**Section 10000, State Plan Long Term Services and Supports**

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**10150 Authorization for Day Activity and Health Services**

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To authorize Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS), the managed care organization (MCO) must obtain a physician’s assessment and complete the following forms:

* [Form H2060](https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/forms/2000-2999/form-h2060-needs-assessment-questionnaire-taskhour-guide), Needs Assessment Questionnaire and Task/Hour Guide, and [Form H2060-A](https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/forms/2000-2999/form-h2060-a-addendum-form-h2060), Addendum to Form H2060; or
* [Form H6516](https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/forms/6000-6999/form-h6516-community-first-choice-assessment), Community First Choice Assessment, and Form H2060-A.

The documentation required by the MCO must be dated no more than 90 days prior to the authorization request. MCOs may issue temporary authorizations if the physician’s assessment and all forms are not submitted. Temporary authorizations are valid for at least 30 days but will expire after 60 days. Authorizations should be updated when the member is assessed by their physician and all forms are submitted to align with the 90-day time frame between the date of assessment and authorization.

DAHS authorizations must reflect the member's ongoing needs and should typically be valid for 12 months, unless the member experiences a significant change in condition or is admitted to a hospital or nursing facility, transfers between facilities or transfers to a new MCO. If an authorization is issued for less than 12 months, the MCO may not require a new physician’s assessment unless the member experiences a change in condition, as described in the STAR+PLUS contract(s) regarding assessment instruments, or if the change is related to.~~, resulting in the need for a new service plan due to~~ changes in dietary restrictions, medications, transportation needs or other services provided by the facility.