

Absolute Total Care 2022 Virtual Provider Town Hall 2nd quarter

8/1/2022

Meeting Overview

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- Wellcare by Allwell
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- CAHPS® -Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems
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Housekeeping



- Phone lines are muted
- Enter questions in Q&A feature
- Include your name, group name, contact information

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Products offered to our members

Absolute Total Care Healthy Connections Medicaid





- Serving approximately 230,000 members (statewide service area)
- 2022 benefit highlights:
 - Telehealth services for medical and behavioral health*
 - Copay waived for medically necessary COVID-19 testing
 - Boys and Girls Club
 - Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
 - Step2Success

My Health Pays rewards:

- https://www.absolutetotalcare.com/providers/resources/member-rewardsallwell/Medicaid-Member-Rewards.html
- Members can earn \$5 to \$50 by completing healthy behaviors
 *ongoing continuation is being evaluated based on Public Health Emergency (PHE)

Wellcare Prime





- Serving approximately 4,500 dual-eligible members (age 65+)
- 2022 benefit highlights:
 - State-wide service area
 - Telehealth services for medical and behavioral health
 - Transportation: Unlimited one-way rides to plan-approved locations
 - Over-the-counter: \$100 per calendar quarter
 - Hearing: One hearing aid per calendar year
 - Fitness: Up to \$250 toward gym membership
- My Health Pays rewards-Members can earn \$20 by completing healthy behaviors
 - https://www.absolutetotalcare.com/providers/resources/member-rewardsallwell/Medicaid-Member-Rewards1.html

Wellcare by Allwell



- Wellcare No Premium Medicare (HMO)
- Wellcare Dual Access* (HMO D-SNP) and Wellcare Dual Liberty (HMO D-SNP)
- Serving approximately 3,000 members
- 2022 benefit highlights:
 - State-wide service area
 - New plan names and look
 - Telehealth services for medical and behavioral health
 - D-SNP transportation
 - Over-the-counter
 - Dental, hearing, routine vision
 - Fitness

^{*}Wellcare Dual Access and Dual Liberty –Medicaid benefits are paid fee for service (FFS) by SC Department of Health and Human Services SCDHHS

Wellcare Medicare Advantage PPO



With the Wellcare Medicare Advantage PPO plan, members enjoy the freedom to receive healthcare services from Medicare providers of their choice. As an eligible Medicare provider, Wellcare reimburses you at 100% of the Medicare allowable rate for all plancovered, medically necessary services for our PPO members – whether you are contracted with us or not

INCREASED FLEXIBILITY

The Wellcare Medicare Advantage PPO plan offers members flexibility as they navigate their care journeys. PPO members don't need a referral from a primary care physician for specialist or hospital visits. However, using providers in Wellcare's network may cost less than choosing one that is out-of-network. Medicare providers who do not contract with Wellcare are under no obligation to treat our members, except in emergency situations.

Wellcare Medicare Advantage PPO



In addition, the Wellcare Medicare Advantage PPO plan:

- Offers a simple copayment for doctor visits, hospital stays and many other healthcare services, making healthcare costs more predictable
- Gives members Medicare Parts A, B, and D coverage as well as vision, dental, and hearing benefits not covered by original Medicare
- Covers all original Medicare services and follows original Medicare's coverage rules
- Only covers medically necessary services rendered by providers who are eligible to participate in Medicare

BILLING FOR SERVICES

If you provide services to a Wellcare PPO member, whether you are in- or out-ofnetwork, we make it easy to seek prior authorizations and submit claims. Please refer to claims submission and provider resources sections.

Ambetter from Absolute Total Care



- Health Insurance Marketplace
- Serving approximately 33,000 members in 42 counties
- 2022 benefit highlights:
 - Service area expanded into 12 new counties
 - \$0 copay for telehealth services for medical care
 - Health Savings Accounts
 - Dental
 - Routine vision
 - Virtual plan option
 - Concierge services for disease management
- Balance billing protection via the "No Surprises Act"

*service area excludes Anderson, Cherokee, Spartanburg, and Union

No Surprises Act



The No Surprises Act is specific to the Ambetter (Marketplace) product. If you do not have an Ambetter agreement, please disregard.

- Effective January 1, 2022
- Applies to:
 - Emergency care at out-of-network facilities
 - Post stabilization care at out-of-network facilities
 - Non-emergency services provided by out-of-network providers at in-network facilities, unless notice and consent is given
 - Out-of-network air ambulance services

No Surprises Act, cont.



- No balance billing for out-of-network emergency services.
- No balance billing for non-emergency services rendered by nonparticipating providers at in-network hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers:
 - Emergency Medicine
 - Anesthesiology
 - Pathology
 - Radiology
 - Neonatology
 - Services provided by assistant surgeons, hospitalists, and intensivists
 - Items and services provided by a nonparticipating provider if there is no participating provider who can provide such item or service at the facility

Annual Provider Training Requirements



Absolute Total Care partners with all our contracted providers to ensure that you have received the necessary training to deliver quality care to our members and your patients and to be compliant with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and state requirements. All Medicare Advantage Organization (MAO) and Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) contracted providers are required to complete the following trainings within 90 days of contracting and annually thereafter:

- General Compliance (Compliance)
- Fraud, Waste, and Abuse
- Model of Care (MOC)*
- Person-Centered Planning**

https://www.absolutetotalcare.com/providers/resources/provider-training/model-of-care-provider-training.html



No Cost Interpreter Services and Oral Translation Service

No Cost Interpreter Services and Oral Translation Service



Absolute Total Care is committed to ensuring staff and subcontractors are educated about, remain aware of, and are sensitive to the linguistic needs and cultural differences of its members. To meet this need, Absolute Total Care is committed to the following:

- Having trained professional interpreters for Spanish and American Sign Language, and who will be available on site or via telephone to assist providers with discussing technical, medical, or treatment information with members as needed.
- Providing Language Line services that will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week in 140 languages to assist providers and members in communicating with each other when there are no other translators available for the language.

No Cost Interpreter Services and Oral Translation Service



- In-person interpreter services are made available when Absolute Total Care is notified in advance of the member's scheduled appointment
- Providing TTY access for members who are hearing impaired through 711.
- Absolute Total Care medical advice line, nurse advice line, provider 24-hour access, seven days a week for interpretation of Spanish or the coordination of non-English/Spanish needs via the Language Line.
- Providing or making available Member Services and health education materials in alternative formats as needed to meet the needs of the members, such as audio tapes or language translation; all alternative methods must be requested by the member or designee.

For an interpreter for a medical visit, contact Member Services at 1-866-433-6041 (TTY: 711)

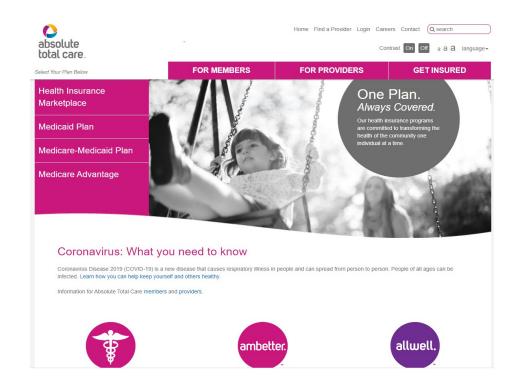


ATC Website and Secure Portal

Website



Website: absolutetotalcare.com



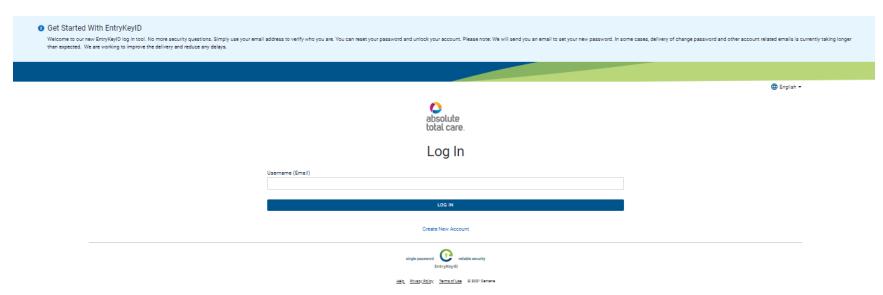
Website

- For Providers section
- Pre-Auth Check Tool
- Clinical and Payment Policies



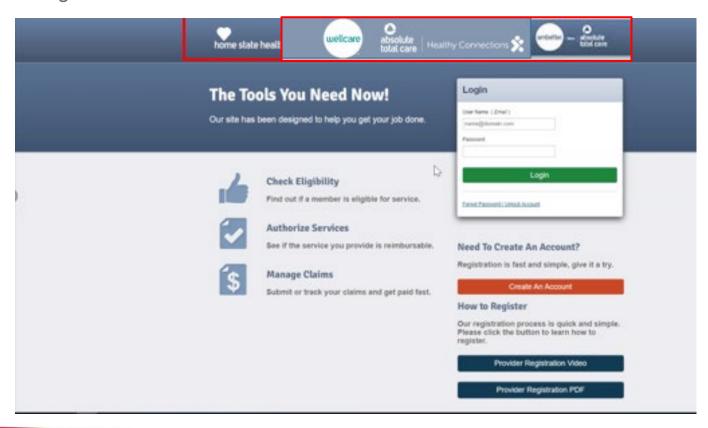


Log in: https://www.absolutetotalcare.com/login.html



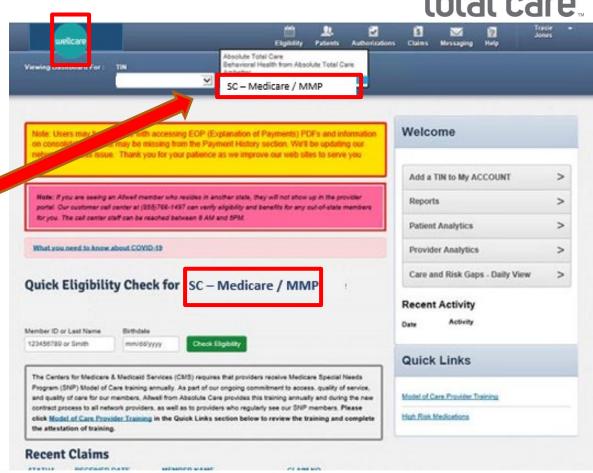


Portal Log-In View



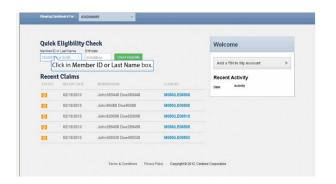


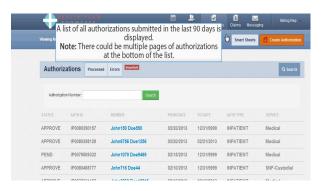
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- Medicare
 Advantage and
 MMP Members



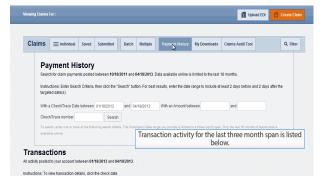


Patient information





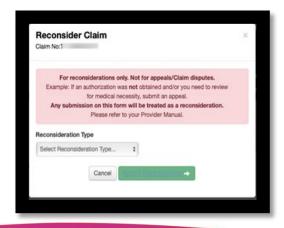


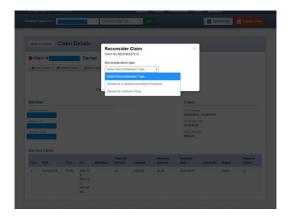


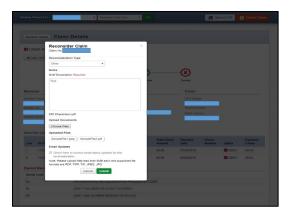
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- Provider reconsideration
 - Review process
 - Correct routing and procedure
 - Most common issues









Eligibility



- Member eligibility should be checked each month and each time prior to rendering services
- The Absolute Total Care Secure Provider Portal or the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week
 - Absolute Total Care 1-866-433-6041 (Medicaid)
 - Wellcare by Allwell 1-855-766-1497 (Medicare)
 - Ambetter by Absolute Total Care 1-833-270-5443 (Marketplace)
 - Wellcare Prime by Absolute Total Care 1-855-735-4398 (Medicare-Medicaid Plan)
 - Wellcare Medicare 1-866-270-5223 (Medicare)





- Most common claim rejection
 - Member Not Valid at Date of Service (DOS)
 - Invalid Member
 - Invalid Member DOS
- Always utilize the eligibility tab on the Secure Provider Portal prior to services to avoid these rejections
- Most common claim denial
 - Services Not on the Fee Schedule are Not Separately Reimbursable
 - This Service is Not Covered
 - Duplicate Claim Service
 - CMS Medicaid NCCI Unbundling
 - No Authorization on File that Matches Service(s) Billed



- Clinical and payment policies
 - Utilize these policies for any NCCI or HCI edit denials:
 - Denials with a code consisting of lower-case letters is an HCl edit denial and will require medical records to be submitted for review
 - You can find these policies located under Provider Resources tab in the For Providers section on the website
- Pre-authorization
 - The Pre-Auth Check Tool
 - A great tool to use to avoid authorization denial
 - All inpatient services require an authorization
 - Professional services being performed per inpatient stay require a separate authorization and must be obtained to avoid claims denying for no authorization on file



- Provider news
 - Provider News can be found on the website under the 'For Providers' section. In addition to Centene news, you will find articles to include updates to billing, updated codes newly requiring authorizations, CMS and SCDHHS regulation updates, etc.
- Claims must be filed electronically or sent directly to our claims processing center. Claims mailed to the physical office address will be returned and will not be able to be processed.
 For claims processing efficiency, Absolute Total Care encourages providers to submit claims electronically.

Claims Submission



Submit following one of the procedures below, according to line of business:

Line of Business	Electronic Claim Submission	Paper Claim Submission
Medicaid	Secure Provider Portal www.Absolutetotalcare.com/login or EDI Payer Numbers:	Absolute Total Care P.O Box 3050 Farmington, MO 63640-3821
	68069 - Emdeon/WebMD/Envoy/ <u>Payerpath</u> 42772 - Relay Health/McKesson 68068 – Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health: Absolute Total Care P.O. Box 7001 Farmington, MO 63640-3811
Marketplace		Ambetter from Absolute Total Care P.O. Box 5010 Farmington, MO 63640-5010
ММР	Secure Provider Portal www.Absolutetotalcare.com/login or EDI Payer Number	Wellcare Prime by Absolute Total Care P.O. Box 3060 Farmington, MO 63640-3822
Medicare Advantage	68069	Wellcare By Allwell P.O. Box 3060 Farmington, MO 63640-3822

Claims Submission - Wellcare



- Claims are not accepted at local office
- Submit following one of the procedures to the right, according to line of business:

Line of Business	Electronic Claim Submission	Paper Claim Submission
Medicare Advantage	Register online using the simplified, enhanced provider registration process at PaySpan.com or call 1-877-331-7154 Or Change Healthcare EDI Clearinghouse 1-877-411-7271.	Wellcare Attn: Claims Department P.O. Box 31372 Tampa, FL 33631-3372
	CHANGE HEALTHCARE CLEARINGHOUSE PAYER IDS (CPIDS) Fee-for-Service (CH - Chargeable) (RF - Reporting only) Submissions Professional 1844 3211 Institutional 8551 4949 If your clearinghouse or billing system is not connected to Change Healthcare and requires a 5-digit Payer ID, please use the following according to Fee-for-Service or Encounters file type: Fee-for-Service (FFS) is defined in the Transaction Type Code BHT06 as CH, which means Chargeable, expecting adjudication. Encounters (ENC) is defined in the Transaction Type Code BHT06 as RP, which means Reportable only, NOT expecting adjudication.	
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Provider Timeframes Claim Submission



Claim Adjustments: Requests to change the initial claim

Reconsiderations: Submitted when a provider disagrees with how a clean or adjusted claim was processed

Disputes: Submitted when a provider has received an unsatisfactory response to a previous reconsideration request

Provider Timeframes Claim Adjustments, Reconsiderations, and Disputes



MEDICAID			
Submission Timeframes	Par	Non-Par	
Claim Initial/Resubmission	365	365	
Claim Adjustment	365	365	
Claim Dispute	60	60	
Decision Timeframes	Par	Non-Par	
Dispute Decision	30	30	
Mailing Address			
P.O. Box 3050			
Farmington, MO 63640-3821			

MARKETPLACE			
Submission Timeframes	Par	Non-Par	
Claim Initial/Resubmission	120	120	
Claim Adjustment	60	60	
Claim Reconsideration	60	60	
Claim Dispute	60	60	
Decision Timeframes	Par	Non-Par	
Appeal Decision	30	30	
Dispute Decision	30	30	
Mailing Address			
P.O. Box 5010			
Farmington, MO 63640-5010			

Provider Timeframes Claim Adjustments, Reconsiderations, and Disputes



	ММР		MAPD/D-SNP	
Submission Timeframes	Par	Non-Par	Par	Non-Par
Claim Initial/Resubmission	365	365	365	365
Claim Adjustment	365*	365*	90***	365*
Claim Reconsideration	365*	365*	90***	365*
Claim Appeal	60	60**	60	60**
Claim Dispute	60	60	60	60
Decision Timeframes	Par	Non-Par	Par	Non-Par
Appeal Decision	30	60	30	30
Dispute Decision	30	30	30	30
Mailing Address				
P.O. Box 3060				
Farmington, MO 63640-3822				

^{*}from date of service

^{**}Waiver of Liability required

^{***}from date of last processed claim





Absolute Total Care and PaySpan are in partnership to provide an innovative web-based solution for Electronic Funds Transfers (EFTs) and Electronic Remittance Advices (ERAs). This service is provided at no cost to providers and allows online enrollment.

PaySpan Benefits:

- Elimination of paper checks
- Convenient payments and retrieval of remittance information.
- Electronic Remittance Advice (ERAs) presented online.
- HIPAA 835 electronic remittance files for download directly to a HIPAA-Compliant Practice Management for Patient Accounting System.
- Reduce accounting expenses: Electronic remittance advices can be imported directly into practice management or patient accounting systems



PaySpan Benefits [CON'T]

- Improve cash flow: Electronic payments can mean faster payments, leading to improvements in cash flow.
- Maintain control over bank accounts: You keep total control over the destination of claim payment funds. Multiple practices and accounts are supported.
- Match payments to advices quickly: You can associate electronic payments with ERAs quickly and easily.
- Manage multiple payers: Reuse enrollment information to connect with multiple payers.
 Assign different payers to different bank accounts, as desired.



- Providers can register using PaySpan's enhanced provider registration process at http://www.payspanhealth.com/
- Providers can access additional resources by clicking Need More Help on the PaySpan homepage or link directly to https://www.payspanhealth.com/nps/Support/Index.
- PaySpan Health Support can be reached via email at <u>providersupport@payspanhealth.com</u>, by phone at 1-877-331-7154 or on the web at payspanhealth.com.



Balance Billing

Balance Billing



- What is balance billing?
 - Seeking payment from members for the difference between the billed charges and the contracted rate paid by the plan
 - Payments less any copays, coinsurance, or deductibles are considered payment in full
- Prohibited by federal law
 - Federal law bars Medicare providers and suppliers from billing an individual enrolled in the QMB program for Medicare Part A and Part B cost-sharing under any circumstances
 - Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage providers and suppliers not only those that accept Medicaid – must not charge individuals enrolled in the QMB program for Medicare cost-sharing

Balance Billing



- Steps to ensure compliance with QMB billing prohibitions:
 - Establish processes to routinely identify the QMB status of Medicare beneficiaries prior to billing for items and services
 - Ensure that a Member Acknowledgement Statement has been signed by both the provider and the Absolute Total Care member for non-covered services prior to rendering said service
 - If you have erroneously billed these members, recall the charges (including referrals to collection agencies) and refund the invalid payments
 - Healthy Connections prime link https://msp.scdhhs.gov/SCDue2/press-release/prohibition-balance-billing-healthy-connections-prime-members-0



Network Development and Participation

Network Development and Participation



- Network participation
 - The enrollment, credentialing, and recredentialing processes exist to ensure participating providers meet and remain compliant to the criteria established by Absolute Total Care, as well as government regulations and standards of accrediting bodies
 - Contracting requests are to be directed to ATC_Contracting@centene.com (Note: This is specific to new agreements only.)
 - To add a new practitioner, providers must submit a Provider Data (Add) Form and Current W-9 to SouthCarolinaPDM@centene.com to begin the credentialing process
 - Refer to the Provider Manual for more information on requirements for network participation
 - This process takes approximately 90 days to complete (follow-ups prior to receiving the Welcome Letter can be done by emailing SouthCarolinaPDM@centene.com)
 - Recredentialing is performed at least every 36 months

Network Development and Participation



- Provider updating existing participating providers and locations may do so by emailing the Provider Data Form (Update) to SouthCarolinaPDM@centene.com
- Network Development
 - To request a new agreement, send an email to ATC_Contracting@centene.com
 - For contract updates and questions (i.e., change of ownership, TIN changes, amendments, etc.), send an email to ATC_Contracting@centene.com

Credentialing Rights



All practitioners requesting participation with ATC have the right to review information obtained by ATC to evaluate their credentialing and/or recredentialing application. This includes information obtained from any outside primary source such as the National Practitioner Data Bank, malpractice insurance carriers and the State of South Carolina State Board of Medical Examiners and South Carolina State Board of Nursing for Nurse Practitioners. This does not allow a practitioner to review references, personal recommendations or other information that is peer review protected.

Should a practitioner believe any of the information used in the credentialing/recredentialing process to be erroneous, or should any information gathered as part of the primary source verification process differ from that submitted by a practitioner, they have the right to correct any erroneous information submitted by another party. To request release of such information, a written request must be submitted to the ATC Credentialing Department. Upon receipt of this information, the practitioner will have 14 days to provide a written explanation detailing the error or the difference in information to ATC. ATC's Credentialing Committee will then include this information as part of the credentialing/recredentialing process.



Quality Improvement

Key Quality Improvement Activities



- Path to Successful Member Care
 - Member Visits
 - Preventive Care
 - Annual Screenings
 - Required Immunizations

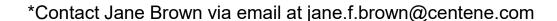
Electronic Medical Record (EMR) System



Remote Access to EMR:

Allows designated health plan representatives access to your medical records directly through remote access.

- Reduce provider office staff activities regarding HEDIS Hybrid chart chase requests
- Decrease and avoid duplication of over utilization of retrieval efforts
- Lead to improved HEDIS performance reporting





Supplemental Data Feeds



Monthly Supplemental Data Feed

This type of file transfer utilizes specific data extracts from the Electronic Medical Record (EMR). Data is transmitted securely via SFTP.

- Close care gaps
- Improve our HEDIS scores
- Potential incentives
- Reduces request for medical records







CAHPS® Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems

Introduction to CAHPS®



CAHPS stands for Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems

- Annual survey that captures a patient's experience with all aspects of their healthcare.
- CAHPS surveys ask our members your patients topics like provider communication skills, ease of accessing healthcare, and their Health Plan performance.

CAHPS Measures Patient Experience with the Healthcare System

- Care from Health Plan
- Quality of Care
- Clinical visits with Providers (Physician Practices, Hospitals, and Healthcare Facilities)
- Experience with the Health Plan

CAHPS Data Measures

- Patient ease of obtaining information from the Health Plan
- Timeliness of service
- Speed and accuracy of claim processing

Importance of CAHPS®

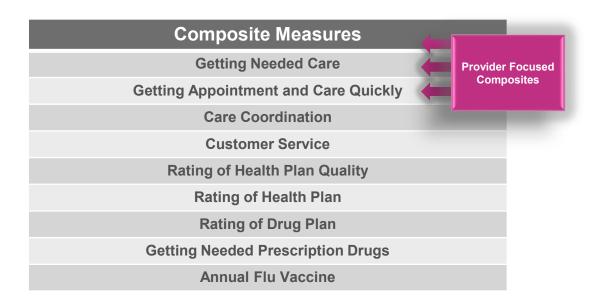


- CAHPS is a program of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality,
 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- CAHPS is a tool used to evaluate member perception and overall satisfaction in order to improve the member experience. CAHPS allows health plans to receive anonymous feedback from its members.
- CAHPS is the interaction and conversations with the front desk, any staff, and especially their providers.
- CAHPS survey aims to capture accurate and complete information regarding real experiences with individuals' healthcare.
- CAHPS scores account for CMS Medicare STAR Ratings, NCQA Health Insurance Plan Ratings, CMS Marketplace Quality Rating System (QRS) and SCDHHS Medicaid Quality Withhold Program.

CAHPS® Composite Measures



CAHPS surveys consist of several measures of patient experience. These "Composite" measures combine two or more related survey items; rating measures, which reflect respondents' ratings on a scale of 0 to 10.



The Clinical Case for Improving Patient Experience



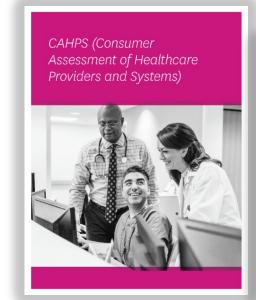
Improving patient experience has an inherent value to patients and families and is therefore an important outcome in its own right. But good patient experience also is associated with important clinical processes and outcomes. For example:

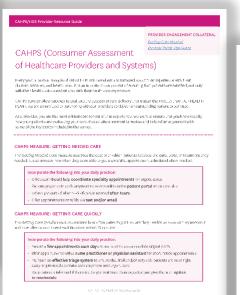
- At both the practice and individual provider levels, patient experience positively correlates to processes of care for both prevention and disease management.
- Patients' experiences with care, particularly communication with providers, correlate with adherence to medical advice and treatment plans.
- Patients with better care experiences often have better health outcomes.

Measures of patient experience also can reveal important system problems, such as delays in returning test results and gaps in communication that may have broad implications for clinical quality, safety and efficiency.

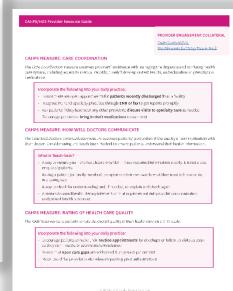
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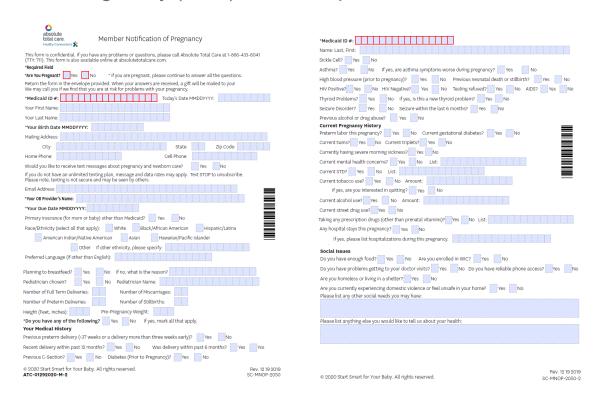
- Program goals
 - Early identification of pregnant members and their risk factors
 - Reducing the risk of pregnancy complications
 - Better birth outcomes
- Strategy
 - Submission of Notification of Pregnancy (NOP) Form
 - High-risk members are prioritized for Care Management Program
 - OB Nurse Care Managers collaborate with members and providers to improve maternal and infant health



- OB incentive reimbursements:
 - Office staff NOP incentive:
 - Provider office staff can be reimbursed up to \$25 for each NOP Form, up to a total of \$500 for the year
 - \$25 check per form submitted during first and second month
 - \$20 check per form submitted during third and fourth month
 - \$15 check per form submitted during fifth and sixth month
 - If an NOP Form has already been received from another source,
 subsequent NOP Forms would not be eligible for incentive reimbursement
 - Provider office staff must submit a copy of the NOP Form along with the Pregnancy Incentive Reimbursement Form to receive the incentive



Notification of Pregnancy (NOP) Form sample





Questions



Adjournment



APPENDIX



ATC Provider Resources

https://www.absolutetotalcare.com/providers/resources/forms-resources.html

https://ambetter.absolutetotalcare.com/provider-resources/manuals-and-forms.html



Wellcare Provider Resources

https://www.wellcare.com/South-Carolina/Providers/Medicare/Training/New-Provider-Portal-Overview-Training

https://www.wellcare.com/Global-Content/Trainings/AcctRegandAffil



Medicaid Member ID Card



Pharmacy Help Desk: 1-800-930-5512 RXBIN: 020545 RXPCN: RXA378

RXGROUP: RXGMCSC01

Member Name: <Cardholder Name>
Member ID: <Cardholder ID#>

Effective Date:

DOB:

PCP Name: <PCP Name>
PCP Phone: <PCP Phone>

go to the nearest emergency room.

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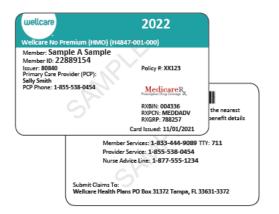
DME, Home Health, Infusion: 1-866-433-6041 1-866-433-6041

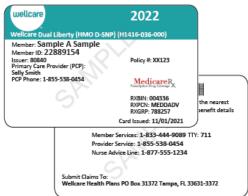
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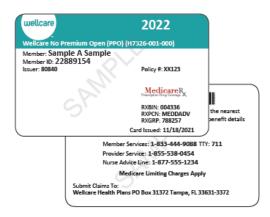
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Medicare-Wellcare Member ID Card







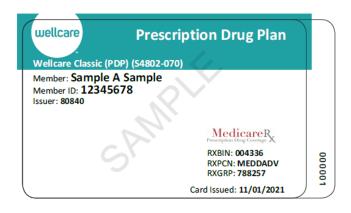


Wellcare Prime by Absolute Total Care (MMP) Member ID Card





Wellcare Classic Prescription Drug Plan Member ID Card



If you have a medical emergency, dial 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

Your current benefit details can be found online: www.wellcare.com/PDP

Member Services: 1-833-207-4241 TTY: 711

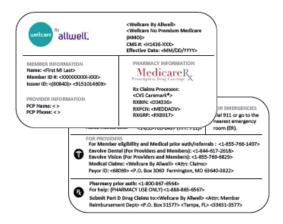
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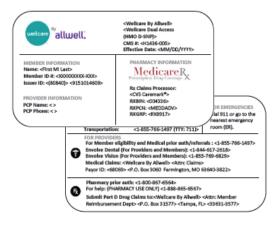
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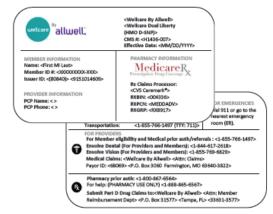
Submit Part D Claims To: Wellcare Member Reimbursement Dept: P.O. Box 31577 Tampa, FL 33631-3577



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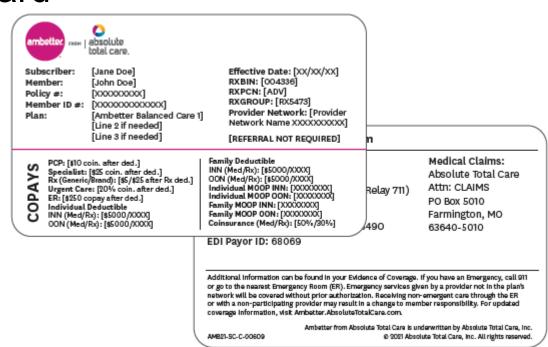








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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Atlanta Regional Office 61 Forsyth St., SW; Suite 4T20 Atlanta, GA 30303

May 19, 2016

TO: Providers

SUBJECT: Prohibition on Balance Billing of Healthy Connections Prime Members

BALANCE BILLING IS PROHIBITED

Balance billing is the practice in which providers bill dually eligible beneficiaries enrolled in the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) program for Medicare cost-sharing. This population is exempt from paying any cost-sharing for deductibles, coinsurance and co-payments related to Medicare services and prescription drugs. Healthy Connections Prime Members are considered QMBs. Please be advised that it is unlawful for providers to "balance bill" any patient who is a member of Healthy Connections Prime for any covered services. Balance billing for Healthy Connections Prime members is billing the patients for the difference between what the Medicare-Medicaid plan (MMP) pays and the retail price you charge for your services. The provider must accept payment in full from the Medicare-Medicaid plan (MMP) and should not deny any services to members for non-payment. Providers who inappropriately balance bill Healthy Connections Prime members are subject to sanctions and/or termination of their MMP provider agreement.

WHAT CAN BE BILLED TO MEMBERS?

- For non-covered items and services, providers must give members advance notice that such items
 or services will be non-covered and have a written agreement with the members for these noncovered items or services. If such notice is not given and the agreement is not in place, providers
 may not bill members for such items or services.
- For certain Medicaid-only items and services (such as durable medical equipment and home health agency care), members can be billed the allowable Medicaid co-pays.

ABOUT HEALTHY CONNECTIONS PRIME

Healthy Connections Prime is a new option for South Carolina seniors 65 and older with Medicare and Healthy Connections Medicaid. It is part of a national initiative designed to integrate all the services of Medicare, Medicare Part D and Medicaid into a single set of benefits fully managed by an MMP. Visit the Provider page on the Healthy Connections Prime website (http://www.scdhhs.gov/prime) to learn more details about the program or email PrimeProviders@scdhhs.gov with any questions.





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Prohibition on Billing Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) Enrollees for Medicare Cost-Sharing

This communication serves as a reminder that for Wellcare Prime by Absolute Total Care Healthy Connections Prime members, providers may not bill and/or collect any Medicare cost-sharing amounts, including deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments that may be represented on the Explanation of Payment (EOP), as they are not the member's responsibility.

This practice, known as "balance billing", is prohibited by Federal Law and as stipulated under your Wellcare Prime/Healthy Connections Prime Provider Services Agreement. Please be advised that it is unlawful for providers to "balance bill" any patient who is a member of Healthy Connections Prime for any covered services.

If your patient presented the following Member ID Card, you provided services to Wellcare Prime (Healthy Connections Prime) MMP member:



Wellcare Prime members can be billed for:

- Medicaid participation in cost of care amounts for long-term services and supports as determined by SCDHHS.
- Medicaid copay for Medicaid only covered Durable Medical Equipment (DME) items.

How Wellcare Prime resolves balance billing issues with the provider:

- Wellcare Prime informs the provider that the member has been inappropriately balance billed and educates the provider on balance billing.
- If Wellcare Prime reimbursed the member for an inappropriately balance billed amount, the plan will notify the provider and request reimbursement be made to the plan.
- If after outreach and education efforts to the provider, Wellcare Prime identifies ongoing inappropriate balance billing activities, Wellcare Prime may take disciplinary action up to and including termination of the Provider Agreement.

For more information regarding balance billing please refer to the Wellcare Prime Provider Manual at absolutetotalcare.com. You can also refer to CMS' Balance Billing Prohibition Notice at this link (https://msp.scdhbs.gov/SCDue2/press-release/prohibition-balance-billing-healthy-connections-prime-members-0) on the Healthy Connections Prime website. If you have any questions, please contact Member Services at 1-855-735-4398.



Annual Provider Training Requirements

Absolute Total Care partners with all of our contracted providers to ensure that you have received the necessary training to deliver quality care to our members and your patients and to be compliant with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and state requirements. All Medicare Advantage Organization (MAO) and Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) contracted providers are required to complete the following trainings within 90 days of contracting and annually thereafter:

- General Compliance (Compliance)
- Fraud, Waste, and Abuse
- Model of Care (MOC)*
- Person-Centered Planning**

General Compliance and Fraud, Waste, and Abuse trainings are posted on the CMS Medicare Learning Network (MLN) website at http://go.cms.gov/mln, and links to the specific trainings can be found in the table below. The MOC training* and Person-Centered Planning training** can be found on the Absolute Total Care website as indicated in the table below. Once practitioners have taken the required trainings, we ask that you attest to their completion by filling out an Attestation Form or submitting CMS certificates of completion. While the training itself must be completed by every participating practitioner, attestation can be completed one time for all practitioners within a given provider group.

Required Training Resources

Required Training	Training Location
General Compliance	https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-
	MLN/MLNProducts/Downloads/MedCandDGenCompdownload.pdf
Fraud, Waste, and Abuse	https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-
	MLN/MLNProducts/Downloads/Fraud-Abuse-MLN4649244-Print-Friendly.pdf
Model of Care (MOC)*	https://www.absolutetotalcare.com/providers/resources/provider-training/model-of-
	care-provider-training.html
Person-Centered	https://www.absolutetotalcare.com/providers/resources/provider-training.html
Planning**	

^{*}MOC training is required for providers who directly or indirectly facilitate and/or provide Medicare Part C or D benefits for any Allwell from Absolute Total Care HMO SNP Member. Please refer to the Quick Reference Guide for additional information on MOC training.



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^{**}Person-Centered Planning training is required for providers who directly or indirectly provide services for our Absolute Total Care MMP members.