



Public Sector

Medi-Cal Eligibility Verification

Effective July 1, 2008, the County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services contracted with Optum Public Sector to verify Medi-Cal eligibility for Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT').

The following outlines the process for MFTs to verify a client's Medi-Cal eligibility.

Please take the following into consideration when verifying Medi-Cal eligibility:

- If you intend to verify eligibility for more than one client at one time, we ask that you use the Fax Request option outlined below.
- Eligibility can only be verified up to one (1) year of the date of service.
- A client's Medi-Cal eligibility can change retroactively; therefore, the information provided by Optum Public Sector is based on the client's eligibility status in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Verification System at the time of the request. Medi-Cal eligibility may change by the time services are rendered or the claim is submitted for payment.
- A client's Medi-Cal eligibility can change from month-to-month; therefore, providers must verify eligibility for each month of service.

The following information must be provided Optum Public Sector at the time of the request:

1. Provider's Name
2. Provider's Phone #
3. Provider's Fax #
4. Client's Name
5. Client's Medi-Cal ID, BIC, CIN (only one is required)
6. Client's Date of Birth
7. Month(s) of Service

There are two eligibility verification options available:

1. Fax Request:

Fax the Medi-Cal Eligibility Verification Request Form to Optum Public Sector Claims Department at (619) 641-6975. Please ensure all of the required information on the request form is complete.

Faxes will be retrieved routinely between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. each business day. Upon receipt of the request form, Optum Public Sector will fax back an eligibility verification response to the provider's fax number provided on the request.

Optum Public Sector will respond to all requests within one (1) business day.

2. Phone Request:

Call the Optum Public Sector Claims Provider Services Line at (800) 798-2254, option 2 to speak to a Provider Services Representative. Please be prepared to provide the required information outline above.

Eligibility will be verified during the call and a verbal response will be provided. Optum Public Sector will also fax an eligibility verification response to the provider's fax number provided.

Optum Public Sector will respond to all requests within one (1) business day.



**Optum Public Sector San Diego
P O Box 601340
San Diego, California 92160-1340
(800) 798-2254 - Option 2**

**MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION REQUEST FORM
FAX TO - (619) 641-6975**

Request Date: ____/____/____

Provider's Name: _____

Provider's Phone #: (____) _____

Provider's Fax #: (____) _____

Client's Name: _____

Client's Medi-Cal ID, BIC, CIN, _____

Client's DOB: ____/____/____

Month(s) of Service: _____

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