



# 2023 Care Provider Manual

Physician, Health Care Professional, Facility and Ancillary

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# Welcome

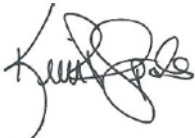
Dear care provider partner,

I'd like to welcome you to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas. As a care provider, you are fundamental to our mission of helping people live healthier lives. We value your partnership as we strive to improve the health and well-being of the Kansans we serve.

Health care is personal and individual. Thus providing support at the local level by meeting our members and care providers where they are is an essential piece of our strategy. UnitedHealthcare is committed to enhancing the relationship among patient and care provider. This provider manual is a tool to provide a comprehensive overview of our company and how best to work with us. We encourage you to become familiar with all aspects of this guide.

We look forward to working with you and continuing to strengthen our partnership as we provide care to the consumers of Kansas. We welcome your feedback and ideas for ways we can help you deliver health and wellness. Thank you for sharing our passion of helping people live healthier lives.

Sincerely,



Kevin Spence  
Health Plan CEO, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas

Welcome to the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan provider manual. This up-to-date reference PDF manual allows you and your staff to find important information such as how to process a claim and submit prior authorization requests. This manual also includes important phone numbers and websites on the How to Contact Us page. Find operational policy changes and other electronic transactions on our website at [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com).

## Click the following links to access different manuals:

- [UnitedHealthcare Care Provider Administrative Guide](#) for Commercial, Medicare Advantage (including Dual Complete Special Needs Plans) member information. Some states may also have Medicare Advantage information in their Community Plan manual.
- A different Community Plan manual: go to [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) > Resources > Care Provider Administrative Guides and Manuals > [Community Plan Care Provider Manuals for Medicaid Plans by State](#).

## Easily find information in this manual using the following steps:

1. Select CTRL+F.
2. Type in the key word.
3. Press Enter.

If available, use the binoculars icon on the top right hand side of the PDF to search for information and topics. We greatly appreciate your participation in our program and the care you offer our members.



If you have questions about the information or material in this manual, or about our policies, please call [Provider Services](#).

## Using this manual

If there is a conflict between your Agreement and this care provider manual, use this manual unless your Agreement states you should use it, instead. If there is a conflict between your Agreement, this manual and applicable federal and state statutes and regulations and/or state contracts, applicable federal and state statutes and regulations and/or state contracts will control. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reserves the right to supplement this manual to help ensure its terms and conditions remain in compliance with relevant federal and state statutes and regulations.

We will amend this manual as policies change.

## Participation Agreement

In this manual, we refer to your Participation Agreement as “Agreement”.

Terms and definitions as used in this manual:

- “Member” or “customer” refers to a person eligible and enrolled to receive coverage from a payer for covered services as defined or referenced in your Agreement.
- “You,” “your” or “care provider” refers to any health care provider subject to this manual, including physicians, clinicians, facilities and ancillary providers; except when indicated and all items are applicable to all types of care providers subject to this guide.
- Community Plan refers to UnitedHealthcare’s Medicaid plan
- “Your Agreement,” “Provider Agreement” or “Agreement” refers to your Participation Agreement with us.
- “Us,” “we” or “our” refers to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan on behalf of itself and its other affiliates for those products and services subject to this guide.
- Any reference to “ID card” includes both a physical or digital card.

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# Chapter 1: Introduction

## Key contacts

Topic	Link	Phone Number
Provider Services	<a href="https://UHCprovider.com">UHCprovider.com</a>	877-542-9235
Training	<a href="https://UHCprovider.com/training">UHCprovider.com/training</a>	
Provider Portal	<a href="https://UHCprovider.com">UHCprovider.com</a> , then Sign In using your One Healthcare ID or go to Provider Portal Self Service: <a href="https://UHCprovider.com/en/resource-library/link-provider-self-service.html">UHCprovider.com/en/resource-library/link-provider-self-service.html</a> New users: <a href="https://UHCprovider.com">UHCprovider.com</a> > <a href="#">New User and User Access</a>	
CommunityCare Provider Portal Support	<a href="mailto:ProviderTechSupport@uhc.com">ProviderTechSupport@uhc.com</a>	855-819-5909
CommunityCare Provider Portal Training	<a href="#">CommunityCare Provider Portal User Guide</a>	866-842-3278, option 1
Resource Library	<a href="https://UHCprovider.com">UHCprovider.com</a> > Resources > <a href="#">Resource Library</a>	



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- In web view, type your keyword in the “what can we help you find?” search bar.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan supports the Kansas state goals of increased access, improved health outcomes and reduced costs by offering Medicaid benefits to the following members:

- Children, from birth through 18 years of age, eligible for Medicaid under expanded pediatric coverage provisions of the Social Security Act.
- Pregnant member eligible for Medicaid under expanded maternity coverage provisions of the Social Security Act.
- Children eligible for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- Categorically needy – blind and disabled children and adults who are not eligible for Medicare.
- Medicaid-eligible families.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment - Department of Children and Families (KDHE-DCF) will determine enrollment eligibility.



If you have questions about the information in this manual or about our policies, go to [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) or call Provider Services at **877-542-9235**.

## How to join our network



For instructions on joining the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan provider network, go to [UHCprovider.com/join](https://UHCprovider.com/join). There you will find guidance on our credentialing process, how to sign up for self-service and other helpful information.

Note: You must have a Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) ID to contract/credential with Kansas Medicaid.

### Already in network and need to make a change?



To change an address, phone number, add or remove physicians from your TIN, or other changes, go to [UHCprovider.com](http://UHCprovider.com) > Our Network > [Demographics and Profiles](#).

## Approach to health care

### Care Model

The Care Model program seeks to empower UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members enrolled in Medicaid, care providers and our community to improve care coordination and elevate outcomes. Targeting UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members with chronic complex conditions who often use health care, the program helps address their needs holistically. Care Model examines medical, behavioral and social/environmental concerns to help members get the right care from the right care provider in the right place and at the right time.

The program provides interventions to members with complex medical, behavioral, social, pharmacy and specialty needs, resulting in better quality of life, improved access to health care and reduced expenses. Care Model provides a care management/coordination team that helps increase member engagement, offers resources to fill gaps in care and develops personalized health goals using evidence-based clinical guidelines. This approach is essential to improving the health and well-being of the individuals, families and communities UnitedHealthcare Community Plan serves. Care Model provides:

- Market-specific care management encompassing medical, behavioral and social care.
- An extended care team including primary care provider (PCP), pharmacist, medical and behavioral director, and peer specialist.
- Options that engage members, connecting them to needed resources, care and services.
- Individualized and multidisciplinary care plans.
- Assistance with appointments with PCP and

coordinating appointments. The Clinical Health Advocate (CHA) refers members to an RN, Behavioral Health Advocate (BHA) or other specialists as required for complex needs.

- Education and support with complex conditions.
- Tools for helping members engage with care providers, such as appointment reminders and help with transportation.
- Foundation to build trust and relationships with hard-to-engage members.

The Care Model program goals are to:

- Lower avoidable admissions and unnecessary emergency room (ER) visits, measured outcomes by inpatient (IP) admission and ER rates.
- Improve access to PCP and other needed services, measured by number of PCP visit rates within identified time frames.
- Identify and discuss behavioral health (BH) needs, measured by number of BH health care provider visits within identified time frames.
- Improve access to pharmacy.
- Identify and remove social and environmental barriers to care.
- Improve health outcomes, measured by improved Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Star Ratings metrics.
- Empower the member to manage their complex/chronic illness or problem and care transitions.
- Improve coordination of care through dedicated staff resources and to meet unique needs.
- Engage community care and care provider networks to help ensure access to affordable care and the appropriate use of services.



To refer your patient who is a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member to Care Model, call Member Services at 877-542-9238, TTY 711. You may also call Provider Services at 877-542-9235.

## Compliance

HIPAA mandates National Provider Identifier (NPI) usage in all standard transactions (claims, eligibility,

remittance advice, claims status request/response, and authorization request/response) for all care providers who handle business electronically.

## Cultural resources

To help you meet membership needs, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan has developed a Cultural Competency Program. Linguistic and cultural barriers can negatively affect access to health care participation. You must support UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's Cultural Competency program.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan offers the following support services:

- **Language Interpretation Line:** We provide oral interpreter services 24 hours a day, seven days a week to our members free of charge. More than 240 non-English languages and hearing impaired services are available. If a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member needs interpreter services, they can call the phone number on their ID card.
  - If you need a professional interpreter during regular business hours, call Provider Services at 877-542-9235.

Interpretation services appointments can be scheduled in advance. Spanish interpretation services generally do not require a pre-scheduled appointment.


- **Materials for limited English-speaking members:** We provide simplified materials for members with limited English proficiency and who speak languages other than English or Spanish. We also provide materials for visually impaired members. We provide these materials upon request. For more information, go to [uhc.com/legal/nondiscrimination-and-language-assistance-notice](https://uhc.com/legal/nondiscrimination-and-language-assistance-notice).

To learn more, see UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas' Cultural Competency Policy at [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com). We also provide cultural competency training for care providers on the Provider Portal.

## Evidence-based clinical review criteria and guidelines

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan currently uses Interqual Care Guidelines for medical care determinations.


### 5 reasons to use UHCprovider.com



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**1**  
Provider Portal

Use self-service to verify eligibility and claims, request prior authorization, provide notifications and access Document Library.

Click "Sign In" in the top right corner of UHCprovider.com
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**2**  
Prior Authorization and Notification

Request approval for prescriptions, admissions and procedures.


[UHCprovider.com/paan](https://UHCprovider.com/paan)
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**3**  
EDI

Send batch transactions for multiple members and payers from one place, review claims and submit notifications.

[UHCprovider.com/edi](https://UHCprovider.com/edi)
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**4**  
Direct Connect

Communicate securely with payers to address errant claims. Email [directconnectsupport@optum.com](mailto:directconnectsupport@optum.com) to get started.
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**5**  
Policies and Protocols

Review guidelines that apply to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan and how you care for our members.

[UHCprovider.com/policies](https://UHCprovider.com/policies)

Find more information about these online services and more at [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) – your hub for online transactions, education and member benefit information.

# Online resources

Going digital means less paper and more automation, faster workflow between applications and a quicker claims submission process to help you get paid faster. Learn the differences by viewing our Digital Solutions Comparison Guide at [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) > Resources > the UnitedHealthcare Provider Portal Resources > [Digital Solutions Comparison Guide](#). Care providers in the UnitedHealthcare network will conduct business with us electronically. This means using electronic means, where allowed by law, to submit claims and receive payment, and to submit and accept other documents, including appeals requests and decisions and prior authorization requests and decisions. Using electronic transactions is fast, efficient, and supports a paperless work environment. Use Application Programming Interface (API), electronic data interchange (EDI) or the UnitedHealthcare Provider Portal for maximum efficiency in conducting business electronically.

## Application Programming Interface

API is becoming the newest digital method in health care to distribute information to care providers and business partners in a timely and effective manner.

API is a common programming interface that interacts between multiple applications. Our API solutions allow you to electronically receive detailed data on claims status and payment, eligibility and benefits, claim reconsiderations and appeals (with attachments), prior authorization, referrals and documents. Information returned in batch emulates data in the UnitedHealthcare Provider Portal and complements EDI transactions, providing a comprehensive suite of services. It requires technical coordination with your IT department, vendor or clearinghouse. The data is in real time and can be programmed to be pulled repetitively and transferred to your practice management system or any application you prefer. For more information, visit [UHCprovider.com/api](https://UHCprovider.com/api).

## Electronic data interchange

EDI is an online resource using your internal practice management or hospital information system to exchange transactions with us through a clearinghouse.

The benefit of using EDI is it permits care providers to send batch transactions for multiple members and

multiple payers in lieu of logging into different payer websites to manually request information. This is why EDI is usually care providers' and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's first choice for electronic transactions.

- Send and receive information faster
- Identify submission errors immediately and avoid processing delays
- Exchange information with multiple payers
- Reduce paper, postal costs and mail time
- Cut administrative expenses
- EDI transactions available to care providers are:
  - Claims (837),
  - Eligibility and benefits (270/271),
  - Claims status (276/277),
  - Referrals and authorizations (278),
  - Hospital admission notifications (278N), and
  - Electronic remittance advice (ERA/835).



Visit [UHCprovider.com/EDI](https://UHCprovider.com/EDI) for more information. Learn how to optimize your use of EDI at [UHCprovider.com/optimizeEDI](https://UHCprovider.com/optimizeEDI).

## Getting started

- If you have a practice management or hospital information system, contact your software vendor for instructions on how to use EDI in your system.
- Contact clearinghouses to review which electronic transactions can interact with your software system.

Read our [Clearinghouse Options](#) page for more information.

## Point of Care Assist™

When made available by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, you will do business with us electronically. Point of Care Assist integrates members' UnitedHealthcare health data within the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) to provide real-time insights of their care needs, aligned to their specific member benefits and costs. This makes it easier for you to see potential gaps in care, select labs, estimate care costs and check prior authorization requirements, including benefit eligibility and coverage details. This helps you to better serve your patients and achieve better results for your practice. For more information, go to [UHCprovider.com/poca](https://UHCprovider.com/poca).



### EPS/Optum Pay™

Electronic Payments and Statements (EPS)/Optum Pay™ is the tool for your practice to receive electronic funds transfer (EFT) and electronic remittance advice (ERA) for most UnitedHealthcare health plans.

EPS/Optum Pay™ has an enrollment process for billing companies that limits their access to your care providers' banking information and keeps you in control.

#### How EPS Works

- Receive claims payments by direct deposit or Virtual Card Payment (VCP) which may be faster than paper checks.
- Access explanation of benefits (EOBs) or provider remittance advice (PRA) online or via 835 ERA files.
- Receive email notification when payments are deposited to your designated account.
- View your deposit amounts along with all remittance advice associated with each deposit.
- View or print remittance advice and post payments manually to your practice management system or auto-post using the 835 ERA file.

For more information and to enroll in EPS/Optum Pay™, visit [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) > Claims and Payments > [EPS/Optum Pay™](https://UHCprovider.com). You will need the following information for enrollment:

- Bank account information for direct deposit.
- A voided check or a bank letter to verify bank account information.
- A copy of your organization's W-9 form.

### UHCprovider.com

The Provider Portal provides a secure online portal featuring self-service tools that support your administrative tasks. Once you sign in, you can review including eligibility, claims and prior authorization and notifications. Go to [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) and click Sign In on the upper right corner.

For more information about all online services, go to the UnitedHealthcare Provider Portal Resources page at [UHCprovider.com/en/resource-library/link-provider-self-service.html](https://UHCprovider.com/en/resource-library/link-provider-self-service.html).

For Provider Portal training, go to Community Care [Provider Portal User Guide](#).



To access the Provider Portal, go to [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) and either sign in or create a user ID. You will receive your user ID and password within 48 hours.

The secure website lets you:

- Verify member eligibility, including secondary coverage.
- Review benefits and coverage limits.
- Check prior authorization status.
- Access remittance advice and review recoveries.
- Review your preventive health measure report.
- Access the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) toolset.
- Search for CPT codes. Type the CPT code in the header search box titled "What can we help you find?" on [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com). The search results will display all documents and/or web pages containing that code.

The following are the most frequently used self-service transactions on the Provider Portal:

- **Eligibility and Benefits** — View patient eligibility and benefits information for most plans. For more information, go to [UHCprovider.com/eligibility](https://UHCprovider.com/eligibility).
- **Claims** — Get claims information for many UnitedHealthcare plans, including access letters, remittance advice documents and reimbursement policies. For more information, go to [UHCprovider.com/claims](https://UHCprovider.com/claims).
- **Prior Authorization and Notification** — Submit notification and prior authorization requests. For more information, go to [UHCprovider.com/paan](https://UHCprovider.com/paan).
- **Specialty Pharmacy Transactions** — Submit notification and prior authorization requests for certain medical injectable specialty drugs. Go to [UHCprovider.com/pharmacy](https://UHCprovider.com/pharmacy) for more information.
- **My Practice Profile** — View and update your care provider demographic data that UnitedHealthcare members see for your practice. For more information, go to [UHCprovider.com/mypracticeprofile](https://UHCprovider.com/mypracticeprofile).
- **Document Library** — Access reports and claim letters for viewing, printing or downloading. The Document Library Roster provides member contact information in a PDF and can only be pulled at the individual practitioner level. For more information, go to [UHCprovider.com/documentlibrary](https://UHCprovider.com/documentlibrary).

- **Paperless Delivery Options** – The Paperless Delivery Options tool can send daily or weekly email notifications to alert you to new letters added to your Document Library. With our delivery options, you decide when and where the emails are sent for each type of letter. This is available to Provider Portal One Healthcare ID password owners only.

Watch for the most current information on our self-service resources by email or in the Network Bulletin. You can also go to [UHCprovider.com/EDI](https://UHCprovider.com/EDI) or the Provider Portal at [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) then click Sign In.

For more instructions, visit [UHCprovider.com/Training](https://UHCprovider.com/Training) or [the UnitedHealthcare Provider Portal resources](#) for online self-service training and information.



Go to [UHCprovider.com/portal](https://UHCprovider.com/portal) to learn more about the portal. You can access self-paced user guides for many of the tools and tasks available in the portal at [UHCprovider.com/training](https://UHCprovider.com/training) > [Digital Solutions](#).

Provider Services works closely with all departments in UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.

Provider advocates are available for the following:

- Behavioral health
- Home and community-based services (HCBS)
- Hospital/physician/ancillary
- Skilled nursing facilities (SNF)

You can view a map to determine which provider advocate to contact based on your location at [UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan](https://UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan) > Contact Us.

## Privileges

To help our members access appropriate care and minimize out-of-pocket costs, you must have privileges at applicable in-network facilities or arrangements with an in-network care provider to admit and provide facility services. This includes full admitting hospital privileges.

## Provider Services

Provider Services is the primary contact for care providers who require assistance. Representatives have experience specifically with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.



[Provider Services](#) can assist you with questions on Medicaid benefits, eligibility, claim decision, forms required to report specific services, billing questions and more.

## How to contact us

We no longer use fax numbers for most departments, including benefits, prior authorization and claims.

Topic	Contact	Information
Behavioral, Mental Health & Substance Abuse	Optum <a href="http://providerexpress.com">providerexpress.com</a> 800-888-2998 (toll-free)	Eligibility, claims, benefits and authorization. Refer members for behavioral health services. A PCP referral is not required.
Benefits	<a href="http://UHCprovider.com/benefits">UHCprovider.com/benefits</a> 877-542-9235	Confirm a member's benefits and/or prior authorization.
Cardiology Prior Authorization	For prior authorization or a current list of CPT codes that require prior authorization, visit <a href="http://UHCprovider.com/cardiology">UHCprovider.com/cardiology</a> 877-542-9235	Review or request prior authorization, see basic requirements, guidelines, CPT code list, and more information.
Care Model (Care Management/ Disease Management)	<a href="mailto:Kansas_CareManagement@uhc.com">Kansas_CareManagement@uhc.com</a> <a href="http://UHCprovider.com">UHCprovider.com</a> 877-542-8997	Refer high-risk members (e.g., asthma, diabetes, obesity) and members who need private-duty nursing.
Claims	Sign in to the Provider Portal at <a href="http://UHCprovider.com">UHCprovider.com</a> or go to <a href="http://UHCprovider.com/claims">UHCprovider.com/claims</a> for more information. 877-542-9235 Mailing address: <b>UnitedHealthcare Community Plan</b> P.O. Box 5240 Kingston, NY 12402-5240 For FedEx (use for large packages/more than 500 pages): <b>UnitedHealthcare Community Plan</b> 1355 S 4700 West, Suite 100 Salt Lake City, UT 84104	Verify a claim status or get information about proper completion or submission of claims.

Topic	Contact	Information
Claim Overpayments	<p>See the Overpayment section for requirements before sending your request.</p> <p>Sign in to the Provider Portal at <a href="https://UHCprovider.com">UHCprovider.com</a> or go to <a href="https://UHCprovider.com/claims">UHCprovider.com/claims</a> for more information.</p> <p>877-542-9235</p> <p>Mailing address:  <b>UnitedHealthcare Community Plan</b>            ATTN: Recovery Services            P.O. Box 740804            Atlanta, GA 30374-0800</p>	Ask about claim overpayments.
Dental Services	<p>SKYGEN USA (formerly Scion Dental)</p> <p>855-878-5327</p> <p><a href="https://skygenusa.com/login">skygenusa.com/login</a></p>	Ask questions, get support and program information.
Electronic Data Intake Claim Issues	<p><a href="mailto:ac_edi_ops@uhc.com">ac_edi_ops@uhc.com</a></p> <p>800-210-8315</p> <p>9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Central Time, M-F</p>	Ask about claims issues or questions.
Electronic Data Intake Log-on Issues	<p>800-842-3278</p> <p>7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Central Time, M-F</p>	Information is also available at <a href="https://UHCprovider.com/edi">UHCprovider.com/edi</a> .
Eligibility	<p>To access eligibility information, go to <a href="https://UHCprovider.com">UHCprovider.com</a> &gt; Sign In or go to <a href="https://UHCprovider.com/eligibility">UHCprovider.com/eligibility</a>.</p> <p>877-542-9235</p>	Confirm member eligibility.
Enterprise Voice Portal	877-842-3210	The Enterprise Voice Portal provides self-service functionality or call steering prior to speaking with a contact center agent.
Fraud, Waste and Abuse (Payment Integrity)	<p>Payment Integrity Information:  <a href="https://UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan">UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan</a>            &gt; <a href="#">Integrity of Claims, Reports and Representations to the Government</a></p> <p>Reporting:            844-359-7736  <a href="https://uhc.com/fraud">uhc.com/fraud</a></p>	<p>Learn about our payment integrity policies.</p> <p>Report suspected fraud, waste and abuse by a care provider or member by phone or online.</p>
KanCare Medicaid for Kansas	<p><a href="https://kancare.ks.gov">kancare.ks.gov</a></p> <p>800-792-4884</p>	Contact KanCare directly.

Topic	Contact	Information
Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS)	<a href="http://kdads.ks.gov">kdads.ks.gov</a> 785-296-4986 or 800-432-3535	KDADS is the state agency responsible for the administration and management of the home and community-based (HCBS) waiver of Medicaid provisions for specific groups.
Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)	<a href="mailto:kdhe.kancare@ks.gov">kdhe.kancare@ks.gov</a> 800-792-4884	KDHE Division of Health Care Finance (DHCF) is the single-state Medicaid agency for Kansas responsible for the administration and management of the KanCare medical assistance program.
Language Interpretation Line	877-542-9235	Access a professional interpreter.
Medical Claim, Reconsideration and Appeal	Sign in to the Provider Portal at <a href="http://UHCprovider.com">UHCprovider.com</a> or go to <a href="http://UHCprovider.com/claims">UHCprovider.com/claims</a> for more information. 877-542-9235 Reconsiderations mailing address: <b>UnitedHealthcare Community Plan</b> P.O. Box 5240 Kingston, NY 12402-5240 Appeals mailing address: <b>UnitedHealthcare Community Plan</b> <b>Attn: Grievances and Appeals</b> P.O. Box 31364 Salt Lake City, UT 84131-0364	Claim issues include overpayment, underpayment, payment denial, or an original or corrected claim determination you don't agree with.
Member Services	877-542-9238 TTY 711 for help accessing member account 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Central Time, M-F <a href="http://MyUHC.com">MyUHC.com</a>	Assist members with issues or concerns.
Multilingual/ Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) Services	877-542-9238 TDD 711	Available 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday, except state-designated holidays.
Network Management Resource Team (NMRT)	877-842-3210 <a href="mailto:networkhelp@uhc.com">networkhelp@uhc.com</a>	Self-service functionality to update or check credentialing information.
National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES)	<a href="http://nppes.cms.hhs.gov">nppes.cms.hhs.gov</a> 800-465-3203	Apply for a National Provider Identifier (NPI).

Topic	Contact	Information
NurseLine	866-351-6827	Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
Obstetrics and Baby Care	<p>Healthy First Steps 800-599-5985</p> <p><a href="#">Obstetrics/Pregnancy Risk Assessment Form</a></p> <p>Refer members to <a href="#">UHChealthyfirststeps.com</a> to sign up for Healthy First Steps Rewards.</p>	For pregnant members, contact Healthy First Steps by calling or filling out the Pregnancy Notification form on the Provider Portal.
One Healthcare ID Support Center	<p><a href="mailto:ProviderTechSupport@uhc.com">ProviderTechSupport@uhc.com</a> 855-819-5909</p>	Contact if you have issues with your ID. Available 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday; 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Central Time, Saturday; and 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Central Time, Sunday.
Pharmacy Services	<p><a href="http://professionals.optumrx.com">professionals.optumrx.com</a> 877-305-8952 (OptumRx)</p>	OptumRx oversees and manages our network pharmacies.
Prior Authorization/ Notification for Pharmacy	<p>UHCprovider.com &gt; Prior Authorization and Notification &gt; <a href="#">Clinical Pharmacy and Specialty Drugs</a> 800-310-6826</p>	<p>Request authorization for medications as required.</p> <p>Use the Provider Portal to access the PreCheck MyScript tool. Request prior authorization and receive results, and see which prescriptions require prior authorization or are not covered or preferred Check coverage and price, including lower-cost alternatives.</p>
Prior Authorization Requests and Advanced/ Admission Notification	<p>To notify us or request a medical prior authorization: EDI: Transactions 278 and 278N Online: <a href="http://UHCprovider.com/paan">UHCprovider.com/paan</a> Phone: Call Care Coordination at the number listed on the member’s ID card (self-service available after hours) and select “Care Notifications” or call <b>877-542-9235</b>.</p>	<p>Use the Prior Authorization and Notification tool online to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine if notification or prior authorization is required.</li> <li>• Complete the notification or prior authorization process.</li> <li>• Upload medical notes or attachments.</li> <li>• Check request status.</li> </ul> <p>Information and advance notification/ prior authorization lists: UHCprovider.com/ KScommunityplan &gt; <a href="#">Prior Authorization and Notification</a></p>

Topic	Contact	Information
Provider Services	<p><a href="https://UHCprovider.com/KScommunityplan">UHCprovider.com/KScommunityplan</a>  <b>877-542-9235</b>  <a href="mailto:ks_provider_requests@uhc.com">ks_provider_requests@uhc.com</a></p> <p><i>This email inbox is intended to be used solely for communications that do not contain encrypted Protected Health Information (PHI). Email messages and any documents containing PHI are protected by various state and federal laws including 45 C.F.R. Part 164.</i></p> <p><i>No emails or documentation should be sent to this inbox that contain PHI unless the communication is encrypted.</i></p> <p><i>Examples of PHI include a member's name, date of birth, any detail regarding their medical condition including diagnoses and any other combination of identifiable information.</i></p>	Available 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday.
Radiology Prior Authorization	<p><a href="https://UHCprovider.com/radiology">UHCprovider.com/radiology</a>            866-889-8054</p>	Review or request prior authorization, see basic requirements, guidelines, CPT code list, and more information.
Referrals	<p>UHCprovider.com &gt; <a href="#">Referrals</a>            or use Referrals on the Provider Portal. Click Sign In in the top right corner of <a href="https://UHCprovider.com">UHCprovider.com</a>, then click Referrals.            Provider Services 877-542-9235</p>	Submit new referral requests and check the status of referral submissions.
Reimbursement Policy	<p><a href="https://UHCprovider.com/KScommunityplan">UHCprovider.com/KScommunityplan</a> &gt;            Policies and Clinical Guidelines</p>	Reimbursement policies that apply to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members. Visit this site often to view reimbursement policy updates.
Technical Issues	<p><a href="mailto:ProviderTechSupport@uhc.com">ProviderTechSupport@uhc.com</a>  <a href="https://UHCprovider.com/en/contact-us/technical-assistance.html">UHCprovider.com/en/contact-us/technical-assistance.html</a>            866-209-9320 for Optum support or 866-842-3278, Option 1 for web support</p>	Call if you have issues logging in to the Provider Portal, you cannot submit a form, etc.
Tobacco Free Quit Line	800-784-8669	Ask about services for quitting tobacco/smoking.

Topic	Contact	Information
Transportation	ModivCare <a href="http://member.modivcare.com">member.modivcare.com</a> 877-796-5847, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., Monday through Friday	Non-emergent medical transportation reservations must be scheduled at least three business days before the member’s appointment. Discharges and urgent trips can be scheduled 24 hours a day.
Utilization Management	877-542-9235	UM helps avoid overuse and under-use of medical services by making clinical coverage decisions based on available evidence-based guidelines.  Request a copy of our UM guidelines or information about the program. For UM policies and protocols, go to <a href="http://UHCprovider.com">UHCprovider.com</a> > Resources > Plan, Policies, Protocols and Guides > <a href="#">For Community Plans</a> .
Vaccines for Children (VFC) program	<a href="mailto:kdhe.vaccine@ks.gov">kdhe.vaccine@ks.gov</a> 877-296-0464	You must participate in the VFC Program administered by the KDHE. You must also use the free vaccine when administering vaccine to qualified eligible children. You must enroll as VFC care providers with KDHE to bill for the administration of the vaccine.
Vision Services	MARCH® Vision <a href="http://providers.enesynergy.com">providers.enesynergy.com</a> 844-506-2724	Prior authorization is required for all routine eye exams and hardware. Authorizations must be obtained from MARCH Vision.  Available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday.
Website for Kansas Community Plan	<a href="http://UHCprovider.com/KScommunityplan">UHCprovider.com/KScommunityplan</a>	Access your state-specific Community Plan information on this website.
If you have questions about UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas, view a contact list of care provider support teams available to assist you at <a href="http://UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan">UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan</a> > Contact Us > <a href="#">Provider Contact Us List</a> .		



# Chapter 2: Care Provider Standards & Policies

## Key contacts

Topic	Link	Phone Number
Provider Services	<a href="https://UHCprovider.com">UHCprovider.com</a>	877-542-9235
Enterprise Voice Portal		877-842-3210
Eligibility	<a href="https://UHCprovider.com/eligibility">UHCprovider.com/eligibility</a>	877-542-9235
Referrals	UHCprovider.com > <a href="#">Referrals</a>	
Provider Directory	UHCprovider.com > Our Network > <a href="#">Find a Provider</a>	



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- In web view, type your keyword in the “what can we help you find?” search bar.

## General care provider responsibilities

### Non-discrimination

You can't refuse an enrollment/assignment or disenroll a member or discriminate against them based on age, sex, race, physical or mental handicap, national origin, religion, type of illness or condition. You may only direct the member to another care provider if that care provider can better treat the illness or condition.

### Communication between care providers and members

The UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Agreement is not intended to interfere with your relationship with members as patients or with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's ability to administer its quality improvement, utilization management or credentialing programs. Instead, we require communication between PCPs and other participating care providers. This helps ensure UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members receive both quality and cost-effective health services.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members and/or

their representative(s) may take part in the planning and implementation of their care. To help ensure members and/or their representative(s) have this chance, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan requires you:

1. Educate members, and/or their representative(s) about their health needs.
2. Share findings of history and physical exams.
3. Discuss options (without regard to plan coverage), treatment side effects and symptoms management. This includes any self-administered alternative or information that may help them make care decisions.
4. Recognize members (and/or their representatives) have the right to choose the final course of action among treatment options.
5. Collaborate with the plan care manager in developing a specific care plan for members enrolled in high-risk care management.

### Provide official notice

Write to us within 10 calendar days if any of the following events happen:

1. Bankruptcy or insolvency.
2. Indictment, arrest, felony conviction or any criminal charge related to your practice or profession.
3. Suspension, exclusion, debarment or other

sanction from a state or federally funded health care program.

4. Loss or suspension of your license to practice.
5. Departure from your practice for any reason.
6. Closure of practice.

You may use the Care Provider Demographic Information Update Form for demographic changes or to update NPI information for care providers in your office. Find this form at [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) > Sign In > My Practice Profile.

### Transition member care following termination of your participation

If your network participation ends, you must transition your UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members to timely and useful care. This may include providing services for a reasonable time at our in-network rate. Provider Services is available to help you and our members with the transition.

### Arrange substitute coverage

If you cannot provide care and must find a substitute, arrange for care from other UnitedHealthcare Community Plan care providers.



For the most current list of network care providers, review our provider directory at [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) > Our Network > [Find a Provider](#).

### Changing an existing TIN or adding a care provider

Please complete and email the Care Provider Demographic Information Update Form and your W-9 form to the address listed on the bottom of the form.

- Download the W-9 form at [irs.gov](https://irs.gov) > Forms & Instructions > [Form W-9](#).
- Download the Care Provider Demographic Information Update Form using the Provider Portal at [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) > Sign In > My Practice Profile.
- To update your information online, go to the Provider Portal at [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) > Sign In > My Practice

Profile.

Otherwise, complete detailed information about the change, the effective date of the change and a W-9 on your office letterhead. Email this information to the address on the bottom of the demographic change request form.

### Updating your practice or facility information

You can update your practice information through the Provider Portal application on [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com). Go to [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) > Sign In > My Practice Profile. Or submit your change by:

- Completing the [Care Provider Demographic Change Form](#) and emailing it to the appropriate address listed on the bottom of the form.
- Calling our Enterprise Voice Portal at 877-842-3210.

### After-hours care

Life-threatening situations require the immediate services of an emergency department. Urgent care can provide quick after-hours treatment and is appropriate for infections, fever, and symptoms of cold or flu.

If a member calls you after hours asking about urgent care, and you can't fit them in your schedule, refer them to an urgent care center.

### Participate in quality initiatives

You must help our quality assessment and improvement activities. You must also follow our clinical guidelines, member safety (risk reduction) efforts and data confidentiality procedures.

We base clinical quality initiatives on optimal delivery of health care for diseases and conditions. This is determined by United States government agencies and professional specialty societies. See Chapter 10 for more details on the initiatives.

### Provide access to your records

You must provide access to any medical, financial or administrative records related to services you provide to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members within 14 calendar days of our request. We may request you

respond sooner for cases involving alleged fraud and abuse, a member grievance/appeal, or a regulatory or accreditation agency requirement. Maintain these records for six years or longer if required by applicable statutes or regulations.

### Performance data

You must allow the plan to use care provider performance data.

### Comply with protocols

You must comply with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's and Payer's Protocols, including those contained in this manual.



You may view protocols at [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com).

### Office hours

You must provide the same office hours of operation to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members as those offered to commercial members.

### Protect confidentiality of member data

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members have a right to privacy and confidentiality of all health care data. We only give confidential information to business associates and affiliates who need that information to improve our members' health care experience. We require our associates to protect privacy and abide by privacy law. If a member requests specific medical record information, we will refer the member to you. You agree to comply with the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and associated regulations. In addition, you will comply with applicable state laws and regulations.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan uses member information for treatment, operations and payment. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan has safeguards to stop unintentional disclosure of protected health information (PHI). This includes passwords, screen savers, firewalls and other computer protection. It

also includes shredding information with PHI and all confidential conversations. All staff is trained on HIPAA and confidentiality requirements.

### Follow medical record standards

Please reference [Chapter 9](#) for Medical Record Standards.

### Inform members of advance directives

The federal Patient Self-Determination Act (PSDA) gives patients the legal right to make choices about their medical care before incapacitating illness or injury through an advance directive. Under the federal act, you must provide written information to members on state laws about advance treatment directives, members' right to accept or refuse treatment, and your own policies regarding advance directives. To comply with this requirement, we inform members of state laws on advance directives through Member Handbooks and other communications.

You may contract with other entities to furnish this information but you are still legally responsible for ensuring that the requirements of this section are met. Such information must reflect changes in state law as soon as possible, but no later than 90 days after the effective date of the state law.

#### Specific requirements:

1. Each hospital must provide written information to every adult receiving medical care by or through the hospital. This information must contain:
  - The person's right to make decisions concerning their own medical care.
  - The person's right to accept or refuse medical or surgical treatment.
  - The person's right to make advanced directives.
  - The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) *Description of the Law of Kansas Concerning Advance Directives*.
2. Additionally, each hospital must provide written information to every adult person about the hospital's policy on implementing these rights.
3. A hospital must document in every person's medical record whether the person has executed an advanced directive.
4. A hospital may not place any health care conditions

or otherwise discriminate against a person based upon whether that person has executed an advance directive.

5. Each hospital must comply with state law regarding advance directives.
6. Each hospital must provide staff and community education about advance directives. This may be done with brochures, newsletters, articles in the local newspapers, local news reports or commercials.

### Your Agreement

If you have a concern about your Agreement with us, send a letter with the details to the address in your contract. A representative will look into your complaint. If you disagree with the outcome, you may file for arbitration. If your concern relates to certain UnitedHealthcare Community Plan procedures, such as the credentialing or care management process, follow the dispute procedures in your Agreement. After following those procedures, if one of us remains dissatisfied, you may file for arbitration.

If we have a concern about your Agreement, we'll send you a letter containing the details. If we can't resolve the complaint through informal discussions, you may file an arbitration proceeding as described in your Agreement. Your Agreement describes where arbitration proceedings are held.

If a member asks to appeal a clinical or coverage determination on their behalf, follow the appeal process in the member's benefit contract or handbook. You may locate the Member Handbook at [UHCcommunityplan/ks](#).

Also reference chapters 11 and 12 of this manual for information on care provider claim reconsiderations, appeals and grievances.

## Appointment standards (KanCare access and availability standards)

Comply with the following appointment availability standards:

### Primary care

PCPs should arrange appointments for:

- After-hours care phone number: 24 hours, 7 days a week
- Emergency care: Immediately or referred to an emergency facility
- Urgent care appointment: within 48 hours
- Routine care appointment: within three weeks
- Physical exam: within 180 calendar days
- EPSDT appointments: within 6 weeks
- New member appointment: within 30 calendar days
- In-office waiting for appointments: not to exceed 45 minutes of the scheduled appointment time

### Specialty care

Specialists should arrange appointments for:

- Urgent care appointment: within 48 hours of request.
- Non-urgent "sick" visit: within 48-72 hours of request, as clinically indicated.
- Routine care appointment: within 30 days of request/referral.

### Behavioral health (mental health and substance use)

#### Mental health

- Discharge from inpatient care: within 24-72 hours from date of discharge.
- Emergent care appointments: within three hours of request.
- Urgent, non-emergency care appointments: within 72 hours of request.
- Routine outpatient services: within 14 business days of request.

#### Substance use disorder (SUD)

- Emergent care appointments: immediately
- Urgent care appointments: within 24 hours of request.
- Routine care appointments: within 14 days of request.
- IV drug users who have used within the last six months: within 14 days of request.

- IV drug users who are pregnant and all other pregnant substance users: within 24 hours of assessment.
  - If it is not possible to admit the member, you must provide interim services within 48 hours and include prenatal care.

### Prenatal care

Prenatal care providers should arrange OB/GYN appointments for:

- First trimester: within three weeks of request.
- Second trimester: within two weeks of request.
- Third trimester: within one week of request.
- High-risk: within three calendar days of identification of high risk.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan periodically conducts surveys to check appointment availability and access standards. All care providers must participate in all activities related to these surveys.

## Provider directory

You are required to tell us, within five business days, if there are any changes to your ability to accept new patients. If a member, or potential member, contacts you, and you are no longer accepting new patients, report any inaccuracy. Ask the potential new patient to contact UnitedHealthcare Community Plan for additional assistance in finding a care provider.

We are required to contact all participating care providers annually and independent physicians every six months. We require you to confirm your information is accurate or provide us with applicable changes.

If we do not receive a response from you within 30 business days, we have an additional 15 business days to contact you. If these attempts are unsuccessful, we notify you that if you continue to be non-responsive we will remove you from our provider directory after 10 business days.

If we receive notification the provider directory information is inaccurate, you may be subject to corrective action.

In addition to outreach for annual or bi-annual attestations, we are required to make outreach if we receive a report of incorrect care provider information.

We are required to confirm your information.

To help ensure we have your most current provider directory information, submit applicable changes to:

For non-delegated care providers, visit [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) for the Care Provider Demographic Change Submission Form and further instructions or email [hpdemo@uhc.com](mailto:hpdemo@uhc.com).



The medical, dental and mental health care provider directory is located at [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) > Our Network > [Find a Provider](#).

### Provider attestation

Confirm your data every quarter through the Provider Portal at [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) or by calling Provider Services. If you have received the upgraded My Practice Profile and have editing rights, access the My Practice Profile in the Provider Portal to make many of the updates required in this section.

## Prior authorization request

Prior authorization is the process of requesting approval from UnitedHealthcare Community Plan to cover costs. Prior authorization requests may include procedures, services and/or medication.

Coverage may only be provided if the service or medication is deemed medically necessary, or meets specific requirements provided in the benefit plan.

You should take the following steps before providing medical services and/or medication to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members:

- Verify eligibility using the Provider Portal at [UHCprovider.com/eligibility](https://UHCprovider.com/eligibility) or by calling Provider Services. Not doing so may result in claim denial.
- Check the member's ID card each time they visit. Verify against photo identification if this is your office practice.
- Get prior authorization:
  1. To access the Prior Authorization app, go to [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com), then click **Sign In**.
  2. Select the **Prior Authorization and**

### Notification app.

3. View notification requirements.

Identify and bill other insurance carriers when appropriate.

If you have questions, please call UnitedHealthcare Web Support at **866-842-3278**, option 3, 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday.

### Notification requirements

For all notifications, call 877-542-9235.

- **Urgent/Emergent:** 72 hours
- **Non-Emergent:** 14 days

Return calls from health service coordinators or medical directors, and provide complete health information within one business day.

## Timeliness standards for notifying members of test results

After receiving results, notify members within:

- Urgent: 24 hours
- Non-urgent: 10 business days

## Requirements for PCP and specialists serving in PCP role

### Specialists include internal medicine, pediatrics, or obstetrician/gynecology

PCPs are an important partner in the delivery of care, and Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) members may seek services from any participating care provider. The KMAP program requires members be assigned to PCPs. We encourage members to develop a relationship with a PCP who can maintain all their medical records and provide overall medical management. These relationships help coordinate care and provide the member a “medical home.”

The PCP plays a vital role as a case manager in the

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan system by improving health care delivery in four critical areas: access, coordination, continuity and prevention. As such, the PCP manages initial and basic care to members, makes recommendations for specialty and ancillary care, and coordinates all primary care services delivered to our members. The PCP must provide coverage 24 hours a day, seven days a week and backup coverage when they are not available.

Medical doctors (MDs), doctors of osteopathy (DOs), NPs and PAs from any of the following practice areas can be PCPs:

- General practice
- Internal medicine
- Family practice
- Pediatrics
- Obstetrics/gynecology

NPs may enroll with the state as solo care providers, but PAs cannot. They must be part of a group practice.



Members may change their assigned PCP by contacting [Member Services](#) at any time during the month. Customer Service is available 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

We ask members who don't select a PCP during enrollment to select one. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan may auto-assign a PCP to complete the enrollment process.

Women have direct access (without a referral or authorization) to any OB/GYNs, midwives, PAs, or NPs for women's health care services and any non-women's health care issues discovered and treated in the course of receiving women's health care services. This includes access to ancillary services ordered by women's health care providers (lab, radiology, etc.) in the same way these services would be ordered by a PCP.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan works with members and care providers to help ensure all members understand, support, and benefit from the primary care case management system. The coverage will include availability of 24 hours a day, seven days a week. During non-office hours, access by telephone to a live voice (i.e., an answering service, care provider on-call, hospital switchboard, PCP's nurse triage) will immediately page an on-call medical professional so referrals can be made for non-emergency services.

### **Recorded messages are not acceptable.**

Consult with other appropriate care providers to develop individualized treatment plans for UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members with special health care needs.

- Make sure clinical and non-clinical services are in the overall care plan for special needs members.
- Use lists supplied by the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan identifying members who appear to be due preventive health procedures or testing.
- Submit all accurately coded claims or encounters timely.
- Provide all well baby/well-child services.
- Coordinate each UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member's overall course of care.
- Accept UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members at each office location at least 16 hours a week for a one MD practice and at least 30 hours per week for a two or more MD practice.
- Be available to members by telephone any time.
- Tell members about appropriate use of emergency services.
- Discuss available treatment options and alternative courses of care with members.

## **Responsibilities of PCPs and specialists serving in PCP role**

### **Specialists include internal medicine, pediatrics, and/or obstetrician/gynecology**

In addition to meeting the requirements for all care providers, PCPs must:

- Offer office visits on a timely basis, according to the standards outlined in the Timeliness Standards for Appointment Scheduling section of this guide.
- Conduct a baseline examination (to include KAN Be Healthy and/or biometric screening) during the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member's first appointment.
- Treat UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members' general health care needs. Use nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines.

- Refer services requiring prior authorization to Provider Services, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Clinical, or Pharmacy Department as appropriate.
- Admit UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members to the hospital when necessary. Coordinate their medical care while they are hospitalized.
- Respect members' advance directives. Document in a prominent place in the medical record whether a member has an advance directive form.
- Provide covered benefits consistent with professionally recognized standards of health care and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan standards.
- Document procedures for monitoring members' missed appointments, as well as outreach attempts to reschedule missed appointments.
- Encourage members to receive all necessary and recommended preventive health procedures.
- Screen members for behavioral health problems, using the Behavioral Health Toolkit at [providerexpress.com](http://providerexpress.com) > Clinical Resources > [Behavioral Health Toolkit for Medical Providers](#).
- Inform UnitedHealthcare Community Plan case management of any member showing signs of end stage renal disease. Call 877-542-9238.
- Provide culturally competent care and services. You must have a program designed to educate and train staff on addressing cultural and linguistic barriers to the delivery of health care services to members of all cultures.
- Maintain staff privileges at a minimum of one UnitedHealthcare Community Plan participating hospital.
- Report infectious diseases, lead toxicity and other conditions as required by state and local laws and regulations.
- Transfer medical records upon request. Provide copies of medical records to members upon request at no charge.
- Allow timely access to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member medical records per contract requirements. Purposes include medical record keeping audits, HEDIS® or other quality measure reporting, and quality of care investigations. Such access does not violate HIPAA.
- Maintain a clean and structurally sound office that meets applicable Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Americans with


Disabilities (ADA) standards.

- Comply with the KanCare Access and Availability standards for scheduling emergency, urgent care and routine visits. Appointment Standards are covered in [Chapter 2](#) of this manual.







## Rural health clinic, federally qualified health center or primary care clinic

Members may choose a care provider who meets the PCP requirements and performs PCP-type services within a rural health clinic (RHC) or federally qualified health center (FQHC) as their PCP.

- **Rural health clinic:** The RHC program helps increase access to primary care services for Medicaid and Medicare members in rural communities. RHCs can be public, nonprofit or for-profit health care facilities. They must be in rural, underserved areas.
- **Federally qualified health center:** An FQHC is a center or clinic that provides primary care and other services. These services include:
  - Preventive (wellness) health services from a social worker, PA, NP and/or other care provider.
  - Mental health services.
  - Immunizations (shots).
  - Home nurse visits.
- **Primary care clinic:** A PCC is a medical facility focusing on the initial treatment of medical ailments. In most cases, the conditions seen at the clinic are not serious or life threatening. If a condition is discovered at a primary care clinic that may be dangerous, the PCC may refer the member to a specialist. Doctors at these clinics are usually internists, family physicians and pediatricians.



### PCP checklist

- 
Verify eligibility and benefits on [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com). Click “Sign In” in the top right corner to access the Provider Portal, or call Provider Services.
- 
Check the member’s ID card at the time of service. Verify member with photo identification.
- 
Get prior authorization from UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, if required. Visit [UHCprovider.com/paan](https://UHCprovider.com/paan).
- 
Refer patients to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan participating specialists when needed.
- 
Identify and bill other insurance carriers when appropriate.
- 
Bill all services provided to a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member either electronically or on a CMS 1500 claim form.

## Specialist responsibilities

In addition to applicable requirements for all care providers, specialists must:

- Contact the PCP to coordinate the care/services.
- Provide specialty care medical services to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members recommended by their PCP or who self-refer.
- Verify the eligibility of the member before providing covered specialty care services.
- Provide only those covered specialty care services, unless otherwise authorized.
- Provide the PCP copies of all medical data, reports and discharge summaries resulting from the specialist’s care.



- Note all findings and recommendations in the member's medical record. Share this information in writing with the PCP.
- Maintain staff privileges at one UnitedHealthcare Community Plan participating hospital at a minimum.
- Report infectious diseases, lead toxicity and other conditions as required by state and local laws.
- Comply with the KanCare Access and Availability standards for scheduling routine visits. Appointment standards are covered in Chapter 2 of this manual.
- Provide anytime coverage. PCPs and specialists serving in the PCP role must be available to members by phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week.  
Or they must have arrangements for phone coverage by another UnitedHealthcare Community Plan participating PCP or obstetrician. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan tracks and follows up on all instances of PCP or obstetrician unavailability.

Specialists may use medical residents in all specialty care settings under the supervision of fully credentialed UnitedHealthcare Community Plan specialty attending care providers.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan also conducts periodic access surveys to monitor for after-hours access. PCPs and obstetricians serving in the PCP role must take part in all survey-related activities.

## Ancillary provider responsibilities

Ancillary providers include freestanding radiology, freestanding clinical labs, home health, hospice, dialysis, durable medical equipment, infusion care, therapy, ambulatory surgery centers, freestanding sleep centers and other non-care providers. PCPs and specialists must use the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan ancillary network.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan participating ancillary providers should maintain sufficient facilities, equipment, and personnel to provide timely access to medically necessary covered services.



## Ancillary care provider checklist



Verify the member's enrollment before rendering services. Sign in to the Provider Portal at [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) or contact Provider Services.



Check the member's ID card at the time of service. Verify against photo ID if this is your office practice.



Get prior authorization from UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, if required. Visit [UHCprovider.com/paan](https://UHCprovider.com/paan).



Identify and bill other insurance carriers when appropriate.

## Home and community-based services (HCBS) provider responsibilities

As an HCBS care provider, you must:

- Provide services according to the Person-Centered Service Plan including the amount, frequency, duration, and scope of each service according to the member's service schedule.
- Use the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) system to submit claims, if applicable. All other HCBS providers will file claims according to the options listed in the claims filing portion of this manual. Requirements regarding use of EVV can be found in [Chapter 4: Medical Management](#).

- Follow the documentation requirements for each HCBS program service as defined in the applicable [KMAP provider manual](#).
- Adhere to providing timely initiation of services according to the KDHE published [Network Adequacy Standards, HCBS Service Initiation Standards, Section V, Tables 2 and 3](#).

# Chapter 3: Care Provider Office Procedures and Member Benefits

## Key contacts

Topic	Link	Phone Number
Member Benefits	<a href="https://UHCcommunityplan.com/ks">UHCcommunityplan.com/ks</a>	877-542-9238
Member Handbook	UHCCommunityPlan.com/KS > <a href="#">Plan Details</a> > Member Resources > View Available Resources	
Provider Services	<a href="https://UHCprovider.com">UHCprovider.com</a>	877-542-9235
Prior Authorization	<a href="https://UHCprovider.com/paan">UHCprovider.com/paan</a>	
D-SNP	UHCprovider.com > Resources > Health Plans > Choose a Location > Kansas > <a href="#">Medicare</a>	



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## Member benefits



For member benefit information, go to [UHCcommunityplan.com/ks](https://UHCcommunityplan.com/ks) or [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) > [Eligibility](#).

### Member advocate

Members may also contact a member advocate, who can help them work better with us and you. This means:

- Communicating the values and practices of all cultures we serve.
- Filing a grievance, changing care coordinators or getting the care they need.
- Referring members to the right UnitedHealthcare Community Plan staff or programs.
- Solving problems with member care.

Members may reach a member advocate by calling 877-542-9238, TTY 711.

### KanCare ombudsman

The KanCare consumer ombudsman helps members on KanCare with their rights and responsibilities. They step in when members:

- Need help with a concern or filing a grievance.
- Need help with a problem they can't solve by speaking with your KanCare plan.
- Do not think that they are getting the care that they need.
- Feel their rights are being violated.

Members may call 855-643-8180 to reach the KanCare Ombudsman.

## Assignment to PCP panel roster

Once a member is assigned a PCP, view the panel rosters electronically on the Provider Portal at [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) > Sign In. The portal requires a unique user name and password combination to gain access.

Each month, PCP panel size is monitored by reviewing PCP to member ratio reports. When a PCP's panel approaches the max limit, it is removed from auto-assignment. The state requires PCPs to send notice when their panels reach 85% capacity. To update the PCP panel limits, send a written request.

1. Go to [UHCprovider.com](https://uhcprovider.com).
2. Click Sign In in the top right.
3. Log in.
4. Click Community Care.

The Community Care Roster has member contact information, clinical information to include HEDIS® measures/Gaps in Care, is an Excel format with customizable field export options, and can be pulled at the individual practitioner or TIN level. You may also use Document Library for member contact information in a PDF at the individual practitioner level.

Learn more about Document Library at [UHCprovider.com](https://uhcprovider.com) > Resources > UnitedHealthcare Provider Portal Resources > [Document Library](#).

## Choosing a PCP

Each enrolled UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member either chooses or is assigned a PCP. The assignment considers the distance to the PCP, the PCP's capacity and if the PCP is accepting new members. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will assign members to the closest and appropriate PCP.

Depending on the member's age, medical condition and location, the choice of PCP may cover a variety of practice areas, such as family practice, general practice, internal medicine, pediatrics and obstetrics. If the member changes the initial PCP assignment, the effective date will be the day the member requested the change. If a member asks UnitedHealthcare Community Plan to change the PCP at any other time, the change will be effective on the request date.

## Medically necessary service

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan only pays for medically necessary services.

## Medically necessary definition

Medically necessary health care services or supplies are those necessary to:

- Prevent, diagnose, correct, prevent the worsening of, alleviate, or cure a physical or mental illness or condition.
- Maintain health.
- Prevent the onset of an illness, condition or disability.
- Prevent or treat a condition that endangers life or causes suffering or pain or results in illness or infirmity.
- Prevent the deterioration of a condition.
- Promote the development or maintenance of maximal functioning capacity in performing daily activities, taking into account both the functional capacity of the member and those functional capabilities that are appropriate for individuals of the same age.
- Prevent or treat a condition that may cause or aggravate a handicap or cause physical deformity or malfunction and there is no other equally effective, more conservative or substantially less costly course of treatment available or suitable for the member.

## Member assignment

### Assignment to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan

KanCare assigns eligible members to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan daily. We manage the member's care on the date the member is enrolled until the member is disenrolled from UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. KanCare makes disenrollment decisions, not UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. Disenrollment usually takes effect at month's end, but at times may occur mid-month.

At enrollment time, each member receives a welcome packet that includes a copy of the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Member Handbook. The handbook explains the member's health care rights and responsibilities through UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.



Download a copy of the Member Handbook online [UHCCommunityPlan.com/KS](https://uhc.com/ks). Go to Plan Details, then Member Resources, View Available Resource.

### Member dismissal

To dismiss a member, you must complete the following steps:

1. Notify the member in writing, giving them 30 days notice, and include specific reason(s) for dismissal.
2. Notify us in writing and include a copy of the letter sent to the member.

Mail UnitedHealthcare Community Plan notifications to:

**UnitedHealthcare Community Plan**  
 Attn: Member Services  
 6860 West 115th Street  
 Overland Park, KS 66211  
 Mail Route: KS015 - M400

We will contact the member and assist them in finding a new PCP.

## Member eligibility

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan serves members enrolled with KanCare, Kansas' Medicaid program. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) determines program eligibility. An individual who becomes eligible for the KanCare program either chooses or is assigned to one of the KanCare-contracted health plans.

## Member ID card

Check the member's ID card at each visit, and copy both sides for your files. Verify the identity of the person presenting the ID card against some form of photo ID, such as a driver's license, if this is your office practice.



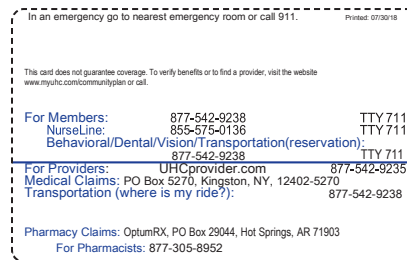
If a fraud, waste and abuse event arises from a care provider or a member, go to [uhc.com/fraud](https://uhc.com/fraud) or call **844-359-7736**.

The member's ID card also shows the PCP assignment on the front of the card. If a member does not bring their card, call Provider Services. Also document the call in the member's chart.

### Member identification numbers

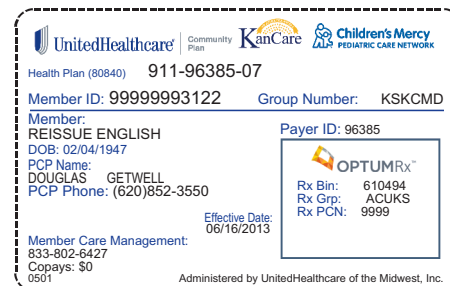
Each member receives a nine-digit UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member identification number. Use this number to communicate with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan about a specific subscriber/member.

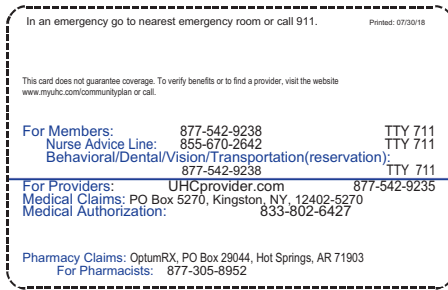
### Sample health member ID card



## Children's Mercy Pediatric Care Network (CMPCN)

[Pediatric Care Network Provider Resources](#) are available for care providers. These resources include reference guides, forms and frequently asked questions.





For Kansas-specific D-SNP information, go to [UHCprovider.com](http://UHCprovider.com) > Resources > Health Plans > Choose Your Location > Kansas > Medicare > [Kansas Dual Complete Special Needs Plans](#).

## Verifying member enrollment

Verify member eligibility prior to providing services.

Determine eligibility in the following ways:

- Provider Portal: Access the portal through [UHCprovider.com/eligibility](http://UHCprovider.com/eligibility)
- [UnitedHealthcare Provider Services](#) is available from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday.
- [Kansas Medical Assistance Program \(KMAP\)](#)

## Benefit information

Visit [UHCcommunityplan.com/ks](http://UHCcommunityplan.com/ks) > Medicaid Plans > UnitedHealthcare Community Plan KanCare View Plan Details > Member Handbook to view member benefit coverage information.

## UnitedHealthcare Dual Complete

D-SNP is a Medicare Advantage plan for members who qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid. For general information about D-SNP, go to [uhc.com/medicaid/dsnp](http://uhc.com/medicaid/dsnp).

For information about UnitedHealthcare Dual Complete, please see the Medicare Products chapter of the UnitedHealthcare Care Provider Administrative Guide for Commercial, Medicare Advantage (including Dual Complete Special Needs Plans) at [UHCprovider.com/guides](http://UHCprovider.com/guides). For state-specific information, go to [UHCprovider.com](http://UHCprovider.com) > Resources > Health Plans > [Choose Your Location](#).

# Chapter 4: Medical Management

## Key contacts

Topic	Link	Phone Number
Referrals	<a href="#">UHCprovider.com &gt; Referrals</a>	877-542-9235
Prior Authorization	<a href="#">UHCprovider.com/paan</a>	877-542-9235
Pharmacy	<a href="#">professionals.optumrx.com</a>	877-305-8952
Dental	<a href="#">skygenusa.com/login</a>	855-878-5327
Healthy First Steps	<a href="#">uhchealthyfirststeps.com</a>	800-599-5985



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Medical management improves the quality and outcome of health care delivery. We offer the following services as part of our medical management process.

## Ambulance services

### Air ambulance

Air ambulance is covered only when the services are medically necessary and transportation by ground ambulance is not available. It is also only covered when:

- Great distances or other obstacles keep members from reaching the destination.
- Immediate admission is essential.
- The pickup point is inaccessible by land.



Non-emergent air ambulance requires prior authorization. For authorization, go to [UHCprovider.com/paan](#) or call [Provider Services](#).

### Emergency ambulance transportation

An emergency is a serious, sudden medical or behavioral condition that may include severe pain. Without immediate attention, the affected person could suffer major:

- Injury to their overall health.
- Impairment to bodily functions.
- Dysfunction of a bodily organ or part.

Emergency transports (in- and out-of-network) are covered. They do not require an authorization.

Bill ambulance transport as a non-emergency transport when it doesn't meet the definition of an emergency transport. This includes all scheduled runs and transports to nursing facilities or the member's residence.

Ambulance services for a member receiving inpatient hospital services are not included in the payment to the hospital. They must be billed by the ambulance provider. This includes transporting the member to another facility for services (e.g., diagnostic testing) and returning them to the first hospital for more inpatient care.

Make urgent, non-emergency trips, such as when a member is sent home from the hospital, through our Member Call Center after 7 p.m. Central Time. Schedule rides up to 30 days in advance.

Members must call between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday, to schedule transportation. If they have questions about their order, they may call ModivCare.

Bus transportation will also be available if the member:

- Lives less than half a mile from a bus stop.
- Has an appointment less than half a mile from the bus stop.

### Non-emergent medical transportation (NEMT)

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members may get non-emergent transportation services through ModivCare for covered services. Covered transportation includes sedan, taxi, wheelchair-equipped vehicle, public transit, mileage repayment and shared rides. Members may get transportation when they are bed-confined before, during and after transport.

We also offer up to 12 roundtrip rides annually (up to 10 miles each way) to job-related activities, the grocery store, food bank, church, bank, local community activities, support group meetings and more. We also provide rides to social activities for waiver members with a physical disability (PD), intellectual/developmental disability (I/DD), or brain injury (BI). Members in Wyandotte, Sedgwick, Shawnee and Johnson counties can get \$25 in annual bus passes.



For non-urgent appointments, members must call for transportation at least three days before their appointment. Requests can be made online anytime at [member.modivcare.com](https://member.modivcare.com) or by phone at 877-796-5847.

## Cardiology

We use the prior authorization process to help support compliance with evidence-based and professional society guidance for cardiology procedures.

You must obtain prior authorization for the following cardiology procedures:

- Diagnostic catheterizations
- Electrophysiology implant procedures (including inpatient)

- Echocardiograms
- Stress echocardiograms

Cardiology procedures do not require prior authorization if performed in the following places of service:

- Emergency room
- Observation unit
- Urgent care
- Inpatient stay (except for electrophysiology implants)

If you do not complete the entire prior authorization process before performing the procedure, we will reduce or deny the claim. Do not bill the member for claims we deny for this reason.

Request prior authorization online or by phone:

- Online: [UHCprovider.com/cardiology](https://UHCprovider.com/cardiology); select the Go to Prior Authorization and Notification Tool
- Phone: 866-889-8054 from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Make sure the medical record is available.



For the most current list of CPT codes that require prior authorization, a prior authorization crosswalk, and/or the evidence-based clinical guidelines, go to [UHCprovider.com/cardiology](https://UHCprovider.com/cardiology) > Specific Cardiology Programs.

## Care coordination/management

Our care coordination program is led by our qualified, full-time care coordinators. You are encouraged to collaborate with us to ensure care coordination services are provided to members. This program is a proactive approach to help members manage specific conditions and support them as they take responsibility for their health.

The program goals are to:

- Help members understand their insurance benefits
- Connect members to health care and community resources
- Provide members with information to manage their condition and live a healthy lifestyle
- Improve the quality of care, quality of life and health outcomes of members



- Help individuals understand and actively participate in the management of their condition, adherence to treatment plans, including medications and self-monitoring
- Reduce unnecessary hospital admissions and ER visits
- Promote care coordination by collaborating with care providers to improve member outcomes
- Prevent disease progression and illnesses related to poorly managed disease processes
- Support member independence, empowerment and informed decision making
- Effectively manage their condition and co-morbidities, including depression, cognitive deficits, physical limitations, health behaviors and psychosocial issues

Our program makes available population-based, condition-specific health education materials, websites, interactive mobile apps and newsletters that include recommended routine appointment frequency, necessary testing, monitoring and self-care. We send health education materials, based upon evidence-based guidelines or standards of care, directly to members that address topics that help members manage their condition. Our program provides personalized support to members in case management. The case manager collaborates with the member to identify educational opportunities, provides the appropriate health education and monitors the member's progress toward management of the condition targeted by the care coordination program.

### Identification

Use the health risk assessment as an initial assessment tool used to identify a member's health risks. Based on the member's response to a series of questions, you can identify if the member may benefit from care coordination and refer them appropriately.

All members enrolled in the following long-term support services (LTSS) waiver programs are immediately assigned a care coordinator for comprehensive assessment and coordination of physical/behavioral health needs and LTSS.

- Frail Elderly (FE)
- Physical Disability (PD)
- Brain Injury 16-64 (BI)

- Intellectual and Developmental Disability (I/DD)
- Technology Assisted (TA)
- Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED)
- Autism

## Dental services

Any adult member age 21 and older can visit a participating dental care provider. Benefits include screenings, X-rays, cleanings and restorative fillings up to a maximum of \$500 per calendar year. Frail Elderly (FE) members can get a complete set of dentures.



For more details, see the UnitedHealthcare KanCare Dental Provider Manual at [UHCprovider.com/guides](https://UHCprovider.com/guides) > Community Plan Care Provider Manuals for Medicaid Plans by State > Kansas > [KanCare/Skygen Dental Provider Manual](#).

To find a dental care provider, go to [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) > Our Network > Find a Provider > [Dental Providers by state, network and location](#).

## Durable medical equipment

Durable medical equipment (DME) is equipment that provides therapeutic benefits to a member because of certain medical conditions and/or illnesses. DME consists of items which are:

- Primarily used to serve a medical purpose
- Not useful to a person in the absence of illness, disability, or injury
- Ordered or prescribed by a care provider
- Reusable
- Repeatedly used
- Appropriate for home use
- Determined to be medically necessary



See our Coverage Determination Guidelines at [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) > Resources > Health Plans, Policies, Protocols and Guides > For Community Plans > [Medical & Drug Policies and Coverage Determination Guidelines for Community Plan](#).

### DME/medical supply specific billing information

For specific information about benefits, limitations and covered codes under the KanCare program, please see the Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) DME provider manual at [kmap-state-ks.us](http://kmap-state-ks.us).

Prior authorization information in the KMAP DME manual is specific to Fee-for-Service members. For prior authorization information for UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members, visit [UHCprovider.com/KScommunityplan](http://UHCprovider.com/KScommunityplan).

Effective May 1, 2021, we will use UnitedHealthcare medical policy and InterQual Care Guidelines to review your DME prior authorization request for medical necessity, unless otherwise indicated.

For more billing and submission information, see [Chapter 11](#) of this manual.

### Wheelchair seating assessments

We cover physical medicine and rehabilitation procedure codes 97542, 97755 and 97760 for the management of wheelchair seating assessments.

Wheelchair seating assessment reimbursement cannot exceed \$500 per member per year and is limited to the following care providers:

- Carney Center Seating Clinic – Wichita, KS
- Children’s Mercy Hospital Seating Clinic – Kansas City, MO
- KU Medical Center Seating Clinic – Kansas City, KS

For more information on wheelchairs and wheelchair seating assessments, see the KMAP DME provider manual at [kmap-state-ks.us](http://kmap-state-ks.us).

## Emergency/urgent care services

Emergency services do not require prior authorization.

While UnitedHealthcare Community Plan covers emergency services, we ask that you tell members about appropriate emergency room use. A PCP should treat non-emergency services such as sprains/strains, stomachaches, earaches, fevers, coughs, colds and sore throats.

Covered services include:

- Hospital emergency department room, ancillary and care provider service by in and out-of-network care providers.
- Medical examination.
- Stabilization services.
- Access to designated Level I and Level II trauma centers or hospitals meeting the same levels of care for emergency services.

We pay out-of-network care providers for emergency services at the current program rates at the time of service. We try to negotiate acceptable payment rates with out-of-network care providers for covered post-stabilization care services for which we must pay.

### Emergency room care

For an emergency, the member should seek immediate care at the closest ER. If the member needs help getting to the ER, they may call 911. No referral is needed. Members have been told to call their PCP as soon as possible after receiving emergency care. They pay no out-of-pocket cost for ER or emergency ambulance services.

Before they are treated, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members who visit an emergency room are screened to determine whether they have a medical emergency. Prior authorization is not required for the medical screening. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan covers these services regardless of the emergency care provider’s relationship with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.

Depending on the need, the member may be treated in the ER, in an inpatient hospital room, or in another setting. This is called Post Stabilization Services. Members do not pay for these services. This applies whether the member receives emergency services in or outside their service area.

### Urgent care (non-emergent)

Urgent care services are covered.



For a list of urgent care centers, contact [Provider Services](#).

### Observation room

Observation in the outpatient setting is a service which requires monitoring the patient's condition beyond the usual amount of time in an outpatient setting.

Examples of the appropriate use of the observation room include: monitoring head trauma, drug overdose, cardiac arrhythmias and false labor.

A care provider or mid-level practitioner must see the patient within two hours prior to admission to the observation room except for obstetrical labor or scheduled administration of IV medication or blood products.

The observation room stay must be medically necessary.

- The observation stay is limited to 48 hours. Observation hours in excess of 48 hours are not reimbursable.
  - You must have personal contact with the patient at least once during the observation stay.
  - A registered nurse or an employee under his or her direct supervision must monitor patients in the observation unit.
- Ancillary charges (such as lab work or x-rays) must be billed separately. Medical supplies and injections (99070 and J7030-J7130) are considered content of service of the observation room service.
- Observation services are considered content of service to any surgical procedure for which global surgery rules apply when performed by the same care provider during the global surgery period.
- Observation services are considered content of service to respiratory services (94010-94700) when performed on the same date of service by the same care provider, unless the observation is a significant and separate identifiable service.

Do not bill the observation room for the following:

- Recovery room services following inpatient or outpatient surgery.
- Recovery/observation following scheduled diagnostic tests such as arteriograms and cardiac catheterization.
- ER physician fee.

**Note:** Additional information may be added to your claim if applicable.

If the claim and/or attachments do not support the medical necessity of the provided service, we will deny the claim.

## Emergency care resulting in admissions

Prior authorization is not required for emergency services.

Nurses in the Health Services Department review emergency admissions within one business day of notification.



Emergency care should be delivered without delay. Notify UnitedHealthcare Community Plan about admission within 24 hours, unless otherwise indicated. Use the Prior Authorization and Notification tool on the Provider Portal at [UHCprovider.com/paan](https://UHCprovider.com/paan), EDI 278N transaction at [UHCprovider.com/edi](https://UHCprovider.com/edi), or call Provider Services at **877-542-9235**.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan makes utilization management determinations based on appropriateness of care and benefit coverage existence using evidence-based, nationally recognized or internally-developed clinical criteria. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan does not reward you or reviewers for issuing coverage denials and does not financially incentivize Utilization Management staff to support service underutilization. Care determination criteria is available upon request by contacting Provider Services.



The criteria are available in writing upon request or by calling Provider Services at **877-542-9235**.



For policies and protocols, go to [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) > Resources > Health Plans, Policies, Protocols and Guides > [For Community Plans](#).

If a member meets an acute inpatient level of stay, admission starts at the time you write the order.

## Facility notification requirements

### Admission notification

Facilities are responsible for admission notification for the following inpatient admissions (even if an advanced notification was provided prior to the actual admission date):

- Planned/elective admissions for acute care
- Unplanned admissions for acute care
- SNF admissions
- Admission following outpatient surgery
- Admissions following observation

### Required discharge notification

We must receive the discharge notification from rehabilitation center and SNF stays within 24 hours after actual weekday discharge (or by 5 p.m. local time on the next business day if the 24-hour limit would require notification on a weekend or holiday). For weekend and holiday discharges, we must receive the notification by 5 p.m. local time on the next business day.

### Required observation stay notification

Observation stay notifications are required to be submitted within 24 hours of patient no longer being held for observation (or by 5 p.m. local time on the next business day if the 24-hour limit would require notification on a weekend or holiday). For weekend and holiday admissions, we must receive the notification by 5 p.m. local time on the next business day.

We will accept these notifications through automated channels, like 278N or ADT, but will also support the notification intake through EMR, Prior Authorization and Notification Tool in the Provider Portal, or by phone.

To start using these automated channels, you can:

1. Contact your current claims processing vendor or clearinghouse.
2. Submit through the Optum Electronic Discharge Interchange (EDI) portal.

## Family planning

Family planning services are preventive health, medical, counseling and educational services that help members manage their fertility and achieve the best reproductive and general health. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members may access these services without a referral. They may also seek family planning services at the care provider of their choice. The following services are included:

- Annual gynecological examination
- Annual pap smear
- Contraceptive supplies, devices and medications for specific treatment
- Contraceptive counseling
- Laboratory services

### Voluntary sterilization

In-network treatment with consent is covered. The member needs to give consent 30 days before surgery, be mentally competent and be at least 21 years old at the time of consent for:

- Tubal ligation
- Vasectomy

Out-of-network services require prior authorization.

View the KMAP Hospital Provider Manual at [kmap-state-ks.us](https://kmap-state-ks.us) for more information on covered sterilization and family planning services.

## Hearing services

For coverage information on hearing aids, please see the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan KanCare [Member Handbook](#).

For coverage information on bone-anchored hearing aids (BAHA), please see the [KMAP Hospital Manual](#).

Cochlear implants are covered using KS coding guidelines.

## Home- and community-based services

The state of Kansas now fully integrates home- and community-based services (HCBS) into KanCare. The state, or its designees, determines eligibility for all HCBS programs.

Programs include:

- Autism
- Frail and elderly (FE)
- Physical disability (PD)
- Technology assisted (TA)
- Brain injury 16-64 (BI)
- Serious emotional disturbance (SED)
- Intellectual/developmental disability (I/DD)

We follow the service description, billing guidelines, service and care provider requirements and other protocols as outlined in the applicable KMAP provider manual. Visit [kmap-state-ks.us](http://kmap-state-ks.us) > Publications > [Provider Manuals](#).

### Work Opportunities Reward Kansans (WORK) program

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan coordinates services covered under the Work Opportunities Reward Kansans (WORK) program. For specific program criteria, refer to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment WORK Policy Manual at [kdheks.gov](http://kdheks.gov).

### Electronic visit verification

HCBS care providers must use AuthentiCare for electronic visit verification (EVV) for certain services. Do not use AuthentiCare for HCBS services in assisted living, residential health care, home plus or boarding home care settings (including attendant care, wellness monitoring and adult day care). Adult day care providers should use AuthentiCare only when they provide services in a free-standing licensed adult day care setting.

HCBS care providers using EVV through AuthentiCare are responsible for monitoring and immediately addressing service gaps, including back-up staffing.

New care providers can register for an AuthentiCare user account at [authenticare.com/Kansas](http://authenticare.com/Kansas).

For more information about the AuthentiCare system, refer to the KS AuthentiCare User Manual at [kdads.ks.gov](http://kdads.ks.gov) > Providers > Home and Community Based Services Information > AuthentiCare® Kansas Information > Presentation and General Information > [KS AuthentiCare User Manual](#).

### Institutional transitions

An institutional transition is the process of moving residents of qualified institutional settings into the community. This process identifies individuals who have expressed a desire to return to the community and provides them with community supports to help them maintain residence in the least restrictive setting of their choice. Institutional transitions are available for the FE, PD, BI or I/DD program members. They can receive transition services and funds (up to \$2,500) when meeting certain criteria.

### Financial management services

KMAP provides financial management services (FMS) for FE, PD, TA, BI and I/DD program members.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will reimburse the FMS provider's administrative functions as an HCBS program service.

We follow the service description, billing guidelines, service and care provider requirements, and other protocols as outlined in the KMAP FMS Manual at [kmap-state-ks.us](http://kmap-state-ks.us) > Publications > Provider Manuals > [HCBS FMS Manual](#).

### Care coordination for nursing facility residents

Care coordinators are responsible for:

- Completing a comprehensive assessment that includes the member's functional ability, physical and behavioral health conditions, available informal supports, environmental considerations, social assessment, as well as member and family preferences.

- Initial assessment and care within 14 days of member assignment.
- Assisting with transition management following inpatient admissions.
- Facilitating integration with Optum Behavioral Health as needed to support the member and family.

### Care coordination for HCBS program members

Care coordinators are responsible for:

- Creating a Person-Centered Service Plan that includes a comprehensive assessment of the member's functional ability, physical and behavioral health conditions, available informal supports, environmental considerations, social assessment, as well as member and family preferences.
- Initial assessment and care/service plan development within seven days of member assignment.
- Annual reassessments.
- Reassessments every six months of TA waiver members.
- Supporting and educating about chronic condition management.
- Facilitating community resource supports.
- Submitting the authorization for HCBS services.
- Contacting HCBS members by phone at least quarterly; face-to-face reviews every six months.

## Hospice

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan provides in-home hospice and short-stay inpatient hospice. These services do not require prior authorization.

For additional information on hospice services, forms and coverage, refer to the [KMAP Hospice Provider Manual](#).

### Home hospice

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan covers benefits for routine home care every day the member is at home, under hospice and not receiving continuous home care. We cover care provider hospice at the member's

home during a medical crisis. A medical crisis is when a member requires continuous nursing care to manage symptoms.

### Respite hospice

Inpatient hospital or nursing facility respite care is covered for the hospice care provider each day the member is in an inpatient facility and receiving respite care. Hospice inpatient respite care is short-term inpatient care provided to the member when necessary to relieve the caregiver. Hospice inpatient respite care is restricted to five days per month. This includes the day of admission but not the day of discharge.

### Inpatient hospice

General inpatient care may be necessary for pain control or acute/chronic symptom management not provided in any other setting. Inpatient hospice care includes a hospital or an in-network hospice inpatient facility that meets the hospice standards for staffing and member care.

## Immunizations

### Adult immunization (19 years of age and older)

You will bill the appropriate vaccine immunization and administration code. Services are processed in accordance with state benefits and paid per state fee schedule. We will not reimburse CPT codes for vaccines covered under the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program for children 18 years of age and younger.

## Laboratory

Use UnitedHealthcare Community Plan in-network laboratory when referring members for lab services not covered in the office. Medically necessary laboratory services ordered by a PCP, other care providers or dentist in one of these laboratories do not require prior authorization except as noted on our prior authorization list.

When submitting claims, have a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment number (CLIA #). Otherwise, claims will deny. CLIA standards are national and not Medicaid-exclusive. CLIA applies to all providers rendering clinical laboratory and certain other diagnostic services.



See the [Billing and Submission](#) chapter for more information.

### Advanced outpatient imaging procedures

Advanced outpatient imaging procedures do not require prior authorization unless it is a Positron-

Emission Tomography (PET) scan. Review the [Radiology Prior Authorization](#) section of this chapter for more information.

## Local health departments

Local health departments are required to coordinate care with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan and complete standard reporting to the state health department any time a member is diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease or tuberculosis.

## Lock-In program

The Lock-In Program improves medical management for members who may not be using medical services appropriately. This happens through educational interventions, service coordination and reinforcement of the care provider-member relationship. Members participating in the Lock-In Program are limited to one pharmacy, one hospital and one PCP for all outpatient non-emergent medical care.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan selects a member for Lock-In program review when any of the following occur:

1. A utilization review report indicates the member has not used healthcare services appropriately, including but not limited to:
  - Over-utilization
  - Persistent non-compliance
  - Abusive/threatening behavior
2. Medical care providers, social service agencies or

other concerned parties provided direct referrals to the state or to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.

3. Member is committing fraud or abuse of medical benefits.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reviews the member's medical and/or billing history to determine if the member used health care services and/or medications that were not medically necessary, abusive or excessive.

As a result of the Lock-In program review, we may take any of the following steps:

1. Determine that no action is needed and close the member's file
2. Send the member, or their authorized representative, a letter of concern with information on specific findings and notice of potential placement in the Lock-In Program
3. Educate the member on appropriate use of health care services
4. Refer the member to substance abuse or behavioral health treatment, or to other support services as needed
5. Enroll the member in the Lock-In Program

The initial lock-in period is 24 months. Before enrollment, we will assist the member in selecting lock-in care providers for PCP, pharmacy and hospital. We will send the member a written notice containing the following information:

- The action we intend to take related to the lock-in, and the reason for this action.
- Instructions for choosing a PCP, pharmacy and hospital.
- Effective date the lock-in.
- The duration of the enrollment and re-evaluation period.
- The member's right to file an appeal.
- Any other requirements under federal, state laws and regulations.

The member will have the same care providers throughout the lock-in enrollment period unless:

- The member moves outside of the care provider's service area.
- The care provider moves outside of the member's local area and is no longer reasonably accessible.
- The care provider refuses to continue service to the member.

- We assigned the member to the care provider because the member did not select a care provider. In this case, the member may request a change once within 30 calendar days of the initial assignment.
- The member's current care provider no longer participates in the health plan. The member has been assigned to the same care provider for at least 1 year and requests a care provider change.

A member remains in the Lock-In Program for the initial 24-month period regardless of whether they change health plans or become a fee-for-service member. We will review the member before the end of the 24-month lock-in period. If service utilization and medical compliance has improved, we will remove the member from the program and notify them in writing. If the member still meets Lock-In program criteria, they will remain in the program for an additional 24 months, and we will notify them in writing.

### Care provider participation

The Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) website provides Medicaid eligibility and Lock-In Program information to all care providers participating in UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. You should verify eligibility and Lock-In program status before providing services to a member. If you provide outpatient non-emergent services to a Lock-In program member without a PCP referral, we will deny the claim.

When a Lock-In program member selects a PCP, we will confirm the PCP is willing to accept a Lock-In program member. We will verify the care provider's practice location and billing NPI number.

Care providers participating in the Lock-In Program must meet the following requirements:

1. You must be located in the member's local geographic area and/or be reasonably accessible to the member.
2. As the Lock-In Program PCP, you must supervise and coordinate all of the Lock-In member's health care services, including continuity of care and referrals to specialists when necessary.
  - Perform a thorough history and physical examination of the member before making referrals to other care providers.
  - Document the medical necessity for all referrals in the member's medical record.

- Use the PCP Lock-In Referral Form for all non-emergent medical services performed by another care provider. The form and referral guidelines are located at [UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan](https://UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan) > Provider Forms and Resources > [PCP Lock-In Referral Form](#).
  - After the referral is made, the Lock-In PCP must provide ongoing management of the member's health care.
  - The referred-to care provider must receive the UnitedHealthcare Lock-In Referral Form before providing services and agrees to provide only the requested services by the Lock-In PCP.
  - The referred-to care provider must provide the Lock-In PCP with a consultation report, including test and lab results, X-rays, follow-up or prescribing recommendations.
  - A referral is NOT required for the following services:
    - Transportation
    - HCBS and Work Program
    - Mental health care providers
    - DME
    - Optometrists and opticians
    - Radiology and laboratory services
    - Inpatient services
    - Ambulatory surgical centers
    - SNFs
    - Psychiatric, rehabilitation and state institutions
    - Home health agencies and hospice
    - Physical, occupational and speech therapy
    - Audiologists and hearing aid dealers
    - Targeted case managers
    - Nutritionists
    - Dentists
    - Renal dialysis centers
    - Pathologists
  - Retain prescribing privileges when appropriate, based on the prescribed medications and your scope of practice.
3. The pharmacy fills all Lock-In members' prescriptions. The pharmacy must verify that the prescribing physician is a valid prescriber for the member. If the prescribing physician is not the Lock-In PCP, the pharmacy must obtain a copy of the PCP Lock-In Referral Form given to the



prescribing physician by the Lock-In PCP.

4. The hospital provides all Lock-In members non-emergent outpatient hospital services.



For more information, visit [UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan](https://UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan) or call Provider Services at **877-542-9235**.

## Maternity/pregnancy/ well-child care

### Pregnancy notification risk screening

Notify UnitedHealthcare Community Plan immediately of a member's confirmed pregnancy to help ensure appropriate follow-up and coordination by the Healthy First Steps program.



Complete the online [Obstetrics/Pregnancy Risk Assessment Form](#) to initiate case management outreach.



Access the digital Notification of Pregnancy form on the Provider Portal at [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com). You may also call Healthy First Steps at 800-599-5985.

### HFS-maternal care model

The HFS-Maternal care model strives to:

- Increase early identification of expectant members and facilitate case management enrollment.
- Assess the member's risk level and provide member-specific needs that support the care provider's plan of care.
- Help members understand the importance of early and ongoing prenatal care and direct them to receiving it.
- Multidisciplinary support for pregnant members to overcome social and psychological barriers to prenatal care.

- Increase the member's understanding of pregnancy and newborn care.
- Encourage pregnancy and lifestyle self-management and informed healthcare decision-making.
- Encourage appropriate pregnancy, postpartum and infant care provider visits.
- Foster a care provider-member collaboration before and after delivery as well as for non-emergent settings.
- Encourage members to stop smoking with our Quit for Life tobacco program.
- Help identify and build the member's support system including referrals to community resources and pregnancy support programs.

Program staff act as a liaison between members, care providers, and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan for care coordination.

### Pregnancy/maternity

Bill the initial pregnancy visit as a separate office visit. You may bill global days if the member has been a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member for three or more consecutive months or had seven or more prenatal visits.

Medicaid does not consider ultrasounds medically necessary if they are done only to determine the fetal sex or provide parents with a photograph of the fetus. We allow the first three obstetrical ultrasounds per pregnancy.

Pregnant UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members should receive care from UnitedHealthcare Community Plan care providers only. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan considers exceptions to this policy if:

1. The member was in their second or third trimester of pregnancy when they became a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member, and
2. If they have an established relationship with a non-participating obstetrician.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan must approve all out-of-plan maternity care.

A UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member does not need a referral from their PCP for OB/GYN care. Perinatal home care services are available for UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members when medically necessary.

### Maternity admissions

All maternity admissions require notification. Days in excess of 48 hours for vaginal deliveries and 96 hours for C-section require clinical information and medical necessity review.



Submit maternity admission notification by using the EDI 278N transaction at [UHCprovider.com/edi](https://uhcprovider.com/edi), the online Prior Authorization and Notification tool at [UHCprovider.com/paan](https://uhcprovider.com/paan), or by calling 877-542-9235.

Provide the following information within one business day of the admission:

- Date of admission.
- Member's name and Medicaid ID number.
- Obstetrician's name, phone number, care provider ID.
- Facility name (care provider ID).
- Vaginal or cesarean delivery.

If available at time of notification, provide the following birth data:

- Date of delivery.
- Sex.
- Birth weight.
- Gestational age.
- Baby name.

Non-routine newborn care (e.g. unusual jaundice, prematurity, sepsis, respiratory distress) is covered but requires prior authorization. Infants remaining in the hospital after the member's discharge require separate notification and will be subject to medical necessity review. The midwife (CNM) must be a licensed registered nurse recognized by the Board of Nurse Examiners as an advanced practice nurse (APN) in nurse-midwifery and certified by the American College of Nurse-Midwives.

A CNM must identify a licensed care provider or group of care providers with whom they have arranged for referral and consultation if complications arise.

Furnish obstetrical maternity services on an outpatient basis. This can be done under a physician's supervision through a NP, physician's assistant or licensed professional nurse. If handled through supervision, the

services must be within the staff's scope of practice or licensure as defined by state law.

You do not have to be present when services are provided. However, you must assume professional responsibility for the medical services provided and help ensure approval of the care plan.



For additional pregnant member and baby resources, see Healthy First Steps Rewards in [Chapter 6](#).

### Post-maternity care

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan covers post-discharge care to the member and their newborn. Post-discharge care consists of a minimum of two visits, at least one in the home, according to accepted maternal and neonatal physical assessments. These visits must be conducted by a registered professional nurse with experience in maternal and child health nursing or a care provider. The first post-discharge visit should occur within 24 to 48 hours after the member's discharge date. Prior authorization is required for home health care visits for postpartum follow-up. The attending care provider decides the location and post-discharge visit schedule.

### Newborn enrollment

The hospital is responsible to notify the county of all deliveries, including UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members.

The hospital provides enrollment support by providing required birth data during admission.

### Bright Futures assessment

Bright Futures is a national health promotion and prevention initiative, led by the American Academy of Pediatrics and supported by the [US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration \(HRSA\)](#), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB).

The *Bright Futures Guidelines* provide guidance for all preventive care screenings and well-child visits. You may incorporate Bright Futures into health programs such as

home visiting, child care, school-based health clinics, and many others. Materials developed for families are also available.

The primary goal of Bright Futures is to support primary care practices (medical homes) in providing well-child and adolescent care according to *Bright Futures: Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children, and Adolescents*. Settings for Bright Futures implementation include private practices, hospital-based or hospital-affiliated clinics, resident continuity clinics, school-based health centers, public health clinics, community health centers, Indian Health Service clinics, and other primary care facilities. A complementary goal is to provide home visitors, public health nurses, early child care and education professionals (including Head Start), school nurses, and nutritionists with an understanding of Bright Futures materials so that they can align their health promotion efforts with the recommendations in the *Bright Futures Guidelines*. This objective will ensure that patients receive information and support that is consistent from family and youth perspectives.

### Home care and all prior authorization services

The discharge planner ordering home care should call [Provider Services](#) to arrange for home care.

### Hysterectomies

Hysterectomies cannot be reimbursed if performed for sterilization. Members who get hysterectomies for medical reasons must be told, orally and in writing, they will no longer be able to have children.

All hysterectomy claims (surgeon, assistant surgeon, anesthesiologist, hospital) must be accompanied by the Hysterectomy Necessity form. The member should sign and date the form stating she was told before the surgery that the procedure will result in permanent sterility.



Find the form on the KMAP website at [kmap-state-ks.us](http://kmap-state-ks.us) > Publications > Forms > [Hysterectomy Necessity Form](#).

See Sterilization Consent Form section on next page for more information. Exception: KMAP does not require informed consent if:

1. As the care provider performing the hysterectomy, you certify in writing the member was sterile before the procedure. You must also state the cause of the sterility.
2. You certify, in writing, the hysterectomy was performed under a life-threatening emergency in which prior acknowledgment was not possible. Include a description of the emergency.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan requires, along with your claim, a copy of the signed medical assistance hysterectomy statement. Mail the claim and documentation to claims administration identified on the back of the member's ID card. Reimbursement is made upon completion of documentation requirements and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan review. The member may not be billed if consent forms are not submitted.

### Abortion

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan covers abortions only under the following conditions:

1. If the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest (use the G7 modifier).
2. If the member suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury or physical illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by, or arising from, the pregnancy.



Complete the Abortion Necessity Consent form and submit it with the claim. The form is located at [kmap-state-ks.us](http://kmap-state-ks.us) > Publications > Forms > [Abortion Necessity](#).

Abortions do not require prior authorization.

### Sterilization and hysterectomy procedures

Reimbursement for sterilization procedures are based on the member's documented request. This policy helps ensure UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members thinking about sterilization are fully aware of the details and alternatives. It also gives them time to consider their decision. In addition, the State Medical Assistance

Program must have documented evidence that all the sterilization requirements have been met before making a payment. The member must sign the Medical Assistance Consent Form at least 30 days, but not more than 180 days, before the procedure. The member must be at least 21 years old when they sign the form.

The member must not be mentally incompetent or live in a facility treating mental disorders. The member may agree to sterilization at the time of premature delivery or emergency abdominal surgery if at least 72 hours have passed since signing the consent form. However, in the case of premature delivery, they must have signed the form at least 30 days before the expected delivery date. If the requirements are not met for both sterilization procedures and hysterectomies, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan cannot pay the care provider, anesthesiologist or hospital.

### Sterilization informed consent

A member has only given informed consent if the DHHS Consent for Sterilization form is properly filled out. Other consent forms do not replace the DHHS consent form. Be sure the member fully understands the sterilization procedure and has been told of other family planning options. Informed consent may not be obtained while the member is in labor, seeking an abortion, or under the influence of alcohol or other substances that affect awareness.

### Sterilization consent form

Use the consent form for sterilization:

- Complete all applicable sections of the consent form before submitting it with the billing form. The Kansas Medical Assistance Program cannot pay for sterilization procedures until all applicable items on the consent form are completed, accurate and follow sterilization regulation requirements.
- Your statement section should be completed after the procedure, along with your signature and the date. This may be the same date of the sterilization or a date afterward. If you sign and date the consent form before performing the sterilization, the form is invalid.
- The state's definition of "shortly before" is not more than 30 days before the procedure. Explain the procedure to the member within that time frame.

However, do not sign and date the form until after you perform the procedure.



The consent form is located at [kmap-state-ks.us](https://kmap-state-ks.us) > Publications > Forms > [Consent for Sterilization-HMS-687](#).

Have three copies of the consent form:

1. For the member.
2. To submit with the Request for Payment form.
3. For your records.

Complete and submit the forms with your initial claim for any sterilization procedures, including hysterectomies, for KanCare members, even if KanCare is not the primary payer.

If you have questions, call Provider Services at 877-542-9235 or your provider advocate.

## OneCare Kansas

OneCare Kansas provides community-based intensive care coordination and comprehensive care management to improve health outcomes and reduce service costs for some of the state's highest-need individuals. OneCare Kansas helps improve coordination of care, quality, and increase individual participation in their own care. The program reduces Medicaid inpatient hospital admissions, avoidable emergency room visits, inpatient psychiatric admissions, and the need for nursing home admissions. We work with area hospitals in providing transitional care services to members enrolled in OneCare Kansas. Hospitals and care providers may refer individuals to us for potential OneCare Kansas enrollment. OneCare Kansas eligibility is determined by Medicaid. The program provides services beyond those typically offered by care providers, including:

- Comprehensive care management
- Care coordination and health promotion,
- Individual and family support
- Referral to community services



For more information about OneCare Kansas, call 877-542-9238.

## Neonatal Intensive Care Unit case management

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) management program manages inpatient and post-discharge NICU cases to improve outcomes and lower costs. Our dedicated team of NICU case managers, social workers and medical directors offer both clinical care and psychological services.

The NICU Case Management program helps ensure NICU babies get quality of care and efficiency in treatment. Newborns placed in the NICU are eligible upon birth. High risk newborns placed in the NICU are eligible upon birth for NICU Case Management services.

The NICU Case Management team works closely with Neonatal Resource Services (NRS) team neonatologist and Utilization Management nurses, health plan registered nurses and social worker care managers to support and coordinate needed care for NICU infants and their families, as appropriate.

## Pharmacy services

OptumRx adheres to the state-approved formulary and preferred drug list (PDL) for members enrolled in UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. You may access the list of covered drugs at [UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan](https://UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan) > [Pharmacy Resources and Physician Administered Drugs](#).

### Pharmacy preferred drug list

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan determines and maintains its PDL of covered medications. This list applies to all UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas members. Specialty drugs on the PDL are identified by a “SP” in the “Requirements and Limits” section of each page.

You must prescribe Medicaid members drugs listed on the PDL. We may not cover brand name drugs not on the PDL if an equally effective generic drug is available and is less costly unless prior authorization is followed.

If a member requires a non-preferred medication, call the Pharmacy Prior Authorization department at **800-310-6826**.



We provide you PDL updates before the changes go into effect. Change summaries are posted on [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com). Find the PDL and Pharmacy Prior Notification Request form at [UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan](https://UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan).

### Prior authorization

Some drugs on the state-approved formulary and PDL may require prior authorization. Pharmacists should work with the prescribing care provider to change to a preferred alternative medication. If a preferred alternative is not appropriate, the care provider should contact UnitedHealthcare’s Pharmacy department at 800-310-6826 with questions about the prior authorization process. The PDL and those that require prior authorization are at [UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan](https://UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan) > [Pharmacy Resources and Physician Administered Drugs](#).

The pharmacy can dispense medications as an emergency 72-hour supply when drug therapy must start before prior authorization is secured and the prescriber cannot be reached. The rules apply to non-PDL drugs and to those affected by a clinical prior authorization edit.

To request pharmacy prior authorization, call the Pharmacy Prior Authorization at **800-310-6826**. We provide notification for prior authorization requests within 24 hours of request receipt.

### Refill Too Soon

Refill Too Soon thresholds (Effective 2/1/18):

- 1. Non-controlled substances:** The Refill Too Soon threshold is 85%. This means members may refill their medication when they have used 85% of it.
- 2. Controlled substances:** The Refill Too Soon threshold is 90%. This means members may refill their medication when they have used 90% of it.

Exemptions to this change include all long-term care members and any member who is residing or transitioning to or from a residential care facility. The long-term care population identified by state eligibility will be a hard code bypass of the new coding and the pharmacist attestation will allow overrides at point of sale as needed.

### Quantity limitations

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan places quantity limitations on medications, which may differ from limitations placed by the Kansas Vendor Drug Program's Fee-for-Service Program. For more information about drug-specific quantity limits, visit [UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan](https://UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan) > [Pharmacy Resources and Physician Administered Drugs](#) or call our Pharmacy Department at 800-310-6826.

### Specialty pharmacy medications

The Specialty Pharmacy Management Program provides high-quality, cost-effective care for our members. A specialty pharmacy medication is a high-cost drug that generally has one or more of the following characteristics:

- Used by a small number of people
- Treats rare, chronic, and/or potentially life-threatening diseases
- Has special storage or handling requirements such as needing to be refrigerated
- May need close monitoring, ongoing clinical support and management, and complete patient education and engagement
- May not be available at retail pharmacies
- May be oral, injectable, or inhaled



Specialty pharmacy medications are available through our specialty pharmacy network. For more information about specialty pharmacy medications, go to [UHCprovider.com/priorauth](https://UHCprovider.com/priorauth).

OptumRx administers Disease Therapy Management (DTM) programs as part of specialty pharmacy care management services. The Kansas Medicaid plan requires DTM programs to cover the following diseases/conditions:

- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Growth disorders
- Hemophilia
- Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) due to prematurity
- Hepatitis C
- Multiple sclerosis

- Anemia related to chemotherapy

## Preventive health care standards

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's goal is to partner with care providers to help ensure our members receive preventive care. We endorse and monitor preventive health standards recommended by recognized medical and professional organizations.



Preventive health care standards and guidelines are available at [UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan](https://UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan).

Standards such as well child, adolescent and adult visits, childhood and adolescent immunizations, lead screening, and cervical and breast cancer screening are included on the website. We provide education to both members and care providers related to preventive health services. We will assist members with access to these services, if needed. Members may self-refer to all public health agencies for available treatment options.

### HEDIS® and Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems

The PATH program focuses on improving HEDIS® and Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) results by collaborating with care providers and providing the necessary resources to help you successfully address care opportunities for our members.

The goals of PATH are to:

- Get more members to engage with their physicians, so they get the preventive care services they need.
- Share valuable data, tools and resources with physician practices.
- Deliver administrative tools and clinical support to maximize performance.

For more information about the PATH program, go to [UHCprovider.com/PATH](https://UHCprovider.com/PATH).

## Radiology

We use the prior authorization process to help support compliance with evidence-based and professional society guidance for radiology procedures.

You must obtain prior authorization for the following advanced imaging procedures if you provide them in an office or outpatient setting.

- Positron-Emission Tomography (PET)

If you do not complete the entire prior authorization process before performing the procedure, we will reduce or deny the claim. Do not bill the member for claims we deny for this reason.

Request prior authorization online or by phone at:

- [UHCprovider.com/radiology](https://uhcprovider.com/radiology) > Go to Prior Authorization and Notification Tool
- Phone: **866-889-8054** from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday. Make sure the medical record is available. An authorization number is required for each CPT code.



For a current list of CPT codes that require prior authorization, a prior authorization crosswalk, and/or the evidence-based clinical guidelines, go to [UHCprovider.com/radiology](https://uhcprovider.com/radiology) > Specific Radiology Programs.

## Rehabilitative therapy

KanCare covers rehabilitative physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech/language therapy prescribed by a physician. The following care providers may bill for these services:

- Rehabilitation agencies
- Home health agencies (HHAs)
- Comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities (CORFs)
- Hospices
- Outpatient departments of hospitals and suppliers (such as physicians, NNPs, physical, occupational and speech/language therapists in private practice)

A registered physical therapist (PT) or a certified physical therapy assistant (PTA), working under the supervision of a registered PT, must provide all physical therapy

services. The PT must document supervision. This may include the registered PT initialing each treatment note written by the certified PTA, or the registered PT writing “treatment was supervised” followed by their signature.

### Habilitative

Habilitative therapy helps achieve and maintain maximum possible functioning for children. Members younger than age 21 may receive habilitative therapy, when medically necessary, for any birth defects and/or developmental delays (habilitative diagnoses) only when approved and provided by an early childhood intervention (ECI), Head Start or local educational agency (LEA). Treatments performed in LEA settings may be habilitative or rehabilitative for disabilities due to birth defects or physical trauma/illness.

### Developmental

Children younger than age 21 may receive developmental therapy services to treat Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs), birth defects and other developmental delays. Treatment can be in any appropriate community setting and from any qualified care provider with prior authorization and medical necessity documentation.

A licensed medical care provider must diagnose ASD with an appropriate assessment. Services must be pre-approved and may include speech therapy, developmental occupational therapy, or developmental physical therapy. The care provider must complete an initial comprehensive assessment. Periodic re-evaluations and assessments are required at least every six months. The member must show continuous improvement in order to qualify for continued treatment.

Any qualified care provider, in any appropriate place of service, can provide services to all children with birth defects and developmental delays including ASD. Services include developmental physical therapy, developmental occupational therapy and developmental speech/language pathology services as documented in a comprehensive treatment plan.

**Note:** An acceptable ICD-10 diagnosis is required on the treatment plan. We will not accept the following codes as a primary diagnosis:

- R68.89

- R62.50
- R62.59

### Rehabilitative

All therapies must be physically rehabilitative. Members age 21 and older may receive rehabilitative therapies following physical debilitation due to an acute physical trauma or illness. A psychiatric diagnosis does not qualify for rehabilitative therapy treatments.

### Documentation

You must include a copy of the order for physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech/language pathology services in the member's medical record and support the service billed. Documentation must be legible and complete and must include the following:

- Pertinent past and present medical history with approximate date of diagnosis
- Identification of expected goals or outcomes
- Description of therapy and length of treatment
- Member's response to therapy
- Progress toward goal(s)
- Date and signature of therapist by each entry

Regulations require there be a method for determining whether the individual authenticated the document after transcription. The person (identified by name and discipline) responsible for providing the service must authenticate and date each entry. Authentication may include the person's signature, written initials or computer entry.

**Note:** When you provide short-term therapy services due to an acute exacerbation of pain and decline in mobility or function related to an existing condition, documentation must support the services. Therapy for an extended duration to treat symptoms related to an existing or chronic condition is not acceptable due to lack of rehabilitation potential. These services are subject to recoupment in a post-pay review.

### Limitations

Therapy services are limited to up to six consecutive months per injury or illness for members 21 and older. Services begin at the discretion of the care provider.

Members with Brain Injury 16-64 (BI) may receive six months of therapy services as a state plan benefit. When state plan therapy benefits are exhausted, BI members may receive additional rehabilitative therapy services as outlined in the waiver-approved plan of care.

## Screening, brief interventions, and referral to treatment services

Screening, brief Interventions, and referral for treatment (SBIRT) is an evidence-based approach identifying patients who use alcohol and other drugs at risky levels, with the goal of reducing and preventing related health consequences, disease, accidents and injuries.

The following services will be covered for this program:

- H0049
- H0050
- 99408
- 99409

SBIRT providers include health care and other licensed and/or certified professionals and include:

- Physicians
- PAs
- NPs
- Psychiatrists
- Nurses
- Dentists
- Certified health educators
- Psychologists
- Social workers
- Professional counselors
- Psychologists
- Marriage and family therapists
- Addiction counselors

### How to become a SBIRT practitioner

- Complete the SBIRT training with a KDADS-approved SBIRT trainer and/or through an authorized online training course.
- Complete the SBIRT coursework with a score of 70% or greater.



- Enroll on the [Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services \(KDADS\) website](#).
- Submit the CEU and/or certificate of completion, documentation of a score of 70% or greater and professional license and/or certificate to [KDADS](#) and each Managed Care Organization (MCO) with whom you want to be affiliated.

Approved service locations for SBIRT practitioners include:

- Primary medical care practices
- Acute medical care facilities
- RHC
- Critical access hospitals
- FQHC
- Community mental health centers
- State mental hospitals
- Substance use disorder treatment programs
- Indian health services
- SNF
- Hospice
- Family planning clinics

Approved full screens include:

- Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT)
- Drug Abuse Screening Test (DAST)
- Alcohol, Smoking and Substance Involvement Screening Test (ASSIST)
- CRAFFT-Adolescent Screening Test

You must maintain documentation of full screen results, brief intervention and appropriate referrals in the member's medical record and electronic health records.

If you are unable to diagnose, use diagnosis code R68.89.

### Medication-assisted treatment

Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) combines behavioral therapy and medications to treat opioid use disorders (OUD). The Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved medications for OUD include Buprenorphine, Methadone, and Naltrexone.

To prescribe Buprenorphine, you must complete the waiver through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and obtain a unique identification number from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

As a medical care provider, you may provide MAT services even if you don't offer counseling or behavioral health therapy in-house. However, you must refer your patients to a qualified care provider for those services. If you need help finding a behavioral health care provider, call the number on the back of the member's health plan ID card or search for a behavioral health professional on [liveandworkwell.com](#).

To find a medical MAT care provider in Kansas:

1. Go to [UHCprovider.com](#)
2. Select "Our Network," then "Find a Provider."
3. Select the care provider information
4. Click on "Medical Directory"
5. Click on "Medicaid Plans"
6. Click on applicable state
7. Select applicable plan
8. Refine the search by selecting "Medication Assisted Treatment"



For more SAMHSA waiver information:  
Physicians – [samhsa.gov](#)  
NPs and PAs – [samhsa.gov](#)



If you have questions about MAT, please call Provider Services at **877-542-9235**, enter your Tax Identification Number (TIN) then say "Representative," and "Representative" a second time, then "Something Else" to speak to a representative.

## Tuberculosis screening and treatment

Guidelines for tuberculosis (TB) screening and treatment should follow the recommendations of the American Thoracic Society (ATS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

### Responsibilities

The PCP determines the risk for developing TB as part of the initial health assessment. Testing is offered to all members at increased risk unless they have

documentation of prior positive test results or currently have active TB under treatment. You will coordinate and collaborate with Local Health Departments (LHDs) for TB screening, diagnosis, treatment, compliance, and follow-up of members. PCPs must comply with all applicable state laws and regulations relating to the reporting of confirmed and suspected TB cases to the LHD. The PCP must report known or suspected cases of TB to the LHD TB Control Program within one day of identification.

## Medical management guidelines

### Admission authorization and prior authorization guidelines

All prior authorizations must have the following:

- Patient name and ID number.
- Ordering care provider name and TIN/NPI.

- Rendering care provider and TIN/NPI.
- ICD clinical modification (CM).
- Anticipated date(s) of service.
- Type of service (primary and secondary) procedure code(s) and volume of service, when applicable.
- Service setting.
- Facility name and TIN/NPI, when applicable.



For behavioral health and substance use disorder authorizations, please contact [Optum](#).



If you have questions, go to [UHCprovider.com/KScommunityplan](https://UHCprovider.com/KScommunityplan) > [Prior Authorization and Notification Resources](#).

Type of Request	Decision TAT	Practitioner notification of approval	Written practitioner/member notification of denial
Non-urgent pre-service	Within five working days of receipt of medical record information required but no longer 14 calendar days of receipt	Within 24 hours of the decision	Within two business days of the decision
Urgent/Expedited pre-service	Within three days of request receipt	Within three days of the request	Within three days of the request
Concurrent Review	Within 24 hours or next business day following	Notified within 24 hours of determination	Notified within 24 hours of determination and member notification within two business days

## Concurrent review guidelines

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan requires you to chart progress notes for each day of an inpatient stay. You must work with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan for all information, documents or discussion requests. This includes gathering clinical information on a member's status for concurrent review and discharge planning. When criteria are not met, the case is sent to a medical director.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan denies payment for days that do not have a documented need for acute care services. Failure to document results in payment denial to the facility and you.

### Concurrent review details

Concurrent review is notification within 24 hours or one business day of admission. It finds medical necessity clinical information for a continued inpatient stay, including review for extending a previously approved admission. Concurrent review may be done by phone or record review.

Your cooperation is required with all UnitedHealthcare Community Plan requests for information, documents or discussions related to concurrent review and discharge planning including: primary and secondary diagnosis, clinical information, care plan, admission order, member status, discharge planning needs, barriers to discharge and discharge date. When available, provide clinical information by access to Electronic Medical Records (EMR).

Your cooperation is required with all UnitedHealthcare Community Plan requests from our interdisciplinary care coordination team and/or medical director to support requirements to engage our members directly face-to-face or by phone. You must return/respond to inquiries from our interdisciplinary care coordination team and/or medical director.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan uses InterQual, (We previously used MCG.) CMS guidelines, or other nationally recognized guidelines to assist clinicians in making informed decisions in many health care settings. This includes acute and sub-acute medical, long-term acute care, acute rehabilitation, SNFs, home health care and ambulatory facilities.

## Determination of medical necessity

Medically necessary services or supplies are those necessary to:

- Prevent, diagnose, alleviate or cure a physical or mental illness or condition.
- Maintain health.
- Prevent the onset of an illness, condition or disability.
- Prevent or treat a condition that endangers life, causes suffering or pain or results in illness or infirmity.
- Prevent the deterioration of a condition.
- Promote daily activities; remember the member's functional capacity and capabilities appropriate for individuals of the same age.
- Prevent or treat a condition that threatens to cause or worsen a handicap, physical deformity, or malfunction; there is no other equally effective, more conservative or substantially less costly treatment available to the member.

We don't consider experimental treatments medically necessary.

## Determination process

Benefit coverage for health services is determined by the member specific benefit plan document, such as a Certificate of Coverage, Schedule of Benefits, or Summary Plan Description, and applicable laws. You may freely communicate with members about their treatment, regardless of benefit coverage limitations.

## Evidence-based clinical guidelines

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan uses evidence-based clinical guidelines to guide our quality and health management programs. For more information on our guidelines, go to [UHCprovider.com](https://www.uhcprovider.com).

# Medical and drug policies and coverage determination guidelines

Find medical policies and coverage determination guidelines at [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) > Resources > Health Plans, Policies, Protocols and Guides > For Community Plans > [Medical and Drug Policies and Coverage Determination Guidelines for Community Plan](#).

## Referral guidelines

You must coordinate member referrals for medically necessary services beyond the scope of your practice. Monitor the referred member's progress and help ensure they are returned to your care as soon as appropriate.

We require prior authorization of all out-of-network referrals. The nurse reviews the request for medical necessity and/or service. If the case does not meet criteria, the nurse routes the case to the medical director for review and determination. Out-of-network referrals are approved for, but not limited to, the following:

- Continuity of care issues
- Necessary services are not available within network

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan monitors out-of-network referrals on an individual basis. Care provider or geographical location trends are reported to Network Management to assess root causes for action planning.

## Reimbursement

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan authorization helps ensure reimbursement for all covered services. You should:

- Determine if the member is eligible on the date of service by using the Provider Portal on [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com), contacting UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's Provider Services Department, or the Kansas Medicaid Eligibility System.
- Submit documentation needed to support the medical necessity of the requested procedure.
- Be aware the services provided may be outside the scope of what UnitedHealthcare Community Plan has authorized.
- Determine if the member has other insurance that should be billed first.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will not reimburse:

- Services UnitedHealthcare Community Plan decides are not medically necessary.
- Non-covered services.
- Services provided to members not enrolled on the date(s) of service.

## Second opinion benefit

If a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member asks for a second opinion about a treatment or procedure, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will cover that cost. Scheduling the appointment for the second opinion should follow the access standards established by KanCare. These access standards are defined in Chapter 2. The care provider giving the second opinion must not be affiliated with the attending care provider.

Criteria:

- The member's PCP refers the member to an in-network care provider for a second opinion. Care providers will forward a copy of all relevant records to the second opinion care provider before the appointment. The care provider giving the second opinion will then forward his or her report to the member's PCP and treating care provider, if different. The member may help the PCP select the care provider.
- If an in-network care provider is not available, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will arrange for a consultation with a non-participating care provider. The participating care provider should contact UnitedHealthcare Community Plan at 877-542-9235.
- Once the second opinion has been given, the member and the PCP discuss information from both evaluations.
- If follow-up care is recommended, the member meets with the PCP before receiving treatment.

## Services covered/not covered by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan

The following resources provide more information about covered and non-covered services:

- [Non-Covered Codes and Covered Codes Policy](#)
- [KMAP General Benefits Manual](#)

## Services requiring prior authorization



For a list of services that require prior authorization, go to [UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan](https://UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan).

### Seek prior authorization within the following time frames

- **Emergent/Urgent Admission:** 72 hours
- **Non-Emergent:** 14 days

## Utilization management guidelines

Utilization management (UM) is based on a member's medical condition and is not influenced by monetary incentives. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan pays its in-network PCPs and specialists on a fee-for-service basis. We also pay in-network hospitals and other types of care providers in the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan network on a fee-for-service basis. The plan's UM staff works with care providers to help ensure members receive the most appropriate care in the place best suited for the needed services. Our staff encourages appropriate use and discourages underuse. The UM staff does not receive incentives for UM decisions.

### UM appeals

UM appeals are considered medically necessary appeals. They contest UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's UM decisions. They include such things as UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's admission, extension of stay, level of care, or other health care services determination. They do not include benefit appeals, which are appeals for non-covered services. Any member, their designee, or care provider who is dissatisfied with a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan UM decisions may file a UM appeal.



See Appeals in [Chapter 12](#) for more details.

## Vision services

MARCH® Vision Care is UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's Medicaid vision vendor. Members may self-refer to any MARCH Vision Care Medicaid network care provider for services. If a member asks for assistance in selecting a care provider, please refer them to our Member Services department at 877-542-9238.

When making an appointment, members must notify their MARCH Vision care provider that they are a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member and that they have MARCH Vision Care coverage. The member must also provide their UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Medicaid ID number. For details about their coverage, members may call 877-542-9238 or visit [UHCcommunityplan.com/KS](https://UHCcommunityplan.com/KS).



For specific care provider information, please refer to the MARCH Vision Care Provider Manual at [UHCprovider.com/guides](https://UHCprovider.com/guides) > [Community Plan Care Provider Manuals for Medicaid Plans by State](#) > Kansas.

# Chapter 5: Early, Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)/Prevention

## Key contacts

Topic	Link	Phone Number
EPSDT	kmap-state-ks.us > Publications > Forms > <a href="#">KBH-EPSDT Screening</a>	800-933-6593
Vaccines for Children	<a href="mailto:kdhe.vaccine@ks.gov">kdhe.vaccine@ks.gov</a>	877-296-0464



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The **Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT)** benefit provides comprehensive and preventive health care services for children younger than age 21 who are enrolled in Medicaid.

Follow the EPSDT schedule for all eligible UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members to age 21, including pregnant member. EPSDT screening includes immunizations, hearing, vision, speech screening and nutritional assessments; dental screening; and growth and development tracking.

Under EPSDT, we may cover non-covered services if they are medically necessary. You must get prior authorization.

The KAN Be Healthy (KBH) program follows the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) periodicity schedule located at [aap.org](http://aap.org).



The KBH EPSDT form is located at kmap-state-ks.us > Publications > Forms > [KBH-EPSDT Screening](#).

## Development disability services and coordination with regional centers

Developmental disabilities are severe and chronic disabilities due to a mental or physical impairment that

begins before the member reaches adulthood. These disabilities include intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, and disabling conditions related to intellectual disability or requiring similar treatment. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is responsible for a system of diagnosis, counseling, case management, and community support of persons with intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and autism for children older than 36 months to adulthood.

**Referral** – If you determine supportive services would benefit the member, refer the member to DDS for approval and assignment of a regional center case Mmanger who is responsible for scheduling an intake assessment. Determination of eligibility is the responsibility of the regional center Interdisciplinary Team. While the regional center does not provide overall case management for their clients, they must assure access to health, developmental, social, and educational services from birth throughout the lifespan of individual who has a developmental disability.

**Continuity of care** – The Regional Center will determine the most appropriate setting for eligible HCBS services and will coordinate these services for the member in collaboration with the PCP and health plan coordinator. The care coordinator and PCP continue to provide and manage primary care and medically necessary services. If the member does not meet criteria for the program or placement is not currently available, UnitedHealthcare will continue care coordination as needed to support the member’s screening, preventive, medically necessary, and therapeutic covered services.

### Full screening

Perform a full screen. Include:

- Interval history
- Unclothed physical examination
- Anticipatory guidance
- Lab/immunizations (Lab and administration of immunizations is reimbursed separately.)
- Lead assessment (Use the Lead Risk Assessment form.)
- Personal-social and language skills
- Fine motor/gross motor skills
- Hearing
- Vision
- Dental

Without all these components, you cannot bill for a full screen. You may only bill for a partial screen.

### Interperiodic screens

Interperiodic screens are medically necessary screens outside the standard schedule that do not require the full screen. Use this screen to start services. Office visits and full or partial screenings happening on the same day by the same care provider are not covered unless medical necessity is noted in the member's record.

Interperiodic screens are often used for school and athletic physicals. A physical exam may be needed for a certificate stating a child is physically able to take part in school athletics. This also applies for other school physicals when required as conditions for educational purposes.

### Lead screening/treatment

Call Provider Services if you find a child has a lead blood level over 10ug/dL. Children with elevated blood lead levels will be offered enrollment in a care coordination program.

### Safe/care examinations

Medicaid covers Sexual Assault Findings Examination (SAFE) and Child Abuse Resource Education (CARE) Examinations. It also covers related laboratory studies that determine sexual or physical abuse. The exam is

performed by SAFE-trained care providers certified by the Department of Health and Senior Services. Children enrolled in a managed health care plan receive SAFE-CARE services through Kansas Medicaid (KanCare) on a fee-for-service basis. Information on SAFE-CARE examinations is located at 913-732-3670. Call KanCare for more information.

### Targeted case management

Targeted case management (TCM) consists of case management services for specified targeted groups to access medical, social, educational and other services provided by a regional center or local governmental health program as appropriate.

**Identification** – The five target populations include:

- Children younger than 21 at risk for medical compromise
- Medically fragile individuals
- Individuals in frail health, older than 18 and at risk of institutionalization
- Members in jeopardy of negative health or psychosocial outcomes
- Members infected with a communicable disease, including tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, etc., or who have been exposed to communicable diseases, until the risk of exposure has passed

**Referral** – Refer eligible members to a Regional Center or local governmental health program, as appropriate, for TCM services. To refer, contact your local CMHC. If you're not sure who your local CMHC is, call BH Member Services.

**Continuity of Care** – UnitedHealthcare Community Plan is responsible for coordinating the member's health care with the TCM care provider and for determining the medical necessity of diagnostic and treatment services recommended by the TCM care provider that are covered services under the contract.

### Vaccines for Children program

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program provides immunizations. Immunizations offered in the state VFC program must be ordered by your office. We do not reimburse for the vaccine ordered by the VFC program, but we reimburse for administering the vaccine.

Vaccine administration fees are reimbursable when submitted with an appropriate CPT and modifier code. We cannot reimburse for private stock vaccines when they are available through VFC.



Contact [VFC](#) if you have questions.

Any child through 18 years of age who meets at least one of the following criteria is eligible for the VFC Program:

- Eligible for Medicaid.
- American Indian or Alaska Native, as defined by the Indian Health Services Act.



# Chapter 6: Value-Added Services

## Key contacts

Topic	Link	Phone Number
Provider Services	<a href="https://UHCprovider.com">UHCprovider.com</a>	877-542-9235
Healthy First Steps Rewards	<a href="https://UHChealthyfirststeps.com">UHChealthyfirststeps.com</a>	800-599-5985
Value-Added Services	<a href="https://UHCommunityPlan.com/KS">UHCommunityPlan.com/KS</a> > <a href="#">View plan details</a> under KanCare	877-542-9235



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We offer the following programs and tools to help our UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members stay healthy, including:

- Smoking cessation program
- Pregnancy care and parenting information
- Nutrition information resources
- Well-care reminders

If you have questions or need to refer a member, call Provider Services at **877-542-9235** unless otherwise noted.

## Behavioral health

### Mental health first aid program

This is a training program that teaches members how to help a person developing a mental health problem, experiencing a worsening mental health problem or in a mental health crisis.

### Question, persuade and refer (QPR) training

Learn what to do in an emergency mental health moment. Be able to help someone showing signs of suicide.

### Seeking safety training events

This training teaches coping skills to help adults, children and youth find safety from trauma and/or substance abuse.

### Live and work well

This online member portal provides members with a wealth of information and resources for overall health and wellness. Members can access:

- Self-paced cognitive behavioral therapy
- Activation and empowerment aids for behavioral health care providers and members
- Wellness Recover Action Plans (WRAP) app
- Recovery toolkits (substance use disorder, mental health and family)
- Recovery library
- Peer videos
- Teen Happiness Center
- Addiction recovery apps
- Whole Health Tracker
- Psychiatric advance directives (Powers and Letters of Attorney)

Members can learn more at [liveandworkwell.com](https://liveandworkwell.com).

## Cell phone (Assurance Wireless)

Members may be eligible for a free cell phone. This free Android smartphone comes with 350 free minutes per month, 3 GB of data per month and unlimited messaging for members 18 years and older. (One per household.)

Contact [Member Services](#) for assistance.

## Dr. Health E. Hound<sup>®</sup> program

Dr. Health E. Hound travels around Kansas and meets kids of all ages. He hands out flyers, posters, stickers and coloring books that remind kids to exercise and eat healthy foods. He also helps kids understand that going to the doctor is one way to stay healthy. His goal is to teach kids about fun ways to stay fit and healthy.

Members can meet Dr. Health E. Hound at some of our events.

## Educational advancement

Adult members can get help with education classes, such as GED, coding, resume writing workshops, English as a second language (ESL) and others.

## Healthy First Steps Rewards

Healthy First Steps<sup>™</sup> (HFS) is a specialized case management program designed to provide assistance to all pregnant members, those experiencing an uncomplicated pregnancy, as well as additional medical, behavioral, and social risks. The goal is improving birth outcomes and lowering Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) admissions by managing prenatal and postpartum care needs of pregnant members. Care management staff are board-certified in maternal and neonatal medicine.



Members self-enroll on a smartphone or computer. They can go to [UHHealthyfirststeps.com](https://UHHealthyfirststeps.com) and click on "Register" or call **800-599-5985**.

### How it works

Care providers and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reach out to members to enroll them.

Members enter information about their pregnancy and upcoming appointments online. Members get reminders of upcoming appointments and record completed visits.

### How you can help

1. Identify UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members during prenatal visits.
2. Share the information with the member to talk about the program.
3. Encourage the member to enroll at Healthy First Steps Rewards.

## Healthy Rewards program

Members can earn debit card rewards for well care visits, immunizations or completing their health risk assessment with Member Services. Debit cards can be used at specific retailers for hundreds of CMS-approved, health-related items. Reward amounts range from \$10 to \$25.

## Home Helper catalog

Members enrolled on a FE, PD and I/DD waiver can choose a home safety or home assistance product (up to \$50 per year) from our Home Helper catalog. The catalog is available through their care coordinator.

## KanQuit smoking cessation line

To quit smoking, members may call the KanQuit Smoking Cessation Line at 800-784-8669.

## Keeping kids active

We give children the chance to participate in healthy activities. This may be at 4-H, the YMCA or the Boys and Girls Clubs, as well as selected Kansas Recreation and Parks locations.

## Meals

Members can get 14 meals (2 meals/day for 7 days) if they have all of the following:

- Been discharged from a hospital, SNF or rehab facility
- Mobility needs
- No family support to assist with food access
- Risk for readmission due to nutritional issues

The program has no age requirement.

## On My Way

This online program helps young adults who are either transitioning from foster care or from their parents'/ guardians' home to independent living. OMW teaches skills on budgeting, housing, job training and attending college.

## Pest control

Pest control is available for waiver members who own their home. Members must contact their care coordinator to arrange the service.

## Respite care

Members enrolled on a I/DD waiver and receiving home services an get 40 hours of respite care.

## Sanvello app

This app provides self-care, coaching, therapy and peer support for dealing with stress, anxiety and depression. It is available to all members through the premium version of the Sanvello™ app.

## Sesame Street

### Sesame Street Food for Thought program

This program helps families eat better. The program teaches families with children ages 2-8 how to buy healthy food.

# Chapter 7: Mental Health and Substance Use

## Key contacts

Topic	Link	Phone Number
Provider Express	<a href="http://providerexpress.com">providerexpress.com</a>	800-888-2998
Provider Services	<a href="http://UHCprovider.com">UHCprovider.com</a>	877-542-9235



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United Behavioral Health, operating under Optum, provides UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members with mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) benefits. The Optum National Behavioral Health Network Manual generally applies to all types of business. Some sections may apply differently based on state law.

Optum’s National Behavioral Health Network Manual is located on [providerexpress.com](http://providerexpress.com).

This chapter does not replace the national Optum network manual. Rather, it supplements the national manual by focusing on Medicaid’s specific services and procedures.

You must have an NPI and a Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) identification number to see Medicaid members and receive payment from UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.



To request an ID number, go to the KMAP website at [kmap-state-ks.us](http://kmap-state-ks.us) > Start New Online Application.

## Access to behavioral health services

Members have access to behavioral health services for all levels of care through Optum’s statewide KanCare network of care providers. In general, out-of-state services are limited to specific emergency services. Due to the proximity of several out-of-state cities, we cover

routine services from licensed mental care providers within a 50-mile range of the Kansas border. Care providers must meet credentialing and contracting guidelines.

## KanCare autism waiver program

Optum manages the autism waiver program benefits for KanCare members with coverage through UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.

KanCare autism program care providers must meet the following criteria:

- Be an approved KMAP care provider.
- Complete state-required autism waiver training at the University of Kansas.
- Meet professional liability insurance requirements.
- Submit Kansas Centralized State Application with proof of above requirements (KMAP ID number, copy of University of Kansas training completion certificate, and liability face sheet) to KanCare Autism Program Network Manager at [joshua.vanryswyk@optum.com](mailto:joshua.vanryswyk@optum.com).



For more information about the application process and the clinical protocols your participation in this network would require you to follow, visit [providerexpress.com](http://providerexpress.com).

## How to join our network

Credentialing information is available at [providerexpress.com](https://providerexpress.com) > Clinical Resources > Guidelines/Policies & Manuals > Credentialing Plans > Optum

## Covered services

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan offers covered behavioral health services for mental, emotional and SUDs. We offer care management to help members, clinicians, and PCPs using and offering behavioral health services. We provide information and tools for mental health and substance abuse diagnoses, symptoms, treatments, prevention and other resources in one place.

The member website – [liveandworkwell.com](https://liveandworkwell.com) (accessed through a link on [MyUHC.com](https://myuhc.com)) – includes mental health and well-being information, articles on health conditions, addictions and coping, and provides an option for members to take self-assessments on a variety of topics, read articles and locate community resources.



For member resources, go to [providerexpress.com](https://providerexpress.com) > Clinical Resources > Live and Work Well (LAWW) clinician center > Mind & Body > Recovery and Resiliency. This page includes tools to help members addressing mental health and substance use issues.

Benefits include:

- Crisis stabilization services (includes treatment crisis intervention).
- Inpatient psychiatric hospital (acute and sub-acute).
- Psychiatric residential treatment facility.
- Outpatient assessment and treatment:
  - Intensive outpatient (only covered for SUD services)
  - Medication management
  - Outpatient therapy (individual, family, or group), including injectable psychotropic medications
  - SUD treatment
  - Psychological evaluation and testing
  - Initial diagnostic interviews
  - Hospital observation room services (up to 23 hours and 59 minutes in duration)

- Child-parent psychotherapy
- Electro-convulsive therapy
- Telemental health
- Rehabilitation services
- Dual-disorder residential
- Intermediate residential (SUD)
- Short-term residential
- Community support

## Eligibility

Verify the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member's Medicaid eligibility on day of service before treating them. View eligibility online on the Eligibility and Benefits application on the Provider Portal at [UHCprovider.com](https://uhcprovider.com).

## Authorizations

Members may access all behavioral health outpatient services (mental health and substance use) without a referral. Prior authorization may be required for more intensive services, such as intensive outpatient program; day treatment; or partial, inpatient or residential care. Help ensure prior authorizations are in place before rendering non-emergent services.



Get prior authorization by going to [UHCprovider.com/priorauth](https://uhcprovider.com/priorauth), calling 877-542-9235.

## Collaboration with other care providers

### Coordination of care

When a member is receiving services from more than one professional, you must coordinate to deliver comprehensive, safe and effective care. This is especially true when the member:

- Is prescribed medication,
- Has coexisting medical/psychiatric symptoms, or
- Has been hospitalized for a medical or psychiatric condition.

Please talk to your patients about the benefits of sharing essential clinical information.

### Portal access

Website: [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com)

On this site, you can access the Provider Portal, the gateway to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's online services. Use the services to verify eligibility, review electronic claim submission, view claim status, and submit notifications/prior authorizations.

View the Prior Authorization list, find forms and access the care provider manual. Or call Provider Services at **877-542-9235** to verify eligibility and benefit information (available 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CT, Monday through Friday).

Website: [providerexpress.com](https://providerexpress.com)

Update care provider practice information, review guidelines and policies, and view the national Optum Behavioral Health Network Manual.

This website includes both public and secure pages. Public pages include general updates and useful information. Secure pages are available only to network care providers and require registration. For assistance, contact the Provider Express Support Center at **800-888-2998** from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

### Claims

Submit claims using the 1500 Claim Form (v 02/12) or UB-04 form, whichever is appropriate. Use applicable coding, including ICD diagnosis code(s), CPT, Revenue and HCPCS coding. Include all necessary data to process a complete claim.



Find out more about filing claims in [Chapter 11](#).

### Monitoring audits

We conduct routine care provider on-site audits. These audits focus on the physical environment, policies and procedures, and quality record documentation.

## Addressing the opioid epidemic

Combating the opioid epidemic must include prevention, treatment, recovery and harm reduction.

### Brief summary of framework

- Prevention:
  - Prevent opioid use disorders (OUD) before they occur through pharmacy management, care provider practices, and education.
- Treatment:
  - Access and reduce barriers to evidence-based and integrated treatment.
- Recovery:
  - Support case management and referral to person-centered recovery resources.
- Harm Reduction:
  - Access to Naloxone and facilitating safe use, storage, and disposal of opioids.
- Strategic community relationships and approaches:
  - Tailor solutions to local needs.
- Enhanced solutions for pregnant mom and child:
  - Prevent neonatal abstinence syndrome and supporting moms in recovery.
- Enhanced data infrastructure and analytics:
  - Identify needs early and measure progress.

### Increasing education and awareness of opioids

It is critical you are up-to-date on the cutting edge research and evidence-based clinical practice guidelines. We keep OUD-related trainings and resources available on our provider portal to help ensure you have the information you need, when you need it. For example, state-specific Behavioral Health Toolkits are developed to provide access to clinical practice guidelines, free substance use disorders/ OUD assessments and screening resources, and other important state-specific resources. Additionally, Pain Management Toolkits are available and provide resources to help you identify our members who present with chronic physical pain and may also be in need of behavioral health services to address the psychological

aspects of pain. Continuing education is available and includes webinars such as, “The Role of the Health Care Team in Solving the Opioid Epidemic,” and “The Fight Against the Prescription Opioid Abuse Epidemic.” While resources are available, we also work to help ensure you have the educational resources you need. For example, our Drug Utilization Review Provider Newsletter includes opioid trends, prescribing, and key resources.

Access these resources at [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) > Menu > Resource Library > [Drug Lists and Pharmacy](#).

### Prescribing opioids

Go to our [UHCprovider.com/KScommunityplan](https://UHCprovider.com/KScommunityplan) > [Pharmacy Resources and Physician Administered Drugs](#) to learn more about which opioids require prior authorization and if there are prescription limits.

### Pharmacy lock-in

Pharmacy lock-ins minimize drug abuse. Pharmacy lock-ins identify and manage members who meet criteria indicative of potential prescription medication misuse or abuse, and specific therapeutic categories with the potential for high abuse, (e.g. narcotic analgesics, narcotic containing cough and cold preparations, sedative hypnotics, central nervous system stimulants, muscle relaxants, controlled substances). When lock-in is determined appropriate, a member is placed into a lock-in where they can only receive prescriptions from a single pharmacy for at least one year.

## Clinical outcomes model

Optum is committed to working with our network care providers to achieve optimal therapeutic outcomes for the members we both serve. This means focusing on helping care providers to make consumer-directed, outcome-based, cost-effective and clinically appropriate treatment decisions.

As a result, we have developed an outpatient program that analyzes member responses to the Wellness Assessment (WA) along with claims information. The program uses a set of algorithms to measure a member’s behavioral health status and identify potential risks. In addition, it identifies cases that may benefit from a Care Advocacy review. Such reviews

may include considering best practice guidelines, coverage determination guidelines, level of care guidelines or behavioral clinical policies as described on [providerexpress.com](https://providerexpress.com).

The use of clinical and claims-based algorithms helps us prevent possible treatment concerns sooner. Care Advocacy will notify you by phone and/or letter to inform you of cases that require a review.

The WA is completed at multiple points in treatment. This offers more immediate feedback on health status and functioning, which may inform further treatment planning. This includes level of care changes or coordination with medical professionals.

# Chapter 8: Member Rights and Responsibilities

## Key contacts

Topic	Link	Phone Number
Member Services	<a href="https://UHCCommunityPlan.com/ks">UHCCommunityPlan.com/ks</a>	
Member Handbook	<a href="https://UHCCommunityPlan.com/ks">UHCCommunityPlan.com/ks</a> > Medicaid Plans > UnitedHealthcare Community Plan KanCare > <a href="#">Member Handbook</a>	877-542-9238



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Our Member Handbook has a section on member rights and responsibilities. In it, we ask that members treat you with respect and courtesy.

certain information to the member explaining the denial reason and actions the member must take.

## Privacy regulations

HIPAA privacy regulations offer full federal protection to protect member health care information. These regulations control the internal and external uses and disclosures of such data. They also create member rights.

### Access to protected health information (PHI)

Members may access their medical records or billing information either through you or us. If their information is electronic, they may ask that you or we send a copy in an electronic format. They may also ask that a copy of their information be provided to a third party.

### Amendment of PHI

Our members have the right to ask that you or we change information they believe to be inaccurate or incomplete. The member request must be in writing and explain why they want the change. You or we must act on the request within 60 days, or may extend another 30 days with written notice. If denying the request, provide

### Accounting of disclosures

Our members have the right to request an accounting of certain disclosures of their PHI, made by you or us, during six years prior to the request. This accounting must include disclosures by business associates. It will not include disclosures made:

- For treatment, payment and health care operations purposes
- To members or pursuant to member’s authorization
- To correctional institutions or law enforcement officials
- For which federal law does not require us to give an accounting

### Right to request restrictions

Members have the right to ask you to restrict the use and disclosures of their PHI for treatment, payment and health care operations. For example, members may request to restrict disclosures to family members or to others who are involved in their care or payment. You may deny this request. If you approve restriction, document the request and restriction details. You will be required to abide by the restriction.



### Right to request confidential communications

Members have the right to request communications from you or us be sent to a separate location or other means. You must accommodate reasonable requests, especially if the member states disclosure could endanger them. Requests for confidential communication do not require a member explanation. Keep a written copy of the request.

## Member rights and responsibilities

The following information is in the Member Handbook at the following link under the Member Information tab: [UHCcommunityplan.com/ks/medicaid/community-plan](https://UHCcommunityplan.com/ks/medicaid/community-plan).

### Native American access to care

Native American members can access care to tribal clinics and Indian hospitals without approval.

### Member rights

Members have the right to:

- Request information on advance directives.
- Be treated with respect, dignity and privacy.
- Receive courtesy and prompt treatment.
- Receive cultural assistance, including having an interpreter during appointments and procedures.
- Receive information about us, rights and responsibilities, their benefit plan and which services are not covered.
- Know the qualifications of their care provider.
- Give their consent for treatment unless unable to do so because life or health is in immediate danger.
- Discuss any and all treatment options with you.
- Use any hospital or facility for emergency care.
- Refuse treatment directly or through an advance directive.
- Be informed of, and refuse, any experimental treatment.
- Be free from any restraint used as discipline,

retaliation, convenience or force them to do something they do not want to do.

- Receive medically necessary services covered by their benefit plan.
- Receive information about in-network care providers and practitioners, and choose a care provider from our network.
- Change care providers at any time for any reason.
- Tell us if they are not satisfied with their treatment or with us; they can expect a prompt response.
- Tell us their opinions and concerns about services and care received.
- Register grievances or complaints concerning the health plan or the care provided.
- Appeal any payment or benefit decision we make.
- Receive coverage and claims decisions done by regulatory standards.
- Review the medical records you keep and request changes and/or additions to any area they feel is needed.
- Receive information about their condition, understand treatment options, regardless of cost or whether such services are covered, and talk with you when making decisions about their care.
- Get a second opinion with an in-network care provider.
- Expect care providers are not kept from advising them about health status, medical care or treatment, regardless of benefit coverage.
- Make suggestions about our member rights and responsibilities policies.
- Get more information upon request, such as on how our health plan works and a care provider's incentive plan, if they apply.

### Member responsibilities

Members should:

- Understand their benefits so they can get the most value from them.
- Contact a care provider when they have a medical need.
- Show you their Medicaid member ID card.
- Prevent others from using their ID card.
- Notify us if their ID card is lost or stolen.
- Learn about UnitedHealthcare Community Plan procedures.

- Understand their health problems and give you true and complete information.
- Ask questions about treatment.
- Work with you to set treatment goals.
- Follow the agreed-upon treatment plan.
- Get to know you before they are sick.
- Keep appointments or tell you when they cannot keep them.
- Treat your staff and our staff with respect and courtesy.
- Get any approvals needed before receiving treatment.
- Use the emergency room only during a serious threat to life or health.
- Notify us of any change in address, family status or other coverage information.
- Make sure you are in-network.
- Follow your advice and understand what may happen if they do not follow it.
- Give you and us information that could help improve their health.
- Notify us if they have a workers' compensation claim, a personal injury or malpractice lawsuit, or have been in a car accident. Also, they must immediately notify the KDHE-DHCF Medical Unit TPL manager about this claim.

Our member rights and responsibilities help uphold the quality of care and services they receive from you. The three primary member responsibilities as required by the National Committee of Quality Assurance (NCQA) are to:

- Supply information (to the extent possible) to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan and to you that is needed for you to provide care.
- Follow care to which they have agreed.
- Understand their condition and take part in developing mutually agreed-upon treatment goals, to the degree possible.

# Chapter 9: Medical Records



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## Medical record charting standards

You are required to keep complete and orderly medical records in paper or electronic format, which fosters efficient and quality member care. A member, or their representative, is entitled to one free copy of their medical record. Additional copies may be available at member cost. Medical records are generally kept for a minimum of five years unless federal requirement mandates a longer time frame (i.e., immunization and tuberculosis records required for lifetime). You are subject to our periodic quality medical record review. The review could include any of the following items to determine compliance:

Topic	Contact
Confidentiality of record	Office policies and procedures exist for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Privacy of the member medical record.</li><li>• Initial and periodic training of office staff about medical record privacy.</li><li>• Release of information.</li><li>• Record retention.</li><li>• Availability of medical record if housed in a different office location.</li><li>• Process for notifying UnitedHealthcare Community Plan upon becoming aware of a patient safety issue or concern.</li><li>• Coordination of care between medical and behavioral care providers.</li></ul>
Record organization and documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have a policy that provides medical records upon request. Urgent situations require you to provide records within 48 hours.</li><li>• Maintain medical records in a current, detailed, organized and comprehensive manner. You must help ensure privacy when storing Medical records.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Release only to entities as designated consistent with federal requirements.</li><li>- Keep in a secure area accessible only to authorized personnel.</li></ul></li></ul>

Topic	Contact
Procedural elements	<p><b>Medical records are readable*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign and date all entries.</li> <li>• Member name/identification number is on each page of the record.</li> <li>• Document language or cultural needs.</li> <li>• Medical records contain demographic data that includes name, identification numbers, date of birth, gender, address, phone number(s), employer, contact information, marital status and an indication whether the member’s first language is something other than English.</li> <li>• Procedure for monitoring and handling missed appointments is in place.</li> <li>• An advance directive is in a prominent part of the current medical record for adults 18 years and older, emancipated minors and minors with children. Adults 18 years and older, emancipated minors and minors with children are given information about advance directives.</li> <li>• Include a list of significant illnesses and active medical conditions.</li> <li>• Include a list of prescribed and over-the-counter medications. Review it annually.*</li> <li>• Document the presence or absence of allergies or adverse reactions.*</li> </ul>
History	<p>An initial history (for members seen three or more times) and physical is performed. It should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Medical and surgical history*</b></li> <li>• A family history that includes relevant medical history of parents and/or siblings</li> <li>• A social history that includes information about occupation, living situations, education, smoking, alcohol use, and/or substance abuse use/history beginning at age 11</li> <li>• Current and history of immunizations of children, adolescents and adults</li> <li>• Screenings of/for:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recommended preventive health screenings/tests</li> <li>- Depression</li> <li>- High-risk behaviors such as drug, alcohol and tobacco use; if present, advise to quit</li> <li>- Medicare members for functional status assessment and pain</li> <li>- Adolescents on depression, substance abuse, tobacco use, sexual activity, exercise and nutrition and counseling as appropriate</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Topic	Contact
Problem evaluation and management	<p>Documentation for each visit includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate vital signs (Measurement of height, weight, and BMI annually)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Chief complaint*</b></li> <li>- <b>Physical assessment*</b></li> <li>- <b>Diagnosis*</b></li> <li>- <b>Treatment plan*</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Tracking and referral of age and gender appropriate preventive health services consistent with Preventive Health Guidelines.</li> <li>• Documentation of all elements of age appropriate federal Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT).</li> <li>• Clinical decisions and safety support tools are in place to ensure evidence based care, such as flow sheets.</li> <li>• Treatment plans are consistent with evidence-based care and with findings/diagnosis:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Time frame for follow-up visit as appropriate</li> <li>- Appropriate use of referrals/consults, studies, tests</li> </ul> </li> <li>• X-rays, labs consultation reports are included in the medical record with evidence of care provider review.</li> <li>• There is evidence of care provider follow-up of abnormal results.</li> <li>• Unresolved issues from a previous visit are followed up on the subsequent visit.</li> <li>• There is evidence of coordination with behavioral care provider.</li> <li>• Education, including lifestyle counseling, is documented.</li> <li>• Member input and/or understanding of treatment plan and options is documented.</li> <li>• Copies of hospital discharge summaries, home health care reports, emergency room care, practitioner are documented.</li> </ul>

\*Critical element

# Medical record review

On an ad hoc basis, we conduct a review of our members' medical records. We expect you to achieve a passing score of 85% or better. To achieve this score, the medical records you maintain should contain an initial health assessment, including a baseline comprehensive medical history. This assessment should be completed in less than two visits, with ongoing physical assessments occurring on following visits. It should also include:

- Problem list with:
  - Biographical data with family history.
  - Past and present medical and surgical intervention.
  - Significant medical conditions with date of onset and resolution.
  - Documentation of education/counseling regarding HIV pre- and post-test, including results.
- Entries dated and the author identified.
- Legible entries.
- Medication allergies and adverse reactions (or note if none are known).
- Easily known past medical history. This should include serious illnesses, injuries and operations (for members seen three or more times). For children and adolescents (18 years or younger), this includes prenatal care, birth, operations and childhood illnesses.
- Medication record, including names of medication, dosage, amount dispensed and dispensing instructions.
- Immunization record.
- Tobacco habits, alcohol use and substance abuse (12 years and older).
- Copy of advance directive, or other document as allowed by state law, or notate member does not want one.
- History of physical examination (including subjective and objective findings).
- Unresolved problems from previous visit(s) addressed in subsequent visits; Diagnosis and treatment plans consistent with finding.
- Lab and other studies as appropriate.
- Member education, counseling and/or coordination of care with other care providers.
- Notes regarding the date of return visit or other follow-up care.

- Consultations, lab, imaging and special studies initialed by PCP to indicate review.
- Consultation and abnormal studies including follow-up plans.

Member hospitalization records should include, as appropriate:

- History and physical
- Consultation notes
- Operative notes
- Discharge summary
- Other appropriate clinical information
- Documentation of appropriate preventive screening and services
- Documentation of behavioral health assessment (CAGE-AID, TWEAK AND PHQ-9)

# Chapter 10: Quality Management (QM) Program and Compliance Information

## Key contacts

Topic	Link	Phone Number
Credentialing	Medical: Network Management Resource Team at <a href="mailto:networkhelp@uhc.com">networkhelp@uhc.com</a> Chiropractic: <a href="http://myoptumhealthphysicalhealth.com">myoptumhealthphysicalhealth.com</a>	877-842-3210
Fraud, Waste and Abuse (Payment Integrity)	<a href="http://uhc.com/fraud">uhc.com/fraud</a>	800-455-4521



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## What is the Quality Improvement program?

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan’s comprehensive Quality Improvement program falls under the leadership of the CEO and the chief medical officer. A copy of our Quality Improvement program is available upon request.

The program consists of:

- Identifying the scope of care and services given
- Developing clinical guidelines and service standards
- Monitoring and assessing the quality and appropriateness of services given to our members based on the guidelines
- Promoting wellness and preventive health, as well as chronic condition self-management
- Maintaining a network of care providers that meets adequacy standards
- Striving for improvement of member health care and services
- Monitoring and enhance patient safety
- Tracking member and care provider satisfaction and take actions as appropriate

As a participating care provider, you may offer input through representation on our Quality Improvement Committees and your provider advocate.

### Cooperation with quality-improvement activities

You must comply with all quality-improvement activities. These include:

- Providing requested timely medical records.
- Cooperation with quality-of-care investigations. For example, responding to questions and/or completing quality-improvement action plans.
- Participating in quality audits, such as site visits and medical record standards reviews, and taking part in the annual Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) record review.
- Providing requested medical records at no cost (or as indicated in your Agreement with us). You may provide records during site visits or by email or secure email.
- Completing practitioner appointment access and availability surveys.

We require your cooperation and compliance to:

- Allow the plan to use your performance data.
- Offer Medicaid members the same number of office hours as commercial members (or don’t restrict office hours you offer Medicaid members.)

### Care provider satisfaction

Every year, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan conducts care provider satisfaction assessments as part of our quality improvement efforts. We assess and promote your satisfaction through:

- Annual care provider satisfaction surveys.
- Regular visits.
- Town hall meetings.

Our main concern with the survey is objectivity. That's why UnitedHealthcare Community Plan engages independent market research firm Center for the Study of Services (CSS) to analyze and report findings.

Survey results are reported to our Quality Management Committee. It compares the results year over year as well as to other UnitedHealthcare Community Plan plans across the country. The survey results include key strengths and improvement areas. Additionally, we carry out improvement plans as needed.

### Clinical practice guidelines

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan has identified evidence-based clinical guidelines and resources to guide our quality and health management programs. We respect our network care providers. We appreciate the collaboration to promote better health, improve health outcomes and lower overall costs to offer our members. You are encouraged to visit the following website to view the guidelines, as they are an important resource to guide clinical decision-making.

[UHCprovider.com/cpg](http://UHCprovider.com/cpg)

### Credentialing standards

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan credentials and re-credentials you according to applicable Kansas statutes and the National Committee of Quality Assurance (NCQA). The following items are required to begin the credentialing process:

- A completed credentialing application, including Attestation Statement
- Current medical license
- Current Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) certificate
- Current professional liability insurance

We verify information from primary sources regarding licensure, education and training. We also verify board certification and malpractice claims history.

### Credentialing and recredentialing process

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's credentialing and recredentialing process determines whether you are a good fit for the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan care provider network. You must go through the credentialing and recredentialing process before you may treat our members.

#### Care providers subject to credentialing and recredentialing

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan evaluates the following practitioners:

- MDs (Doctors of Medicine)
- DOs (Doctors of Osteopathy)
- DDSs (Doctors of Dental Surgery)
- DMDs (Doctors of Dental Medicine)
- DPMs (Doctors of Podiatric Surgery)
- DCs (Doctors of Chiropractic)
- CNMs (Certified Nurse Midwives)
- CRNPs (Certified NPs)
- Behavioral Health Clinicians (Psychologists, Clinical Social Workers, Masters Prepared Therapists)

Excluded from this process are practitioners who:

- Practice only in an inpatient setting,
- Hospitalists employed only by the facility; and/or
- NPs and PAs who practice under a credentialed UnitedHealthcare Community Plan care provider.

#### Health facilities

Facility providers such as hospitals, home health agencies, skilled nursing facilities and ambulatory surgery centers are also subject to applicable credentialing and licensure requirements. Facilities must meet the following requirements or verification:

- State and federal licensing and regulatory requirements and an NPI number.



- Have a current unrestricted license to operate.
- Have been reviewed and approved by an accrediting body.
- Have malpractice coverage/liability insurance that meets contract minimums.
- Agree to a site visit if not accredited by the Joint Commission (JC) or other recognized accrediting agency.
- Have no Medicare/Medicaid sanctions.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan does not make credentialing and recredentialing decisions based on race, ethnic/national identity, gender, age, sexual orientation or the type of procedure or patient in which the practitioner specializes.

The National Credentialing Center (NCC) completes these reviews. Find applications on the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) website.



Go to [UHCprovider.com/join](https://uhcprovider.com/join) to submit a participation request.



For chiropractic credentialing, call 800-873-4575 or go to [myoptumhealthphysicalhealth.com](https://myoptumhealthphysicalhealth.com).

Submit the following supporting documents to CAQH after completing the application:

- Curriculum vitae
- Medical license
- DEA certificate
- Malpractice insurance coverage
- IRS W-9 Form

## Peer review

### Credentialing process

A peer review committee reviews all credentialing applications and makes a final decision. The decisions may not be appealed if they relate to mandatory criteria at the time of credentialing. We will notify you of the decision in writing within 60 calendar days of the review.

### Recredentialing process

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan recredentials practitioners every three years. This process helps assure you update time-limited documentation and identify legal and health status changes. We also verify that you follow UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's guidelines, processes and care provider performance standards. You are notified before your next credentialing cycle to complete your application on the CAQH website. Not responding to our request for recredentialing information results in administrative termination of privileges as a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan care provider. You have three chances to answer the request before your participation privileges are terminated.

### Performance review

As part of the recredentialing process, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan looks in its Quality Management database for information about your performance. This includes member complaints and quality of care issues.

### Applicant rights and notification

You have the right to review information you submitted to support your credentialing/recredentialing application. This excludes personal or professional references or peer review protected information. You have the right to correct erroneous information you find. Submit updated information directly to your CAQH credentialing application. If the NCC finds erroneous information, a representative will contact you by phone or in writing. You must submit corrections within 30 days of notification by phone, or in writing to the number or address the NCC representative provided.

You also have the right to receive the status of your credentialing application. Email us at [networkhelp@uhc.com](mailto:networkhelp@uhc.com). Include your full name, NPI, TIN and brief description of the request. A UnitedHealthcare representative will be in touch with you within two business days from when we receive your request.

### Confidentiality

All credentialing information collected during the review process is kept confidential. It is only shared with your

approval or as required by law with those involved in the credentialing process.

## Resolving disputes

### Contract concerns

If you have a concern about your Agreement with us, send a letter to:

**UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Central Escalation Unit**  
P.O. Box 5032  
Kingston, NY, 12402-5032

A representative will work to resolve the issue with you. If you disagree with the outcome of this discussion, please follow the dispute resolution provisions of your Provider Agreement.

If your concern is about a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan procedure, such as the credentialing or Care Coordination process, we will resolve it by following the procedures in that plan. If you are still dissatisfied, please follow the dispute resolution provisions in your Provider Agreement.

If we have a concern about our Agreement with you, we will send you a letter. If the issue can't be resolved this way, please follow the dispute resolution provisions in your Provider Agreement.

If a member has authorized you in writing to appeal a clinical or coverage determination on their behalf, that appeal follows the member appeals process as outlined in the Member Handbook and [Chapter 12](#) of this manual.

## HIPAA compliance – your responsibilities

### Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 aims to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the United States health care system. While the Act's core goals were to maintain insurance

coverage for workers and fight health care fraud and abuse, its Administrative Simplification provisions have had the greatest impact on how the health care industry works. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan is a "covered entity" under these regulations. So are all health care providers who conduct business electronically.

### Transactions and code sets

If you conduct business electronically, submit claims using the standard formats adopted under HIPAA. Otherwise, submit claims using a clearinghouse.

### Unique identifier

HIPAA also requires unique identifiers for employers, care providers, health plans and individuals for use in standard transactions.

### NPI

The NPI is your standard unique identifier. It is a 10-digit number with no embedded intelligence that covered entities must accept and use in standard transactions. While HIPAA only requires you to use the NPI in electronic transactions, many state agencies require it on fee-for-service claims and on encounter submissions. For this reason, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan requires the NPI on paper transactions.

The NPI number is issued by the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES). Share it with all affected trading partners, such as care providers to whom you refer patients, billing companies and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.

### Privacy of individually identifiable health information

The privacy regulations limit how health plans, pharmacies, hospitals and other covered entities can use members' medical information. The regulations protect medical records and other identifiable health information. This includes electronic, paper or spoken data.

They enhance consumers' rights by giving them access to their health information and controlling

its inappropriate use. They also improve health care delivery by extending the privacy efforts of states and health systems to a national level.

### Security

Covered entities must meet basic security measures:

- Help ensure the confidentiality, integrity and availability of all electronic protected health information (PHI) the covered entity creates,
- Protect against any reasonably anticipated threats, uses or disclosures of information not permitted or required under the Privacy Regulations, and
- Help ensure compliance with the security regulations by the covered entity's staff.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan expects you to comply with all HIPAA regulations.



Find additional information on HIPAA regulations at [cms.hhs.gov](https://www.cms.hhs.gov).

## Ethics and integrity

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan is dedicated to conducting business honestly and ethically with you, members, suppliers and government officials and agencies. Making sound decisions as we interact with you, other care providers, regulators and others is necessary for our continued success and that of our business associates. It's also the right thing to do.

### Compliance program

As a segment of UnitedHealth Group, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan is governed by the UnitedHealth Group Ethics and Integrity program. The UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Compliance program incorporates the required seven elements of a compliance program as outlined by the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines:

- Oversight of the Ethics and Integrity program.
- Development and implementation of ethical standards and business conduct policies.
- Creating awareness of the standards and policies by educating employees.
- Assessing compliance by monitoring and auditing.

- Responding to allegations of violations.
- Enforcing policies and disciplining confirmed misconduct or serious neglect of duty.
- Reporting mechanisms for workers to alert management and/or the Ethics and Integrity program staff to violations of law, regulations, policies and procedures, or contractual obligations.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan has compliance officers for each health plan. In addition, each health plan has a compliance committee consisting of senior managers from key organizational areas. The committee provides program direction and oversight.

### Reporting and auditing

Report any unethical, unlawful or inappropriate activity by a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan employee to a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan senior manager or directly to the Compliance Office.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is an important part of the Compliance program. The SIU focuses on prevention, detection and investigation of potentially fraudulent and abusive acts committed by care providers and members. This department oversees coordination of anti-fraud activities.



To facilitate the reporting process of questionable incidents involving members or care providers, go to [uhc.com/fraud](https://www.uhc.com/fraud) or call **844-359-7736**.

Please refer to the [Fraud, Waste and Abuse](#) section of this chapter for additional details about the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Fraud, Waste and Abuse program.

An important aspect of the Compliance program is assessing high-risk areas of UnitedHealthcare Community Plan operations and implementing reviews to help ensure compliance with law, regulations and policies/contracts. When informed of potentially inappropriate or fraudulent practices within the plan or by you, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will conduct an investigation. You must cooperate with the company and government authorities. This means giving access to pertinent records (as required by your applicable Provider Agreement and this manual) as well as access

to office staff. If we establish activity in violation of law or regulation, we will advise appropriate governmental authorities.

If you become the subject of a government inquiry or investigation, or a government agency requests documents relating to your operations (other than a routine request for documentation), you must provide UnitedHealthcare Community Plan with the details. You must also reveal what triggered the inquiry.

### Extrapolation audits of corporate-wide billing

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will work with the state of Kansas to perform “individual and corporate extrapolation audits.” This may affect all programs supported by dual funds (state and federal funding) as well as state-funded programs, as requested by the Kansas Department of Health and Human Services.

### Record retention, reviews and audits

You must maintain an adequate record-keeping system for recording services, charges, dates and all other commonly accepted information for services rendered to our members. Records must be kept for at least 10 years from the close of the Kansas program agreement between the state and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan or another period as required by law. If records are under review, they must be retained until the audit is complete. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan and its affiliated entities (including OptumHealth) will request and obtain prior approval from you for the records under review or inspection. You agree to refund the state any overpayment disclosed by any such audit.

If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other action involving the records has been started before the 10-year period ends, you agree to keep the records until one year after the resolution of all issues that come from it. The state may also perform financial, performance and other special audits on such records during business hours throughout your Provider Agreement.

To help ensure members receive quality services, you must also comply with requests for on-site reviews conducted by the state. During these reviews, the state will address your capability to meet Kansas program standards.

You must cooperate with the state or any of its authorized representatives, the Kansas Department

of Health and Human Services, the CMS, the Office of Inspector General, or any other agency prior-approved by the state, at any time during your Provider Agreement.

These entities may, at all reasonable times, enter your premises. You agree to allow access to and the right to audit, monitor and examine any relevant books, documents, papers and records to otherwise evaluate (including periodic information systems testing) your performance and charges.

We will perform reviews and audits without delaying your work. If you refuse to allow access, this will constitute a breach of your Provider Agreement.

### Delegating and subcontracting

If you delegate or subcontract any function, the delegate or subcontractor must include all requirements of your applicable Provider Agreement and this manual.

## Delegated medical management

### Delegation oversight

We may assign medical management to a medical group/Independent Practice Association (IPA) with established medical management standards. We refer to the medical group/IPA as a “delegate.” Care providers associated with these delegates may use the delegate’s office and protocols for authorizations. The delegate’s medical management protocols and procedures must comply with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan as well as all applicable state and federal regulatory requirements.

Before assigning medical management functions, we assess the delegate. Within 90 calendar days of the contract effective date, we assess it again to measure compliance with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan standards. We assess the delegate annually thereafter. We may also conduct an off-cycle assessment if needed.

Based on the assessment findings, we may have the delegate develop and implement a corrective action plan to bring the medical group/IPA back into compliance. Delegates who do not achieve compliance within the established time frames may undergo further corrective

action. If the action is not successful, the medical management function will be withdrawn.

### Appeals

When we review a member or care provider's adverse determination appeal from a delegate, we use InterQual (We previously used MCG.) as the externally licensed medical management guidelines. This happens even if the delegate used different externally licensed medical management guidelines to make the determination.

### Semi-annual reporting

The delegate provides UnitedHealthcare Community Plan with semi-annual reports as outlined in the delegation agreement. Reports must meet applicable requirements and accreditation standards.

### Purpose of medical management program

The Medical Management Program helps determine if medical services are:

- Medically necessary.
- Covered under the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan benefit.
- Performed at both the appropriate place and level of care.

### Determining medical necessity

Delegates review nationally recognized criteria to determine medical necessity and appropriate level of care for services. This includes Medicaid coverage guidelines. For services not addressed in Medicaid coverage guidelines, delegates use UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's medical policies. If other nationally recognized criteria disagree with Medicaid coverage guidelines, delegates follow Medicaid coverage guidelines.

Members may call the delegate's general number (or the number listed in the denial letters) to request individual eligibility and benefit criteria. They may also call our Member Services department.

NCQA Accreditation standards require all health care organizations, health plans and delegates distribute a

statement to members, care providers and employees who make UM decisions. The statement must note the following:

- UM decision-making is based only on appropriateness of care, service and coverage.
- You or others are not rewarded for issuing denials or encouraging decisions that result in under-utilization.

### Care provider requirements

Render covered services at the most appropriate level of care based on nationally recognized criteria. With few exceptions, we do not reimburse for non-covered services and those not medically necessary. We do not reimburse for the wrong procedures (e.g., notification requirements, preauthorization, verification guarantee process). Authorization receipts do not affect how payment policies determine reimbursement.

We nor the member are responsible for reimbursing medical services, admissions, inappropriate facility days, and/or medically necessary services if you did not obtain required prior authorization. Regardless of the Medical Management Program determination, the decision to render medical services lies with the member and you, as the attending care provider. If you and the member decide to go forward with the medical services after UnitedHealthcare Community Plan or the delegate deny preauthorization, no care provider, facility or ancillary services will be reimbursed. The delegate's medical director can discuss the decisions and criteria with the member. The delegate also makes the medical policy decisions available upon request.

### Medical management denials/adverse determinations

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan or a delegate may issue a denial when a non-covered benefit is requested but deemed not medically necessary. This may also happen when we receive insufficient information.

### Denials, delays or modifications

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan or the delegate must make and communicate timely approvals, modifications or denials. We or the delegate must also state the decision to delay a service based on medical necessity

or benefit coverage appropriate to the member's medical condition, in accordance with the applicable state and federal law.

We base all authorization decisions on sound clinical evidence, including medical record review, consultation with the treating care providers, and review of nationally recognized criteria. You must clearly document the medical appropriateness with your authorization request. State and federal law applies to criteria disclosure.

The medical director, Utilization Management Committee (UMC) or you must review referral requests not meeting the authorization criteria. Otherwise, you must present the information to UMC or the subcommittee for discussion and a determination. Only a care provider (or pharmacist, psychiatrist, doctoral level clinical psychologist or certified addiction medicine specialist, as appropriate) may delay, modify or deny services for medical necessity reasons. Board-certified, licensed care providers from appropriate specialties must help make medical necessity decisions, as appropriate.

Determination rules include:

- You may not review your own referrals.
- Care providers qualified to make an appropriate determination will review referral requests considered for denial.
- Any referral request where the medical necessity or the proposed treatment is not clear will be discussed with the care provider. Complex cases may be brought to the UMC/medical director for further discussion.
- Individual(s) who can hold financial ownership interest in the organization may not influence the clinical or payment decisions.

Possible request for authorization determinations include:

- Approved as requested – No changes.
- Approved as modified – Referral approved, but changed the requested care provider or treatment plan. (e.g., requested chiropractic, approved physical therapy).
- Extension – Delay of decision (e.g., need additional information, require consultation). CMS allows an extension when a Medicaid member requests one.
- Delay in Delivery – Postpone access to an approved service until a certain date. This is not the same as a modification. A written notification in the denial letter format is required.

- Denied – Non-authorization request for health care services.

Reasons for denials of requests for services include:

- Not a covered benefit – The requested service(s) is excluded under the member's benefit plan.
- Not medically necessary or benefit coverage limitation – Specify criteria or guidelines used to make the determination.
- Member not eligible at the time of service.
- Benefit exhausted - Include what benefit was exhausted and when.
- Not a participating care provider – A participating care provider/service is available within the medical group/ IPA in-network.
- Experimental or investigational procedure/treatment.
- Self-referred/no prior authorization (for non-emergent post-service).
- PCP can provide requested services.

### Medical group/IPA's responsibilities related to member grievance and appeals

Occasionally, a member may contact the delegate instead of the plan. In such cases, delegates must:

- Within one hour of receipt, forward all member grievances and appeals to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan for processing.
- Respond to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan requests for appeal or grievance information within the designated time frame. (Standard appeals with 24 hours, expedited appeals within two hours. Time frames apply to every calendar day.)
- Comply with all final UnitedHealthcare Community Plan determinations.
- Cooperate with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan and the external independent medical review organization or State Fair Hearing. This includes promptly forwarding all medical records and information related to the disputed health care service.
- Provide UnitedHealthcare Community Plan with the authorization (pre-service) within the requested time frames on adverse determinations reversals.
- Respond to requests for proof of overturned appeals.

### Referrals

#### Referral authorization procedure

The delegate may initiate a member referral. (Refer to the delegated group's pre-authorization list, as applicable). The following capitated medical services are examples of when a referral authorization may be needed:

- Outpatient services
- Laboratory and diagnostic testing (non-routine, performed outside the delegated medical group/IPA's facility)
- Specialty consultation/treatment

The delegate, PCP and/or other referring care provider must verify the care provider participates in UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.

You must also comply with the following procedures:

- Review the service request for medical necessity.
- If the treatment is not medically necessary, discuss an alternative treatment plan with the member.
- If the treatment requires referral or prior authorization, submit the request to the delegate UMC for determination.

If the request is not approved, the delegate must issue the member a denial letter.

#### Referral authorization form

The delegate may design its own authorization form, without approval from UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. The form should include all the following:

- Member identification (e.g., Member ID number and birth date)
- Services requested (including appropriate ICD-10-CM and/or CPT codes)
- Authorized services (including appropriate ICD-10-CM and/or CPT codes)
- Proper billing procedures (including the medical group/IPA address)
- Verification of member eligibility

The delegate provides this form to the following:

- Referral care provider
- Member
- Member's medical record
- Managed care administrative office

The delegate does so within 36 hours of receipt of information necessary to make a decision. This includes one working day and does not exceed 14 calendar days.

If UnitedHealthcare Community Plan is financially responsible for the services, the delegate submits the authorization information to the plan.

#### Continuity of care

Continuity of care lets members temporarily continue receiving services from a non-participating care provider. It is intended to last a short period.

The delegate facilitates continuity of care for medically necessary covered services. If a member entering the health plan is receiving medically necessary services (in addition to or other than prenatal services) the day before enrollment, the health plan covers the continued costs of such services without prior approval. This is regardless of whether in-network or out-of-network care providers grant these services.

- The health plan provides continuation of such services for the lesser of 60 calendar days or until the member has transferred without disruption of care to an in-network care provider.
- For members eligible for care management, the new health plan provides service continuation authorized by the prior health plan for up to 60 calendar days after the member's enrollment in the new health plan. Services will not be reduced until the new health plan assesses the situation.

Members in their third trimester of pregnancy may receive services from their prenatal care provider (whether in-network or out-of-network) without any form of prior authorization through the postpartum period (defined as 60 calendar days from date of birth).

A member should not continue care with a non-participating care provider without formal approval by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan or the delegate. Except for emergent or urgent out-of-area (OOA) care, payment for services performed by a non-participating medical group/IPA become the member's responsibility.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan (or the delegate) reviews all requests for continuity of care. We consider the member's condition and the potential effect on the member's treatment. We also consider how changing the care provider can affect the health outcome.

A member may request to continue covered services

with a care provider who has terminated from UnitedHealthcare Community Plan for reasons other than cause or disciplinary action. As the care provider, you must agree in writing:

- To agree to the same contractual terms and conditions imposed on participating care providers, including credentialing, facility privileging, utilization review, peer review and quality assurance requirements; and
- To be compensated at rates and payment methods similar to those used by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan and participating care providers granting similar services who are not capitated and are practicing in the same geographic area.

### Notification requirements for facility admissions when UnitedHealthcare pays claims

Contracted facilities are accountable to provide timely notification to both the delegate and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan within 24 hours of admission for all inpatient and observation status cases. This information is needed to verify eligibility, authorize care, and initiate concurrent review and discharge planning.

In maternity cases, notify vaginal delivery or C-section delivery on or before the end of the mandated period 48 hours or 96 hours, respectively. We require notification if the baby stays longer than the member. In all cases, separate notification is required immediately when a baby is admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit.

For emergency admissions, notification occurs once the member has been stabilized in the emergency department.

### Authorization log and denial log submission

Authorization logs for all inpatient acute, observation status and skilled nursing facility cases must be accurately submitted at least twice a week to the Authorization Log Unit at [clinicaloperations@uhc.com](mailto:clinicaloperations@uhc.com). When no inpatient acute, observation statuses or skilled nursing facility cases are active, the delegate must submit its weekly authorization log indicating either “no activity” or “no admissions” for each designated admission service type specified in this section and for the applicable reporting time.

Authorization logs covering facility and skilled nursing facility daily information includes the following:

- Member ID
- Member name
- Member date of birth
- Attending care provider: (Name and address, with TIN if available)
- Facility care provider: (Name and address, with TIN if available)
- Admitting diagnosis (ICD-10-CM or its successor code)
- Planned and actual admission dates
- Planned and actual discharge dates
- Level of care (i.e., bed type, observation status, outpatient procedures at acute facilities)
- Length of stay (LOS) (i.e., number of days approved, as well as the number of days denied)
- Procedure/surgery (CPT Code)
- Discharge disposition
- Service type
- Authorization number (if available)

The delegate must clearly define medical necessity and authorizing outpatient services paid as either shared risk or plan risk per the medical group/IPA contract. It must submit authorization or denials for services the group authorized or denied care on behalf of UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.

For more information, please contact your Provider Advocate.

## Fraud, waste and abuse



Go to [uhc.com/fraud](https://uhc.com/fraud) or call **844-359-7736** to report questionable incidents involving plan members or care providers.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan’s Anti-Fraud, Waste and Abuse Program focuses on prevention, detection and investigation of false and abusive acts committed by you and plan members. The program also helps identify, investigate and recover money UnitedHealthcare Community Plan paid for such claims. We also refer suspected fraud, waste and abuse cases to law enforcement, regulatory and administrative agencies according to state and federal law. UnitedHealthcare



Community Plan seeks to protect the ethical and financial integrity of the company and its employees, members, care providers, government programs and the public. In addition, it aims to protect member health.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan includes applicable federal and state regulatory requirements in its Anti-Fraud, Waste and Abuse Program. We recognize state and federal health plans are vulnerable to fraud, waste and abuse. As a result, we tailor our efforts to the unique needs of its members and Medicaid, Medicare and other government partners. This means we cooperate with law enforcement and regulatory agencies in the investigation or prevention of fraud, waste and abuse.

An important aspect of the Compliance Program is reviewing our operation's high-risk areas. Then we implement reviews and audits to help ensure compliance with law, regulations and contracts. You are contractually obligated to cooperate with the company and government authorities.



Find out how we follow federal and state regulations around false claims at [UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan](https://UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan) > [Integrity of Claims, Reports, and Representations to the Government.](#)

The Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) has provisions reforming Medicare and Medicaid and reducing fraud within the federal health care programs. Every entity that receives at least \$5 million in annual Medicaid payments must have written policies for entity employees and contractors. They must provide detailed information about false claims, false statements and whistleblower protections under applicable federal and state fraud and abuse laws. As a participating care provider with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, you and your staff are subject to these provisions.

This policy details our commitment to compliance with the federal and state false claims acts. It provides a detailed description of these acts and of organizational mechanisms that detect and prevent fraud, waste and abuse. It also details how whistleblowing employees are protected. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan prohibits retaliation if a report is made in good faith.

### Exclusion checks

First-tier, downstream and related entities (FDRs), must

review federal and state exclusion lists before hiring/contracting employees (including temporary workers and volunteers), the CEO, senior administrators or managers, and sub-delegates. Employees and/or contractors may not be excluded from participating in federal health care programs. FDRs must review the federal and state exclusion lists every month.

As part of ongoing efforts to help ensure compliance with federal and state requirements, we perform monthly screenings of the Office of Inspector General (OIG), the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS), and other databases for individuals or entities who have been "excluded" or "debarred" from federal programs. If we identify excluded or debarred individuals or entities as a result of these screenings, we will terminate their participation in the KanCare plan immediately. We will recover payments we make to the excluded or debarred care providers retroactive to the date of exclusion.

For more information or access to the publicly accessible, excluded party online databases, please see the following links:

- [Health and Human Services – Office of the Inspector General OIG List of Excluded Individuals and Entities \(LEIE\)](#)
- [General Services Administration \(GSA\) System for Award Management](#) > Data Access

### What you need to do for exclusion checks

Review applicable exclusion lists and maintain a record of exclusion checks for 10 years. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan or CMS may ask for documentation to verify they were completed.

## Office site quality

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan and affiliates monitor complaints for quality of care and service (QOC) concerning participating care providers and facilities. Complaints about you or your site are recorded and investigated. We conduct appropriate follow-up to assure that members receive care in a safe, clean and accessible environment. For this reason, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan has set Clinical Site Standards for all PCP office sites to help ensure facility quality.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan requires you and your

facilities meet the following site standards:

- Clean and orderly overall appearance.
- Available handicapped parking.
- Handicapped accessible facility.
- Available adequate waiting room space
- Adequate exam room(s) for providing member care.
- Privacy in exam room(s).
- Clearly marked exits.
- Accessible fire extinguishers.
- Post file inspection record in the last year.

### Criteria for site visits

The following table outlines the criteria used to require a site visit. When the threshold is met, we conduct a site visit according to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan policy.

QOC Issue	Criteria	Threshold
Issue may pose a substantive threat to patient's safety	Access to facility in poor repair to pose a potential risk to patients Needles and other sharps exposed and accessible to patients Drug stocks accessible to patients Other issues determined to pose a risk to patient safety	One complaint
Issues with physical appearance, physical accessibility and adequacy of waiting and examination room space	Access to facility in poor repair to pose a potential risk to patients Needles and other sharps exposed and accessible to patients Drug stocks accessible to patients Other issues determined to pose a risk to patient safety	Two complaints in six months
Other	All other complaints concerning the office facilities	Three complaints in six months

# Chapter 11: Billing and Submission

## Key contacts

Topic	Link	Phone Number
Claims	<a href="https://UHCprovider.com/claims">UHCprovider.com/claims</a>	866-633-4449
National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES)	<a href="https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov">nppes.cms.hhs.gov</a>	800-465-3203
EDI	<a href="https://UHCprovider.com/EDI">UHCprovider.com/EDI</a>	866-633-4449



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- In web view, type your keyword in the “what can we help you find?” search bar.

## Our claims process



For claims, billing and payment questions, go to [UHCprovider.com/KScommunityplan](https://UHCprovider.com/KScommunityplan) > [Claims and Payments](#).

We follow the same claims process as UnitedHealthcare. See Chapter 10 of the UnitedHealthcare Care Provider Administrative Guide for Commercial, Medicare Advantage (including Dual Complete Special Needs Plans )and DSNP on [UHCprovider.com/guides](https://UHCprovider.com/guides).

### Claims: From submission to payment



- 1** You submit EDI claims to a clearinghouse or paper claims to us. We scan paper claims.
- 2** All claims are checked for compliance and validated.
- 3** Claims are routed to the correct claims system and loaded.
- 4** Claims with errors are manually reviewed.
- 5** Claims are processed based on edits, pricing and member benefits.
- 6** Claims are checked, finalized and validated before sending to the state.
- 7** Adjustments are grouped and processed.
- 8** Claims information is copied into data warehouse for analytics and reporting.
- 9** We make payments as appropriate.



#### Claims reconsideration and appeals

If you think we processed your claim incorrectly, please see the Claims Reconsiderations, Appeals and Grievances chapter in this manual for next steps.

## National Provider Identifier

HIPAA requires you have a unique NPI. The NPI identifies you in all standard transactions.



If you have not applied for a NPI, contact [National Plan and Provider Enumeration System \(NPPES\)](#). Once you have an identifier, report it to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. Call [Provider Services](#).

Your clean claims must include your NPI and federal TIN.

## General billing guidelines

We only consider reimbursing claims if you met billing and coverage requirements. Submitting a referral does not guarantee we will pay you. Payment depends on the member's coverage on the date(s) of service, medical necessity, plan rules about limitations and exclusions, and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan policies. We don't reimburse excessive, inappropriate or non-covered charges. To comply with applicable standards, policies and law, we may adjust previous payments for services and audit claims. We may seek reimbursement for overpayments or offset future payments as allowed by law.

### Additional requirements:

1. Care providers must bill in line with their Kansas Medial Assistance Plan (KMAP) enrollment. Specific to the billing care provider information (name, TIN, NPI, address) listed on the claim must match to their KMAP enrollment. If billing information is not in line with KMAP enrollment, we may deny the claim.
2. Care providers enrolled with KMAP as a group provider must bill with the group information in the billing provider field and the rendering care provider NPI is required in the rendering/performed provider field. If group providers do not bill as noted, we will deny the claim.

## Special billing guidelines

### Hospital

For Medicaid-specific inpatient, outpatient and inpatient/outpatient billing information, refer to the [KMAP Hospital Provider Manual](#).

### Nursing facilities (NF)

- NFs should use the UB-04 claim form or accepted electronic equivalent when requesting payment for NF services. You may submit claims through your electronic data interchange (EDI) vendor and communicated through the OptumInsight clearinghouse (formerly Ingenix) using payer ID 96385.
- You may submit paper claims to:  
**UnitedHealthcare Community Plan**  
P.O. Box 5270  
Kingston, NY 12402
- You may also bill through the [KanCare Front End Billing solution](#).

For additional information on the MS-2126 form, claims, benefits and limitations, refer to the [KMAP Nursing/Intermediate Care Facility Provider Manual](#).

### HCBS

- HCBS care providers should use the CMS 1500 claim form or an accepted electronic equivalent when requesting payment for HCBS services. You may submit claims through your EDI vendor and communicated through the OptumInsight clearinghouse using payer ID 96385.
- You may submit paper claims to:  
**UnitedHealthcare Community Plan**  
P.O. Box 5270  
Kingston, NY 12402
- You may submit claims directly through our secure Provider Portal at [UHCprovider.com](#) and also through the [KanCare Front End Billing solution](#).

**Hospice**

Hospice care providers must use the CMS 1500 red claim form or the appropriate electronic format for professional claim submission when requesting payment for medical services and supplies provided under KanCare.

Hospice care providers must bill the room and board charges for hospice beneficiaries residing in nursing facilities (NFs), intermediate care facilities for individuals with an intellectual disability (ICF/IDD) or hospital swing beds. NFs include skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and nursing facilities for mental health. ICF/IDD includes state- and privately-owned institutions.

Please follow these instructions for faster, more accurate claims processing:

**Paper claims:** Complete the claim as usual and document the NF, ICF/IDD, or hospital swing bed name in Field 17, the NPI in Field 17b, or the provider identification (ID) in Field 17a.

**Electronic claims (such as 837P):** Complete the claim as usual. NF, ICF/IDD, or hospital swing bed providers must be included as the referring provider in loop 2310A or 2420A on hospice claims.

**Provider Electronic Solutions (PES):** Complete the claim as usual and document the NF, ICF/IDD, or hospital swing bed in the referring provider field under Header 2.

**Claims:** Complete the claim as usual and document the NF, ICF/IDD, or hospital swing bed name and NPI in the referring physician field. Go to [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) and click on Sign In in the top right corner.

We prefer you submit the NPI for the referring care provider's identifier, but we will accept the care provider ID unless we notify you otherwise. The referring care provider must be enrolled with KMAP.

KanCare is the payer of last resort and is to be billed only after payment has been sought from primary insurance carriers (including Medicare).

**Dental**



For specific billing instructions for dental claims, please refer to the KanCare/Skygen Dental Provider Manual at [UHCprovider.com/guides](https://UHCprovider.com/guides) > Community Plan Care Provider Manuals for Medicaid Plans By State > Kansas.

**Vision**



For specific billing instructions for vision claims, please refer to the March Vision Provider Manual at [UHCprovider.com/guides](https://UHCprovider.com/guides) > Community Plan Care Provider Manuals for Medicaid Plans By State > Kansas.

**State-approved billing guidelines when KanCare members have other coverage**

**If the member has third-party liability or insurance coverage other than KanCare**

The following codes are not covered regardless of health insurance carrier. If the service code being billed is on this list, a remittance advice from the primary carrier is not required. You may bill these services directly to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan using paper or electronic claims.

97532	99368	99408	G0151	G0152	G0153
G0515	H0001	H0002	H0004	H0005	H0017
H0018	H0036	H0038	H0045	H0049	H0050
H2010	H2011	H2012	H2014	H2015	H2016
H2017	H2019	H2021	H2023	H2032	S0315
S0316	S0317	S5101	S5102	S5110	S5125
S5126	S5130	S5135	S5150	S5160	S5161
S5165	S5170	S5185	S5190	S9128	S9129
S9131	S9446	S9482	S9485	T1000	T1001
T1002	T1004	T1005	T1016	T1017	T1019
T1023	T1027	T1505	T2002	T2003	T2011
T2016	T2020	T2021	T2023	T2024	T2025
T2028	T2029	T2038	T2039	T2040	T2046
T4521	T4526	T4530			

If the billed code is not on this list, and the member has third-party liability (TPL) or insurance coverage other than KanCare, the other insurance is the primary carrier.

You should bill the primary carrier first and, upon payment or denial, submit the remaining claim to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.

- You may submit the claim to us through an EDI transaction or as a paper claim with a paper copy of the primary carrier's EOB.
- You may submit the claim electronically through the KMAP portal. You must follow the KMAP billing guidelines when entering TPL information as defined in the KMAP Professional Billing Guide

## Client obligation

The state communicates to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan each member's client obligation, as applicable, by sending us the member enrollment file. Care providers who have been assigned the client obligation should not reduce the billed amount on the claim by the client obligation amount because it will be deducted as we process the claim.

The client obligation will typically be assigned to a single care provider (if a single care provider's services will offset the client obligation amount). In addition, we will make every effort to assign the client obligation to a single service, when possible, if the total services provided each month are sufficient to offset the monthly client obligation amount. In the absence of state direction, we will assign client obligation to the care provider who has the largest service cost for the month.

We send monthly notification letters to each member and a report to each care provider detailing the members who are assigned client obligation for the month. We will communicate mid-month changes to client obligation amounts to members and care providers within five days of receiving information from the state.

## Reimbursement requirements

All participating care providers must enroll with the state of Kansas and have a KMAP ID in order to receive payment.

All non-participating care providers must submit a prior authorization for any KanCare member service. We will not approve authorizations unless there are no contracted participating care providers available in the area to perform the requested services.

Use the Provider Portal to request prior authorizations at [UHCprovider.com/paan](https://UHCprovider.com/paan) or call 877-542-9235.

Care providers who do not participate in the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan network are required to complete **one** of the following before they are eligible to receive payment for services provided to UnitedHealthcare KanCare members:

3. Enroll with the Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) and submit the UnitedHealthcare Non-Participation Reimbursement Agreement.
  - Enroll with KMAP at [kmap-state-ks.us](https://kmap-state-ks.us) > Start a new online application.
  - Complete and submit the UnitedHealthcare Non-Participation Reimbursement Agreement at [UHCprovider.com/KScommunityplan](https://UHCprovider.com/KScommunityplan) > [Claims and Payments](#) > Non-Participation Provider Reimbursement Agreement. Send the completed form to [uhc\\_disclosures@uhc.com](mailto:uhc_disclosures@uhc.com).
4. Submit the Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement and the UnitedHealthcare Non-Participation Reimbursement Agreement.
  - The disclosure of ownership form is at [kmap-state-ks.us](https://kmap-state-ks.us) > Provider > Forms > [Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement](#). Send the completed form to [uhc\\_disclosures@uhc.com](mailto:uhc_disclosures@uhc.com) before submitting any claims.
  - Complete the [UnitedHealthcare Non-Participation Reimbursement Agreement](#) and send to [uhc\\_disclosures@uhc.com](mailto:uhc_disclosures@uhc.com).

## Fee schedule

Reimbursements also depend on the [fee schedule](#) and the procedure performed. Refer to your bulletins for correct coding.

## Modifier codes

Use the appropriate [modifier codes](#) on your claim form. The modifier must be used based on the date of service.

## Member ID card for billing

The member ID card has both the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member ID. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan prefers you bill with the member ID.

## Acceptable claim forms

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan only processes claims submitted on CMS 1500 and UB-04 claim forms.

Use the CMS 1500 form for ancillary services, ambulatory surgery centers, hospice services, RHCs/FQHCs, urgent care centers and hospital services.

Use the UB-04 form for hospital inpatient and outpatient services, skilled nursing homes inpatient services, long-term care facilities and other care providers.

Submit dialysis services on a HCFA claim form.

## Clean claims and submission requirements

Complete a CMS 1500 or UB-04 form whether you submit an electronic or a paper claim. Clean claims have:

- A health service provided by an eligible care provider to a covered UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member.
- All the required documentation, including correct diagnosis and procedure codes.
- The correct amount claimed.

We may require additional information for some services, situations or state requirements.

**Submit any services completed by NPs or PAs who are part of a collaborative agreement. Use their tax ID and NPI, and we will process the claims just like other physicians’.**

## Care provider coding

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan complies with Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) state standards based on claims data and chart review. Use the UnitedHealthcare ICD-10-CM Code Lookup Tool to find an ICD-9 or ICD-10 code.



For more information about ICD-10 coding and social determinants of health protocol and how they apply to the members you treat, see the Specific Protocols chapter in the Administrative Guide for Commercial, Medicare Advantage and D-SNP at [UHCprovider.com/guides](https://UHCprovider.com/guides). You can also visit [UHCprovider.com/en/policies-protocols.html](https://UHCprovider.com/en/policies-protocols.html). Under Additional Resources, choose Protocols > [Social Determinants of Health ICD-10 Coding Protocol](#).

## Electronic claims submission and billing

You may submit claims by electronic data interchange (EDI). EDI offers less paperwork, reduced postage, less time spent handling claims and faster turnaround.

- All claims are set up as “commercial” through the clearinghouse.
- Our payer ID is 96385.
- Clearinghouse Acknowledgment Reports and Payer-Specific Acknowledgment Reports identify claims that don’t successfully transmit.
- We follow CMS National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC) and National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) guidelines for HCFA 1500 and UB-04 forms.



For more information, visit [UHCprovider.com/edi](https://UHCprovider.com/edi). Note: Electronic claim submission through KMAP is also still available.

### Span dates

You must include exact dates of service when the claim spans a period of time. Indicate the specific dates of service in Box 24 of the CMS 1500, Box 45 of the UB-04, or the Remarks field. This will eliminate the need for an itemized bill and allow electronic submission.

## EDI companion documents

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's companion documents are intended to share information within Implementation Guides (IG) adopted by HIPAA. The companion documents identify the data content requested when it is electronically transmitted. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan uses companion documents to:

- Clarify data content that meets the needs of the health plan's business purposes when the IG allows multiple choices.
- Provide values the health plan will return in outbound transactions.
- Outline which situational elements the health plan requires.

The companion document provides general information and specific details pertinent to each transaction. These documents should be shared with your software vendor for any programming and field requirements.



The companion documents are located on [UHCprovider.com/edi](https://UHCprovider.com/edi) > Go to companion guides

### Clearinghouse and status reports

Software vendor reports only show the claim left your office and was either accepted or rejected. They don't confirm the claim status. Acknowledgment reports confirm the information you sent has been received. Review your reports, clearinghouse acknowledgment reports and the status reports to reduce processing delays and timely filing penalties.



For clearinghouse options, use our Electronic Data Exchange (EDI) at [UHCprovider.com/edi](https://UHCprovider.com/edi) > [EDI Clearinghouse Options](#).

## e-Business support

Call Provider Services at **877-542-9235** for help with online billing, claims, Electronic Remittance Advices (ERAs), Electronic Funds Transfers (EFTs).

For all of our claims and payment options, such as business support and EDI claims, go to the Online Services section in [Chapter 1](#).

To find more information about EDI online, go to [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com), Click Menu, then Resource Library to find Electronic Data Interchange menu.

## Completing the CMS 1500 claim form



Companion documents for 837 transactions are on [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) > Resources > Resource Library > [Electronic Data Interchange \(EDI\)](#).

Visit [kmap-state-ks.us](https://kmap-state-ks.us) to learn how to complete the CMS 1500 form.

## Completing the UB-04 form

Bill all hospital inpatient, outpatient and emergency room services using revenue codes and the UB-04 claim form:

- Include ICD CM diagnosis codes.
- Identify other services by the CPT/HCPCS and modifiers.



An example of the UB-04 claim form and instructions for how to complete this form are available on the KMAP website at [kmap-state-ks.us](https://kmap-state-ks.us) > Providers > Forms > Claims (Sample Forms and Instructions) > [UB-04](#).

## Electronic payment solutions: Optum Pay™

UnitedHealthcare has launched the replacement of paper checks with electronic payments and will no longer be sending paper checks for care provider payment. You will have the option of signing up for Automated Clearing House (ACH)/direct deposit, our preferred method of payment, or to receive a Virtual



Card payment (Virtual Card). The only alternative to a Virtual Card is direct deposit. Both of these options allow you to get paid quickly and securely.

**Why choose ACH/direct deposit?**

- Direct deposit puts payment directly into your bank account
- Easy and fast way to get paid
- Improved financial control; no paper checks or remittance information to lose or misplace
- Ability to track information on online portal

**What does this mean to you?**

- If your practice/healthcare organization is still receiving paper checks, you can enroll in ACH/direct deposit for your claim payments now. If you don't elect to sign up for ACH/direct deposit, a Virtual Card will be automatically sent in place of paper checks.
- To sign up for the ACH/direct deposit option, go to [UHCprovider.com/payment](http://UHCprovider.com/payment).
- If your practice/healthcare organization is already enrolled and receiving your claim payments through AHC/direct deposit from Optum Pay™ or receiving Virtual Cards there is no action you need to take.
- If you do not enroll in ACH/direct deposit and currently receive your correspondence electronically, your remittance and Virtual Card statement will be available online through Document Library.
- Exclusions may apply in certain states or markets where paper checks will remain the primary method of payment. For more information on virtual cards and exclusions, go to [UHCprovider.com/payment](http://UHCprovider.com/payment).

All regulated entities have a Management Agreement with United HealthCare Services, Inc. (UHS), under which UHS provides a whole host of administrative services (many of which are provided to UHS by an Optum entity and then passed through to the regulated entities), including those of a financial nature. Those agreements are filed with the DOI in the regulated entity's state of domicile for approval.

**Paper claim submissions**

Mail paper claims directly to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan for our KanCare members. Do not send claims to KMAP. If KMAP receives paper claims for our KanCare members, they will return the claims to you.

Mail paper claims for KanCare members to the applicable address:	
Service	Address
Behavioral health and substance use disorders	<b>UnitedHealthcare Community Plan</b> P.O. Box 5270 Kingston, NY 12402
Dental services	<b>SkyGen</b> P.O. Box 1158 Milwaukee, WI 53201
Pharmacy orders	<b>Optum Rx</b> P.O. Box 29044 Hot Springs, AR 71903
Non-emergent medical transportation	<b>ModivCare Claims Dept.</b> 2552 West Erie Drive Suite 101 Tempe, AZ 85282
Vision services	<b>MARCH® Vision Care</b> 6701 Center Drive West Suite 790 Los Angeles, CA 90045
All other health care services, such as hospital and home and community-based care	<b>UnitedHealthcare Community Plan</b> P.O. Box 5270 Kingston, NY 12402

**Claims processing time**

Our standard timely filing requirement is 180 days from the date of service (for new day claims only). Please refer to your UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Participation Agreement for your specific requirement.

Please allow 30 days before inquiring about claims status. The standard turnaround time for clean claims is 30 business days from date of receipt.

# Denial

Your claim may be denied for administrative or medical necessity reasons.

An **administrative denial** is when we didn't get notification before the service, or the notification came in too late.

Denial for **medical necessity** means the level of care billed wasn't approved as medically necessary.

If a claim is denied for these reasons, you may be able to request a claim reconsideration or file an appeal.

Other top reasons for denial include:

**Extenuating circumstances.** If prior authorization was not obtained due to extenuating circumstances, you have a right to submit documentation supporting the extenuating circumstance, using our appeal process. You may also submit documentation with the appeal that can be reviewed for medical necessity if we determine sufficient evidence of extenuating circumstances.

Extenuating circumstances are defined as any of the following:

- Catastrophic events that interfered with a provider's normal business operations, mechanical or administrative delays or errors by the MCO or KDHE-DHCF
- You could not determine member's identity
- Member provided inaccurate information
- Member provided a primary insurance only
- Member identified as self-pay
- Member did not provide information of enrollment with an MCO
- You called or checked MCO's website to obtain prior authorization and was told or website indicated no authorization was required.

**Duplicate claim.** This is one of the most common reasons for denial. It means resubmitting the same claim information. This can reset the clock on the time it takes to pay a claim.

**Claim lacks information.** Basic information is missing, such as a person's date of birth; or information incorrect, such as spelling of a name. You can resubmit this type of claim with the correct information.

**Eligibility expired.** Most practices verify coverage beforehand to avoid issues, but sometimes that doesn't happen. One of the most common claim denials involving verification is when a patient's health insurance

coverage has expired and the patient and practice were unaware. Also, in a lot of cases, practices may check eligibility when an appointment is made, but between the appointment being made and the actual visit, coverage can be dropped. We recommend an eligibility check again once the patient has arrived.

**Claim not covered by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.** Another claim denial you can avoid is when procedures are not covered by us. You can easily avoid this problem by using real-time verification.

**Time limit expired.** This is when you don't send the claim in time.

## Claim correction

### What is it?

You may need to update information on a claim you've already submitted. A corrected claim replaces a previously processed or denied claim submitted in error. You have 365 days from the date of service to file a corrected claim.

### When to use:

Submit a corrected claim to fix or void one that has already processed.

## How to correct electronic claims

### UB claims:

- You may submit a corrected claim electronically through the your electronic claim clearinghouse.
- Update the third digit in the bill type to:
  - "7" for a replacement request
  - "8" for a void request
- The change in bill type will flag the claim as a corrected claim.

### CMS 1500 claims:

- You may submit an adjustment or void claim request electronically through your electronic claim clearinghouse.
- Using resubmission codes in Box 22 on the CMS 1500 claim titled *Resubmission Code*.
  - Resubmission code "7" for replacement request.
  - Resubmission code "8" for void request.
- Include original claim number in the Original Reference Number box.

### How to correct paper claims

#### UB claims:

- Mail corrected claims to:

**UnitedHealthcare Community Plan**  
P.O. Box 5270  
Kingston, NY 12402-5240

- Write “CORRECTED” on the claim.
- Update the third digit of the bill type to a “7”.
- The change in bill type will flag the claim as a corrected claim.

#### CMS 1500 claims:

- Mail corrected claims to:

**UnitedHealthcare Community Plan**  
P.O. Box 5270  
Kingston, NY 12402

- Write “CORRECTED” on the claim.
- Add the original claim number in Box 22 of the CMS 1500 form.

#### Additional information:

When correcting or submitting late charges on 837 institutional claims, use bill type xx7: Replacement of Prior Claim. Do not submit corrected or additional information charges using bill type xx5: Late Charge Claim. To void a claim, use bill type xx8.

## Resubmitting a claim

#### What is it?

When you resubmit a claim, you create a new claim in place of a rejected one. A rejected claim has not been processed due to problems detected before processing.

#### When to use it:

Resubmit the claim if it was rejected. Since rejected claims have not been processed yet, there is no appeal - the claim needs to be corrected through resubmission.

#### Common reasons for rejected claims:

Some of the common causes of claim rejections happen due to:

- Errors in member demographic data – name, age, date of birth, sex or address.
- Errors in care provider data.
- Wrong member insurance ID.
- No referring care provider ID or NPI number.

#### How to use:

To resubmit the claim, follow the same submission instructions as a new claim. To mail your resubmission, provide all claim information to:

**UnitedHealthcare Community Plan**  
P.O. Box 5270  
Kingston, NY 12402

**Warning!** If your claim was denied and you resubmit it, you will receive a duplicate claim rejection. A denied claim has been through claim processing and we determined it cannot be paid. You may appeal a denied claim by submitting the corrected claim information or appealing the decision. See Claim Correction and Claim Reconsideration sections of this chapter for more information.

## Claim reconsideration

#### What is it?

Claim issues include overpayment, underpayment, denial, or an original or corrected claim determination you do not agree with. A claim reconsideration request is the quickest way to address your concern about whether the claim was paid correctly. This is an optional process available to you before you file a formal appeal. When you send a reconsideration, send additional support information.

#### When to use:

Submit a claim reconsideration when you think a claim has not been properly processed.

For administrative denials:

- In your reconsideration request, please ask for a medical necessity review and include all relevant medical records.

For medical necessity denials:

- In your request, please include any additional clinical information that may not have been reviewed with your original claim.
- Show how specific information in the medical record supports the medical necessity of the level of care performed – for example, inpatient instead of observation.

#### How to use:

If you disagree with a claim determination, submit a claim reconsideration request electronically, by phone or

mail within 120 calendar days from the remittance date (plus three calendar days mailing):

- **Electronically:** Use the Claim Reconsideration application on the Provider Portal. Include electronic attachments. You may also check your status using the Provider Portal.
- **Phone:** Call Provider Services at **877-542-9235** or use the number on the back of the member's ID card. The tracking number will begin with SF and be followed by 18 numbers.
- **Mail:** Submit the Claim Reconsideration Request Form to:

**UnitedHealthcare Community Plan**  
P.O. Box 5270  
Kingston, NY 12402

Available at [UHCprovider.com/claims](https://UHCprovider.com/claims).

Do not send a claim or claim copy with your reconsideration request. The reconsiderations team cannot accept it and will return it to you.

### Tips for successful claims resolution

To help process claim reconsiderations:

- Do not let claim issues grow or go unresolved.
- Call [Provider Services](#) if you can't verify a claim is on file.
- Do not resubmit validated claims on file unless submitting a corrected claim.
- File adjustment requests and claims disputes within contractual time requirements.
- If you must exceed the maximum daily frequency for a procedure, submit the medical records justifying medical necessity.
- UnitedHealthcare Community Plan is the payer of last resort. This means you must bill and get an EOB from other insurance or source of health care coverage before billing UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.
- When submitting adjustment requests, provide the same information required for a clean claim. Explain the dispute, what should have been paid and why.
- Refer to your contract for submission deadlines concerning third-party claims. Once you have billed the other carrier and received an EOB, submit the claim to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. Attach a copy of the EOB to the submitted claim. The EOB

must be complete to understand the paid amount or the denial reason.

## Valid proof of timely filing documentation (reconsideration)

### What is it?

Proof of timely filing occurs when the member gives incorrect insurance information at the time of service. It includes:

- A denial or rejection letter from another insurance carrier.
- Another insurance carrier's explanation of benefits.
- Letter from another insurance carrier or employer group indicating:
  - Coverage termination prior to the date of service of the claim
  - No coverage for the member on the date of service of the claim

A submission report is not proof of timely filing for electronic claims. It must be accompanied by an acceptance report. Timely filing denials are often upheld due to incomplete or wrong documentation submitted with a reconsideration request. You may also receive a timely filing denial when you do not submit a claim on time.

### How to use:

Submit a reconsideration request electronically, by phone or mail with the following information:

- **Electronic claims:** Include the EDI acceptance report stating we received your claim.
- **Mail reconsiderations:** Submit a screen shot from your accounting software that shows the date you submitted the claim. The screen shot must show:
  - Correct member name.
  - Correct date of service.
  - Claim submission date.

### Additional information:

Timely filing limits can vary based on state requirements and contracts. If you do not know your timely filing limit, refer to your Provider Agreement.

# Overpayment

## What is it?

An overpayment happens when we overpay a claim.

## How to use:

If you or UnitedHealthcare Community Plan finds an overpaid claim, send us the overpayment within the time specified in your contract. If your payment is not received by that time, we may apply the overpayment against future claim payments in accordance with your Agreement and applicable law.

If you prefer we recoup the funds from your next payment, call [Provider Services](#).

If you prefer to mail a refund, send an Overpayment Return Check or the Overpayment Refund/Notification form.

Also send a letter with the check. Include the following:

- Patient name
- Patient Medicaid ID#
- Date of service
- Amount originally paid by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan
- Amount overpaid
- Reason account is considered overpaid

- Claim number (if available)
- UID from recovery letter (if available)
- Copy of UnitedHealthcare Community Plan remit (if available)
- Name and phone number of person authorized to sign checks or approve financial decisions

## Where to send:

Mail refunds with an Overpayment Return Check or the Overpayment Refund/Notification form to:

**UnitedHealthcare Community Plan**  
P.O. Box 5230  
Kingston, NY 12401



Instructions are at [UHCprovider.com/KScommunityplan](https://UHCprovider.com/KScommunityplan).

If you do not agree with the overpayment findings, you may file an appeal within the required time frame as listed in your contract.

If you disagree with a claim adjustment or our decision not to make a claim adjustment, you can appeal.

We make claim adjustments without requesting additional information from you. You will see the adjustment on the EOB or Provider Remittance Advice (PRA). When additional information is needed, we will ask you to provide it.

Sample overpayment report

\*The information provided is sample data only for illustrative purposes.  
Please populate and return with the data relevant to your claims that have been overpaid.

Member ID	Date of Service	Original Claim #	Date of Payment	Paid Amount	Amount of Overpayment	Reason for Overpayment
11111	01/01/14	14A000000001	01/31/14	115.03	115.03	Double payment of claim
2222222	02/02/14	14A000000002	03/15/14	279.34	27.19	Contract states \$50, claim paid 77.29
3333333	03/03/14	14A000000003	04/01/14	131.41	99.81	You paid 4 units, we billed only 1
44444444	04/04/14	14A000000004	05/02/14	412.26	412.26	Member has other insurance
55555555	05/05/14	14A000000005	06/15/14	332.63	332.63	Member terminated

## Subrogation and coordination of benefit

Our benefits contracts are subject to subrogation and coordination of benefits (COB) rules:

- **Subrogation:** We may recover benefits paid for a member’s treatment when a third party causes the injury or illness.
- **COB:** We coordinate benefits based on the member’s benefit contract and applicable regulations.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan is the payer of last resort. Other coverage should be billed as the primary carrier. When billing UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, submit the primary payer’s Explanation of Benefits or remittance advice with the claim.



Note: UnitedHealthcare Community Plan follows KMAP Third Party Liability (TPL) policy. All KMAP TPL billing requirements still apply. Refer to the KMAP General TPL Payment Provider Manual at [kmap-state-ks.us](http://kmap-state-ks.us) > Publications > Provider Manuals > [General TPL Payment Manual](#).

## Hospital and clinic method of billing professional services

Hospital and clinics must bill for professional services on a CMS 1500. The servicing care provider’s name is placed in box 31, and the servicing care provider’s group NPI number is placed in box 33a.

## Global days

Global days include the billable period involving pre-operative visits, the procedure itself, and post-operative visits in which the care provider performs all necessary services. The visits must be performed by the same care provider or another care provider reporting the same TIN in either an inpatient hospital, outpatient hospital, ambulatory surgical center (ASC), or physician’s office.

For reimbursement, we follow CMS guidelines and the National Physician Fee Schedule (NPFS) Relative Value File to determine global days values. To learn more about billing for global days and their values, read our global days policy on UHCprovider.com > Resources > Health Plans, Policies, Protocols and Guides >

For Community Plans > Reimbursement Policies for Community Plan > [Global Days Policy, Professional - Reimbursement Policy - UnitedHealthcare Community Plan](#)

### Correct coding initiative

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan performs coding edit procedures based on the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) and other nationally recognized sources.

#### Comprehensive and component codes

Comprehensive and component code combination edits apply when a code pair(s) appears to be related. These edits can be further broken down to explain the bundling rationale. Some of the most common causes for denials in this category are:

- **Separate procedures:** Only report these codes when performed independently:
- **Most extensive procedures:** You can perform some procedures with different complexities. Only report the most extensive service.
- **With/without services:** Don't report combinations where one code includes and the other excludes certain services.
- **Medical practice standards:** Services part of a larger procedure are bundled.
- **Laboratory panels:** Don't report individual components of panels or multichannel tests separately.
- **Sequential procedures:** When procedures are performed in sequence, or when an initial approach is followed by a more invasive procedure during the same session, you should only report the procedure that receives the expected result.

#### Mutually exclusive codes

These edits apply to procedures that are unlikely or impossible to perform at the same time, on the same patient, by the same care provider. There is a significant difference in the processing of these edits versus the comprehensive and component code edits.

For more information on CCI, visit [cms.gov](https://www.cms.gov).

### Clinical laboratory improvements amendments

Submit your laboratory claims with the clinical laboratory Improvements amendments (CLIA) number. In box 23 of the CMS 1500 claim form, enter the 10-digit CLIA certification number for laboratory services billed by an entity performing CLIA-covered procedures.

### Medicare crossover claims

You must enter Medicare information at both the claim level, in addition to the line level. When entering Medicare information at the claim level, please ensure the amount entered is the sum of the amounts entered at the line level.

### Billing multiple units

When billing multiple units:

- If the same procedure is repeated on the same date of service, enter the procedure code once with the appropriate number of units.
- The total bill charge is the unit charge multiplied by the number of units.

### Ambulance claims (emergency)

Ambulance claims must include the point of origin, destination address, city, state, and ZIP.

### National drug code

Claims must include:

- National drug code (NDC) and unit of measurement for the drug billed.
- HCPCS/CPT code and units of service for the drug billed.
- Actual metric decimal quantity administered.

Submit the NDC on all claims with procedure codes for care provider-administered drugs in outpatient clinical settings. The claims must show the NDC that appears on the product. Enter the identifier N4, the 11-digit NDC code, unit/basis of measurement qualified, and metric

decimal quantity administered. Include HCPCS/CPT codes.

### Medical necessity

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan only pays for medically necessary services. See Chapter 4 for more information about medical necessity.

### Place of service codes

Go to [CMS.gov](https://www.cms.gov) for Place of Service codes.

### Asking about a claim

You can ask about claims through UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Provider Services and the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Provider Portal.



To access the portal, go to [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com). Follow the instructions to get a user ID. You will receive your user ID and password within 48 hours.

#### Provider Services

Provider Services helps resolve claims issues. Have the following information ready before you call:

- Member's ID number
- Date of service
- Procedure code
- Amount billed
- Your ID number
- Claim number

Allow Provider Services 45 days to solve your concern. Limit phone calls to five issues per call.

#### UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Provider Portal

You can view your online transactions on the Provider Portal by signing in at [UHCprovider.com](https://UHCprovider.com) with your One Healthcare ID. This portal offers you with online support

any time. If you are not already registered, you may do so on the website.

The Provider Portal lets you move quickly between applications and allows you to:

- Check member eligibility.
- Submit claims reconsiderations.
- Review coordination of benefits information.
- Use the integrated applications to complete multiple transactions at once.
- Reduce phone calls and paperwork.

You can even customize the screen to put these common tasks just one click away.

Find Provider Portal training at [UHCprovider.com/training](https://UHCprovider.com/training).

Provider Portal training course is available using the [CommunityCare Provider Portal User Guide](#).

### Resolving claim issues



To resolve claim issues, contact [Provider Services](#), use the Provider Portal or resubmit the claim by mail.

Mail paper claims and adjustment requests to:

**UnitedHealthcare Community Plan**  
P.O. Box 5240  
Kingston, NY 12402-5240

Allow up to 30 days for UnitedHealthcare Community Plan to receive payment for initial claims and adjustment requests.

#### For paper claims

Submit a screen shot from your accounting software that shows when you submitted the claim. The screen shot must show the correct:

- Member name.
- Date of service.
- Claim date submission (within the timely filing period).



### Timely filing

Timely filing issues may occur if members give the wrong insurance information when you treat them. This results in receiving:

- A denial/rejection letter from another carrier.
- Another carrier's explanation of benefits.
- A letter from another insurance carrier or employer group saying that the member either has no coverage or had their coverage terminated before the date of service.

All of the above must include documentation the claim is for the correct member and the correct date of service. A submission report alone is not considered proof of timely filing for electronic claims. They must be accompanied by an acceptance report.

The date on the other carrier's payment correspondence starts the timely filing period for submission to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.

To be timely, you must receive the claim within the timely filing period from the date on the other carrier's correspondence. If we receive the claim after the timely filing period, it will not meet the criteria.

If a claim is rejected, and corrections are not received within 180 days from date of service or close of business from the primary carrier, the claim is considered late billed. It will be denied timely filing.

Timely filing limits can vary based on state requirements and contracts. If you don't know your timely filing limit, refer to your Provider Agreement.

If submitting a claim for retroactive eligibility on a member, timely filing limits start on the day the member is determined to be eligible by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and not the back-dated eligibility start date.

## Balance billing

Do not balance bill members if:

- The charge amount and the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan fee schedule differ.
- We deny a claim for late submission, unauthorized service or as not medically necessary.
- UnitedHealthcare Community Plan is reviewing a claim.

You are able to balance bill the member for non-covered

services if the member provides written consent prior to getting the service. If you have questions, please contact your provider advocate.



If you don't know who your provider advocate is, email [Kansas.PR.Team@uhc.com](mailto:Kansas.PR.Team@uhc.com). A provider advocate will get back to you.

## Third-party resources

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan is, by law, the payer of last resort for eligible members. Therefore, you must bill and obtain an explanation of benefits (EOB) from any other insurance or health care coverage resource before billing UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, as required by contract. Refer to your Agreement for third-party claim submission deadlines. Once you bill the other carrier and receive an EOB, the claim may then be submitted to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. Please attach a copy of the EOB to the submitted claim. The EOB must be complete to understand the paid amount or denial reason.

## Multiple rendering care providers

If a member is seen in your office or clinic more than one time in a day, by different rendering care providers, you must submit a separate claim for each visit. Only one rendering care provider can be listed on a professional claim form.

# Chapter 12: Appeals and Grievances

There are several ways to work with us to resolve claims issues or disputes. We base these processes on state and federal regulatory requirements and your provider contract.



For claims, billing and payment questions, go to [uhcprovider.com](https://uhcprovider.com).

The following grid lists the types of disputes and processes that apply:

Appeals and grievances standard definitions and process requirements								
Situation	Definition	Who may submit?	Submission address	Online form	Contact phone number	Care provider website for online submissions	Filing time frame	UnitedHealthcare Community Plan response time frame
Care Provider Claim Resubmission	Creating a new claim. If a claim was denied and you resubmit (as if it were a new claim), then you will normally receive a duplicate claim rejection on your resubmission.	Care provider	<b>UnitedHealthcare Community Plan</b> P.O. Box 5270 Kingston, NY 12402	<a href="https://uhcprovider.com/claims">UHCprovider.com/claims</a>	Provider Services 877-542-9235 TTY 711	Use the Claims Management or Claims on the Provider Portal. Click Sign In in the top right corner of <a href="https://uhcprovider.com">UHCprovider.com</a> , then click Claims.	Must receive within 45 business days	30 business days
Care Provider Claim Reconsideration	Overpayment, underpayment, payment denial, or an original or corrected claim determination you do not agree with.	Care provider	<b>UnitedHealthcare Community Plan</b> P.O. Box 5270 Kingston, NY 12402		Provider Services 877-542-9235 TTY 711	Use the Claims Management or Claims on the Provider Portal. Click Sign In in the top right corner of <a href="https://uhcprovider.com">UHCprovider.com</a> , then click Claims.	Must receive within 123 calendar days from the remittance date	45 business days

Appeals and grievances standard definitions and process requirements								
Situation	Definition	Who may submit?	Submission address	Online form	Contact phone number	Care provider website for online submissions	Filing time frame	UnitedHealthcare Community Plan response time frame
Care Provider Claim Formal Appeal	A second review in which you did not agree with the outcome of the reconsideration.	Care provider	<p><b>UnitedHealthcare Community Plan</b>                      Attn: Appeals and Grievances Unit                      P.O. Box 31364                      Salt Lake City, UT 84131-0364</p> <p>Drop off in person during regular business hours (8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CT) at:</p> <p>6860 West 115th St.                      Overland Park, KS 66211                      Mail Route: KS015-M400</p> <p><b>*Must be labeled UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas - Appeal*</b></p>		Provider Services 877-542-9235 TTY 711 <b>**You must submit appeals in writing. Provider Services cannot accept appeals by phone.**</b>	Use the Claims Management or Claims on the Provider Portal. Click Sign In in the top right corner of <a href="https://UHCprovider.com">UHCprovider.com</a> , then click Claims.	63 calendar days from the date of the notice of action	30 calendar days
Care Provider Grievance	A complaint expressing dissatisfaction with operations, activities, or behavior of a health plan or member.	Care provider	<p><b>UnitedHealthcare Community Plan</b>                      Attn: Appeals and Grievances Unit                      P.O. Box 31364                      Salt Lake City, UT 84131-0364</p> <p>Drop off in person during regular business hours (8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CT) at:</p> <p>6860 West 115th St                      Overland Park, KS 66211                      Mail Route: KS015-M400</p> <p><b>*Must be labeled UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas - Grievance*</b></p>		Provider Services 877-542-9235 TTY 711	Use the Claims Management or Claims on the Provider Portal. Click Sign In in the top right corner of <a href="https://UHCprovider.com">UHCprovider.com</a> , then click Claims.	180 calendar days	30 calendar days

Appeals and grievances standard definitions and process requirements								
Situation	Definition	Who may submit?	Submission address	Online form	Contact phone number	Care provider website for online submissions	Filing time frame	UnitedHealthcare Community Plan response time frame
Member Appeal	A request to change an adverse benefit determination that we made.	*Member *Care provider or authorized representative (such as a friend or family member) on behalf of a member with member's written consent.	<b>UnitedHealthcare Community Plan</b> Attn: Appeals and Grievances Unit P.O. Box 31364 Salt Lake City, UT 84131-0364  Drop off in person during regular business hours (8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CT) at: 6860 West 115th St Overland Park, KS 66211 Mail Route: KS015-M400  <b>*Must be labeled UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas - Appeal*</b>	<a href="https://www.uhcprovider.com/claims">UHCprovider.com/claims</a>  *AOR Consent Form on this site for member appeals.	Member Services 877-542-9238 TTY 711	Members can log on to <a href="https://myuhc.com">MyUHC.com</a> to request an appeal.	63 calendar days	Urgent appeals: 72 hours  Standard appeals: 30 calendar days
Member Grievance	A member's expression of dissatisfaction regarding the plan and/or care provider, including quality of care concerns.	*Member *Care provider or authorized representative (such as a friend or family member) on behalf of a member with member's written consent.	<b>UnitedHealthcare Community Plan</b> Attn: Appeals and Grievance Unit P.O. Box 31364 Salt Lake City, UT 84131-0364  Drop off in person during regular business hours (8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CT) at: 6860 West 115th St Overland Park, KS 66211 Mail Route: KS015-M400  <b>*Must be labeled UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas - Grievance*</b>		877-541-9238 TDD/TTY 711	Members can log on to <a href="https://myuhc.com">MyUHC.com</a> to request a <a href="#">grievance</a> .	N/A	30 calendar days

These definitions and process requirements are subject to modification by state contract or regulations. States may impose more stringent requirements.

## Written denial notice

### Notice of action – care providers

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will issue a written notice of action to a care provider. The notice may be a letter or remittance advice and will contain the following information:

- The date of the notice of action
- The action UnitedHealthcare Community Plan has made or intends to make;
- The date the action was made or will be made;
- The reason for the action, including medical necessity, benefits limitation or exclusion, statute, regulation or policy;
- Your right to request a reconsideration or an appeal;
- An explanation of the optional reconsideration process and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's requirement for you to complete our appeal process before requesting a state fair hearing;
- Your right to submit a reconsideration within 120 calendar days of the date of the notice of action, and your right to submit an appeal request within 63 calendar days of the date of the notice of action. The notice includes the address and contact information for the reconsideration and appeal submission;
- Your right to terminate the reconsideration process and submit an appeal request to us within 63 calendar days of the date of the notice of action. The appeal request is not dependent upon completion of the process or receipt of a notice of reconsideration resolution;
- Your right to submit an appeal request within 63 calendar days of the date of the notice of reconsideration resolution. If you do not submit an appeal request within 63 calendar days and you have submitted a reconsideration request, you must wait until you receive the notice of reconsideration resolution;
- Your right to represent yourself or be represented by legal counsel or another spokesperson when requesting a reconsideration or an appeal;
- The specific change in federal or state law that requires the action; and

- Your right to a state fair hearing after completing the appeal process or, in cases of an action based on a change in law, the circumstances under which a state fair hearing will be granted.

### Notice of adverse benefit determination - members

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's member notice of adverse benefit determination includes information required by Kansas statute that relates to our adverse benefit determination and any of the following information:

- Dates, types and amount of requested services (if the adverse benefit determination pertains to a service authorization request);
- Date of the Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination;
- Date the Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination was sent;
- The adverse benefit determination UnitedHealthcare Community Plan has made or intends to make;
- The reason for the adverse benefit determination, including medical necessity, benefits limitation or exclusion, statute, regulation or policy;
- The date the adverse benefit determination was made or will be made;
- The member's right to request an appeal and state fair hearing;
- How to request an expedited appeal;
- The member's right to request an appeal within 63 calendar days of the date of the notice of adverse benefit determination. The notice includes the address and contact information for the appeal submission;
- Information about how a member may continue to receive benefits pending appeal resolution or state fair hearing;
- The member's right to represent themselves or be represented by an authorized representative when requesting an appeal or a state fair hearing;
- Contact information to request assistance, submit an appeal or request a state fair hearing;
- The specific change in federal or state law that requires the adverse benefit determination; and
- The member's right to a state fair hearing and how to request one.

## Formal appeal

### What is it?

An appeal is a request to review an adverse action.

### When to use:

If you do not agree with the outcome of the claim reconsideration decision in step one, use the claim appeal process.

### How to use/file:

Submit related documents with your appeal. These may include a cover letter, medical records and additional information. Send your information electronically, by mail or in person. In your appeal, please include any supporting information not included with your reconsideration request.

- **Electronic claims:** Use the Claims Management or Claims on the Provider Portal at [UHCprovider.com](https://uhcprovider.com). You may upload attachments.
- **Mail:** Send the appeal to:

**UnitedHealthcare Community Plan**

Attn: Appeals and Grievances Unit  
P.O. Box 31364  
Salt Lake City, UT 84131-0364

- **Drop off in person during regular business hours** (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT) at:

**UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas**

6860 West 115th Street  
Overland Park, KS 66211  
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Questions about your appeal or need a status update? Call [Provider Services](#). If you filed your appeal online, you should receive a confirmation email or feedback through the secure Provider Portal.

## External independent third party review

Effective with denials issued on or after Jan. 1, 2020, care providers may request an external independent third party review (EITPR) of UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's appeal decision. You may not request

an EITPR for a reconsideration decision. You may request an EITPR if UnitedHealthcare Community Plan denies:

- Authorization of a new health care service to a member.
- A claim reimbursement for health care service to a member.

The external reviewer will only review the records and documentation you submit during the appeal process, along with medical necessity criteria applied in the appeal decision. If additional documentation needs review, you must use the state fair hearing process. EITPR is an optional process available to care providers only.

### EITPR submission

Download the EITPR request form at [UHCprovider.com](https://uhcprovider.com) > Health Plans By State > Kansas > Medicaid (Community Plan) > Provider Forms and References. Complete the form and submit:

- **By mail:**

**Attn: UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas - EITPR**

P.O. Box 31218  
Salt Lake City, UT 84131

- **Drop off in person during regular business hours** (8 a.m. – 5 p.m. CT) at:

**UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas**

6860 West 115th Street  
Overland Park, KS 66211  
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- **By email:** [KS\\_EITPR@uhc.com](mailto:KS_EITPR@uhc.com)

### EITPR request requirements

1. You must complete the appeal process prior to requesting an external review.
  - For denials of authorization of a new health care service, you may submit authorization from the affected member. You are no longer required to submit authorization to appeal a denial of a new health care service.
2. We must receive EITPR requests within 63 days from the date of the notice of appeal resolution.

3. EITPR requests must involve a denial of an authorization for a new health care service or a denial of a claim for reimbursement. Authorization decisions that terminate, suspend, or reduce previously authorized services, and qualify for continued services, are not eligible for EITPR.
  - We will deny your request for external review if the member no longer wants the denied health care service.
4. EITPR requests must include all of the following:
  - Identification of each specific issue and dispute directly related to the adverse final decision issued by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan;
  - Why you believe our decision is wrong; and
  - Your contact information, including name, mailing address, phone number and email address.

We will deny the request if you do not meet the requirements listed above.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will acknowledge receipt of your request, in writing, within five business days of receipt. The external independent third party reviewer must complete their review within 30 calendar days of receiving documentation. The reviewer may extend the time to issue a decision by 14 calendar days if UnitedHealthcare Community Plan and you agree to it. We will notify you within 10 business days of receipt of the external reviewer's decision.

### EITPR review bundling

The external reviewer may determine multiple EITPR requests in one action upon your request or UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's request if it involves:

- The same beneficiary;
- A common question of fact; or
- A common interpretation of applicable regulations or reimbursement requirements.

You may add initial claim denials to an EITPR request prior to the external reviewer's decision if the claims involve a common:

- Question of fact; or
- Interpretation of applicable regulations or reimbursement requirements.

You must complete UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's appeal process for each additional claim before adding

those claims to the review. You must also submit an external review request to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan for each additional denied claim. The external reviewer must provide separate decision letters, as needed, to protect health information.

### EITPR determination

The external reviewer's decision letter will direct the losing party to pay for the third party review unless the losing party requests a state fair hearing. You still have state fair hearing rights if there is an adverse decision from the EITPR. You must submit the state fair hearing request within 33 calendar days from the date of UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's notice of the external review decision. If the state fair hearing decision reverses the external reviewer's decision, the hearing's losing party must pay the third-party reviewer within 45 calendar days of the Initial Order.

## Care provider grievance

### What is it?

Grievances are complaints related to your UnitedHealthcare Community Plan policy, procedures or payments.

### When to file:

You have 180 calendar days to file a grievance with us about:

- Benefits and limitations.
- Eligibility and enrollment of a member or care provider.
- Member issues or UnitedHealthcare Community Plan issues.
- Availability of health services from UnitedHealthcare Community Plan to a member.
- The delivery of health services.
- The quality of service.

### How to file:

File verbally or in writing.

- **Phone:** Call Provider Services at **877-542-9235**.
- **Mail:** Send care provider name, contact information and your grievance to:

### UnitedHealthcare Community Plan

Attn: Appeals and Grievances Unit

P.O. Box 31364

Salt Lake City, UT 84131-0364

- **Drop off in person during regular business hours** (8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CT) at:

### UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas

6860 West 115th Street

Overland Park, KS 66211

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We track and resolve your grievance within 30 calendar days of receipt and will respond in writing.

You may only file a grievance on a member's behalf with the written consent of the member. See Member Appeals and Grievances Definitions and Procedures.

## Member appeals and grievances definitions and procedures

### Member appeals

When we deny a service authorization request, or lower, suspend or end a previously authorized service, we mail a Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination to the member.

We mail the adverse benefit determination as quickly as the member's health condition requires, but no later than 14 calendar days following receipt of the authorization request.

We may extend the response up to 14 calendar days if the following conditions apply:

1. Member requests an extension.
2. We request additional information and explain how the delay is in the member's best interest.

In cases where the standard time frame could seriously jeopardize the member's life, physical or mental health, or ability to attain, maintain or regain maximum function, we will make an expedited adverse benefit determination no later than 72 hours after receipt of the request for service.

### Filing an appeal

#### What is it?

An appeal is a formal way to share dissatisfaction with an adverse benefit determination.

You (with a member's written consent) or a member may appeal when the plan:

- Lowers, suspends or ends a previously authorized service.
- Refuses, in whole or part, payment for services.
- Fails to provide services in a timely manner, as defined by the state.
- Doesn't act within the time frame the state requires.

#### When to use:

You may act on the member's behalf with their written consent. The Appointment of Representative (AOR) form is at [UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan](http://UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan) > [Provider Forms and References](#). You may provide medical records and supporting documentation as appropriate.

#### Where to send:

You or the member may file an appeal with us by phone, in writing, online or in person within 60 calendar days (plus three calendar days will be allowed for mailing time) from the date of the adverse benefit determination.

- **By phone** (Member Services): 877-542-9238 (TTY 711)
  - For standard appeals, if you appeal by phone or in person, you must follow up in writing, ask the member to sign the written appeal, and mail it to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. Expedited appeals do not need to be in writing.

- **By mail:**

### UnitedHealthcare Community Plan

Attn: Appeals and Grievances Unit

P.O. Box 31364

Salt Lake City, UT 8413-0364

- **Drop off in person during regular business hours** (8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CT) at:

### UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas

6860 West 115th Street

Overland Park, KS 66211

Mail Route: KS015 - M400

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- **Online** (must be logged into [MyUHC.com](https://MyUHC.com) to view):  
[personalhealthmessagecenter.com/public/forms/KS-Appeal](https://personalhealthmessagecenter.com/public/forms/KS-Appeal)

### How to use:

Whenever we deny a service, we must provide the member with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan appeal rights. The member has the right to:

- Receive a copy of the rule used to make the decision.
- Present evidence, and allegations of fact or law, in person and in writing.
- Review the case file before and during the appeal process. The file includes medical records and any other documents.
- Send written comments or documents considered for the appeal.
- Ask for an expedited appeal if waiting for this health service could harm the member's health.
- Ask for continuation of services during the appeal. However, the member may have to pay for the health service if it is continued or if the member should not have received the service. As the care provider, you cannot ask for a continuation. Only the member may do so.

We resolve a standard appeal 30 calendar days from the day we receive it. We resolve an expedited appeal 72 hours from when we receive it.

Member benefits continue until UnitedHealthcare Community Plan makes the appeal decision:

- If the adverse benefit determination lowers, suspends or ends previously authorized waiver services, those services will continue for 60 calendar days (plus three calendar days from the date of the notice) to allow time to file an appeal. This applies to waiver benefits/beneficiaries only.
- If the member, or their authorized representative, files an appeal for non-waiver benefits within 10 calendar days from the date the adverse benefit determination is sent, and the member requests continuation of services, the current non-waiver services will continue during the appeal. A care provider may serve as a member's authorized representative in an appeal, but the care provider cannot request continuation of benefits.

If submitting the appeal by mail, you must complete the Appointment of Representative (AOR) form.



A copy of the form is online at [uhcprovider.com/kscommunityplan](https://uhcprovider.com/kscommunityplan) > [Provider Forms and References](#).

## Member grievance

### What is it?

A grievance is an expression of dissatisfaction about UnitedHealthcare Community Plan and/or a care provider about any matter other than an adverse benefit determination. This includes quality of care or service concerns and aspects of interpersonal relationships, such as a care provider or employee's rudeness.

### When to use:

You may act on the member's behalf with their written consent.

### Where to send:

You or the member may file a grievance with us by phone, in writing, in person or online.

- **By phone** (Member Services): 877-542-9238 (TTY 711)
- **By mail:**

#### **UnitedHealthcare Community Plan**

Attn: Appeals and Grievances Unit  
P.O. Box 31364  
Salt Lake City, UT 84131-0364

- **In person during regular business hours** (8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CT):

#### **UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas**

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Overland Park, KS 66211  
Mail Route: KS015 - M400

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- **Online** (must be logged into [MyUHC.com](https://MyUHC.com) to view):  
[personalhealthmessagecenter.com/public/forms/KS-Grievance](https://personalhealthmessagecenter.com/public/forms/KS-Grievance)

We will send an answer no longer than 60 calendar days from when you filed the complaint/grievance or as quickly as the member's health condition requires. We offer a 14-calendar-day extension if the member or UnitedHealthcare Community Plan requests additional time.

## Member/care provider state fair hearings

### What is it?

If you disagree with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's appeal decision, you may ask the Kansas Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) to review the decision. Members and care providers may only request state fair hearing after completion of the appeal process.

### When to use:

You have 120 calendar days (plus three days for mailing) from the date on UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's appeal resolution notice.

### How to use:

You may ask for a state fair hearing in the following ways:

- Complete the Request for Administrative Hearing form online at [oah.ks.gov/Home/Forms](http://oah.ks.gov/Home/Forms) and mail it to:

**Office of Administrative Hearings**

1020 S. Kansas Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66612

- **By phone:**

- **877-542-9235** (Provider Services)
- **877-542-9238** (Member Services)

- **Drop off in person during regular business hours** (8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CT) at:

**UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas**

6860 West 115th Street  
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Hearing\****

The member may ask UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Member Services for help requesting a State Fair Hearing.

The member may have someone attend with them. This may be a family member, friend, care provider or lawyer. Written consent is required.

The OAH will provide a decision in writing within 30 days from the date of the hearing.

## Processes related to reversal of our initial decision

If the state fair hearing outcome is to not deny, limit, or delay services while the member is waiting on an appeal, then we provide the services:

1. As quickly as the member's health condition requires or
2. No later than 72 hours from the date UnitedHealthcare Community Plan receives the determination reversal.

If the State Fair Hearing decides UnitedHealthcare Community Plan must approve appealed services, we pay for the services as specified in the policy and/or regulation.

# Chapter 13: Care Provider Communications & Outreach

## Key contacts

Topic	Link	Phone Number
Provider Education	UHCprovider.com > Resources > <a href="#">Resource Library</a>	877-542-9235
News and Bulletins	UHCprovider.com > Resources > <a href="#">News and Network Bulletin</a>	
Provider Manuals	<a href="#">UHCprovider.com/guides</a>	



Looking for something else?

- In PDF view, click CTRL+F, then type the keyword.
- In web view, type your keyword in the “what can we help you find?” search bar.

Connect with us on social media:   

## Communication with care providers

UnitedHealthcare is on a [multi-year effort](#) to enhance our digital delivery channels and transition paper transactions to electronic, whenever possible. Our goal is to make it easier for you to work with us and reduce the time it takes for you to perform claim and clinical activities. We may provide electronic notice of policy, protocol and payment policy changes; news and other important updates.

Accordingly, there are a number of ways clinicians, practice managers, administrative staff, facilities and hospitals can stay up to date on items of interest from UnitedHealthcare:

- [UHCprovider.com](#): This public website is available 24/7 and does not require registration to access. You’ll find valuable resources including administrative and plan-specific policies, protocols and guides, health plans by state, regulatory and practice updates, and quality programs.
- [UHCprovider.com/KScommunityplan](#): The UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas page has state-specific resources, guidance and rules.
- **Policies and protocols**: UHCprovider.com > Resources > Health Plans, Policies, Protocols and

Guides > [For Community Plans](#) library includes UnitedHealthcare Community Plan policies and protocols.

- **Kansas health plans**: [UHCprovider.com/KS](#) is the fastest way to review all of the health plans UnitedHealthcare offers in Kansas. To review plan information for another state, use the drop-down menu at UHCprovider.com > Resources > [Health Plans](#). Then choose a state and review the types of plans (commercial, Medicare Advantage, etc.) offered in that market.
- **UnitedHealthcare Provider Portal**: This secure portal is accessible from [UHCprovider.com](#). It allows you to access patient information such as eligibility and benefit information and digital ID cards. You can learn more about the portal in [Chapter 1](#) of this manual or by visiting [UHCprovider.com/portal](#). You can also access UHCprovider.com/training > [Digital Solutions](#) for many of the tools and tasks available in the portal.
- **UnitedHealthcare Network News**: Bookmark UHCprovider.com > Resources > [News](#). It’s the home for updates across our commercial, Medicare Advantage and Community Plan (Medicaid) health plans. You’ll find contractual and regulatory updates, process changes and reminders, program launches

and resources to help manage your practice and care for patients. This includes the communication formerly known as the Network Bulletin.



Receive personalized Network News emails twice a month by subscribing at [cloud.provideremail.uhc.com/subscribe](https://cloud.provideremail.uhc.com/subscribe). You'll get the latest news, policy and reimbursement updates we've posted on our news webpage. These email briefs include monthly notification of policy and protocol updates, including medical and reimbursement policy changes. They also include announcements of new programs and changes in administrative procedures. You can tailor your subscription to help ensure you only receive updates relevant to your state, specialty and point of care.

## Care provider education and training

To help ensure you are reimbursed accurately and patients have access to the care they need, we have developed a full range of training resources, including interactive self-paced courses and quick reference guides along with registration for instructor-led sessions. Topics include the digital solutions available on the UnitedHealthcare Provider Portal, plan and product overviews, clinical tools and state-specific training.

View the training resources at [UHCprovider.com/training](https://UHCprovider.com/training). Content is updated frequently and organized by categories to make it easy to find what you need.

## Email communication – required contact information

We must have a valid email address on file to send you required notifications and important information.

Submit your email address in one of the following ways:

1. Sign up for a [One Healthcare ID](#), which also gives you access to the UnitedHealthcare Provider Portal
2. Subscribe to Network News email briefs to receive regular email updates.



Already have a One Healthcare ID? To review or update your email, simply sign in to the portal. Go to “Profile & Settings,” then “Account Information” to manage your email.

## Care provider office visits

Provider advocates regularly visit PCPs and specialist offices. Each advocate is assigned to a provider group to deliver face-to-face support. We do this to create program awareness, promote compliance and problem resolution.



If you are not sure who your provider advocate is, you can view a map to determine which provider advocate to contact based on your location at [UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan](https://UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan) > Contact Us.

## Care provider manual

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan publishes this manual online. It includes an overview of the program, a number for Provider Services and a list of additional care provider resources. If you do not have internet access, request a hard copy of this manual by contacting Provider Services.

## Care provider forms and references



To download necessary forms, go to [UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan](https://UHCprovider.com/kscommunityplan) > [Provider Forms and References](#).

# Chapter 14: Glossary

## **AABD**

Assistance to the aged, blind and disabled

## **Abuse (by care provider)**

Care provider practices that are inconsistent with sound fiscal, business or medical practices, and result in an unnecessary cost, or in reimbursement for services not medically necessary, or that fail to meet professionally recognized standards for health care. It also includes recipient practices that result in unnecessary cost, as defined by 42 CFR 455.2.

## **Abuse (of member)**

Intentional infliction of physical, emotional or mental harm, caused by negligent acts or omissions, unreasonable confinement, sexual abuse or sexual assault as defined by A.R.S 46-451.

## **Action**

The denial or limited authorization of a requested service, including the type, level or care provider of service; reduction, suspension, or termination of a previously authorized service; the denial, in whole or in part, of payment of a service; or failure to provide services or act in a timely manner as required by law or contract.

## **Acute Inpatient Care**

Care provided to persons sufficiently ill or disabled requiring:

1. Constant availability of medical supervision by attending care provider or other medical staff.
2. Constant availability of licensed nursing personnel.
3. Availability of other diagnostic or therapeutic services and equipment available only in a hospital setting to ensure proper medical management by the care provider.

## **Adverse Benefit Determination**

Care provided to persons sufficiently ill or disabled requiring:

1. The denial or limited authorization of a requested service, including the type or level of service, requirements for medical necessity, appropriateness, setting, or effectiveness of a covered benefit;

2. The reduction, suspension, or termination of a previously authorized service;
3. The denial, in whole or in part, of payment for a service;
4. The failure to provide services in a timely manner, as defined by the state;
5. The failure of UnitedHealthcare to act within the time frames in the contract and within the standard resolution of grievances and appeals;
6. For a resident of a rural area, the denial of a member's request to exercise his/her right to obtain services outside the network; or
7. The denial of a member's request to dispute a financial liability, including cost sharing, copayments, premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and other member financial liabilities.

## **Advance Directive**

Legal papers that list a member's wishes about their end-of-life health care.

## **Ambulatory Care**

Health care services provided on an outpatient basis. While many inpatients may be ambulatory, the term "ambulatory care" usually implies the patient has come to a location other than his/her home to receive services and has departed the same day. Examples include chemotherapy and physical therapy.

## **Ambulatory Surgical Facility**

A facility licensed by the state where it is located, equipped and operated mainly to provide for surgeries and obstetrical deliveries, and allows patients to leave the facility the same day surgery or delivery occurs.

## **Ancillary Services**

Health care services ordered by a care provider, including but not limited to, laboratory services, radiology services and physical therapy.

## **Appeal**

A request to review an Adverse Benefit Determination or an Action, as defined in this chapter.

## **Authorization**

Approval obtained by care providers from UnitedHealthcare Community Plan for a service before

the service is rendered. Used interchangeably with “preauthorization” or “prior authorization.”

### **Authorized Representative**

Any person or entity acting on behalf of the member or care provider with their written consent. A care provider may be an authorized representative of a member.

### **Average Length of Stay (ALOS)**

Measure of hospital utilization calculated by dividing total patient days incurred by the number of admissions/discharges during the period.

### **Billed Charges**

Charges you bill for rendering services to a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member.

### **Capitation**

A prospective payment based on a certain rate per person paid on a monthly basis for a specific range of health care service.

### **Case Manager**

The individual responsible for coordinating the overall service plan for a member in conjunction with the member, the member’s representative and the member’s primary care provider (PCP).

### **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)**

A federal agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that administers Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP programs.

### **Children’s Health Insurance Plan (CHIP)**

A federal/state funded health insurance program authorized by Title XXI of the SSA and administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment/ Division of Health Care Finance (KDHE-DHCF).

### **Claim**

A request for payment for the provision of covered services prepared on a CMS 1500 form, UB-04, or successor, submitted electronically or by mail.

### **Clean Claim**

A claim submitted in accordance with 42 CFR 447.45, as amended from time to time, that can be processed without obtaining additional information from the care provider of the service or from a third party. It includes a claim with errors originating in a state’s claims system. It does not include a claim from a care provider who is under investigation for fraud or abuse, or a claim under review for medical necessity.

### **Continuation of Benefits**

The continuation of previously authorized services or course of treatment during the appeal process or state

fair hearing concerning an adverse benefit determination terminating, suspending or reducing the member’s KanCare benefits.

### **Contracted Health Professionals**

PCPs, specialists, medical facilities, allied health professionals and ancillary service providers under contract with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. These care providers deliver specific covered services to members. They represent those individuals and entities used through the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan prior authorization and referral policies and procedures.

### **Contracted Services**

Services provided by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan under the terms of our contract with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Division of Health Care Finance (KDHE-DHCF).

### **Complaint**

Any written or oral expression of dissatisfaction by a care provider.

### **Coordination of Benefits (COB)**

Applies when a person is covered under more than one group medical plan. The plans coordinate with each other to avoid duplicate payments for the same medical services.

### **Covered Services**

All Medicaid and CHIP services we provide in any setting, including but not limited to, medical care, behavioral health care and long-term services and supports.

### **Credentialing**

The verification of applicable licenses, certifications and experience. This process assures care provider status is extended only to professional, competent care providers who continually meet UnitedHealthcare Community Plan qualifications, standards and requirements.

### **Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes**

A code assigned to a task or service a care provider does for a member. Every medical task or service has its own CPT code. These codes are used by the insurer to know how much they need to pay the physician. CPT codes are created and published by the American Medical Association.

### **Delivery System**

The mechanism by which health care is delivered to a member. Examples include hospitals, care provider offices and home health care.

### **Denied Claims Review**

The process for care providers to request a review of a denied claim.

### **Disallow Amount (Amt)**

Medical charges for which the network care provider may not receive payment from UnitedHealthcare Community Plan and cannot bill the member. Examples are:

- The difference between billed charges and in-network rates.
- Charges for bundled or unbundled services as detected by Correct Coding Initiative edits.

### **Discharge Planning**

Screening eligible candidates for continuing care following treatment in an acute care facility. It involves care planning, scheduling, arranging and steps that move a member from one level of care to another.

### **Disenrollment**

The discontinuance of a member's eligibility to receive covered services from a contractor.

### **Dispute**

Step 1: Care provider claim reconsideration

- When a care provider disagrees with the payment of a service, supply, or procedure.

Step 2: Care provider appeal

- When a care provider disagrees with the payment of a service, supply, or procedure.

### **Dual Coverage**

When a member is enrolled with two UnitedHealthcare plans at the same time.

### **Dual Eligible**

When a member has other insurance that is primary to Medicaid. This could be Medicare or some other primary insurance coverage.

### **Durable Medical Equipment (DME)**

Equipment used repeatedly or used primarily and customarily for medical purposes rather than convenience or comfort. It also is equipment that is appropriate for use in the home and prescribed by a care provider.

### **Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment Program (EPSDT)**

A package of services in a preventive (well child) exam covered by Medicaid as defined in SSA Section 1905 (R). Covered services include a complete health history and developmental assessment; an unclothed physical exam; immunizations; laboratory tests; health

education; and screenings for vision, dental, substance abuse, mental health and hearing. They also include any medically necessary services found during the preventive exam. This program is also known as the Kan Be Healthy Program.

### **Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)**

The electronic exchange of information between two or more organizations.

### **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)**

The electronic exchange of funds between two or more organizations.

### **Electronic Medical Record (EMR)**

An electronic version of a member's health record and the care they have received.

### **Eligibility Determination**

Deciding whether an applicant meets the requirements for federal or state eligibility.

### **Emergency Care**

The provision of medically necessary services required for immediate attention to review or stabilize a medical emergency.

### **Encounter**

A record of health care-related services by care providers registered with Medicaid to a patient enrolled with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan on the date of service. You are required to report all service encounters to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, including prepaid services. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan electronically reports these encounters to state Medicaid. The state audits encounter submission accuracy and timeliness on a regular basis.

### **Enrollee**

Enrollee is interchangeable with the term member. Any person enrolled with a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan product as a subscriber or dependent.

### **Enrollment**

The process where a person is determined eligible to receive Medicaid or Medicare benefits becomes an enrollee or member of a health plan.

### **Equivalent Due Process Treatment**

Treating participating and non-participating care providers in an equal manner in terms of processing a grievance, reconsideration, appeal or state fair hearing. This does not include or apply to reimbursement differences between participating and non-participating care providers.

### **Evidence-Based Care**

An approach that helps care providers use the most current, scientifically accurate research to make decisions about members' care.

### **Expedited Appeal**

The accelerated review process for appeals when we determine that taking the time for a standard resolution of the appeal could seriously jeopardize the member's life, physical or mental health, or ability to attain, maintain or regain maximum function.

### **Expedited Appeal Request**

A request by a member or their authorized representative to use an accelerated review process for appeals when a standard resolution could seriously jeopardize the member's life, physical or mental health, or ability to attain, maintain or regain maximum function.

### **Expedited State Fair Hearing**

A state fair hearing in accordance with the accelerated time frames and criteria as specified in 42 CFR 431.224 ad 431.244 and applicable state laws and regulations.

### **Expedited State Fair Hearing Request**

A request by a member, or their authorized representative, for a final administrative action to be made as expeditiously as the member's health condition requires and no later than three business days after the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) receives the appeal case information.

### **Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)**

A facility that is:

1. Receiving grants under section 329, 330 or 340 of the Public Health Services Act
2. Receiving such grants based on the recommendation of KDHE-DHCF within the Public Health Service
3. A tribe or tribal organization operating outpatient health programs or facilities under the Indian Self Determination Act (PL93-638).

### **Fee-For-Service (FFS)**

A method of payment to care providers on an amount-per-service basis, up to a maximum allowed by the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan fee schedule.

### **FHC**

Family Health Center

### **Fraud**

A crime that involves misrepresenting or concealing information to receive benefits or to make a financial profit.

### **Grievance**

An expression of dissatisfaction about any matter other than an adverse benefit determination or action, as defined in this chapter. Possible grievances include the quality of care or services provided and aspects of interpersonal relationships such as rudeness of a care provider or employee and failure to respect the member's rights regardless of whether remedial action is requested. Grievance includes a member's right to dispute an extension of time proposed by us to make a service authorization decision.

### **Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®)**

A rating system developed by NCQA that helps health insurance companies, employers, and consumers learn about the value of their health plan(s) and how it compares to other plans. HEDIS® is used for quality improvement activities, health management systems, care provider profiling efforts, and as a basis of consumer report cards for managed care organizations.

### **Hearing**

An outside hearing conducted by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) available to all UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members. The member presents their appeal to an administrative law judge. Members may ask for a state fair hearing instead of a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan appeal or at the same time as the appeal. Care providers must complete the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan appeal process before filing a state fair hearing.

### **HIPAA**

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. A federal law that provides data privacy protection and security provisions for safeguarding health information. HIPAA protects health insurance coverage for workers and their families when they change or lose their jobs.

### **Home Health Care (Home Health Services)**

Health care services and supplies provided in the home, under physician's orders. Services may be provided by nurses, therapists, social workers or other licensed care providers. Home health care usually does not include help with non-medical tasks, such as cooking, cleaning or driving.

### **Independent Practice Association (IPA)**

A legal entity, the members of which are independent care providers who contract with the IPA for the purpose of having the IPA contract with one or more health plans.

### **Independent Review Organization (IRO)**

A review process by a state-contracted independent



third party.

### **In-Network Care Provider**

A care provider who has a written Agreement with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan to provide services to members under the terms of their Agreement.

### **Integrated Provider Network Database (IPND)**

A database developed to provide verified and integrated care provider information for all health plans serving the KDHE-DHCF via the internet and an internal user interface.

### **KDHE-DHCF**

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Division of Health Care Finance. It is the single-state Medicaid agency responsible for the administration and management of the KanCare medical assistance program.

### **Medicaid**

The state and federally funded medical program created under Title XIX of the SSA.

### **Medical Emergency**

An illness, injury, symptom or condition that is severe enough (including severe pain), that if a member did not get immediate medical attention you could reasonably expect one of the following to result:

- Their health would be put in danger; or
- They would have serious problems with their bodily functions; or
- They would have serious damage to any part or organ of their body.

### **Medical Record**

A confidential document containing written documentation related to the provision of physical, social and behavioral services to a member.

### **Medically Necessary**

A health intervention that is otherwise a covered service, is not specifically excluded from coverage, and is medically necessary, according to all of the following criteria:

- **Authority:** The health intervention is recommended by the treating physician and is determined to be necessary.
- **Purpose:** The health intervention has the purpose of treating a medical condition.
- **Scope:** The health intervention provides the most appropriate supply or level of service, considering potential benefits and harms to the patient.

- **Evidence:** The health intervention is known to be effective in improving health outcomes. For new interventions, effectiveness shall be determined by scientific evidence as provided in paragraph three. For existing interventions, effectiveness shall be determined as provided in paragraph four.
- **Value:** The health intervention is cost-effective for this condition compared to alternative interventions, including no intervention. Cost-effective shall not necessarily be construed to mean the lowest price. An intervention may be medically indicated and yet not be a covered benefit or meet this definition of medical necessity. Interventions that do not meet this definition of medical necessity may be covered at the choice of UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. An intervention shall be considered cost-effective if the benefits relative to costs represent an economically efficient use of resources for patients with this condition. In the application of this criterion to an individual case, the characteristics of the individual patient shall be determinative.

The following definitions shall apply to these terms only as they are used in this subsection:

- **Effective:** The intervention can be reasonably expected to produce the intended results and to have expected benefits that outweigh potential harmful effects.
- **Health intervention:** An item or service delivered or undertaken primarily to treat a medical condition or to maintain or restore functional ability. For this definition of medical necessity, a health intervention shall be determined not only by the intervention itself, but also by the medical condition and patient indications for which it is being applied.
- **Health outcomes:** Treatment results that affect health status as measured by the length or quality of a person's life.

### **Medicare**

The federal government health insurance program for certain aged or disabled clients. Medicare has two parts:

- **Part A** covers the Medicare inpatient hospital, post-hospital skilled nursing facility care, home health services and hospice.
- **Part B** is the supplementary medical insurance benefit (SMIB) covering the Medicare care provider's services, outpatient hospital care, outpatient physical therapy and speech pathology services, home health care and other health services and supplies not covered under Medicare Part A.

### **Member**

An individual who is eligible and enrolled with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan and can receive services pursuant to the Agreement.

### **National Provider Identifier (NPI)**

Required by CMS for all care providers who bill, prescribe or refer for health care services and is used on all electronic transactions. It is a single unique care provider identifier assigned to a care provider for life that replaces all other health care provider identifiers. It does NOT replace your DEA number.

### **NCQA**

National Committee for Quality Assurance

### **Non-Participating Care Provider**

A care provider who has not entered into a provider Agreement with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan or subcontractor(s) to serve the members.

### **Notice of Action**

A written document issued by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan to a care provider.

### **Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination**

A written document issued by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan to a member.

### **Notice of Member Appeal Resolution**

A written document issued by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan to a member that provides resolution notice of an appeal of an adverse benefit determination.

### **Notice of Care Provider Appeal Resolution**

A written document issued by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan to a care provider that provides resolution notice of an appeal of an action.

### **Notice of Member Grievance Resolution**

A written document issued by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan to a member that provides resolution notice of a grievance.

### **Notice of Care Provider Grievance Resolution**

A written document issued by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan to a care provider that provides resolution notice of a grievance.

### **Notice of Care Provider Reconsideration Resolution**

A written document issued by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan to a care provider that provides reconsideration resolution notice.

### **Occupational Therapy**

Services provided by occupational therapists (OTs) and necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of impairments, functional disabilities or changes in

physical function and health status. Occupational therapy is medically prescribed treatment for improving or restoring functions impaired or permanently lost by illness or injury. A qualified OT is licensed by the Kansas Board of Healing Arts or has licensure or certification in the area where the service is provided.

### **Out-Of-Area Care**

Care received by a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan member when they are outside of their geographic territory.

### **Participating Care Provider**

A care provider who has a provider Agreement with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan or our subcontractor(s) to serve members and receives Medicaid or CHIP funding directly or indirectly to order, refer or render covered services.

### **Physical Therapy**

Services provided by physical therapists (PTs) and necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of impairments, functional limitations, disabilities or changes in physical function and health status. A qualified PT is licensed by the Kansas Board of Healing Arts or has licensure or certification in the area where the service is provided.

### **Physician Incentive Plan**

Any compensation arrangement between a health plan and a care provider or provider group that may directly or indirectly have the effect of reducing or limiting services to members under the terms of the agreement.

### **Preventive Health Care**

Health care emphasizing priorities for prevention, early detection and early treatment of conditions. It generally includes routine/physical examination and immunization.

### **Primary Care Provider (PCP)**

A participating care provider responsible for supervising, coordinating and providing primary health care to members, initiating referrals for specialist care, and maintaining the continuity of member care. PCPs include pediatricians, family care providers, general care providers, internists, PAs (under the supervision of a physician), or advanced registered NPs (ARNP), as designated by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.

### **Prior Authorization (Notification)**

The process where care providers seek approval prior to rendering health care services, drugs or DME as required by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan policy.

### **Provider Agreement**

A basic contract between the Kansas Department of

Health and Environment, Division of Health Care Finance (KDHE-DHCF) and medical care providers serving KDHE-DHCF clients. The provider Agreement outlines and defines terms of participation in the Medicaid program.

### **Provider Group**

A partnership, association, corporation, or other group of care providers.

### **Quality Improvement Program (QIP)**

A formal set of activities provided to assure the quality of clinical and non-clinical services. QIP includes quality assessment and corrective actions taken to remedy any deficiencies identified through the assessment process.

### **Reconsideration**

A request by a care provider for us to review an action.

### **Referral**

Sending a patient to another care provider for services or consultation in which the referring care provider is not prepared or qualified to provide.

### **Remittance Advice (RA)**

Written explanation of processed claims.

### **Rural Health Clinic**

A clinic, located in a rural area, designated by the Department of Health as an area having either a shortage of personal health services or a shortage of primary medical care. These clinics may receive enhanced payments for services provided to enrolled members.

### **Service Area**

The geographic area served by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, designated and approved by KDHE-DHCF.

### **Specialist**

A care provider licensed in the state of Kansas and has completed a residency or fellowship focusing on a specific area of medicine or group of patients to diagnose, manage, prevent or treat certain types of symptoms and conditions. A non-physician specialist is a care provider who has special training in a specific area of health care.

### **Speech/Language Pathology**

Services provided by speech/language pathologists (SLPs) and necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of speech and language disorders resulting in communication disabilities and swallowing disorders (dysphagia). A speech pathologist must have a certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech and Hearing Association.

### **State Fair Hearing**

An administrative hearing requested if the member does not agree with a Notice of Appeal Resolution from the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Appeals and Claim Dispute Department.

### **Subcontractor**

A subcontracted individual or entity with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan directly or indirectly related to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's performance obligations under the contract. A participating care provider is not a subcontractor by virtue of a provider Agreement with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.

### **Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)**

A state program that gives cash assistance to low-income families with children.

### **Tertiary Care**

Care requiring high-level intensive, diagnostic and treatment capabilities for adults and/or children, typically administered at highly specialized medical centers.

### **Third-Party Liability (TPL)**

A company or entity other than UnitedHealthcare Community Plan liable for payment of health care services rendered to members. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan pays claims for covered benefits and pursues refunds from the third party when liability is determined.

### **Timely Filing**

When UnitedHealthcare Community Plan puts a time limit on submitting claims.

### **Title V**

The portion of the federal SSA that authorizes grants to states for state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

### **Title XIX**

The portion of the federal SSA that authorizes grants to states for medical assistance programs. Title XIX is also called Medicaid.

### **Treatment Plan**

A submission by a care provider or provider group and signed by both the care providers and parents/caregivers that includes:

- The type of therapy to be administered and methods of intervention.
- The goals, including specific problems or behaviors requiring treatment.
- Frequency of services to be provided

- Frequency of parent or caregiver participation at therapy sessions
- Description of supervision
- Periodic measures for the therapy, including the frequency at which goals will be reviewed and updated
- Who will administer the therapy and the patient's current ability to perform the desired results of therapy

### **UnitedHealthcare Community Plan**

An affiliate of UnitedHealth Group with corporate headquarters located in Minnetonka, Minnesota. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan operates nationwide, serving aging, vulnerable and chronically ill people through Medicare, Medicaid and private-pay programs for long-term care products and programs.

### **Utilization Management (UM)**

The process of evaluating and determining the coverage for and the appropriateness of medical care services, as well as providing assistance to a clinician or patient in cooperation with other parties, to ensure appropriate use of resources. UM includes prior authorization, concurrent review, discharge planning and case management.

### **Waiver**

A home and community based waiver of Medicaid provisions for specified groups.

### **Women's Health Care Services**

As defined in SAC 284-43-250, Women's Health Care Services is defined to include, but need not be limited to, maternity care, reproductive health services, gynecological care, general examination, and preventive care as medically appropriate, and medically appropriate follow-up visits for these services. General examinations, preventive care and medically appropriate follow-up care are limited to services related to maternity, reproductive health services, gynecological care, or other health services that are particular to women, such as breast examinations. Women's health care services also include any appropriate health care service for other health problems, discovered and treated during the course of a visit to a women's health care practitioner for a women's health care service, which is within the practitioner's

scope of practice. For purposes of determining a member's right to directly access health services covered by the plan, maternity care, reproductive health, and preventive services include:

- Contraceptive services
- Testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases
- Pregnancy termination
- Breast feeding
- Complications of pregnancy