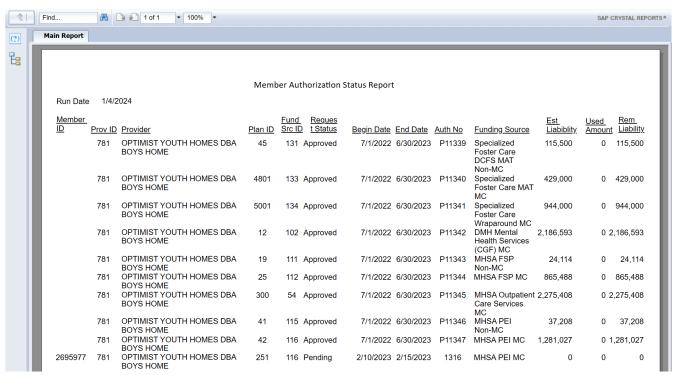
NOTE: All field names that are in **RED** with **RED** Asterisk are required fields and must be completed before the report can be processed. There are other fields, that are not marked as "**Required**" that can also be complete to narrow the data in the report.

Enter the Users Provider number or enter the Provider name in the "Select PROVID" field.



A pop-up window will open, and the report will appear.



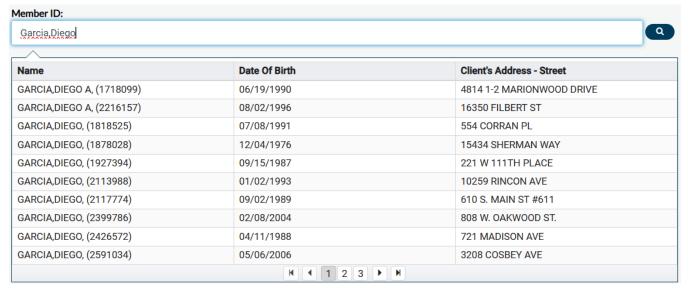


Users can either print the report using the "**Print Report**" button or using the "**Export**" button Users can export the report to their computer to open in an Excel document.

User can also run the report for just one client by entering the Clients first and last name or entering the **Client ID** number.



Using the client's name may display multiple results. To avoid this, it is best for Users to only use the **Client ID** to locate clients.



Using the Client ID (Member ID) will only result in one result.

NOTE: This is the suggested method to search for a client in **ProviderConnect NX**.



Scroll to the top of the form and select the "Process" button.

MEMBER AUTHORIZATION STATUS REPORT

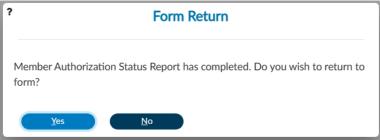
Print Report Export



A pop-up window will open, and the report will appear.



When the User closes the report, the User will see a message asking to select "Yes" if the User wants to stay on the reports form or "No" to go back to the "Home Screen".



ProviderConnect NX: Funding Source and Benefit Plan List

IHBS Funding Sources and Benefit Plans

Funding Source ID	Funding Source Name	Benefit Plan ID	Benefit Plan Name
40	SFC Wraparound Non-MC	252	IHBS (Non-MC)
54	MHSA Outpatient Care Services MC	251	IHBS (MC)
102	DMH Mental Health Services (CGF) MC	251	IHBS (MC)
102	DMH Mental Health Services (CGF) MC	373	IHBS STRTP MC
102	DMH Mental Health Services (CGF) MC	374	IHBS Aftercare MC
102	DMH Mental Health Services (CGF) MC	377	IHBS TSCF MC
115	MHSA PEI Non-MC	252	IHBS (Non-MC)
116	MHSA PEI MC	251	IHBS (MC)
134	Specialized Foster Care Wraparound MC	251	IHBS (MC)
135	Specialized Foster Care TFC MC	251	IHBS (MC)
111	MHSA FSP Non-MC	252	IHBS (Non-MC)
112	MHSA FSP MC	251	IHBS (MC)
132	Specialized Foster Enhanced MHS (MC)	251	IHBS (MC)
55	MHSA Outpatient Care Services Non-MC	252	IHBS (Non-MC)
101	DMH Mental Health Services (CGF) Non-MC	252	IHBS (Non-MC)
141	Juvenile Justice Program (STOP) Non-MC	252	IHBS (Non-MC)
162	CalWORKs MHS Non-MC	252	IHBS (Non-MC)
46	Child Outreach & Triage Team COTT - MC	251	IHBS (MC)
142	Juvenile Justice Prog (JJCPA-MST) Non-MC	252	IHBS (Non-MC)

TBS Funding Sources and Benefit Plans

Funding Source ID	Funding Source Name	Benefit Plan ID	Benefit Plan Name
54	MHSA Outpatient Care Services MC	254	TBS (MC)
101	DMH Mental Health Services (CGF) Non-MC	255	TBS (Non-MC)
102	DMH Mental Health Services (CGF) MC	254	TBS (MC)
102	DMH Mental Health Services (CGF) MC	375	TBS STRTP MC
102	DMH Mental Health Services (CGF) MC	376	TBS Aftercare MC
102	DMH Mental Health Services (CGF) MC	378	TBS TSCF MC
116	MHSA PEI MC	254	TBS (MC)
134	Specialized Foster Care Wraparound MC	254	TBS (MC)
135	Specialized Foster Care TFC MC	254	TBS (MC)
112	MHSA FSP MC	254	TBS (MC)
132	Specialized Foster Enhanced MHS (MC)	254	TBS (MC)