

TRICARE West Region How to Check the Status of a Referral or Authorization

Quick Reference Guide

Key Points

- · Viewing and tracking referrals using the beneficiary portal
- · View status
- · View details
- · View servicing provider information
- · View notification letter
- · View medication list

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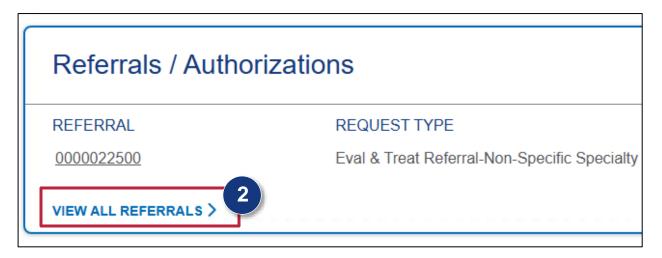


Introduction

After your provider submits a referral or authorization to TriWest, you can view and track them through the secure, self-service West Region beneficiary Portal. The following steps provide directions on how to check the status of, and manage related details for, a referral or authorization request.

Checking the Status of Referrals and Prior Authorizations

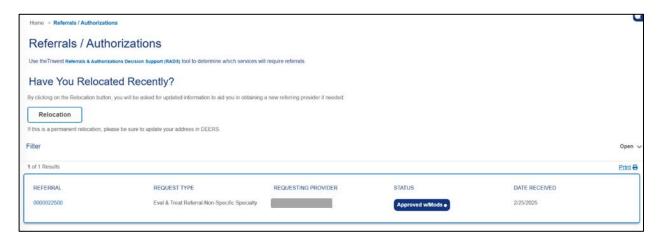
- 1. Go to the secure, self-service West Region beneficiary portal.
- 2. Locate the "Referrals / Authorizations" section on the dashboard and select **View All Referrals.**



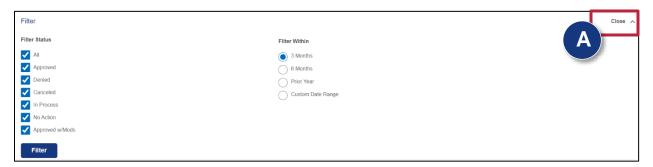
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3. The **Referrals/Authorizations** page displays, where you can use the Referral/Authorization Decision Support (RADS) Tool, get assistance with relocations, and confirm the status of referrals. **Note:** If a particular referral or authorization is denied, you can appeal it. Select the referral number in question and find the **Appeal** button (see <u>My Referrals/Authorization Details</u> section).



A. If necessary, select the **Open/Close** button to view the list of **filters** for the referrals/authorizations, and select or deselect as needed to filter.



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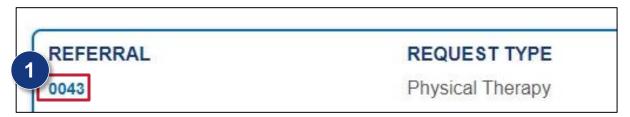
Selecting Servicing Provider

In many cases, TriWest will provide you with a choice of providers for your care within the access to care standards required by TRICARE. Your home address and the type of specialist or care request determine the providers shown.

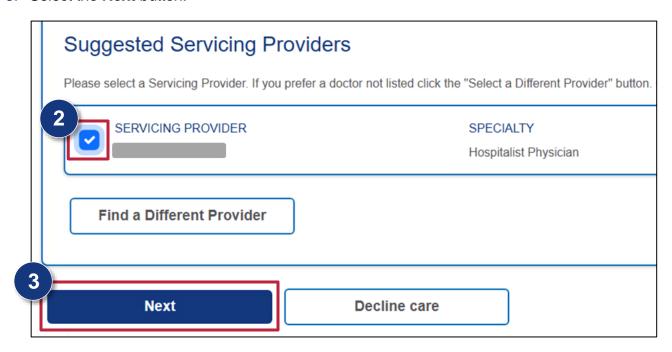
When selecting a service provider from a referral, you will have an option to enter appointment details.

To begin choosing a provider for your care, follow the steps below:

1. Select the **Referral Number** of the desired referral to display its details page.



- 2. Under the "Suggested Servicing Providers" section, choose one of the identified providers by selecting the checkbox for that provider.
- 3. Select the **Next** button.

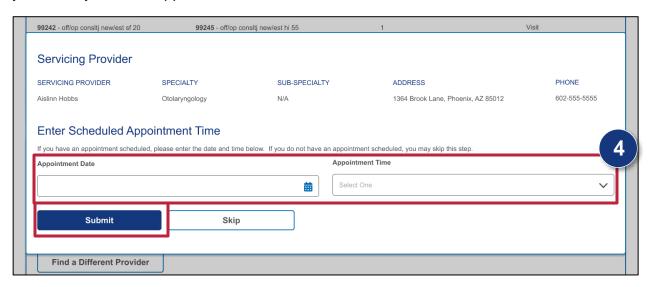


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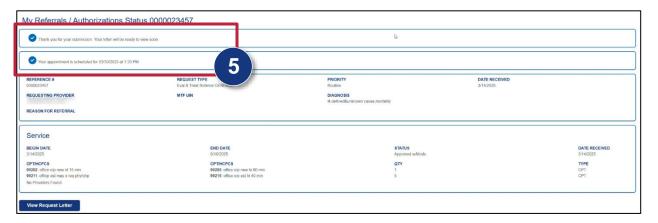
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4. After selecting Next, a window pops up asking for an **Appointment Date** and **Appointment Time**. If you already have an appointment scheduled, enter its information here, then select **Submit**.



5. Notifications will display. One says "Thank you for your submission. Your letter will be ready to view soon." If you entered an appointment time, a "Your appointment was scheduled" notification will also display.



6. Now that you have chosen a provider, contact the provider's office to schedule an appointment.

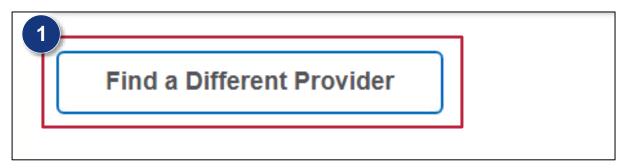
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Selecting a Different Provider

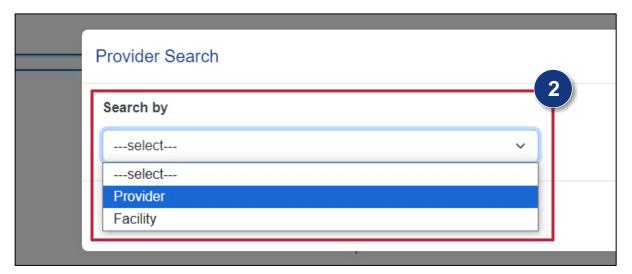
1. To choose a different provider, select the **Find a Different Provider** button. **Note:** It's important to inform TriWest of your selected servicing provider so the servicing provider can obtain your clinical information available with your request.



Note: If the **Find a Different Provider** button is not available, a message will display. Select the **Change Servicing Provider Information** hyperlink to get more information.



2. After selecting Find a Different Provider, the Provider Search window displays, where you can search by **Provider** or **Facility**.

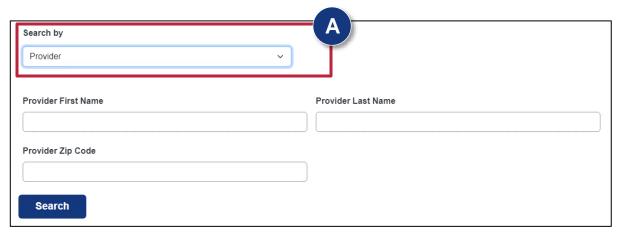


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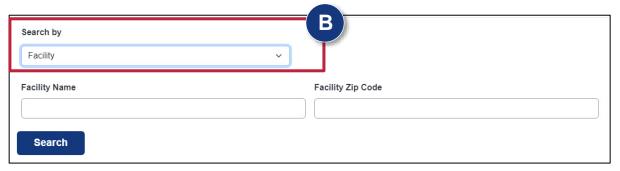
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- 3. Search by either Provider or Facility.
 - A. To search by provider, select **Provider** from the "Search by" dropdown menu and complete all fields.



B. To search by facility, select **Facility** from the "Search by" dropdown menu and complete all fields.



4. After completing the required fields, select **Search**.

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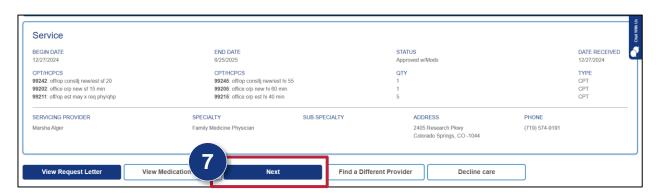


- 5. Results will display. Select your desired provider.

 Note: If no results display, you will be directed to the West Region provider directory.
- 6. Select the Select button.



7. After the dialog box to select the provider closes, select the **Next** button.



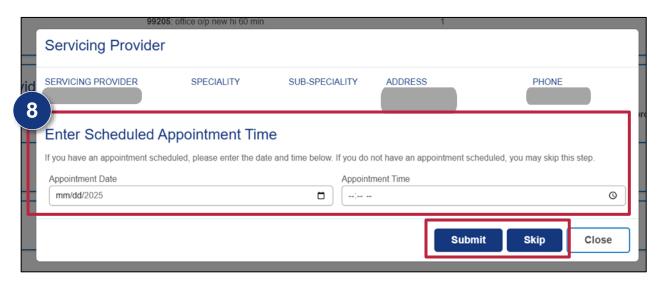
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8. After selecting Next, a window pops up asking for an **Appointment Date** and **Appointment Time**. If you already have an appointment scheduled, enter its information here, then select **Submit**. Otherwise, select **Skip**.

Note: If you select an appointment time here, this appointment selection will display in your online referral letter as well.



9. Notifications will display. One says "Thank you for your submission. Your letter will be ready to view soon." If you entered an appointment time, a "Your appointment was scheduled" notification will display.



10. Now that you have chosen a provider, contact the provider's office to schedule an appointment.

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My Referrals/Authorization Details

After selecting a referral number, the bottom of the My Referrals/Authorization Details page has buttons that go to other pages. The buttons available depend on whether the referral was denied or approved.



View Request Letter: You will receive a letter containing information about your care. Your letter will
include whether your care has been approved or denied. If approved, the letter will also include
information about how to obtain your care and who can provide it. The letter will also tell you about
your TRICARE benefits related to this care.

Through the details page of a referral, you can view and print this letter. If information about your request changes, a new letter will be available.

Note: It's important to read the entire letter to understand all the information available about your referral or authorization

2. **View Medication List:** TriWest provides you with a current medication list from Express Scripts to share with your servicing provider.

Note: This button only appears if you have a medication list

- 3. Next: See Select Servicing Provider above
- 4. Find a Different Provider: see Selecting a Different Provider above.

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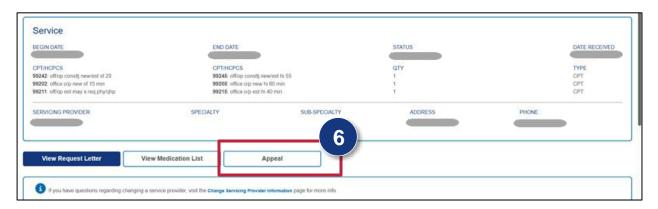
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5. **Decline Care**: TriWest allows you to decline a particular referral. If you select Decline Care, you will be prompted to select a reason why.



6. **Appeal**: If an authorization is denied, you can select **Appeal** to submit a request to appeal.



A. On the **Appeals** page that displays, follow the prompts to submit the Authorization Appeals Form.



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Notifications and Alerts

Look for secure portal notifications from TriWest about your referrals and authorizations. These notifications will be sent to you during processing, upon completion, and after an update has been made to your request. During the first 90 days, you will receive letters. Be sure to update your communications preferences on the portal for notifications. You can choose between electronic or hard copy mail.

Note: Prior to your appointment, it's important to have medical records, laboratory results, X-rays, and other medical documents prepared if needed.

Stay informed by signing up for text or email alerts. You can manage your preferences through the portal to receive updates on the statuses of your referrals and prior authorizations.

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