

Update to Authorization Requirements for Home Health Nursing Assessments

August 1, 2025

Effective **October 1, 2025**, Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) will be updating the authorization requirements for **CPT code T1001 (nursing assessment/evaluation)** for all lines of business.

Current State:

No prior authorization is required for T1001.

Effective 10/1/2025:

Authorization will **not** be required for the **first six (6) visits per member, per agency in a rolling calendar year**.

If additional T1001 visits are needed **beyond the sixth visit** for the same member, [agencies must obtain prior authorization](#). Requests for authorization must include:

- Medical necessity justification for the visit(s) being requested **AND**
- Medical necessity justification for the six visits already provided

As a reminder:

- T1001 is a nursing assessment code appropriate for:
 - Initial evaluations
 - Resumption of care evaluations (e.g., following an inpatient admission)
 - Periodic assessments (e.g., state-required 90-day evaluations for non-skilled home health aide oversight)
- These services must be performed in the home.
- T1001 should not be used for ongoing intermittent skilled nursing visits.
- Only one unit of T1001 may be billed per date of service.

If you have any questions about this update, please contact Provider Services at 1-800-963-1001.

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