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The managed care coverage assigned PCP has access to the patient's record automatically until the patient's coverage terms. The PCP and associated users will have access to check eligibility, submit UCLA managed care referrals and to check UCLA managed care claim status.

Specialty providers and vendors have access to patient records when the provider/vendor is the referring-to provider/vendor for the term the referral is active, or for ten-days when access is requested manually using First Access.

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Using the Default Dates button ensures that the IBNR pay until date is accurately set up and that the referral request will remain open for the standard 120 days for UM processing regardless of the referral type submitted. The referral dates should <u>not</u> be modified from the default dates setting unless you are completing a <u>retroactive referral</u>.



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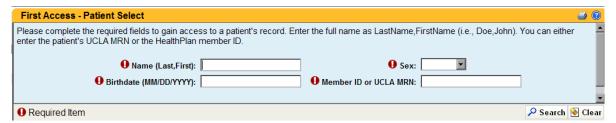
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First Access can be used when you need to look-up a patient record that you do not have access to automatically. First Access lets you verify the patient is a UCLA Health patient and then gain access to the record immediately. You will be able to view the record for 10 days. To navigate to the First Access menu, click on *Patient Records* tab.



Getting System Access

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There are three requirements to getting <u>UCLA HealthLink</u> access: 1) UCLA AD account setup, 2) submission of the signed Confidentiality Statement; 3) go-to-training completion. After these requirements are met, you will be notified when your AD account user ID and password is set and when you can <u>sign into the production system</u>.

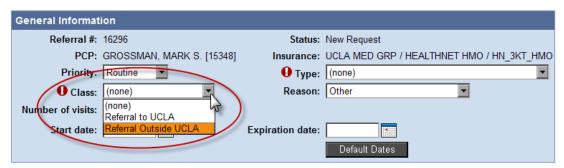
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The referral class designates the type of referring-to facility and determines which referring-to data entry fields are listed and the available data for selection.

Referral To UCLA—is a service request to a UCLA Health provider or service area that is operated by UCLA. The *referring-to* department/place of service and provider options is linked to this type of referral class.

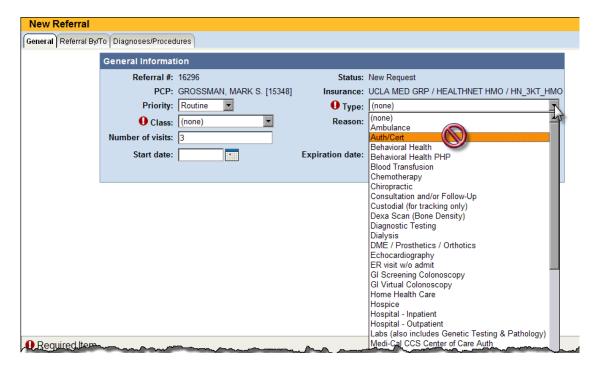
Referral Outside UCLA— an affiliated provider or vendor is defined in UCLA HealthLink as outside our UCLA operated facilities even if they provider/vendor is a preferred provider. The referring-to location, place of service and provider/vendor options are linked to this type of referral class. A Referral Outside UCLA should be selected when the affiliated provider/vendor is requesting a referral for services/visits at their own location.



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The listing of referral types helps designate the type of referral being requested. If you do not see a listing that matches your situation, it is possible that *Consultation and/or Follow-Up* might be applicable. Never use the type *Auth/Cert* for UCLA managed care patients. Click here for a job aid on referral types to help with your selection.



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UCLA HealthLink is used to submit referral requests for UCLA Medical Group and UCLA Santa Monica Bay Physicians Medical Group patients. It is not used to submit authorization requests for nonmanaged care patients.

Referral Status

You are not notified via UCLA HealthLink when a referral status changes. You must view the referral status by selecting *Patient Records*, and then *Referral by Member* or *Referral by Provider*. The listing of referral statuses can be printed by clicking on the printer icon or you can view the referral details of an individual referral record by clicking on the referral ID number.



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The UCLA Medical Group will accept RETRO referral submissions as long as the patient has been under the PCP's care and was eligible with UCLA Medical Group at the time services were rendered. Retroactive submissions are limited to services that the PCP was familiar with and/or initially intended to submit. UCLA Medical Group expects to receive retroactive submission only for UCLA Medical Group contracted providers. Retroactive referrals should not be submitted for services the patient accessed using their Tier-2/POS coverage (non-HMO option).

Requests for retroactive referrals must be submitted within ninety days of the date of service. There must be evidence in the member's medical record that reflects the Referring Provider's intent to request authorization prior to the date of service with the specialist. Evidence includes, but is not limited to progress notes, phone triage/nurse notes, etc.

The Referring Provider should submit a completed referral along with documentation to the Utilization Management Department with a referral *Priority as Retro* and the *Authorization Start Date* matching the date of service. The *Expiration date* should be set at the default date. It is best to click on the <u>Default Dates button</u>, and then modify the *Start date*, to ensure proper date duration setup.

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UCLA HealthLink provides secure, remote access for community providers/vendors and their office staff to a portion of UCLA's electronic health record (EHR) in order to check managed care eligibility, submit/review referrals, and view claim status. Any computer which has a broadband internet connection, appropriate security and the required hardware can access UCLA HealthLink. UCLA HealthLink is based on software provided by Epic Systems Corp.

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