

Save time with electronic hospital admission and discharge notifications

UnitedHealthcare offers 2 efficient electronic methods to submit admission and discharge notifications

The Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) HIPAA 278N transaction can be sent directly to UnitedHealthcare or through a clearinghouse in either batch or real-time format. This can result in fewer late notifications and reimbursement penalties. If your facility doesn't use EDI, our **Prior Authorization and Notification tool**, found in the UnitedHealthcare Provider Portal, is a great alternative. It can also be used to update a notification request that was submitted using EDI.

EDI 278N

- ✓ Notify UnitedHealthcare of inpatient admissions and discharges
- ✓ Receive service reference numbers
- ✓ Streamline administrative tasks and increase productivity
- ✓ Reduce administrative costs through automation
- ✓ Increase data accuracy by reducing manual errors

Prior Authorization and Notification tool

- ✓ Notify UnitedHealthcare of inpatient admissions and discharges
- ✓ Receive service reference numbers
- ✓ Upload clinical notes or attach medical records and images to a request
- ✓ Look up an existing notification using the provider information, reference number or member information
- ✓ Update a notification request

Get started with EDI. For specific details, view our [companion guide](#).

Learn more about the Prior Authorization tool. Visit our [Prior Authorization and Notification page](#).

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