



Healthy BlueSM
BlueChoice[®] HealthPlan of SC

Healthy Connections 

2023 Healthy Blue Annual Provider Training



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- Pharmacy and Labs
- Claims
- Provider Incentives
- Provider Enrollment
- Quality
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Informational Reminders

Member Annual Eligibility

Ways to Apply or Renew

- Website: apply.scdhhs.gov
 - Select Apply for Medicaid or Submit Annual Review
- Fax: (888) 820-1204
- Email: 8888201204@faxscdhhs.gov
- Mail:
 - SCDHHS Central Mail
 - P.O. Box 100101
 - Columbia, SC 29202
- In-Person: Visit a local eligibility Office



Cultural Competency



Fraud, Waste and Abuse

Provider's Role

Comply with statutory, regulatory and Medicaid managed care requirements in South Carolina

Report any law violations and follow the code of conduct for ethical rules of behavior

How to Report

Call Healthy Blue at 877-725-2702 or visit www.fightthehealthcarefraud.com

Call the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services at 888-364-3224 or email fraudres@scdhhs.gov

Access and Availability

The following guidelines are required for our in-network providers.

Primary Care	
Routine visit	Available within four to six weeks
Urgent, non-emergent visit	Available within 48 hours
Emergent visit	Available immediately upon presentation at a service delivery site

Specialist Care	
Routine visit	Available within four weeks; maximum of 12 weeks for unique specialists
Urgent medical condition care	Available within 48 hours of referral or notification from primary care physician
Emergent visit	Available immediately upon referral

Note: Wait times should not exceed 45 minutes for a scheduled appointment of a routine nature.

Contacts and Resources

Contacts and Resources

Website: www.HealthyBlueSC.com

- Provider Manual
- Resources
- BlueBlasts
- Educational Trainings
- And more



Contacts and Resources

Quick Reference Guide

www.HealthyBlueSC.com

Providers>Resources>Manuals and Guides

Provider Customer Care Center

Phone: 866-757-8286

Fax: 912-233-4010 or 912-235-3246

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST

Vision Service Plan* (VSP)

Phone: 800-615-1883

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST

Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST

Cost Containment (Refund/Overpayments)

Phone: 818-234-3289

Hours: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST

*VSP is an independent company that provides vision services on behalf of BlueChoice HealthPlan.

Contacts and Resources

24/7 Nurse Line

Phone: 866-577-9710

Case Management (CM) Department

Phone: 866-757-8286

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST

Carelon Medical Benefits Management

Phone: 800-252-2021

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST

Disease Management (DM) Department

Phone: 888-830-4300

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST

Utilization Management (UM) Department

Phone: 866-902-1689

Prior Authorization Fax: 800-823-5520 or 866-993-0147

Inpatient Hospital Continued Stay Review Fax: 866-387-2974

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST

Contacts and Resources

CarelonRx – Prior Authorizations

Retail

Phone: 844-410-6890

Fax: 844-512-9005

Hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST

Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. EST

Home Delivery/Mail Order

Phone (24/7): 833-203-1737

Fax: 800-207-3118

Medical Injectables

Phone: 833-988-1264

Fax: 844-512-7027

Hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST

Specialty Pharmacy

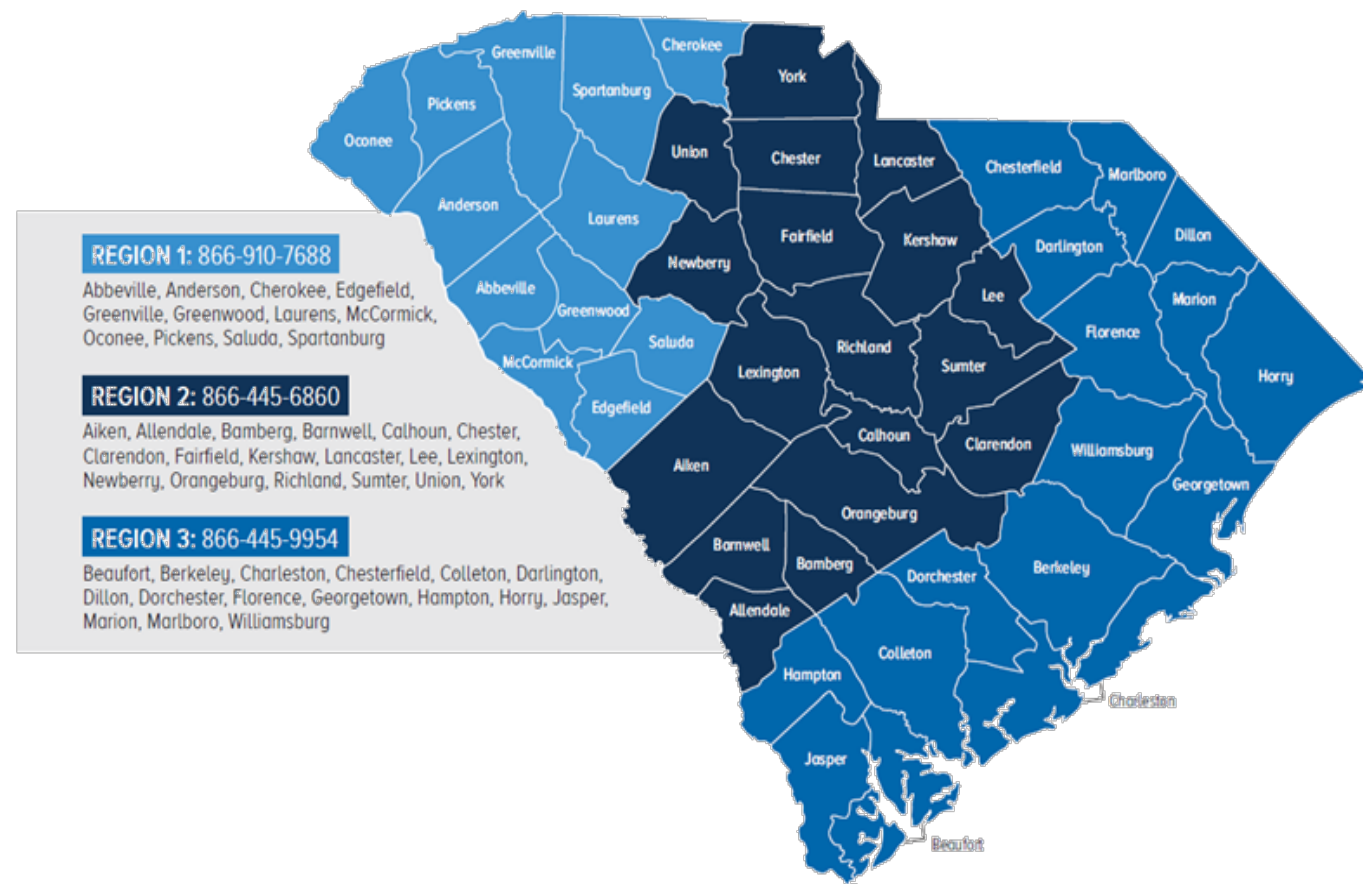
Phone (24/7): 833-255-0646

Fax: 833-263-2871

Contacts and Resources

Modivcare – Transportation Services

- Available Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST
- Non-emergent medical rides
- Call at least three days before appointment
- Please have member information available when making reservation appointments



Visit www.Modivcare.com/facilities/sc for more information.

Contacts and Resources

Provider Office Manual

Administrative
Information

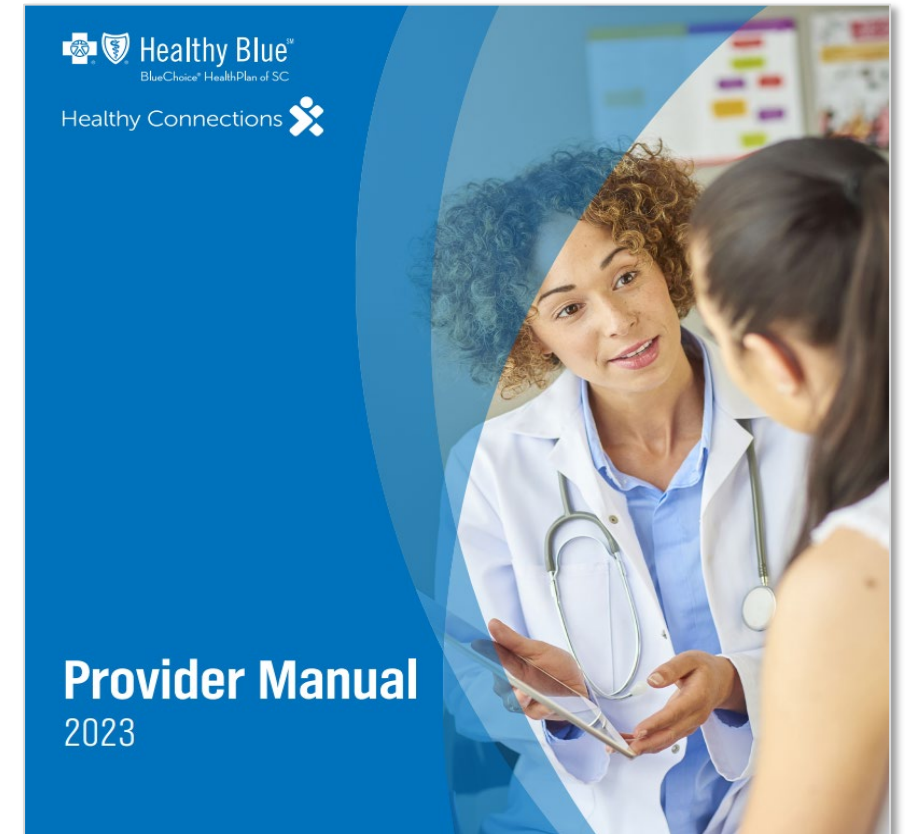
Quality
Improvements

Utilization
Management

Claims
Information

Reimbursement
Policies

Note: The manual is updated annually.



Contacts and Resources

BlueBlast – Monthly Newsletter

Important
health updates

Healthy
Connections
updates

Notifications
and reminders

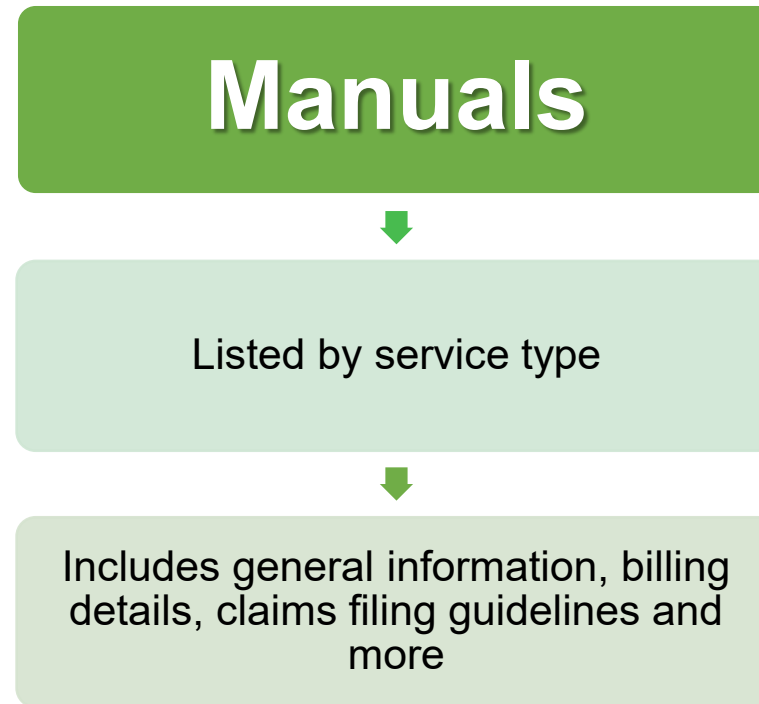
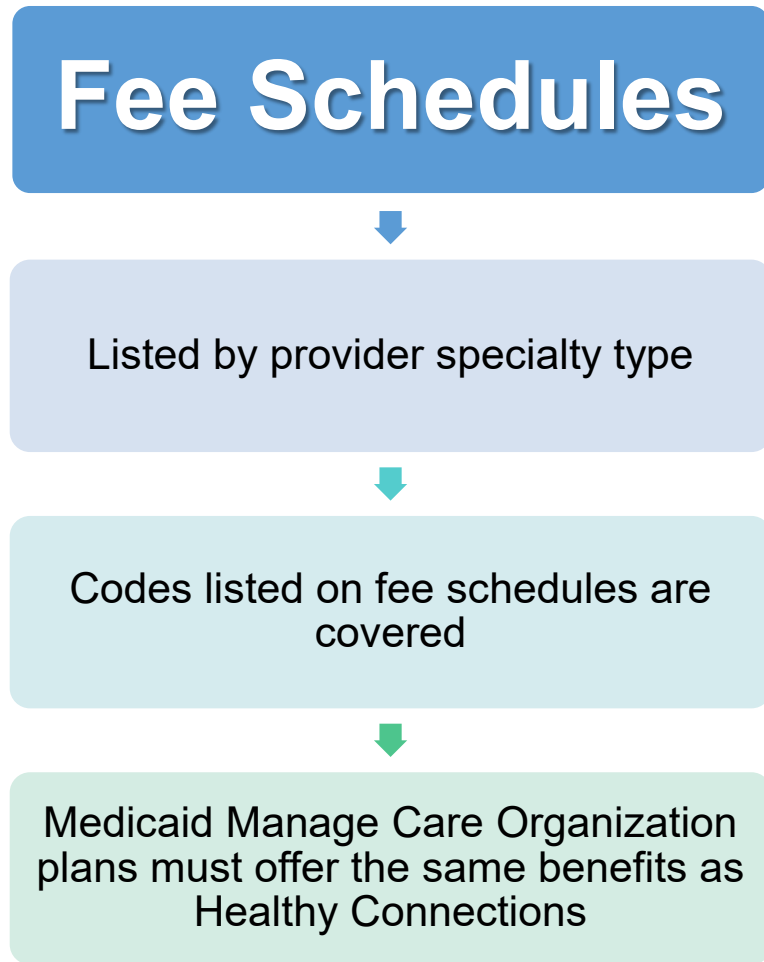
Billing and
claims
information

Upcoming
events



Member Benefits

Checking Covered Benefits



Visit www.scdhhs.gov/provider for more information.

Copays and Exemptions

Service	Copay
Primary care visits, RHCs and FQHCs	\$3.30
Specialist visits (including optometrists)	\$3.30
Durable medical equipment	\$3.40
Chiropractic care	\$1.15
Home health (limited to 50 visits)	\$3.30
Prescription drugs (brand and generic)	\$3.40
Outpatient hospital	\$3.40
Inpatient hospital	\$25.00

Member Exemptions	Service Exemptions
Under 19 years of age	Family planning
Pregnant women	End-stage renal disease
Institutionalized individuals	Care at an infusion center
Individuals receiving care in ER	Care at an urgent clinic
Individuals receiving hospice care	Medical equipment and supplies from DHEC
Review the Provider Office Manual for a full list of exemptions.	

Durable Medical Equipment and Home Health

Durable Medical Equipment

Covered when prescribed to preserve bodily functions or prevent disability

Use modifiers to identify rental or purchase

Medical documentation is required for both rentals and purchases

Customized items, some CPT codes, and OON* providers require prior authorization (PA)

Home Health

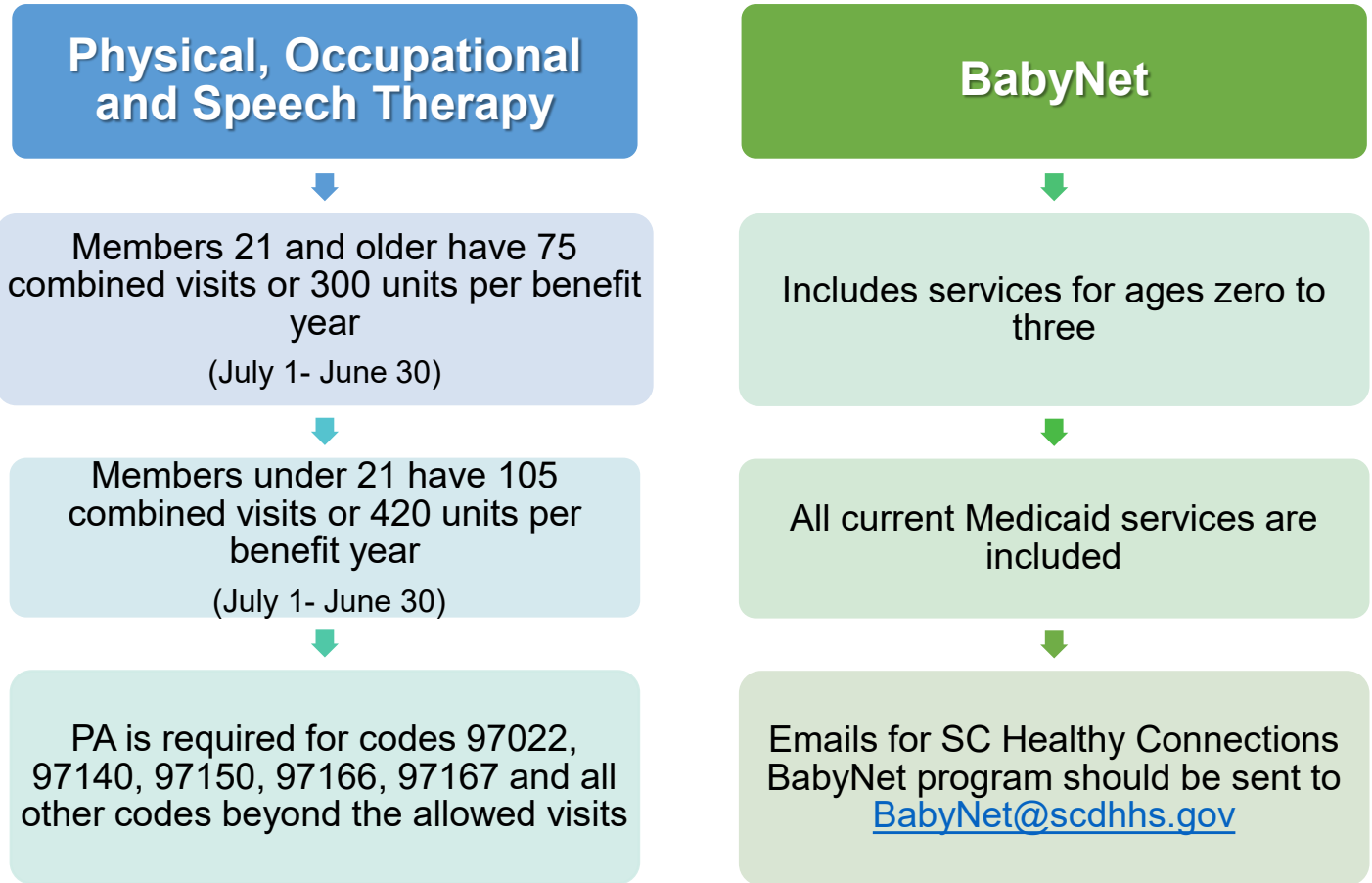
Includes intermittent skilled nursing, home health aides, physical, occupational and speech therapy and physician-ordered supplies

Limit of 50 visits per benefit year (July 1-June 30)

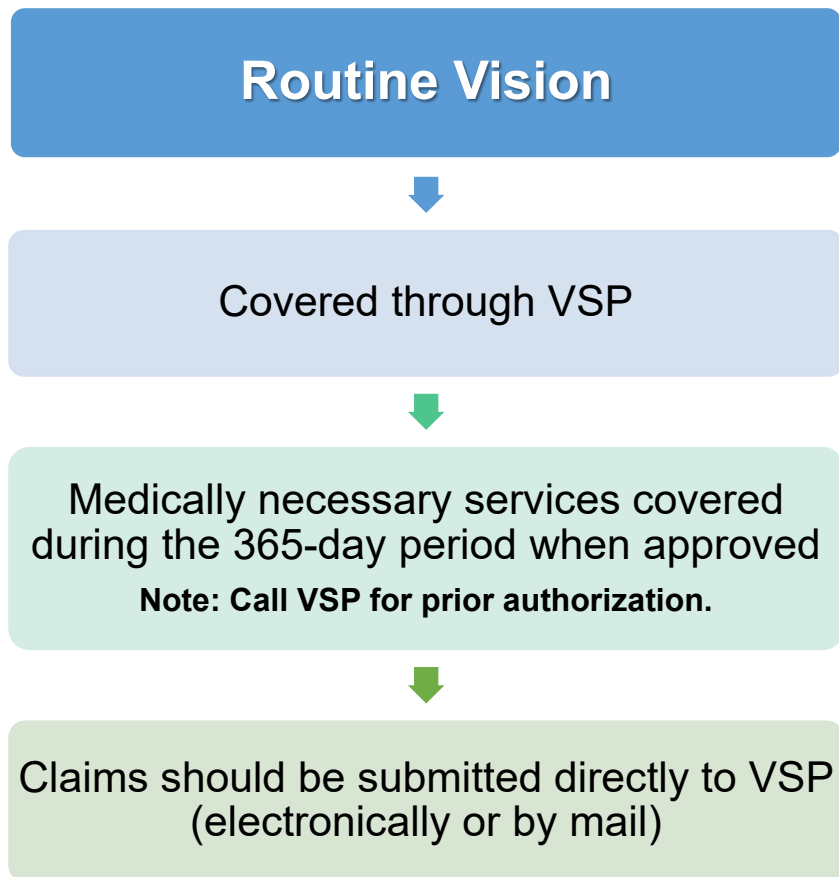
All home health care services require PA (authorized for a 30-day duration)

*Out-of-Network

Therapy Services and BabyNet



Routine Vision



Covered Service	Members under 21	Members 21 and older
Routine eye exam	One, every 12 months	One, every 12 months
Eyeglasses (Frames, lenses and fitting)	One pair, every 12 months	One pair, every 24 months

VSP Covered Codes

Type of Service	CPT Codes
Exams and Office Visits	92002, 92004, 92012, 92014, 92015 (routine only)
Evaluation and Management (E&M) Services	99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215
Online Digital Evaluation and Management (E&M) Services	99421, 99422, 99423
Telephone Evaluation and Management (E&M) Services	99441, 99442, 99443
Consultations	99242, 99243, 99244, 99245
Interprofessional telephone/internet assessment and management services	99446, 99447, 99448, 99449, 99451, 99452
Urgent/Emergency Care	99050, 99051, 99058
Special Ophthalmological Services	92020, 92025, 92060, 92071, 92081, 92082, 92083, 92100, 92132, 92133, 92134, 92136, 92201, 92202, 92227, 92228, 92250, 92260, 92270, 92273, 92274, 92283, 92284, 92285, 92286, 92287, 92499, 95930, 99070
Radiology/Diagnostic Ultrasound	76510, 76511, 76512, 76513, 76514, 76516, 76519, 76529
Eye and Ocular Adnexa Services	65205, 65210, 65220, 65222, 65430, 65435, 67820, 67938, 68020, 68040, 68761, 68801, 68810, 68815
Pathology and Laboratory	83516, 83861, 87809

May not be all inclusive and subject to change.

Carelon Medical Benefits Management – Prior Authorization

Advanced Imaging	Cardiology Services	Radiation Oncology Services
Computed Tomography Scans (including cardiac)	Resting Transthoracic Tachocardiography	Brachytherapy
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (including cardiac)	Transesophageal Echocardiography	Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy
Positron Emission Tomography Scans (including cardiac)	Arterial Ultrasound	Proton Beam Radiation Therapy
Nuclear Cardiology	Cardiac Catheterization	Stereotactic Radiosurgery/Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy
Stress Echocardiography	Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)	3D conformal therapy ¹ (EBRT) for bone metastases and breast cancer
		Hypofractionation for bone metastases and breast cancer when requesting EBRT and intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT)
		Special procedures and consultations associated with a treatment plan (CPT codes 77370 and 77470)
		Image Guided Radiation Therapy

¹Radiation oncology performed as part of an inpatient admission is not part Carelon’s program. Radiation oncologists are strongly encouraged to verify that authorization has been obtained before initiating scheduling and performing services.

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Carelon Medical Benefits Management Inc. is a separate company providing some utilization review services on behalf of BlueChoice® HealthPlan.



Prior Authorization

Prior Authorization Lookup Tool

- Use for outpatient services only
- Verify eligibility and benefits prior to rendering services

YES - Precertification is required

Line of Business:	Medicaid/SCHIP/Family Care
CPT/HCPCS Code:	
Description:	
CMS Guideline:	
State Guideline:	
InterQual/MCG Guideline:	

NO - Precertification is not required

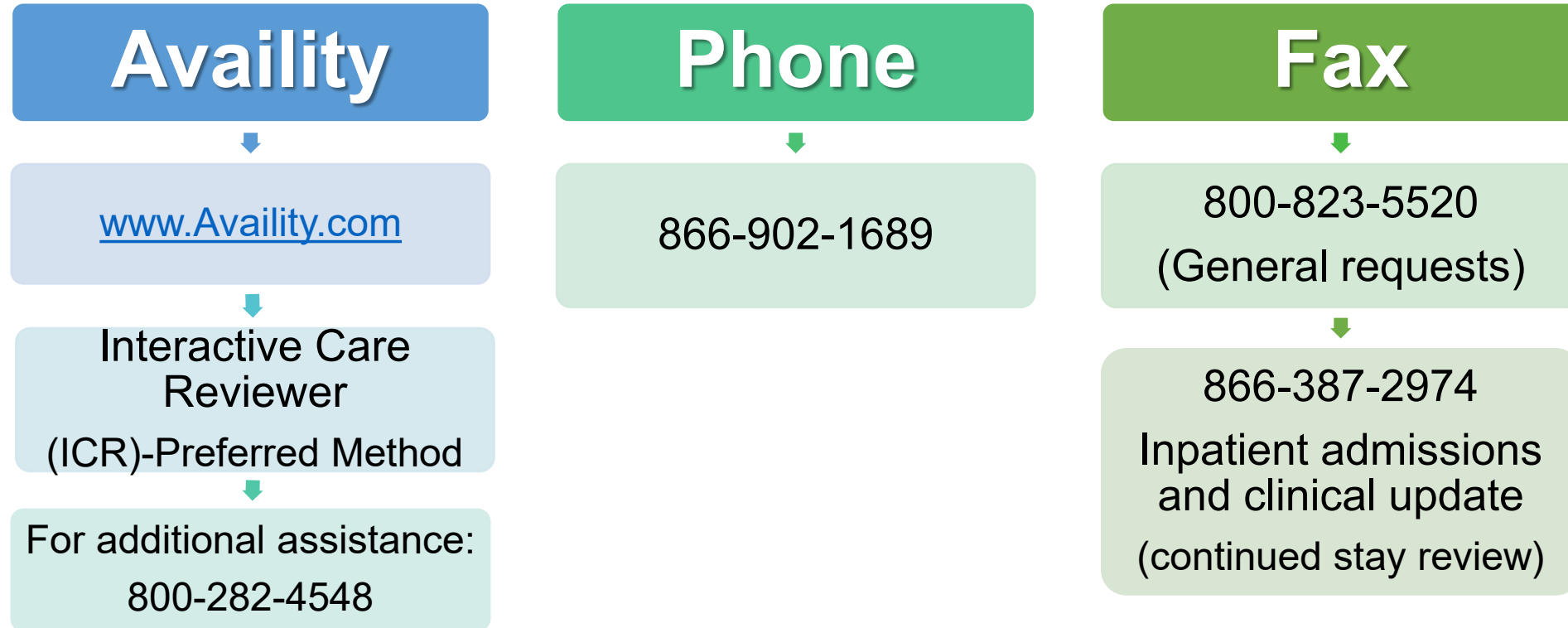
Line of Business:	Medicaid/SCHIP/Family Care
CPT/HCPCS Code:	H0047
Description:	Alcohol and/or other drug abuse services, not otherwise specified
CMS Guideline:	
State Guideline:	
InterQual/MCG Guideline:	

NO - Precertification is not required

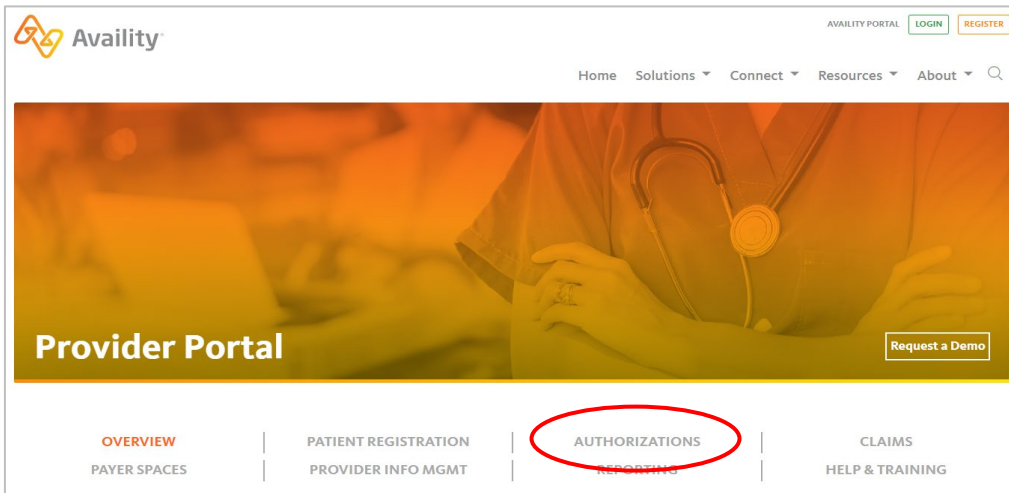
Line of Business:	Medicaid/SCHIP/Family Care
CPT/HCPCS Code:	90832
Description:	Psychotherapy, 30 minutes with patient
Additional Info:	Precertification is required after 24 sessions for 90832, 90834, 90837 combined, per benefit year.
CMS Guideline:	None
State Guideline:	None
Third Party Guidelines:	None

Some services will include additional information.

Prior Authorization Request Methods



Prior Authorization – Availity Requests



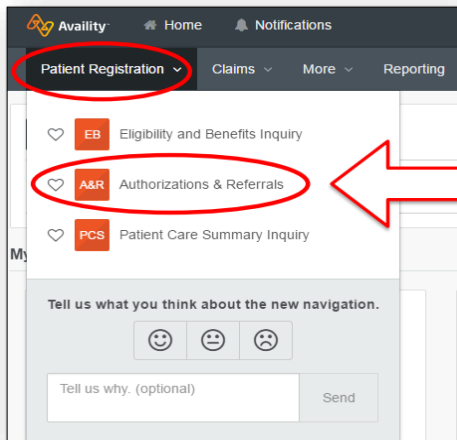
Availity PROVIDER PORTAL LOGIN REGISTER

Home Solutions Connect Resources About

Provider Portal

Request a Demo

OVERVIEW PAYER SPACES PATIENT REGISTRATION PROVIDER INFO MGMT AUTHORIZATIONS REPORTING CLAIMS HELP & TRAINING



Availity Home Notifications

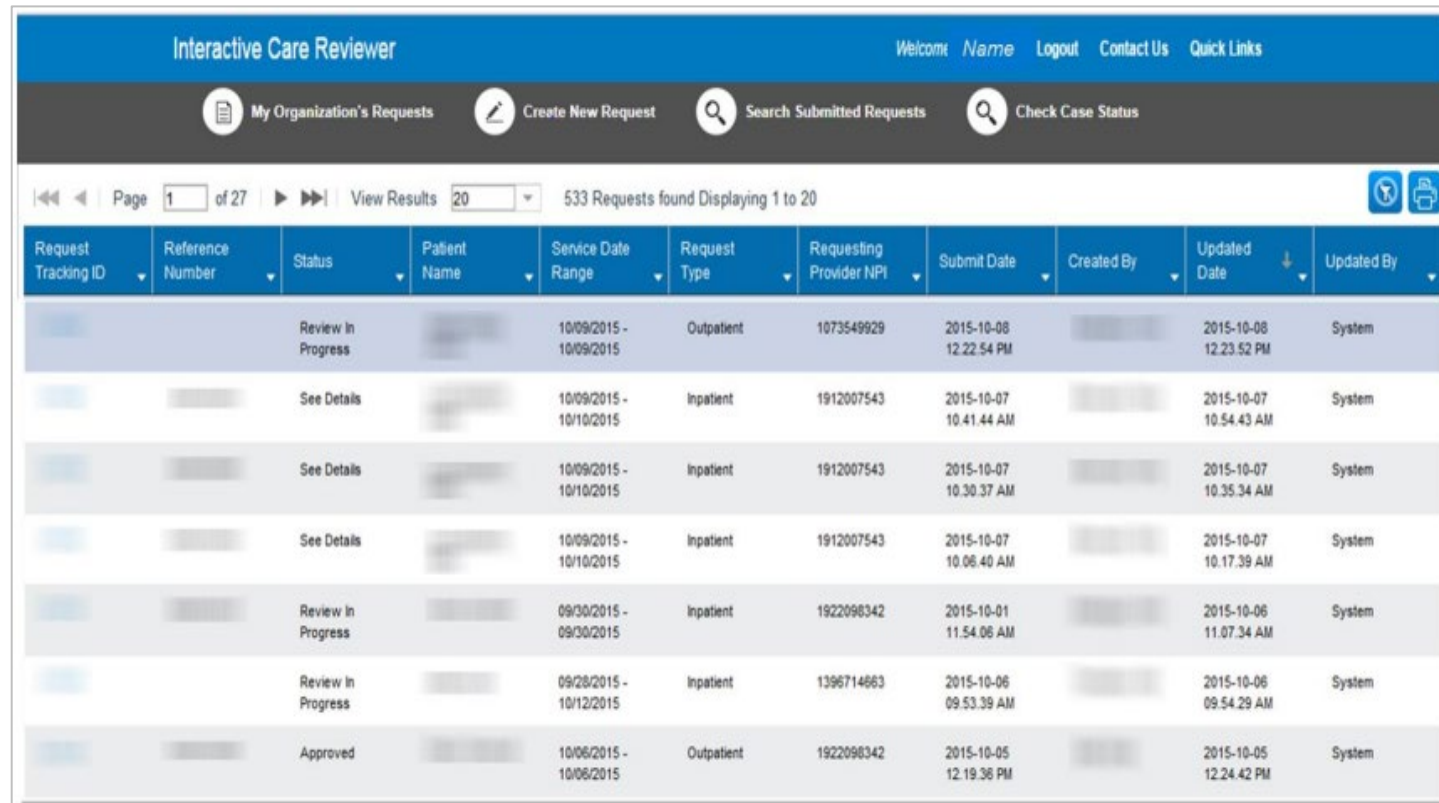
Patient Registration Claims More Reporting

- EB Eligibility and Benefits Inquiry
- A&R Authorizations & Referrals
- PCS Patient Care Summary Inquiry

Tell us what you think about the new navigation.

Tell us why. (optional) Send

To access the ICR tool through Availity, select **Authorizations & Referrals** under the *Patient Registration* tab.

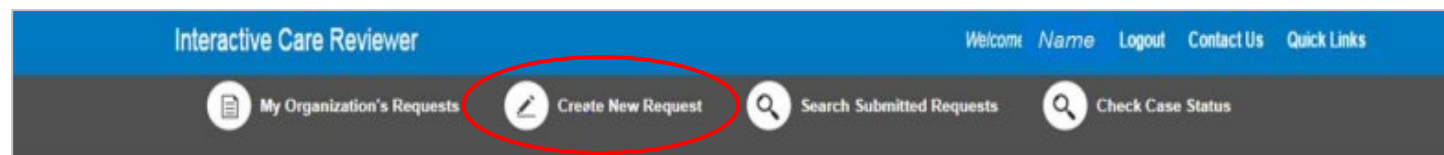


Interactive Care Reviewer Welcome Name Logout Contact Us Quick Links

My Organization's Requests Create New Request Search Submitted Requests Check Case Status

Page 1 of 27 View Results 20 533 Requests found Displaying 1 to 20

Request Tracking ID	Reference Number	Status	Patient Name	Service Date Range	Request Type	Requesting Provider NPI	Submit Date	Created By	Updated Date	Updated By
		Review In Progress		10/09/2015 - 10/09/2015	Outpatient	1073549929	2015-10-08 12:22:54 PM		2015-10-08 12:23:52 PM	System
		See Details		10/09/2015 - 10/10/2015	Inpatient	1912007543	2015-10-07 10:41:44 AM		2015-10-07 10:54:43 AM	System
		See Details		10/09/2015 - 10/10/2015	Inpatient	1912007543	2015-10-07 10:30:37 AM		2015-10-07 10:35:34 AM	System
		See Details		10/09/2015 - 10/10/2015	Inpatient	1912007543	2015-10-07 10:06:40 AM		2015-10-07 10:17:39 AM	System
		Review In Progress		09/30/2015 - 09/30/2015	Inpatient	1922098342	2015-10-01 11:54:06 AM		2015-10-06 11:07:34 AM	System
		Review In Progress		09/28/2015 - 10/12/2015	Inpatient	1396714863	2015-10-06 09:53:39 AM		2015-10-06 09:54:29 AM	System
		Approved		10/06/2015 - 10/06/2015	Outpatient	1922098342	2015-10-05 12:19:36 PM		2015-10-05 12:24:42 PM	System



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Prior Authorization – Phone Requests

Items needed for phone request:

Member's name, date of birth, Medicaid ID number and address

ICD-10 codes

CPT or HCPCS codes and unit amounts (when applicable)

Date(s) of service

Level of care (when applicable)

Requesting provider's Tax ID, NPI, address, phone and fax numbers

Servicing provider's Tax ID, NPI, address, phone and fax numbers

If NICU*, also include the mother's name, date of birth and Medicaid ID number

****Neonatal intensive care unit***

Prior Authorization – Fax Requests

Inpatient requests
(Include discharge date.)

Note: For skilled nursing, include the CLTC form.*

Psychological testing

MCO – BabyNet

MCO – Makena

Universal newborn

Universal Synagis®

All fax submissions, including clinicals, require appropriate member HIPAA identifiers: Member Name, Medicaid ID Number and the Member Date of Birth.

*Community Long-term Care

Note: Fax numbers are located on each form.

The image shows two overlapping forms. The top form is the 'Precertification Request Form' from Healthy Blue. It includes sections for Member information, Referring provider, and Servicing provider, each with fields for full name, NPI, Provider ID, TIN, office contact name, office phone, office fax, address, city, state, ZIP, and specialty. It also has checkboxes for 'Participating' and 'Nonparticipating' providers. The bottom form is the 'Healthy Blue Precertification Request Form', which includes a 'Nonparticipating' section with fields for provider ID, TIN, facility phone, facility fax, and city, state, ZIP. It also has a 'check all that apply' section with checkboxes for various services like hospice, office visit, personal care services, etc. Both forms include a disclaimer at the bottom stating that authorization is based on medical necessity and is contingent upon eligibility and benefits.

Behavioral Health

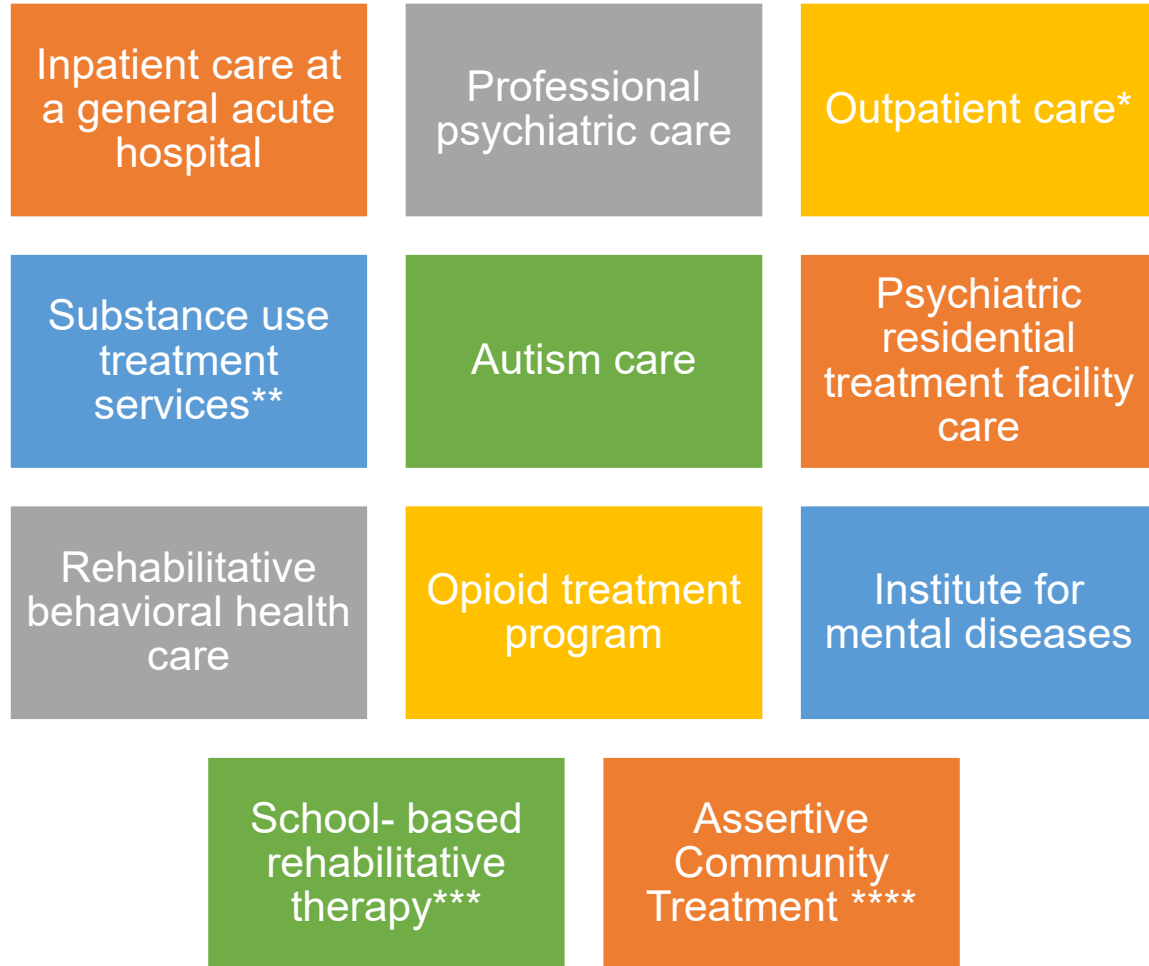
Behavioral Health – Covered Benefits for Fee-for-Service

SCDHHS* covers some behavioral health services

SCDHHS is responsible for most waiver services

**South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services*

Behavioral Health – Covered Benefits Under Healthy Blue



*Services must be provided by:

- Licensed Independent Practitioners (LIPs)
- Group Practices
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
- Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)
- Psychiatrists
- Advanced Nurse Practitioners
- Community Mental Health Centers(SC DMH & MUSC)

**Services must be provided by:

- Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS)

***Effective July 1, 2022

****Effective July 1, 2023

School-Based Rehabilitative Therapy Services

SCDHHS provides Medicaid reimbursement for medically necessary services provided in the Local Education Agency

Includes, but not limited to, children under the age of 21 who have or are at risk of developing sensory, emotion, behavioral or social impairments, disabilities and more

Visit www.scdhhs.gov/provider for more information.

School-Based Rehabilitative Therapy Services

Billing Modifiers

H1 – Licensed Clinician



Refers to licensed or certified professionals allowed to practice at the independent level.
Includes LPC, LMFT, LISW, LPES, Certified School Psychologist II and III

H2 – Unlicensed Clinician



Refers to professionals who require supervision and co-signature on their diagnostic assessment (used to confirm medical necessity).
Includes LMSW, MHP and Certified School Psychologist I

Note: Billing modifiers must match the credentials of the individual rendering the service.

Behavioral Health – Prior Authorization

Core therapy services

- No PA required for participating Behavioral Health Providers

Psychological testing and assessments

- Requires PA
- Complete the Outpatient Treatment Request (OTR) form and fax to 877-664-1499

CPT codes: 90832, 90834 and 90837

- Requires PA after 24 sessions or encounters billed in a 12-month period (July 1 – June 30)
 - This includes sessions that might be held with different providers.
- Complete OTR form and fax to 877-664-1499

Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services

LIPs ¹	LACs ²
DAODAS ³	DMH ⁴
DOE ⁵	DJJ ⁶
DSS ⁷	COC ⁸

Prior authorization requirements	
H0038	H2014
H2017	H2030
H2037	S9482
Note: All out-of-network providers require PA.	

¹Licensed Independent Practitioners

²Licensed Addiction Counselors

³Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services

⁴South Carolina Department of Mental Health

⁵South Carolina Department of Education

⁶South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice

⁷South Carolina Department of Social Services

⁸South Carolina Continuum of Care

Institutes for Mental Disease

Eligible Members



Ages 0 – 21

Prior Authorization



Phone: 866-902-1689,
select option 3

Certificate of Need



Fax: 877-664-1499

Opioid Treatment Program

No age restrictions for participation

No PA required

Stigmas and Behavioral Health

What is a stigma?

A mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality or person

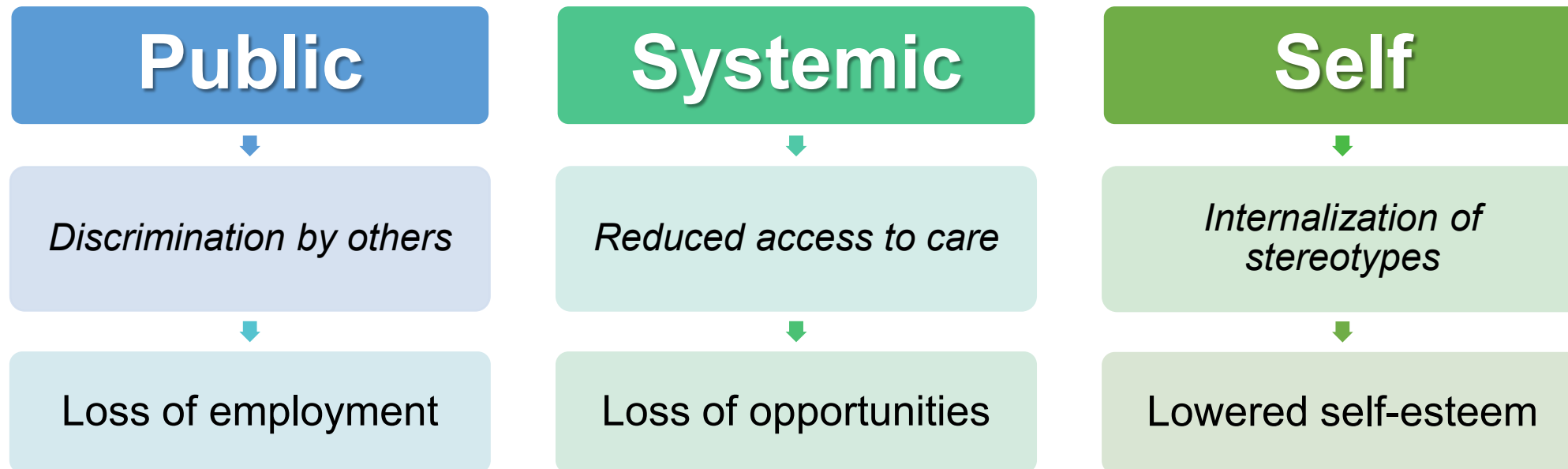
How are stigmas associated with behavioral health?

Misguided views

Religious reasons

News reports

Types of Stigmas and Its Effects



Overcoming and Coping with Stigmas

Educate yourself
and patients

Have open
discussions about
mental health

Be honest about
treatment

Assist patient with
getting the proper
care they need

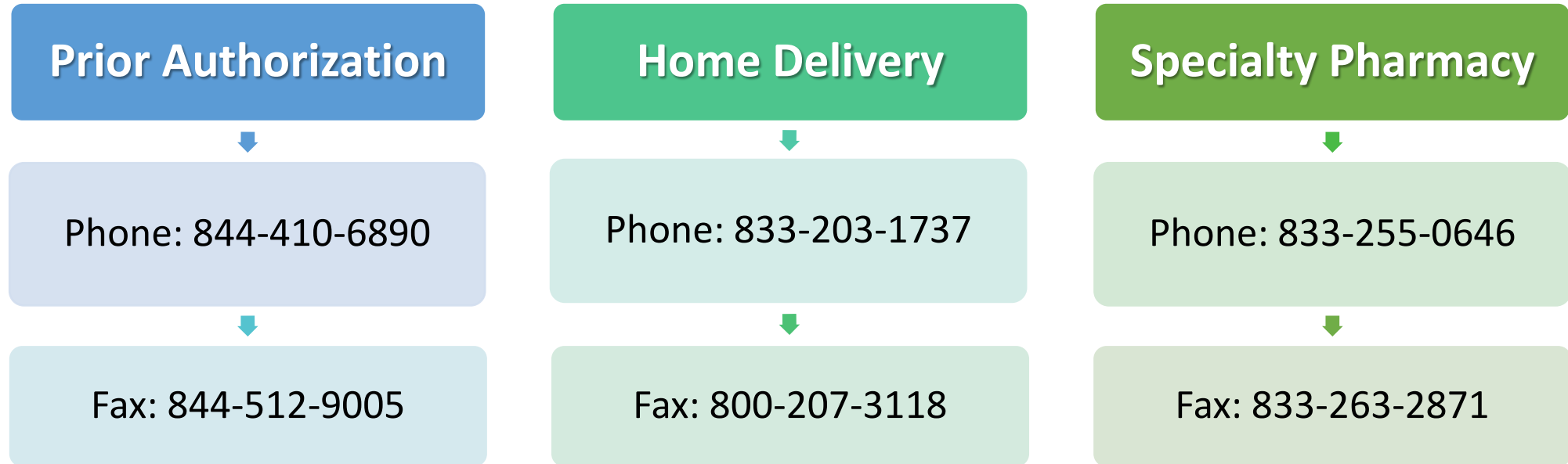
Encourage patients
to not be ashamed

Encourage patients
to not isolate
themselves

Encourage patients
to Join support
groups

Pharmacy and Labs

Pharmacy Benefit Manager – CarelonRx



CarelonRx is an independent company providing pharmacy benefit management services on behalf of BlueChoice® HealthPlan.

CarelonRx – Authorization Process

Prescription medications limited to a one-month (31-day max) supply

Prior authorization required for quantities greater than one month

Note: Members can refer to their evidence of coverage for benefit details, exclusions and limitations.

CarelonRx – Mail Order and Home Delivery

Maintenance Medications
limited to a 31-day supply
(90-day max on certain
medications)

Applicable categories of drugs

Asthma

Oral diabetes

Cholesterol

Hypertension

Laboratory Services

LabCorp is the preferred laboratory.

Prior authorization requirements

Anatomical pathology and cytology specimens do not require PA

Certain labs, such as genetic testing, may require PA

Note: STAT labs can be sent to a contracted hospital, but all others should be directed to LabCorp.

LabCorp is an independent company providing laboratory management services on behalf of BlueChoice® HealthPlan.

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment

To be considered for reimbursement of clinical laboratory services, a valid CLIA certificate identification number must be reported on a 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (CMS-1500). The CLIA certificate identification number must be submitted in one of the following manners

Claim Format and Elements	CLIA Number Location Options	Referring Provider Name and NPI Location Options	Servicing Laboratory Physical Location
CMS-1500	Must be represented in field 23	Submit the referring provider name and NPI number in fields 17 and 17b, respectively.	Submit the servicing provider name, full physical address and NPI number in fields 32 and 32A, respectively, if the address is not equal to the billing provider address. The servicing provider address must match the address associated with the CLIA ID entered in field 23.
HIPAA 5010 837 Professional	Must be represented in the 2300 loop, REF02 element, with qualifier of X4 in REF01	Submit the referring provider name and NPI number in the 2310A loop, NM1 segment.	Physical address of servicing provider must be represented in the 2310C loop if not equal to the billing provider address and must match the address associated with the CLIA ID submitted in the 2300 loop, REF02.

Claims

Filing Claims

You have 365 days to file original or corrected claims.

Electronically

Payer ID: 00403

E-Solutions: 800-470-9630
(Set-up and information)

Availity

www.availity.com

Hard copy

Healthy Blue
Attn: Medicaid Claims
P.O. Box 100124
Columbia, SC 29202-3124

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Overpayment Recovery

Address for overpayment:

Healthy Blue
P.O. Box Central 73651
Cleveland, OH 44193-1177

*Overnight Address for
Overpayment Recovery:*

Healthy Blue – Central 73651
4100 W 150th St.
Cleveland, OH 44135

Claims Payment Disputes

Two steps in the claims dispute process include:

1. Claim Payment Reconsiderations

Initial request to investigate the outcome of a finalized claim

Must be submitted **within 90 calendar days** from the date of the explanation of payment

2. Claim Payment Appeals

Request submitted to investigate the outcome of the claim payment reconsideration

Must be submitted within **30 calendar days** from the date of explanation of payment or reconsideration determination letter

Claims Payment Disputes (Continued)

How to file a claim dispute:

Verbally

(Reconsiderations only)



Call Customer Care Center at
866-757-8286

Online

(Reconsiderations and appeals)



Use Availity

Written

(Reconsiderations and Appeals)



Mail to:
Healthy Blue
Payment Dispute Unit
P.O. Box 100124
Columbia, SC 29202-3124

High Dollar Claim Review

Managed by CERiS

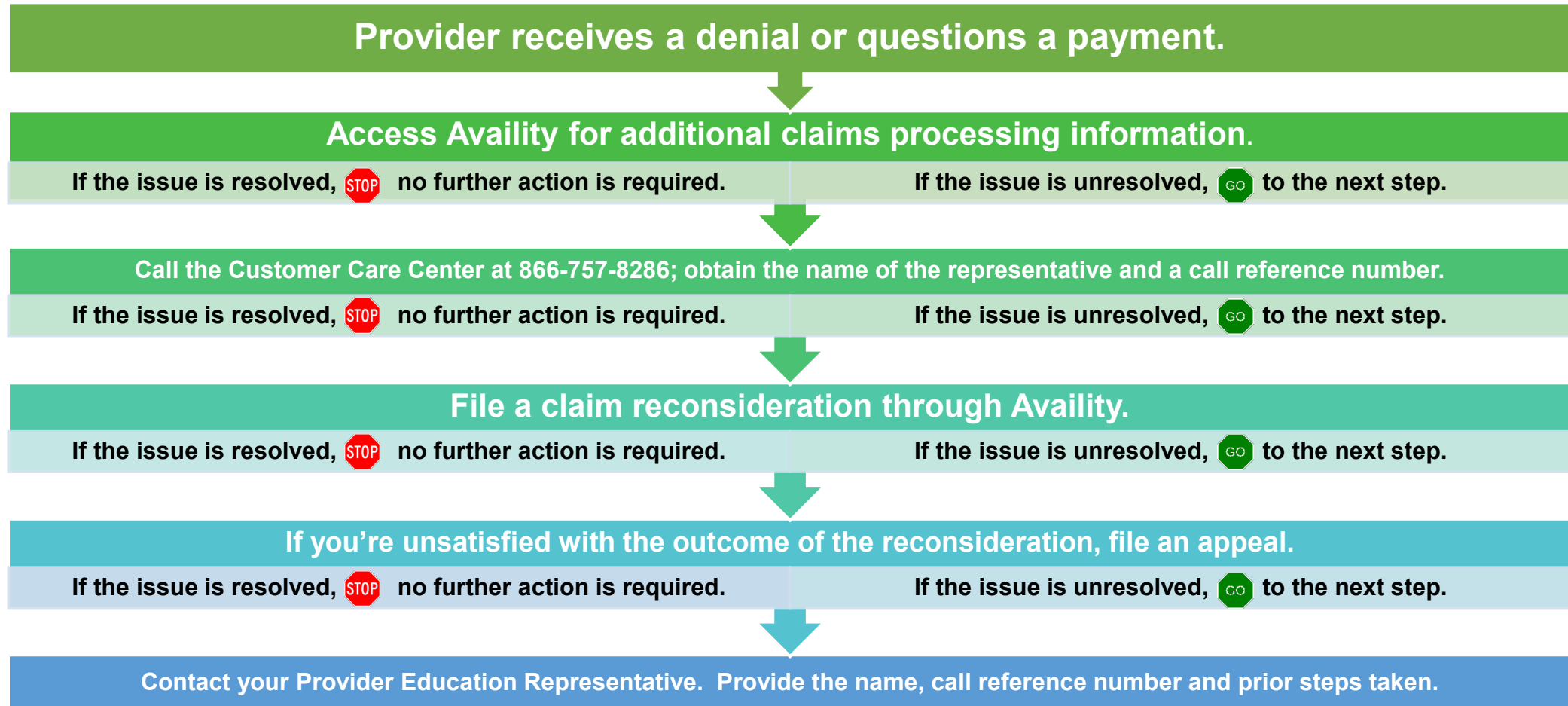
\$100,000 threshold

Requires itemized
bill

Only submit itemized bill when requested.

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Claims Assistance Workflow



Common Claims Denials

Member eligible for health care with another health insurance carrier

Possible solutions

Have the member update their information with the State

Have the member update their information with Healthy Blue

Non-par provider

Possible solutions

Ensure all necessary enrollment applications and processes have been completed

Provide updates when necessary to ensure we have the latest details

Common Claims Denials (Continued)

Duplicate charges paid

Possible solutions

Allow time for claims to complete processing before resubmitting

Verify claims status to see if it is on file before resubmitting

Miscellaneous denials
(Timely filing, Worker's Compensation,
etc.)

Possible solutions

Ensure claims are submitted within the 365-day time frame

Verify whether services were the result of an accident in which a third-party may be responsible prior to submitting

Balance Billing

What is it?

Billing a member for an amount not reimbursed by Healthy Blue on a claim

What should be done?

Members should be held harmless and not responsible for amounts not paid for contracted services

Provider Incentives

Notification of Pregnancy and CenteringPregnancy

Notification of Pregnancy

Incentive of \$200

Include date of pregnancy diagnosis, CPT 99080, modifier 32 and billed charges of \$200

Pregnancy Notification Report must be completed and faxed to 866-387-2974 within seven business days from pregnancy diagnosis date

CenteringPregnancy

Incentive of \$475

CPT 99078: Include modifier TH, an E&M code (up to 10 visits), pregnancy diagnosis and billed charges of \$30

CPT 0502F: Include modifier TH, an E&M code (billed with or after 5th visit), pregnancy diagnosis and billed charges of \$175

Well Child

Well-Child



Incentive of \$60



Include date of well-child exam, CPT G9153 and billed charges of \$60

Well-infant: Members ages one to 15 months within the current year

CPT/HCPCS	Modifier	ICD-10
99381-99385, 99391-99395, 99461, G0438-G0439	EP	Z00.0X, Z00.1XX, Z00.X, Z02.X, Z02.71, Z02.79, Z02.8X

Well-child: Members ages three to six years old within the current year

CPT/HCPCS	Modifier	ICD-10
99381-99385, 99391-99395, 99461	EP	Z00.0X, Z00.1XX, Z00.X, Z02.X, Z02.71, Z02.79, Z02.8X

Adolescent well-child: Members ages 12 to 20 years old within the current year

CPT/HCPCS	Modifier	ICD-10
99461, 99381-99385, 99391-99395	EP	Z00.0X, Z00.1XX, Z00.X, Z02.X, Z02.71, Z02.79, Z02.8X, Z02.9

Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment

Screening



Incentive of \$24



Include date of screening, CPT H0002, modifier HD (if positive) and billed charges of \$24

Brief Intervention

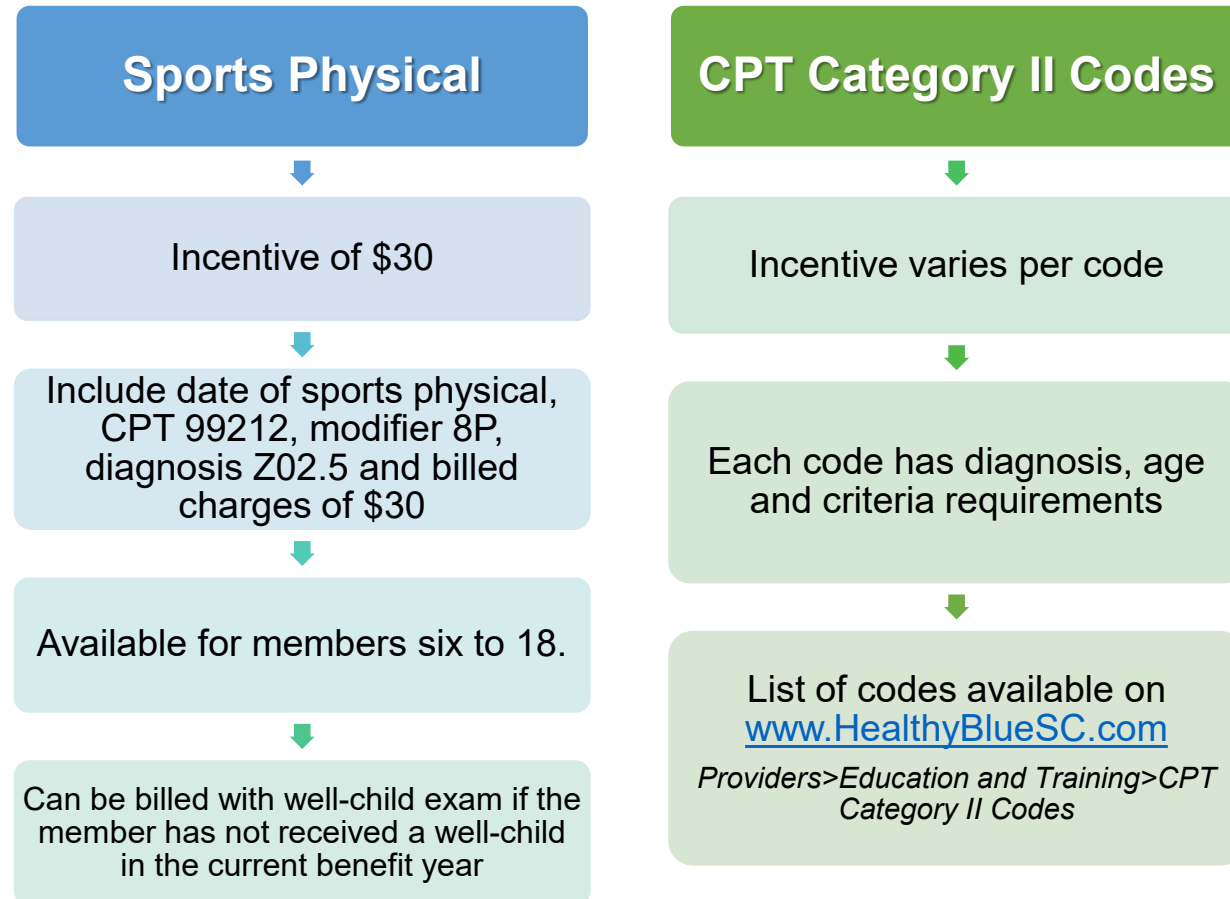


Incentive of \$48



Include date of screening, CPT H0004, modifier HD (if referral given) and billed charges of \$48

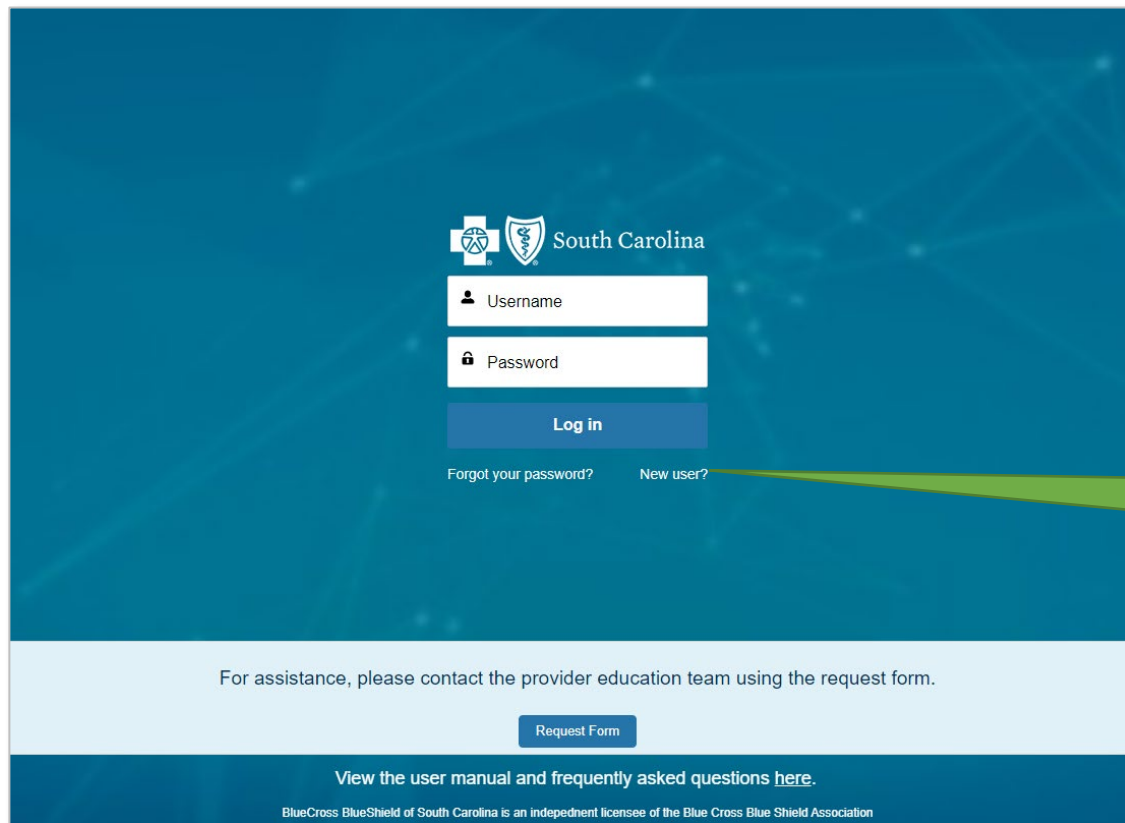
Sports Physical and CPT® Category II Codes



Provider Enrollment

Joining the Healthy Blue Network

My Provider 
Enrollment Portal



South Carolina

Username

Password

Log in

[Forgot your password?](#) [New user?](#)

For assistance, please contact the provider education team using the request form.

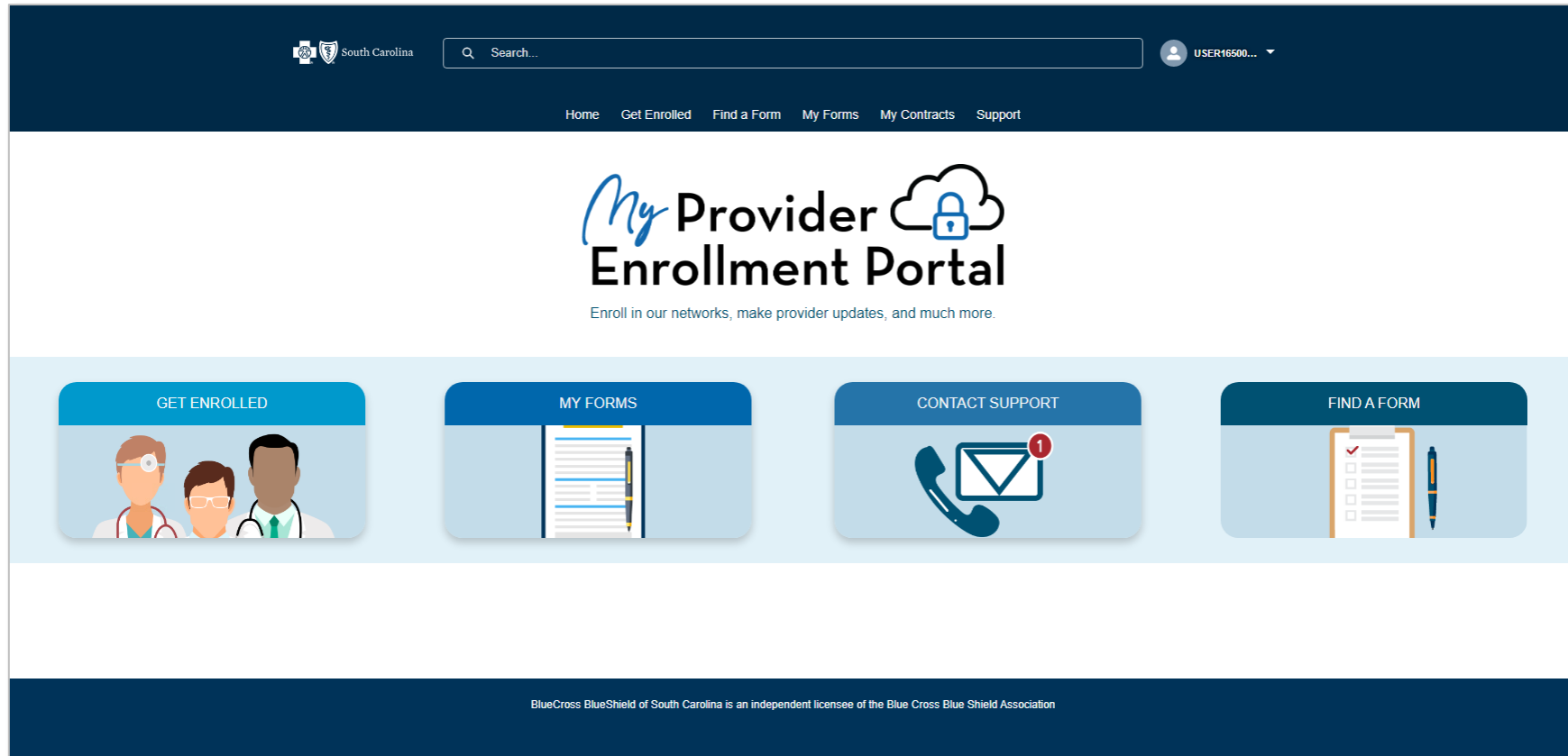
[Request Form](#)

[View the user manual and frequently asked questions here.](#)

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Select New user if you've never signed up!

My Provider Enrollment Portal



Getting Enrolled

South Carolina

Search...

USER1000...

Home Get Enrolled Find a Form My Forms My Contracts Support

Get Enrolled...

Looking to join one of our networks? Select one of the appropriate forms below to get started. Review the [available checklists](#) to ensure all required documents are included.

Individual Provider Enrollment

For Providers wanting to enroll with BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and BlueChoice HealthPlan.

Note: This application applies to medical, dental, and mid-level providers. This application does NOT apply to Behavioral Health providers.

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Group Practice Enrollment

For group practices wanting to enroll with BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and BlueChoice HealthPlan.

Note: Complete this form to notify BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and BlueChoice HealthPlan of the creation of a new location that wishes to file claims.

ENROLL

Facility Information Request Form

Complete this form to request the credentialing of a facility.

Note: This form is for Medical, CBA and MAT facility credentialing.

ENROLL

Virtual Care Services

For providers or group practices wanting to participate with telemedicine and/or telehealth services.

Note: You are not eligible for Virtual Care if you do not have a fully executed Business License Agreement with a vendor.

ENROLL

Health Professional Application

Complete this form to request the addition of a health professional to our database to enable that practitioner to file claims to BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and BlueChoice HealthPlan.

Note: This is for in-state, out-of-network providers only.

ENROLL

For Behavioral Health Providers

Behavioral Health

For providers wanting to enroll in our behavioral health network.

Note: Companion Benefit Alternatives, Inc. (CBA) manages our behavioral health network. CBA is a separate company that administers behavioral health benefits on behalf of BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina.

ENROLL

Autism Provider Panel

For Applied Behavior Analysts wanting to enroll in our Autism Provider Panel.

Note: Companion Benefit Alternatives, Inc. (CBA) manages our Autism provider panel. CBA is a separate company that administers behavioral health benefits on behalf of BlueCross Blue Shield of South Carolina.

ENROLL

Review the available checklists prior to completing an application.

Individual Enrollment Checklist

Checklist Items	Mid-Level	Physician	DDS*	DMD**	Ancillary	Chiro	Pharmacist
Provider Enrollment Application							
Copy of SC Medical or Practice License							
Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Certification			Footnote 1				
Current Copy of Malpractice (Min. \$1M/\$3M)							
Authorization to Bill for Services							
Clinical Lab Improvement Amendments (CLIA)				Footnote 2			
Nurse Practitioner Preceptor Form							
Signed Contracts							
Hold Harmless – BlueChoice HealthPlan							
Appendix D – BlueChoice HealthPlan							
Professional Training		Footnote 3					
Additional Items for Medicaid							
Medicaid ID Number				Footnote 2			
Protocols (Written Agreement)	Footnote 4						

¹Only needed if applicable.

²Only needed if the DMD is applying for medical networks.

³DOs, DPMs and MDs require at minimum, residency.

⁴Only needed for nurse practitioners and physician assistants.

*Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)

**Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry (DMD)

Group Practice Enrollment Checklist

Checklist Items	Physician's Office	Ambulance	DME	Home Health, Hospice, Dialysis, Hospitals, Skilled Nursing, ASC*	Pharmacy	Dental
Group Practice Application						
IRS Verification of Tax ID (No W9s)						
Electronic Funds Transfer Enrollment						
Application for Satellite Location (if applicable)						
Clinical Lab Improvement Amendments (CLIA)						
Signed Contracts						
Copy of CMS Letter						
Copy of Medicare PTAN Letter						
Copy of Business License						
Copy of DHEC License						
Additional Items for Medicaid						
Medicaid ID Number						

*Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC)

Behavioral Health Enrollment Checklist

Checklist Items
Behavioral Health or Autism Panel Application
IRS Verification of Tax ID (or W9)
CBA* Professional Agreements (Signed Contracts)
Hold Harmless Agreement
Appendix C
Copy of SC State License
Copy of DEA License (if applicable)
Copy of Board Certification (if applicable)
Nurse Protocols (NPs only)
Current Copy of Malpractice (Min. \$1M/\$3M)

*Companion Benefit Alternatives

Electronic vs. Wet Signatures

Medical	Allowed Signature	Behavioral Health	Allowed Signature
Provider Enrollment	Electronic or wet	Behavioral Health	Electronic or wet
Recredentialing	Electronic or wet	Autism Panel	Electronic or wet
Facility Information Request	Electronic or wet	Facility Information Request	Electronic or wet
Health Professional	Electronic or wet	Authorization to Bill	Electronic or wet
Doing Business As (DBA)	Electronic or wet	All Contracts	Electronic or wet
Change of Address (COA)	Electronic or wet		
Add/Term Practitioner	Electronic or wet		
Authorization to Bill	Electronic or wet		
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	Wet		
Appendix D (BlueChoice only)	Wet		
Hold Harmless (BlueChoice only)	Wet		
All Contracts	Wet		

Provider Validation – M.D. Checkup

As of Jan. 1, 2022, provider validations are required at least **every 90 days**, per the No Surprises Act

If more than 90 days has passed since the last validation, providers will be suppressed from the directory

Quality

National Committee for Quality Assurance



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Standards & Guidelines Quality Measures Member Experience

Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems

Opportunities	Possible Solutions
Q22 – Rating of Specialist seen most often	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Listen to patient concerns and spend adequate time with them <input type="checkbox"/> Engage the patient in discussions about medications <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid using medical jargon and technical language
Q24 – Customer Service provided need information or help	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure that representative are friendly and polite <input type="checkbox"/> Resolve issues completely and follow up with members <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure that representatives listen carefully and avoid interrupting
Q18 – Rating of personal doctor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure that providers are informed about the patient’s relevant medical and person background <input type="checkbox"/> Remain up-to-date on medical advancements <input type="checkbox"/> Connect with the patient on a personal level <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce wait times in the office
Q9 – Ease of getting care, tests, or treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a thorough assessment of the patient’s needs <input type="checkbox"/> Treat patients with urgent issues promptly <input type="checkbox"/> Provider care and service quickly <input type="checkbox"/> Minimize wait times and communicate reasons for delays
Q5 – Made appointments for routine care at office or clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule appointments within sufficient time frame <input type="checkbox"/> Treat patients with great urgent issues promptly
Q4 – Got an appointment for urgent care as soon as needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule appointments within sufficient time frame <input type="checkbox"/> Treat patients with great urgent issues promptly

Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set

Evaluates performance in terms of clinical quality

Administered by NCQA and used by CMS* for monitoring

Subset of HEDIS measures are collected for Marketplace plans

HEDIS is a retrospective review of services and care performance

****Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services***

HEDIS Measures – Prevention and Treatment

Well Care for Children

- Well visits
 - **W30**
 - 0-15 months; 6 visits
 - 16-30 months; 2 visits
 - **WCV**
 - 3-21 years of age; one visit per year
- **CIS/IMA**-Childhood and adolescent immunization
- Lead Screening
- **WCC**-Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity Children/Adolescent

Comprehensive Diabetic Care

- **HBD**-Hemoglobin A1c
- **EED**-Diabetic Eye Exam
- **BPD**-Blood Pressure
- **KED**-Kidney Evaluation
 - One eGFR (Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate Lab Test
 - One UACR (Quantitative Urine Albumin Lab Test
 - One Urine Creatinine Test

Women's Health

- **PPC**-Prenatal and Postpartum Care
- **CHL**-Chlamydia screening
- **BCS**-Breast and cervical cancer screening
- **CCS**-Cervical Cancer screening

Behavioral Health

- **AMM**-Antidepressant Medication Management
- **ADD**-Follow-Up for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication
- **FUH**-Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness
- **APP**-Use of First-Line Psychosocial Care for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics
- **APM**-Metabolic Monitoring for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics
- **IET**-Initiation & Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Dependence Treatment

Provider Report Cards and Care Opportunity Reports

Provider report cards identify:

- Number of providers in the practice
- Total membership (current)
- Total care opportunities in the eligible population
- Number of target members needed to be seen to meet the NCQA percentile
- Practice rate for the NCQA HEDIS measure

Care opportunity reports include:

- Members who have not had any visits in the prior year
- Members who need preventive services
- Current demographic information (Healthy Connection)
- Legend for each measure on the *Care Opportunity* report

BlueChoice HealthPlan of South Carolina Medicaid | SOUTH CAROLINA Healthy Connections MEDICAID

BlueChoice HealthPlan Medicaid Provider Summary-Mar. 2014 HEDIS 2015

Group Address: 1 Providers: 2
 Group Name: 2 Total Members: 268
 Group TaxID: 3 Eligible Gap Members: 121

		4 Eligible Population	5 Practice Rate	6 Member to Target	7 NCQA 50th Percentile
PREVENTIVE HEALTH OPTIMAL CARE	AWC-Adolescent Well-Care	18	0.00%	-9	48.18%
	W34-Wellchild 3-6 years	10	20.00%	-6	72.26%
	W15-Wellchild 0-15 months	9	44.44%	-2	65.16%
	AAP-Adult Access	82	51.22%	-28	84.35%
ASTHMA	ASM-Appro. Medication	1	100.00%		84.70%
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	FUH-Mental Illness in 30 days				65.85%
	ADD-ADHD Initiation Phase				39.76%
DIABETES OPTIMAL CARE	CDC - HbA1c test	3	33.33%	-2	83.16%
	CDC - LDL_C screening	3	33.33%	-2	76.28%
	CDC - Nephropathy	3	33.33%	-2	79.23%

BlueChoice HealthPlan of South Carolina Medicaid | SOUTH CAROLINA Healthy Connections MEDICAID

BlueChoice HealthPlan Medicaid HEDIS 2015 Gap In Care- Data Updated in May, 2014

Provider Address: _____ Group ID: _____
 Provider Name: _____ Group TAXID: _____
 Provider ID: _____ Provider Primary Specialty: _____
 Provider NPI: _____ Providers in Group: _____
 Provider County: J
 Provider Type: PCP Group Name: _____

Member Information	Asthma			Preventive Health			Immunization			Diabetes Care			Other			
	ASM	MDMA	PPC	AAP	W15	W34	AWC	CIS	DMA	SBAC	LDL_S	Neph	FUH	CNC	Lead	ADD
Member Name																
Member Address																
1-_____							N									
2-_____							N									
3-_____							N									
4-_____							N									
5-_____							N									
6-_____							N									
7-_____							N									

Provider Name: _____ Created At: 6/18/2014 4:40:23 PM Page 1 of 3



HEDIS Benchmarks and Coding Guidelines for Quality Care



BLAPEC-0733-18

Medical Records Compliance Audit

Starts during the summer after HEDIS

Audits performed on locations with 200+ members

Reviews completed on five random records, up to five providers

MEDICAL RECORD COMPLIANCE AUDIT												
PROVIDER ID:	N / A = Not applicable											
CLINIC:	1 = present											
ADDRESS:	0 = Not present											
I. GENERAL DOCUMENTATION												
	Provider 1	Provider 2	Provider 3									
1				Complete member demographic information - including sex, employment and responsible party								
2				All pages in chart contain name or ID #								
3				Provider identified on each entry								
4				Chart entries are dated and signed								
5				All chart entries are legible								
6				Signed and Dated Consent Forms - HIPAA and Consent to Treat								
7				Documentation of after-hours call or treatment								
8				Coordination of care between PCP/Specialist/BH								
9				Review of consults, labs and other studies								
10				ER and/or Hospital records present								
II. MEDICAL / SOCIAL HISTORY / MEDICAL MANAGEMENT												
11				Allergies/adverse reactions or NKA documented								
12				Updated problem list								
13				Updated medication list utilized								
14				Family medical history								
15				Past medical history/dental history, if available								
16				Social history (age 18 or older)								
17				Advanced Directives (age 18 or older)								
18				History of smoking habits noted (starting age 11 yrs)								
19				History of alcohol usage noted (starting age 11 yrs)								
20				History of substance abuse noted (starting age 11 yrs)								
21				Referral or education for positive #18, #19, and #20								

Marketing

Social Media – Be sure to follow us!



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Marketing and Community Outreach

Examples of community outreach.



Focus of Marketing

Connect member to a strong network of primary care physicians and specialists

Help people get the medical care they need and respect they deserve

Continue to serve more than 189,000 members statewide

Work with community and faith-based organizations to help our members find local resources

Marketing – Redetermination

Renewal occurs every 12 months from the date of enrollment

Ensures members' addresses are up to date with Healthy Connections

Helps members complete renewal form

Visit www.scchoices.com for more information.

Marketing – Extra Benefits

Free one-time paid membership to Sam's Club*

Free food delivery for qualifying members (up to \$40)*

Free adult vision

Free diapers and car seats*

Free GED Ready Assessment

Free tutoring for grades K – 8th

Free sports physicals

and MUCH MORE!

Healthy Blue Community Action Transit (C.A.T)

Attends events

Includes interactive gaming system



Game Plan for Health – Coach BlueSM



Get regular checkups



Always eat fruits and veggies



Make healthy choices



Exercise daily



Play hard and safe



Learn ways to be healthy



Aim high and set goals





Never give up





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