

Instructions:

- Enter responses to each question in the Utilization Management (UM) Supplemental Questions tab of this document.
- Responses must reflect practices, policies, and procedures in place during the data collection period. The data collection period begins January 1 of the calendar year your organization received your audit engagement letter through the date of your audit engagement letter. For example, an audit engagement letter is issued on April 4, 2025. The audit review period for this audit is January 1, 2025 through April 4, 2025.

Due Date:

This document must be completed and submitted to HPMS within 5 business days following the issuance of the audit engagement letter.

Questions on Public Accessibility of Criteria		
Question #	Question	Response
1	<p>Can members, non-members, and providers all access internal coverage criteria through your website?</p> <p>If no, please explain who cannot access the criteria via this method.</p>	
2	<p>Would providers and beneficiaries (members and non-members) access the same link for coverage criteria or are there separate links for providers and beneficiaries?</p> <p>If separate links, please provide each link.</p>	
3	<p>Describe steps beneficiaries (members and non-members) and providers have to take to access internal coverage criteria. This includes any navigation steps (accessing different websites), and includes any required information that has to be submitted such as names, phone numbers, etc.</p> <p>If there are different processes based on who is accessing the criteria (i.e., providers or beneficiaries), please describe each process separately.</p>	
4	<p>Can beneficiaries and providers clearly identify which services the organization has internal criteria for, and which services do not have internal criteria? Please explain.</p>	
Questions on Utilization Management Committee		
Question #	Question	Response
5	<p>How often does your Utilization Management (UM) committee meet to discuss prior authorization and utilization management practices?</p>	
6	<p>Has your UM committee reviewed and approved each and every internal coverage criteria document/guideline/tool that is currently being utilized by your organization?</p>	
7	<p>Please explain how your UM committee documents their review and approval of individual UM internal criteria documents?</p>	
Question on First Tier, Downstream, and Related Entities (FDRs)		
Question #	Question	Response
8	<p>Identify all FDRs that process coverage or payment decisions for the organization including but not limited to processing organization determinations, redeterminations, concurrent reviews, retrospective reviews, etc. For each FDR listed, include what type of coverage/payment review the FDR does on behalf of the organization and the applicable item or service.</p>	