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Section 3. How You Get Care

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• To reconsider a non-urgent care claim

Within 6 months of our initial decision, you may ask us in writing to reconsider our initial decision. Follow Step 1 of the disputed claims process detailed in Section 8 of this brochure.

In the case of a **pre-service claim** and subject to a request for additional information, we have 30 days from the date we receive your written request for reconsideration to:

1. Precertify your inpatient admission or, if applicable, approve your request for prior approval for the service, drug, or supply; or
2. Write to you and maintain our denial; or
3. Ask you or your provider for more information.

You or your provider must send the information so that we receive it within 60 days of our request. We will then decide within 30 more days.

If we do not receive the information within 60 days, we will decide within 30 days of the date the information was due. We will base our decision on the information we already have. We will write to you with our decision.

• To reconsider an urgent care claim

In the case of an appeal of a pre-service urgent care claim, within 6 months of our initial decision, you may ask us in writing to reconsider our initial decision. Follow Step 1 of the disputed claims process detailed in Section 8 of this brochure.

Unless we request additional information, we will notify you of our decision within 72 hours after receipt of your reconsideration request. We will expedite the review process, which allows verbal or written requests for appeals and the exchange of information by phone, electronic mail, facsimile, or other expeditious methods.

- **To file an appeal with OPM**

After we reconsider your **pre-service claim**, if you do not agree with our decision, you may ask OPM to review it by following Step 3 of the disputed claims process detailed in Section 8 of this brochure.

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