



PROVIDER UPDATE

New Pediatric Respite Benefits

The Pediatric Respite benefit is for a parent or caregiver of a child age 20 or younger. It covers short-term services so a child's regular unpaid caregiver can take time off.

Members are eligible for 285 hours or 15 days **total for both** at home and out-of-home respite care per waiver year.

- **Respite at home:** If a parent or caregiver gives care to a child at home, respite care can come to the home.
- **Out-of-home and out-of-school respite:** A parent or caregiver can take a child to a center for care.
- **Emergency respite:**
 - Maximum of six 72-hour episodes per year

Note: Effective Jan. 1, 2023, this benefit is no longer managed by the Department of Education

Referring patients for pediatric respite.



To refer a patient for pediatric respite, providers must fill out and fax the Pediatric Prior Authorization form. Scan the QR code or visit hho.fyi/respite-prior-auth-form to access the form.

Ensure the following information is submitted on the prior authorization form:

- Diagnosis
- Service level of pediatric respite
- Requested hours

Fax completed forms and prescriptions to 1-855-445-4239.

Reminder: Submit prescriptions for pediatric respite care **before** the prior authorization form. Prescriptions are good for one calendar year.

For questions about the new pediatric respite benefit, call Care Coordination at 1-844-325-6251, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.