

# PROVIDER ALERT

## Gambling Discharge Process

### November 24, 2021

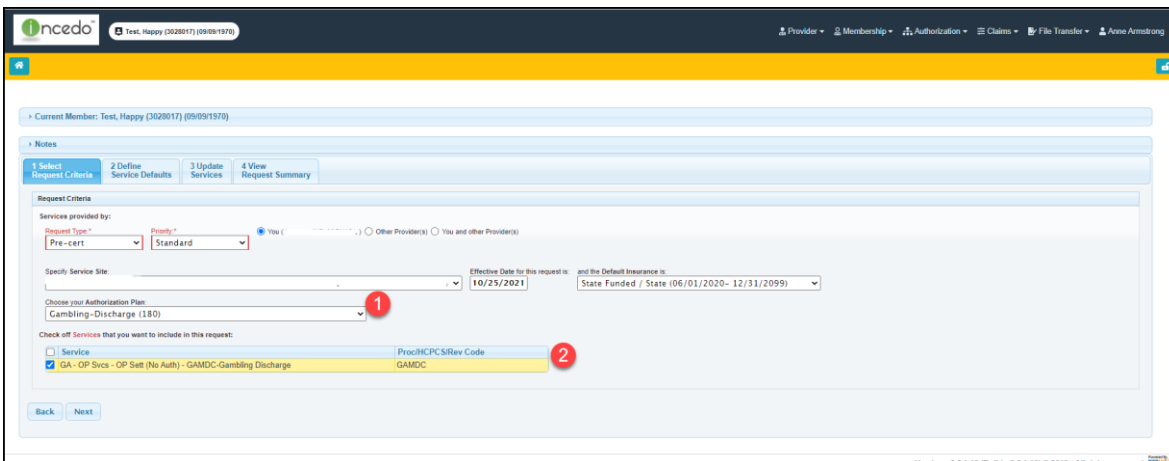
**Target Audience: Providers discharging patients who have completed gambling treatment**

Effective December 6, 2021, when a participant (individual receiving treatment or concerned other) has completed gambling treatment, the provider who treated that person can be reimbursed for this discharge process.

Providers may submit claims for discharge services for participants who have ended gambling treatment after July 1, 2021. Starting with clients discharged post January 1, 2022, discharge claims must be submitted within 90 days of discharge date.

To receive reimbursement, the provider must first discharge the participant from their service by logging into Incedo Provider Portal, locate the participant and complete the discharge authorization request, as shown below:

Submit the authorization request and select the Gambling - Discharge authorization plan. Select the GAMDC discharge service code:



The screenshot shows the Incedo Provider Portal interface for a Gambling Discharge authorization request. The current member is Test, Happy (3028017) (09/09/1970). The form is in the 'Request Criteria' step. The 'Request Criteria' section includes 'Request Type' set to 'Pre-cert' and 'Priority' set to 'Standard'. The 'Effective Date for this request' is '10/25/2021' and the 'Default Insurance' is 'State Funded / State (06/01/2020-12/31/2099)'. The 'Choose your Authorization Plan' dropdown is set to 'Gambling-Discharge (180)'. Below this, there is a table of services to include in the request:

Service	Proc/HPCS/Rev Code
<input type="checkbox"/> Service	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GA - OP Svcs - OP Sett (No Auth) - GAMDC-Gambling Discharge	GAMDC

Red circles '1' and '2' highlight the 'Gambling-Discharge (180)' dropdown and the selected service row, respectively.

Fill in the Gambling Discharge Form and remaining required fields. If the information is complete, the authorization will automatically approve. A claim for the discharge may now be submitted

- Claims for gambling discharge should be submitted on a CMS1500 form
- For providers completing the gambling discharge, the billing code to use is “GAMDC” with a “GT” or “UB” modifier
- Claims for unauthorized gambling services will be denied

Please refer to the gambling fee schedules located on [maryland.optum.com](http://maryland.optum.com) for reimbursement information.

If you have questions about the information contained in this alert, please contact customer service at 1-800-888-1965.

Thank you,

Optum Maryland Team