

Wellness & Recovery FAQs: Residential and TARs

How do I stop a TAR?

Fax UM – (707) 863-4118 – a statement that you are cancelling this TAR. Don't forget to include the TAR number.

Who is the Admitting Physician on the TAR form?

It's the medical director.

When using Online Services TAR system, will I be uploading documents here for an initial authorization or can I just obtain a TAR and then send the rest of my documentation by fax?

No. All initial documentation should be attached when submitting the original TAR.

How many times per year is someone allowed to enter residential treatment?

For residential, members can receive up to two non-consecutive episodes of care, up to 90 days per episode of care (as medical necessity dictates.) Women may stay the entire length of their pregnancy plus two months postpartum in a perinatal residential facility.

How does the referral process work if someone is wanting to enter residential treatment?

They need to contact Beacon at (855) 765-9703 to be screened to this level of care. They are welcome to identify their desire for this treatment level, but Beacon will need to screen them.

Alternatively, if the client walks in the door of the residential provider and the provider can screen and assess the client at that time, they may do so.

Whose responsibility is it to get medical clearance for a residential program?

This is the responsibility of the provider. It is not a requirement of Drug Medi-Cal. Rather, it is generally a requirement of the insurance carrier of the program.

We are doing paperwork for a justification to continue treatment for an additional three weeks. When do I send that to your UM authorization?

At least five days before the previous authorization ends.

Does our medical director need to sign off on TARs (Assessment/Treatment Plan) within 24 hours before they are submitted to Partnership?

A signed completed assessment and treatment plan need to be submitted with the TAR request so, yes, they would need to be signed. However, the LPHA may sign rather than the medical director.