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**Attention Provider Type 29 (Home Health Agency):**

**Prior Authorization Submission Time Frame for Home Health and Private Duty Nursing**

Effective immediately, prior authorization requests for home health or private duty nursing must be submitted within eight business days of the initial evaluation visit and start of care. Reauthorization requests for continuing home health or private duty nursing services may be submitted up to, but not to exceed, eight business days after the expiration date of the current authorization period.

The home health agency assumes responsibility for home health or private duty nursing cost if the authorization is denied or authorized at a reduced level when the authorization is not in place prior to the start of service.