Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (PETI) and Prior Authorization Request (PAR) Instructions

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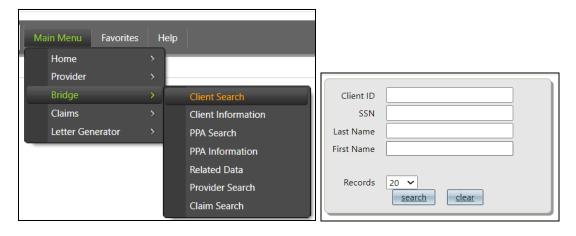
The instructions below outline the necessary steps to add a PETI and PAR.

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Adding A PETI Worksheet In Bridge

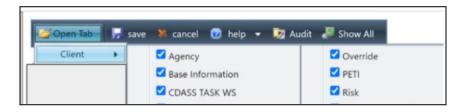
- 1. Ensure required Care and Case Management (CCM) system tasks are completed prior to completing Bridge tasks to avoid errors.
- 2. Within the "Main Menu" dropdown, select the "Bridge" dropdown and click on "Client Search," and find your member.



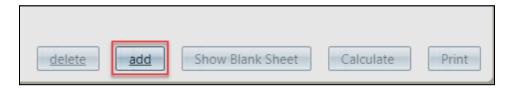
- 3. The Client Information panel will be displayed. Complete regular PAR items such as Inventory of Needs, goals, etc.
- 4. Navigate to the "PETI" tab:



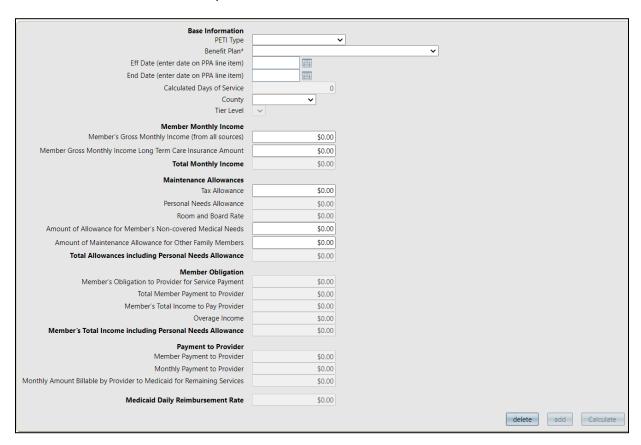
Note: It may be necessary to open the PETI tab. Select "Open Tab," "Client," and select the checkbox next to "PETI".



5. From the PETI tab, click "Add" in the bottom right corner of the PETI tab.

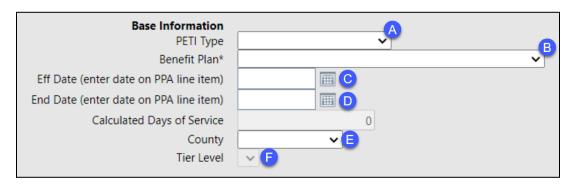


6. A new PETI worksheet will open.



7. Enter the Base Information PETI fields:

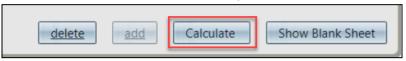
- a. **PETI Type** select Alternative Care Facility or Supported Living Program
- b. Benefit Plan select EBD, CMHS or BI
- c. Eff Date enter ACF/SLP admit date for all cases
- d. End Date Will align with certification end date
- e. Choose **County** from the dropdown menu
- f. Tier Level (SLP only) select Tier 1-6



- 8. Update remaining editable fields (Member Monthly Income and Maintenance Allowances, provided by member and all available sources):
 - a. Member's Gross Monthly Income
 - b. Member's Gross Monthly Income Long-Term Insurance Amount
 - c. Tax Allowance
 - d. Amount of Allowance for Member's Non-covered Medical Needs
 - e. Amount of Maintenance Allowance for Other Family Members



9. Select the "Calculate" button in the bottom pane of the PETI worksheet. This will update the calculation based on manually entered amounts.



10. Click **Save** on the top of the screen.



11. Before adding line items in Bridge (see next steps), ensure all other initial Bridge steps (Inventory of Needs, Goals, Risks, etc.) are saved and complete.



Hot Tip: Ensure you've first completed your goal in the CCM Care Plan prior to starting this Bridge process. You will want to ensure you are selecting the proper CCM goal. See the **"Service Plan Care Plan and Bridge Interface"** Job Aid for complete instructions.



Definitions and Member Questions For Income and Allowance Items

Definitions

Case managers will be responsible for working with the member in capturing all required financial information in order for the PETI worksheet to calculate correctly for applicable Room and Board rates, Personal Needs Allowances (PNA), as well as the daily Medicaid rate that is provided to the ACF/SLP. The required financial information for the PETI is:

- Total Monthly Gross Income: This must include all sources of income the member receives. For example, if the member receives \$900 a month from Social Security and also receives other income from another source or payout (such as a trust), this would also be included. If the payout, for example, from the member's trust is \$300, then the member's overall monthly gross income would be \$1,200.
- Long-Term Care Insurance Amount: This is only if the member receives a payout from other insurance, such as a private paid insurance company, beyond Medicaid. This may not be applicable to all members.
- Maintenance Allowance for Other Family Members: This may include member income used for costs associated with a spouse living at home. For instance, if a member has a spouse still living at home and the member is moving into an ACF but still shares expenses for the spouse to reside within the home, this amount should be included within the maintenance allowance as a deduction of monthly income for the member. This may not be applicable to all members.
- Maintenance Allowance for an Empty Residence (would be included in the same section as Other Family Member): This may include member income used for costs associated with an empty residence. For instance, if the member is transitioning from living within a private residence to an ACF/SLP and is still utilizing their income towards the residence, this amount should be included within the maintenance allowance as a deduction of monthly income for the member. This may not be applicable to all members.
- Maintenance Allowance for Non-Covered Medical Needs: This may include member income used for items such as prescription drugs, supplies, or other medical bills insurance (Medicaid or private insurance) did not cover. For example, \$30 for a prescription and \$150 for a medical bill, this allowance would result in a total amount of \$180. The member must provide the case manager with some type of proof, such as a receipt, that the expense was not covered by insurance. This may not be applicable to all members.
- Tax Allowance: This may include a monthly payment the member owes the IRS towards their taxes. This amount may not exceed \$300 monthly. Should this amount exceed the \$300 maximum, the case manager will need to reach out to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) at HCPF_HCBS_Questions@state.co.us to request an exception. This may not be applicable to all members.

As discussed, some of these allowances may not be applicable to all members. The case manager needs to work with the member regarding these sections to ensure any deductions the member may qualify for are captured within the PETI worksheet.

Failure to do so may result in the member paying a higher room and board rate than required. However, it is acceptable and normal for some members to not have any allowances to report, resulting in zero deductions for the member.

For more information, review <u>8.7202.BB.2 Post Eligibility of Treatment of Income (PETI) Regulation</u>

Member Questions

The case manager should work with the member throughout the financial sections, with questions such as:

- 1. What is your overall monthly income?
- 2. Do you have a spouse living at home?
- 3. What was your previous living situation?
- 4. Are you still using your income to pay for your residence?
- 5. Do you have another insurance provider?
- 6. Are you required to pay back a monthly amount to the IRS?
- 7. Are there any prescriptions you have had to pay out of pocket for?

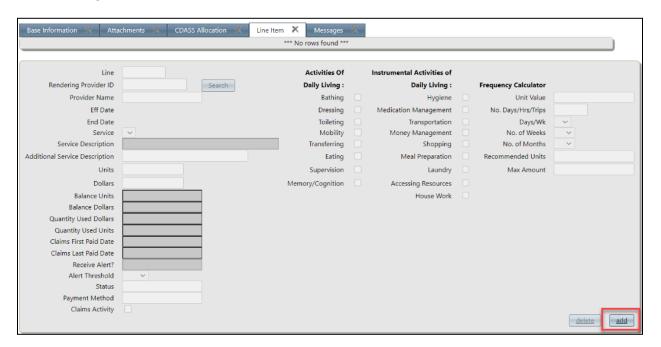
Adding PETI Line Items To Bridge PPA (Initial and CSR)

Prior to adding PETI Line Items, case managers will complete typical Bridge steps to add PAR in the "PPA Information" section:

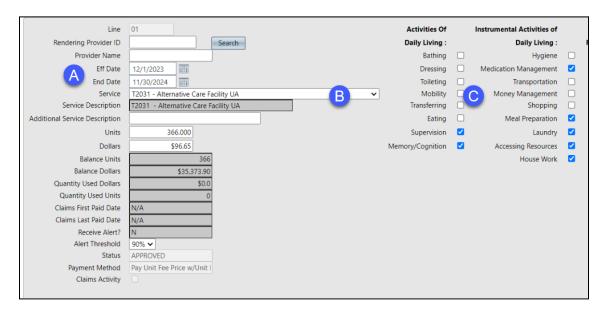
- CCM goals completed per the CCM desk aids.
- Bridge Inventory of Needs, IADLs, PETI worksheet, Risk, and any other required items in that Client Search section that is typically done.
- You will begin adding a new PAR via the "PPA Information" section, complete the "Base Information" tab items, and "Save" prior to starting the following line item steps.

PETI line Item Steps for Initial and CSR Scenarios:

1. Navigate to the "Line Item" tab and click "add" to add a line item:



- 2. Begin adding your line items in the following order:
 - a. Add service effective and end dates (they should match your PETI worksheet).
 - b. Use the dropdown menu to select the appropriate service (**T2031** Alternative Care Facility or **T2033** Supported Living Program).
 - c. Add the applicable Inventory of Needs items.

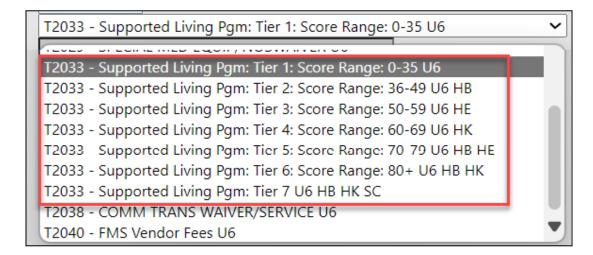




Note: Do not add units or dollar amounts because these items will auto-populate based on the PETI worksheet with matching dates.



Note: If Supported Living Program (SLP) - SLP has multiple services in the dropdown menu. Be careful to select the correct service tier.



3. Select "Add" in the bottom right corner of the "Goals Data" panel (located below the Line Item). Select the Goal from the "Goal Text" dropdown menu.



4. Click "Save" at the top of the page. You will see the "Save was successful" message at the top of the screen.



5. Select "Check Limits" on the PPA Information panel. If there are no errors, "Submit PPA" will no longer be grayed out.





Note: If errors are indicated, see the <u>troubleshooting guide</u>.

Adding PETI Line Items To Bridge PPA (Revisions)

Complete PETI revisions when members have qualifying income changes of \$50 or more per month and/or if they switch ACFs.

- 1. Navigate to Client Search
- 2. Find the PETI worksheet and click to edit. Add the end date, click calculate, and save changes.
- 3. Add a new PETI worksheet with new effective and end dates. Follow the rest of the PETI worksheet process, filling out the updated fields.
- 4. Search for the PPA you need to revise. Within the "Main Menu" dropdown, select the "Bridge" dropdown and click on "PPA Search."
- 5. Navigate to the existing ACF/SLP "Line Item" that needs to be end-dated.

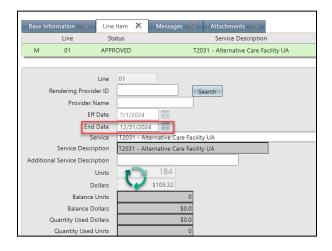


Tip: Make a note of the ADL and IADL items (via a screenshot or other method) for the new PPA line item.



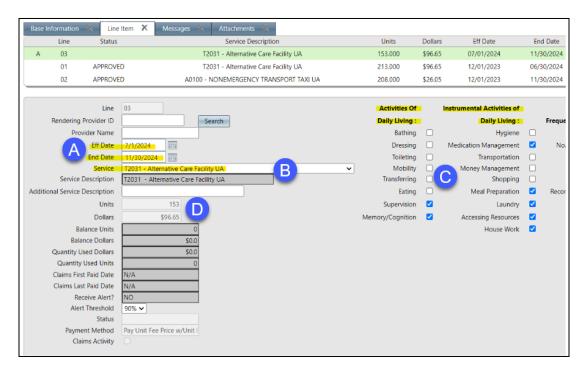
Note: If there are no ADL/IADL boxes checked on the Line Item, please look below the Line Item to see if a Goal was added. If a Goal is present, please note which Goal has been selected, as you will need this for a future step.

6. Change the **"End Date."** The updated units will auto-populate from the updated PETI worksheet.



- 7. Click "Save" at the top of the page. Ensure the "Save was successful."
- 8. Add a new line item matching the new PETI worksheet:
 - a. Enter the "Effective Date" and "End Dates."
 - b. Once the dates are entered, the "Service" drop-down menu will allow you to select the same service that was previously authorized.

- The procedure code and modifiers must match.
- c. Select "Activities of Daily Living" and "Instrumental Activities of Daily Living."
 - i. These values must match those on the previous ACF/SLP Line Item.
- d. The "Units" and "Dollars" fields should automatically populate based on the new PETI worksheet with matching dates and services.

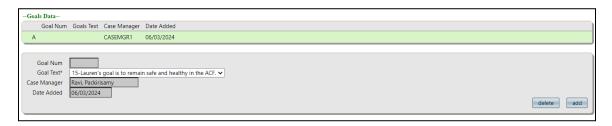




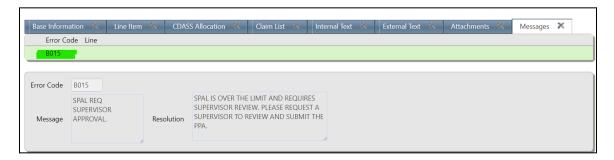
Note: If the member receives SLP, please note that SLP has multiple services in the dropdown menu. Be careful to select the correct one.

9. Click "Save" at the top of the page. Ensure the "Save was successful."

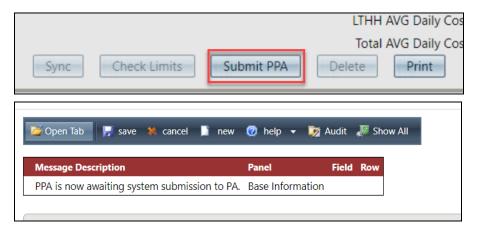
10. Add goals. Select "Add" in the bottom right corner of the "Goals Data" panel (located below the Line Item). Select the Goal from the "Goal Text" dropdown menu.



- 11. Click "Save" at the top of the page.
- 12. Select "Check Limits"
 - a. If errors are indicated, check the "Messages" tab and the troubleshooting guide.



13. If there are no errors, click "Submit PPA".



PETI Tips and Tricks

- Complete Inventory of Needs Prior to adding PETI worksheet.
- The PETI worksheet must be completed prior to adding Bridge line items.
- Be sure to complete CCM goals per CCM desk aides to avoid PAR issues. See the "Service Plan, Care Plan, and Bridge Interface" Job Aid.
- Sometimes, you need to double-click "Save" to get a save to take. Make sure it is confirmed as saved.
- The bridge can time out on you after a few minutes. Be careful to input your information and save it promptly.
- Holding down the "control" button and clicking on the links in Bridge will open up Bridge items in another browser window.
- Sometimes, you may need to click on the area surrounding a drop-down menu to get the selection to display in the drop-down menu.

Troubleshooting Guide

Error Codes

- The most common error codes are:
 - o B074: Benefit Plan Eligibility Break
 - o B098: Goals not present from CCM
 - o B050: Goals not attached to service
 - B085: Goal dates do not match the dates of the PPA



Note: Please make every effort to resolve your Bridge error codes by reviewing the messages in the Bridge.

To request support for a CCM system issue, call CCM Support Center (888) 235-6944 or complete and send a <u>CCM Support Request Form</u> attached to an encrypted email to <u>ccmsupport@assurecare.com</u>

For Bridge issues, case managers should contact the CCM Help Desk by emailing ccmhelpdesk@gainwelltechnologies.com

If you continue to receive a **B074 error code** after attempting all resolutions, please follow the Eligibility Escalation process below.

Eligibility Breaks

- Should you experience a B074 error code that persists, this means that the member may have a disruption in their waiver benefit. This could be due to a system glitch within Interchange and/or CCM. This could also mean that the member has lost eligibility per CBMS. This will require an escalation to be submitted for the member in order for HCPF to review the case and escalate to the appropriate team for resolution. You will not be able to proceed with the PPA until this is resolved. Please adhere to the Eligibility Escalation process:
 - If you are experiencing any type of eligibility disruption that significantly impacts business, please use the <u>escalation form</u> for any case management and/or county eligibility issue, technical issue, etc.
 - Following any escalation, please send an encrypted email to <u>Victoria.Rodgers@state.co.us</u> with the following information:
 - Member Name
 - Member Medicaid ID
 - Member County
 - Member Case Management Agency
 - Member Escalation Number (found via the escalation submission form)

Supervisory Approval:

Should you receive an error message such as "Avg Daily Cost is over the case manager limit
and requires supervisor review. Request a supervisor to review and Submit the PPA." Please
have your supervisor submit the PPA for you under their credentials in order for the PPA to
be successfully approved.

Pending State Approval:

Case managers should be aware that the LTSSOCC Inbox will be decommissioned starting
July 1, 2025. Case managers will still need to use the <u>LTSSOCC Inbox</u> for PPA approvals until
June 30, 2025, should an error message be received when submitting the PPA that displays
"Pending State Review." After July 1, 2025, case managers should not experience an error
for "Pending State Review" as it relates to PETI due to the automation of units and rates
pulled from the PETI worksheet. If you experience issues submitting the PPA relating to PETI,
please email HCPF_HCBS_Questions@state.co.us for additional guidance.

Tax Allowance Over \$300.00

If you need a Tax Allowance exception where the amount is over \$300, email
HCPF HCBS Questions@state.co.us">HCPF HCBS Questions@state.co.us to request an exception.