

PACE CLAIMS PROCESSING

Step 4: Authorization Validation (Pre-Approved Claim)

Processing Information

Transaction ID	AUTH-VAL-2024120509150003
Claim Reference	CLM-2024-1205-583927
Timestamp	2024-12-05 09:15:03.300 UTC
Duration	1.200 seconds
Status	✓ AUTHORIZATION VALIDATED

Authorization Lookup

Authorization Number from Claim (REF\*G1): **AUTH-2024-MRI-78345** PACE queried the UHC Prior Authorization System to retrieve and validate this authorization.

Field-by-Field Validation

Authorization Existence & Status

Validation	Expected	Actual	Result
Auth Number Exists	Found in system	AUTH-2024-MRI-78345 found	✓ PASS
Auth Status	APPROVED	APPROVED	✓ PASS
Auth Not Cancelled	Active	Active (not cancelled)	✓ PASS
Auth Not Expired	Valid on DOS	Expires 02/18/2025	✓ PASS

Date Validation

Validation	Auth Value	Claim Value	Result
Auth Effective Date	11/20/2024	—	✓ PASS
Auth Expiration Date	02/18/2025	—	✓ PASS
Date of Service	Within validity	12/05/2024	✓ PASS
DOS in Range Check	11/20/2024 - 02/18/2025	12/05/2024	✓ PASS

Service Validation

Validation	Auth Value	Claim Value	Result
CPT Code	73721	73721	✓ PASS
Modifier	RT (Right)	RT (Right)	✓ PASS
Units Authorized	1	1	✓ PASS
Units Billed ≤ Auth	≤ 1	1	✓ PASS

Diagnosis Validation

Validation	Auth Value	Claim Value	Result
Primary Diagnosis	M23.21	M23.21	✓ PASS
Dx Description Match	Medial meniscus derangement, R knee	Medial meniscus derangement, R knee	✓ PASS

Provider Validation

Validation	Auth Value	Claim Value	Result
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Ordering Provider NPI	1847362951	1847362951	✓ PASS
Ordering Provider Name	Roberts, Michael J MD	Roberts, Michael J MD	✓ PASS
Facility NPI	1629384750	1629384750	✓ PASS
Facility Name	Austin Advanced Imaging	Austin Advanced Imaging	✓ PASS

**Member Validation**

Validation	Auth Value	Claim Value	Result
Member ID	UHC-5839274	UHC-5839274	✓ PASS
Member Name	Martinez, Jennifer L	Martinez, Jennifer L	✓ PASS
Member DOB	08/14/1972	08/14/1972	✓ PASS

Validation Summary

✓ **ALL 18 VALIDATION CHECKS PASSED**

Authorization Validations: 4/4 passed  
Date Validations: 4/4 passed Service Validations: 4/4 passed Diagnosis Validations: 2/2 passed  
Provider Validations: 4/4 passed Member Validations: 3/3 passed  
TOTAL: 18/18 passed

Medical Necessity Determination

✓ **MEDICAL NECESSITY PRE-APPROVED**

This claim has a valid prior authorization (AUTH-2024-MRI-78345). Medical necessity was determined during the prior authorization process on 11/20/2024. Clinical criteria were met per UHC Medical Policy: Knee MRI - Meniscal Pathology (Policy #2024-RAD-0234). **No additional clinical review required.**

Traditional vs Pre-Authorized Workflow

Step	Without Prior Auth	With Prior Auth (This Claim)
Clinical Review	LCD/NCD policy check required	Bypassed - already approved
Medical Records	May need to extract from docs	Pre-reviewed during auth
Medical Necessity	System must determine	Pre-determined ✓
Processing Time	2-5 seconds (may need GenAI)	1.2 seconds (validation only)
Exception Risk	Medium (LCD triggers)	Very Low (if auth matches)

→ Proceeding to Step 5: Pricing & Adjudication