

# Continuity of Care

## Responsibilities of the Referring Provider

### When Requesting a Consultation

Before a consultation takes place, be sure the consulting provider has all necessary clinical information:

1. Reason for the consultation request
2. Relevant clinical data
3. Scope of consultant's role (e.g., follow-up care or consultation only)
4. Preferred method(s) of communication from the consultant (e.g., fax, phone, mail, email)

A Patient Summary form is available to you to help you communicate the necessary patient information to the consultant. The form is available:

- On the back of this flier
- At [Provider.MedMutual.com](http://Provider.MedMutual.com)—select Tools & Resources > Forms > Clinical Supply Form
- By calling (800) 586-4523
- By emailing a request to [ClinicalQuality@MedMutual.com](mailto:ClinicalQuality@MedMutual.com)

## Responsibilities of the Consultant

### Reporting Results to the Referring Provider

Please send a written summary of the consultation and findings to the referring provider within 14 days after the initial visit. Any preliminary report should be followed by a final report.

### Prior Approval

Some procedures or services require prior approval. Go to [Provider.MedMutual.com](http://Provider.MedMutual.com) for a list of services requiring prior approval or that are considered investigational. Select Tools & Resources > Care Management > Prior Approval and Investigational Services.

## Office Site and Medical Record Keeping

### A Key Component of Quality Care

We have office site and medical record keeping standards available to providers for informational purposes only. These standards are intended to provide an overview of Medical Mutual's expectations. The Office Site and Medical Records Keeping standards are available on [Provider.MedMutual.com](http://Provider.MedMutual.com) > Tools & Resources > Care Management > Clinical Quality > Documentation Standards and Related Forms.

### Expectations addressed in our standards include:

- Patient allergies or drug reactions are prominently noted in the medical record.
- Past medical history is documented.
- If depression is addressed, a standardized tool is used to screen patients.
- If alcohol abuse/dependence is addressed, a standardized tool is used to screen patients.
- Height and weight are documented.
- Body Mass Index (BMI) is documented annually.

We maintain strict privacy and confidentiality policies that state our commitment to treating members in a manner that respects their rights and protects the confidentiality of personal health information and records.

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These recommendations are informational only. They are not intended to require a specific course of treatment or take the place of professional medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. Members should make decisions about care with their healthcare providers. Recommended treatment or services may not be covered. Eligibility and coverage depend on the member's specific benefit plan.

# Patient Summary Form



Referring and Consulting Providers: Please use this form to enhance coordination of care for your patient. You can complete this form online and distribute it electronically or print and distribute it by paper. Please complete the form below with your contact information and communication preferences.

Referring Provider Information			
Provider Name (First and Last)		Phone Number	Fax Number
Street Address	City	State	ZIP
Consulting Provider Information			
Provider Name (First and Last)		Phone Number	Fax Number
Street Address	City	State	ZIP
Patient Information			
Patient Name (First and Last)		Date of Birth	Communication Preference <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Fax <input type="checkbox"/> Mail
Diagnosis			
Clinical Findings and Diagnostic Tests			
Current Treatment Plan (including medications)			
Allergies			
Other			