# SummaCare GuidingCare Authorization Portal - User Guide

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#### 1. Overview

Integrated with GuidingCare Care Management, the provider portal offers a centralized system for submitting authorization requests, uploading supporting documentation, and tracking request statuses in real time, with automated updates throughout the process.

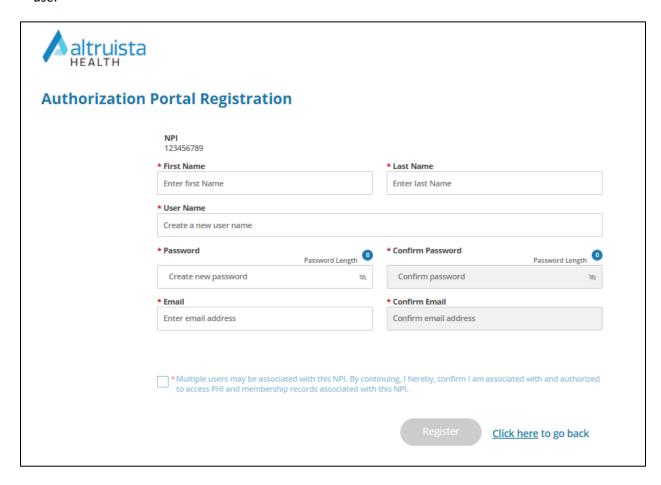
#### 2. Account Access and Registration

New users must register for access using their NPI.

#### To register:

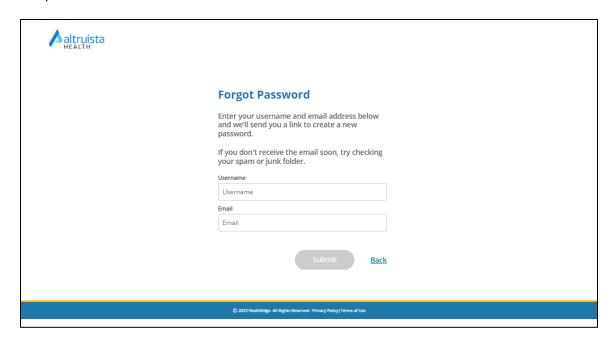
- 1. Access the Authorization Portal and select 'Request Access.'
- 2. Choose NPI from the drop-down menu.
- 3. Enter your NPI and select Search.
- 4. Complete all required fields, including name, username, password, and email.
- 5. Review and accept the user agreement by selecting the checkbox, then select Register to complete your request.

Note: After registration, your account will require activation by a system administrator before use.



#### If you forget your password:

- 6. On the login screen, select the 'Password' link located under the login fields.
- 7. Enter your Username and Email, then select Submit.
- 8. A password reset email will be sent to your registered address with a link to create a new password.



## 3. Navigating the Portal

The left-side navigation menu provides quick access to different sections of the portal. When hovering over an icon, the navigation icon label displays.

- Home
- Messages
- Authorization List
- Draft Authorization List

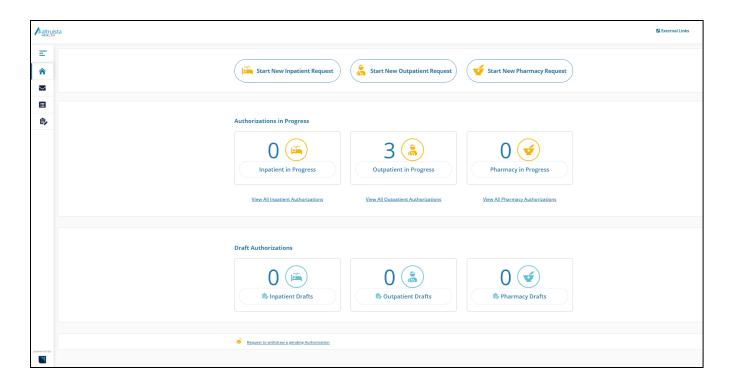


#### **4. Home Page Functions**

From the Home page, users can:

- Begin a new authorization request by selecting the appropriate request type.
- Review authorizations that are currently in progress.
- Access draft authorizations that have not yet been submitted.
- Open external resources through the External Links menu as needed.

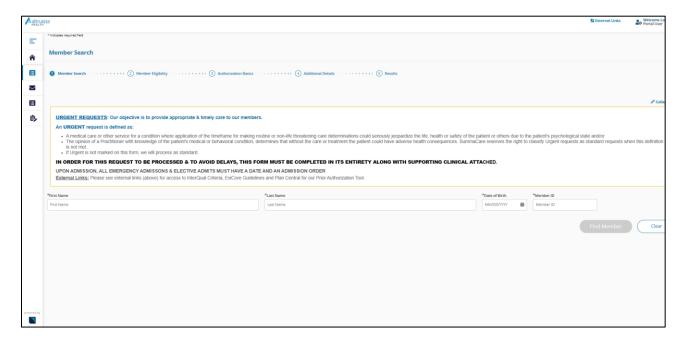
Note: Work completed in External Links **does not** automatically save to the Authorization Portal. Any related information should be manually documented within the portal if necessary.



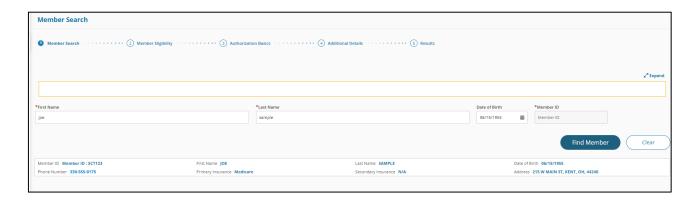
#### 5. Submitting an Authorization Request

Follow these steps to create a new authorization request:

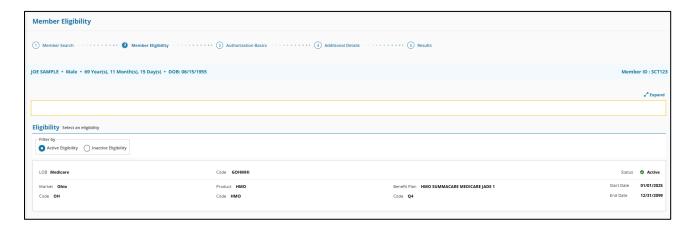
- 1. On the Home page, select one of the following:
  - Start a New Inpatient Request
  - Start a New Outpatient Request
  - Start a New Pharmacy Request
- 2. Search for the member by entering their Member ID, or by entering First Name, Last Name, and Date of Birth. Click **Find Member.**



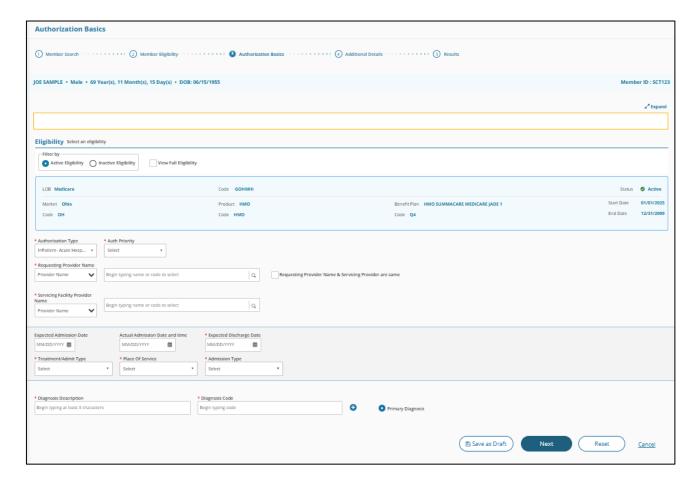
3. Select the appropriate member.



4. Select the member's eligibility. To display only active eligibilities, use the available filter by selecting the corresponding radio button.



5. Complete the Authorization Details, which include provider information, dates of service, diagnosis codes, and procedure codes. The fields displayed on this page will vary based on your previous selections, beginning with the Authorization Type.



6. Upload any supporting documentation and complete any required internal assessments if prompted.

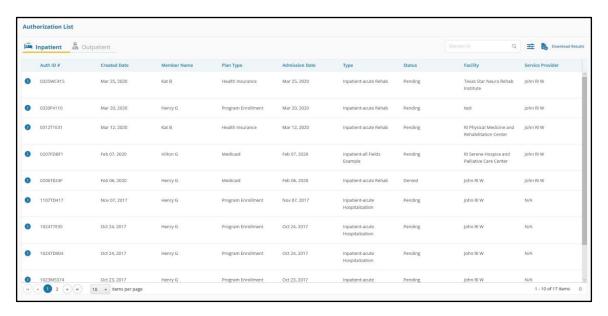


7. Review the entered information and select Submit to complete the request.

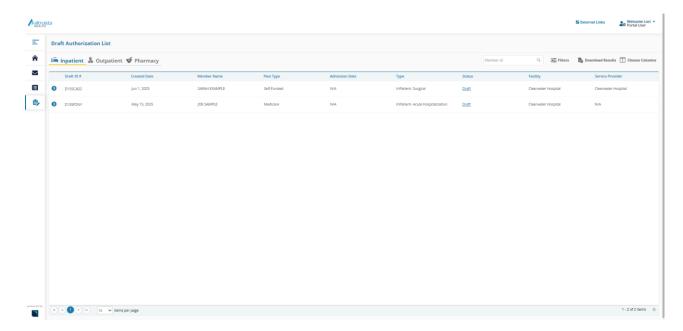


## 6. Viewing Authorization Lists and Drafts

The Authorization List displays submitted authorizations along with their current statuses. Authorizations that have been saved but not yet submitted are available in the Draft Authorization List. Both lists offer filtering, sorting, and export options to help with tracking and reporting authorization activity.



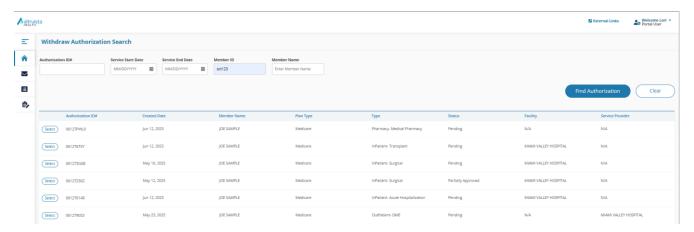
#### Draft Authorization List View:



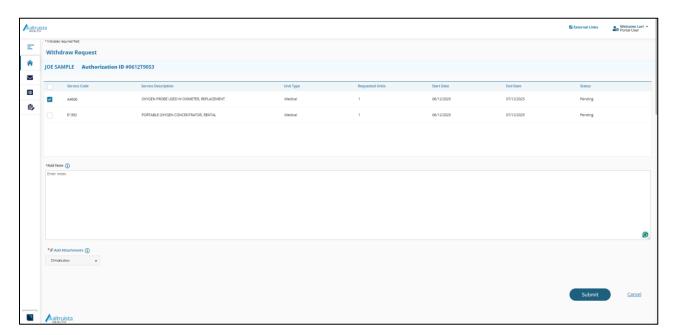
## 7. Withdrawing Pending Authorizations

Pending authorizations can be withdrawn prior to determination.

- 1. From the Home page, select 'Request to withdraw a pending Authorization.
- 2. Search for the applicable authorization using available search fields and select it from the list.



- 3. Choose which service line(s) you want to withdraw.
- 4. Enter any necessary notes or attach supporting files, then submit the withdrawal request.



#### 8. Portal Messages

The **Messages** page displays communication from reviewers related to authorization requests. Messages are typically used to request additional information from the provider. These messages are generated within GuidingCare as part of the authorization process and are view-only within the provider portal.

Unread messages are indicated by a notification badge. Selecting a message opens the full content and allows you to review the related authorization details.

