

Please disregard the information in this provider alert as it's no longer accurate. For the latest information, please see the provider alert titled [Referrals to home healthcare for Medicare Advantage members: Grace period extended through Sept. 30 for acute care providers.](#)

## **Retracted: Referrals to home health care for Medicare Advantage members: Grace period ends May 31 for acute care providers, continues for post-acute care and community-based providers**

Tango coordinates referrals and manages prior authorizations for Medicare Plus Blue and BCN Advantage members for home health episodes of care that start on or after March 1, 2026.

In a [Feb. 12, 2026, provider alert](#), we communicated that there would a grace period from March 1 through May 31, 2026, during which referring providers (acute care, post-acute care and community-based providers) don't need to submit referrals to tango for home health care services. Instead, home health care providers can submit referral requests directly to tango during this period.

Starting June 1, 2026, here's what will change for referring providers:

Provider type	What will change on June 1
Acute care providers	Acute care providers must submit referrals directly to tango. As of May 31, all transition activities will be completed, and discharge planners and care teams will have moved to the tango operational model.
Post-acute care providers	Nothing will change for post-acute care providers. However, tango will begin working with post-acute care providers to educate them on the tango operational model. Home health agencies can continue to submit initial prior authorization requests to tango for Medicare Advantage members who are referred to agencies by post-acute care providers.
Community-based providers	Nothing will change for community-based providers. Home health agencies should continue to submit initial prior authorization requests to tango for Medicare Advantage members who are referred to agencies by community-based providers.

If your organization hasn't connected with tango on this process change or needs additional support, email the tango Provider Relations team at [providerrelations@tangocare.com](mailto:providerrelations@tangocare.com).

For additional information about home health care requirements for Medicare Advantage members, see the:

- [Home Health Care](#) page on [authorizations.bcbsm.com](http://authorizations.bcbsm.com)



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