

## Revised Ohio Provider Quick Reference Guides – *Effective April 1 for Medicaid, Medicare and PPO*

March 31, 2009

Dear Provider,

The Quick Reference Guides have been updated for WellCare of Ohio providers and are now available online. They are effective **April 1, 2009**.

The authorization rule change for Ohio Medicaid, Medicare and Medicare PPO providers is as follows:

- **Observation stays (up to 48 hours) no longer require prior authorization.**

Please visit the Provider Resources pages located at [ohio.wellcare.com](http://ohio.wellcare.com) and [www.wellcare.com](http://www.wellcare.com) to access the most recent copies of the Quick Reference Guides.

**Please check the Web site regularly to ensure you are referring to the most up-to-date versions.**

To ask questions regarding the Quick Reference Guides, please contact your Provider Relations representative or call:

- WellCare of Ohio Medicaid Provider Hotline: (800) 951-7719
- Medicare Provider Services: (866) 687-8815
- Medicare PPO Provider Services: (866) 530-9490
- TTY/TDD: (877) 247-6272

We appreciate your continued participation in providing superior care to our members.

Sincerely,  
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