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HEALTH NET NEWS

Health Net's Care Management Team Recognized by Department of Health Care Services



A recent LinkedIn post from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) recognized Health Net's care management team and showed how care managers help members by:

- Finding the right care
- Connecting to local resources
- Better managing health needs
- Getting support during hard times

This work can help members get care, use benefits, find local resources and get the support they need. [Learn more about the DHCS recognition on LinkedIn](#)

MORE HEALTH NET NEWS

Get Thoroughly Prepared for California IFP 2027 Open Enrollment

We're pleased to invite you to our Health Net IFP Broker Roadshow webinar – specifically designed to highlight 2027 Individual & Family Plans business selling solutions!

Join us and set the tone for your 2027 success with valuable insights, strategic updates and tools designed to help you prepare for the upcoming Open Enrollment season. Our Sales and Leadership team will share timely information to help you better serve your clients, find growth opportunities and stay ahead of industry changes. Topics will include:

- What's selling and rate updates for 2027
- Market trends and key regulatory updates
- 2027 product overview
- 2027 broker compensation
- Broker tools
- Value-added programs

As always, thank you for being our valued partner in business. We hope you can join us!



WHEN

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

11:00 A.M - 12:00 P.M. PST

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INDUSTRY NEWS

Electronic Prior Authorization Changes Begin January 1, 2027

Beginning January 1, 2027, key provisions of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Interoperability and Prior Authorization Final Rule ([CMS-0057-F](#)) will require certain health plans to support electronic prior authorization through standardized technology. The goal is to improve information sharing between providers and health plans while reducing administrative burden and improving transparency.

Under the new requirements, healthcare providers will be able to electronically determine whether prior authorization is required, review documentation requirements, submit authorization requests directly through electronic health record (EHR) systems, and receive approvals, denials, or requests for additional information electronically. The rule does not eliminate prior authorization requirements or medical necessity reviews. Instead, it modernizes how information is exchanged between providers and health plans.

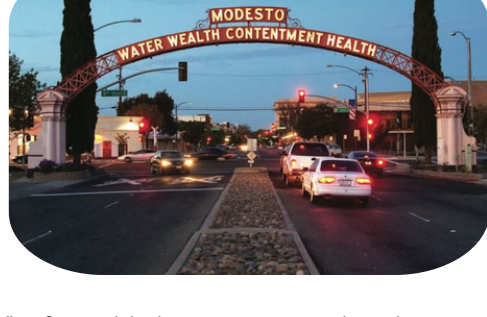
Health Net is actively preparing for these changes; however, it is important to understand that implementation may vary by carrier, product, and provider system. While CMS requirements apply to certain Medicare Advantage, Medicaid, CHIP, and federally facilitated Marketplace plans, carriers may differ in how and when they adopt similar capabilities for other products.

As the 2027 deadline approaches, electronic prior authorization is expected to make the authorization process more efficient and transparent, helping providers and health plans exchange information more quickly while maintaining existing coverage and medical necessity standards.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Health Net Invests \$4 Million to Expand Affordable Housing in Modesto



Health Net has awarded a \$4 million grant to Self-Help Enterprises to support the development of Morris Village, a new affordable housing community in Modesto. The project will create 45 affordable homes for individuals and families facing housing instability in Stanislaus County.

The investment will help close the project's funding gap and enable construction to begin in late 2026, with completion expected in 2028. Future residents will also have access to community resources and support services designed to promote long-term stability and well-being.

"Safe, stable housing can make a lasting difference in a person's health and well-being," said Dorothy Seleski, President of Medi-Cal at Health Net. "Our \$4 million investment in Morris Village reflects our commitment to addressing the root causes of poor health outcomes in the communities we serve. When people with serious health needs have a stable place to call home, they are better able to manage their conditions, stay connected to care, and build a more secure future. We're proud to partner with Self-Help Enterprises to help bring this community to life in Modesto."

Health Net's grant will help Self-Help Enterprises close the project's remaining funding gap so it can begin construction. The 44 affordable homes will support residents earning below the median income for the area.

"Affordable housing is one of the most urgent needs facing families across Stanislaus County, and Morris Village represents exactly the kind of investment our community deserves," said Stanislaus County Supervisor Mani Grewal. "Health Net's \$4 million commitment, combined with the expertise and dedication of Self-Help Enterprises, will help Modesto residents build healthier lives, stronger neighborhoods, and a more resilient community. I am proud to support this project and grateful to Health Net and Self-Help Enterprises for their support."

Since 2020, Health Net has committed \$93 million to housing and homelessness initiatives across California, reflecting its ongoing commitment to addressing social factors that impact health and improving outcomes for vulnerable communities.

For more information visit our [Health Net Newsroom](#).

WELLNESS

September Health Observances: Supporting Health at Every Age

September highlights several national health observances that can help encourage prevention, early detection and healthier lifestyles.

Healthy Aging Month

A reminder of the importance of staying active and maintaining healthy habits as we age. Explore [healthy aging resources](#) from the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.



National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month

Healthy eating and physical activity can help children build lifelong healthy habits. The CDC offers [tips for parents and caregivers](#).

National Recovery Month

Sponsored by SAMHSA, National Recovery Month raises awareness of mental health and substance use recovery and the resources available to support individuals and families. [Learn more](#).

National Sickle Cell Awareness Month

This observance helps increase understanding of sickle cell disease, available treatments and the importance of newborn screening. [Explore resources](#).

HIV/AIDS Awareness Days — Sept. 18 & 27

September also includes National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day and National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, both emphasizing HIV education, testing, prevention and treatment. [Visit CDC HIV resources](#).

These observances offer opportunities to remind clients and employees about preventive care, screenings and health resources available throughout the year.

For more information, visit Health Net's ["Your Wellness"](#) page.

JUST FOR FUN

September's Tastiest Celebrations: A Month of Fun Food Holidays

We tend to think of September as "Back to School Month," but it is also features fun daily food observances ranging from classic comfort foods to quirky snacks. (From [The Nibble](#))

Feel free to save or print the calendar below and keep it handy on your fridge so you don't miss any of September's delicious celebrations.

Bon appétit !

September 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Cherry Popover Day, Gyro Day	2 Blueberry Popsicle Day	3 Welsh Rarebit Day	4 Eat an Extra Dessert Day	5 Cheese Pizza Day
6 Coffee Ice Cream Day	7 Salami Day, Beer Lover's Day	8	9	10	11	12 Chocolate Milkshake Day
13 Peanut Day, Intl. Chocolate Day	14 Hoagie Day, Cream-Filled Donut Day	15 Guacamole Day, Cinnamon Raisin Bread Day	16	17 Monte Cristo Day, Apple Dumpling Day	18 Cheeseburger Day	19 Butterscotch Pudding Day
20 Pepperoni Pizza Day, Punch Day	21 Chai Day, Beef Stroganoff Day	22 Ice Cream Cone Day, White Chocolate Day	23 Great American Pot Pie Day	24 Horchata Day	25 Quesadilla Day	26 Dumpling Day, Key Lime Pie Day
27	28 Strawberry Cream Pie Day, International Poke Day	29 Coffee Day, Mocha Day	30 Hot Mulled Cider Day			