

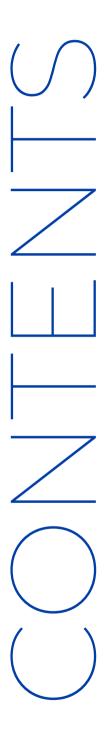
# PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE



**Quarter 3** 

September 19, 2024, Thursday 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m

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# COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



AmeriHealth Caritas DC (AmeriHealth) designed and developed the Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) to support local providers and increase access to care for those they serve. The PAC is an opportunity for DC area providers to collaborate and engage with AmeriHealth Caritas DC leadership. Through this collaboration we want our providers to work together to find new and better ways for enrollees to be healthier and improve and reduce the cost of care.

The mission of the AmeriHealth Caritas DC (AmeriHealth) Provider Advisory Committee is to create a partnership with provider organizations and community- based organizations who share the same goals and values. Our main focus is helping DC residents obtain access to care, staying well, and building healthy communities. The committee provides critical input on innovative and collaborative strategies focusing on effective integration of care coordination and care management programs, and other programs to achieve desired outcomes. We find it vital to our mission to work with our providers and community-based organizations to proactively improve the health status of those we serve. Increased emphasis on medical outcomes, preventive care, and other social determinants of health will reward all stakeholders.

### Membership

The Provider Advisory Committee meeting is open to all AmeriHealth Caritas DC network Providers to attend. The core Provider Advisory Committee members consist of Providers who represent the full range of health services, including primary care, mental health and substance use services, dental, vision, and urgent care. Provider Advisory Committee meetings are held virtually on a quarterly basis.

### 2024 Schedule

Provider Advisory Committee meetings are held virtually on a quarterly basis.

- March 7, 2024, 5:30 PM
- May 16, 2024, 5:30 PM
- September 19, 2024, 5:30 PM
- December 5, 2024, 5:30 PM

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# **OVERVIEW**



AmeriHealth Caritas DC held its **Provider Advisory Committee** meeting on **Thursday, September 19, 2024**, to a virtual audience of 23 Providers, and 11 ACDC representatives and speakers. This event took place from **5:30 pm to 7:00 pm** Eastern Standard Time (EST) virtually on Zoom. This meeting was recorded, and all participants were notified before the start of the discussion. The Provider Advisory Committee meeting was facilitated by Jeff Welch of MMI Consulting Group, LLC.

The Quarter 3 Provider Advisory Committee Meeting centered on initiatives to improve healthcare delivery for Enrollees. Topics included the Condition Optimization Program (COP), which incentivizes accurate diagnosis coding; comprehensive dental benefits and associated programs; strategies to boost Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) program participation; credentialing procedures and the importance of up to date Provider data; and the array of online tools and resources available to Providers.

### This meeting served as a platform for AmeriHealth Caritas DC to:

- Introduce Account Executives and their respective territories
- Provide updates on key programs impacting providers
- Offer training options on utilizing online tools and resources
- Solicit feedback from Providers to enhance program effectiveness and address challenges

### **SPEAKERS**

- Emily Quick, Manager, Risk Adjustment Programs
- Donna Fisher, Corporate Dental Liaison/Account Executive
- Amena Hamilton, EPSDT Program Manager
- Sunasia Bledsoe, Account Executive II
- Nijia Williams, Account Executive I

# SUMMARY

### MEET YOUR ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES

- Account Executive Introductions: Each Account Executive presented their contact information and the specific Provider groups and geographical areas they cover. This aimed to establish clear points of contact for Provider support.
- Emphasis on Open Communication: ACDC Representatives encouraged Providers to reach out to their assigned Account Executives with any questions, concerns, or feedback.
- **Feedback Request**: The importance of Provider feedback was highlighted. Attendees were asked to share topics they wish to see covered in future meetings, demonstrating a commitment to tailoring content to provider needs.

### CONDITION OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM (COP)

- Overview: The goals and mechanics of the COP aim to improve the accuracy of diagnosis coding for Enrollees with chronic and complex medical conditions.
- Two-Pronged Approach: The program is comprised of Retrospective and Prospective Outreach Programs. The former focuses on confirming existing diagnoses through chart reviews, while the latter incentivizes PCPs to schedule appointments for members who haven't received recent care.
- **Financial Incentives**: Both parts of the program offer financial incentives to Providers for completing chart reviews, confirming diagnoses, and facilitating member appointments.
- Call for Provider Participation: Quick emphasized the significant potential financial benefits for providers who actively engage with the COP.

### **DENTAL SERVICES OVERVIEW**

- Comprehensive Benefits: Comprehensive dental benefits are offered to both Medicaid and Alliance members, including orthodontic services for Medicaid recipients up to age 21.
- Value-Added Programs: A range of value-added programs are in place, such as the CARES Risk Assessment Program, Value-Based Comprehensive Program, and Inclusive Dental Program.
- Addressing Provider Concerns: Provider concerns regarding low reimbursement rates, missed appointments, and Enrollee misconduct was acknowledged. The "Let Us Know" form is a mechanism that Providers can utilize to report such issues and receive support.

# SUMMARY

### EARLY & PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSTICS, & TREATMENT

- Current Performance: Amena Hamilton, EPSDT Program Manager, presented the current participation ratio for children's health screenings, noting the 54% ratio and the target of reaching 80%. She emphasizes the focus on age groups six to 18 and the incentive program for children aged 9 to 20 who complete their well-child visit within the fiscal year.
- Multifaceted Outreach Efforts: The comprehensive outreach strategies employed by AmeriHealth Caritas DC to engage Enrollees and facilitate EPSDT completion include home visits, text messages, and Enrollee letters.
- Focus on Provider Collaboration: The importance of collaboration with Providers to improve EPSDT participation was stressed. This included strategies like Provider training, medical record reconciliation, and targeted outreach for specific Provider groups.

### CREDENTIALING

- **Application Process**: Sunasia Bledsoe, Account Executive II, outlined the credentialing process for new Providers, including the required documentation and the importance of maintaining updated CAQH profiles.
- **Emphasis on REL Data**: The significance of Providers submitting Race, Ethnicity, and Language (REL) data for themselves and their staff to promote equitable care and address health disparities was highlighted.

### **ONLINE TOOLS & RESOURCES**

- Comprehensive Website Overview: Nijia Williams, Account Executive I, provided a comprehensive overview of the various online tools and resources available to Providers, highlighting the landing page for Providers, latest updates, and fax blasts. She also covered tools for claims and billing, including NaviNet for electronic claims, and emphasized the importance of exploring the education and training resources available on the website. Ms. Williams encouraged Providers to utilize the website as a valuable source of information and to sign up for email alerts for updates.
- **Key Features**: Ms. Williams highlighted various features, including the prior authorization lookup tool, claims and billing resources, provider manuals, forms, and email alert signup.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

# Provider Incentive Programs

### **Retrospective Outreach**

This program incentivizes Providers to review Enrollee records and confirm or correct diagnoses based on previous claims **Incentive**:

- \$25 for the first date of service
- \$7 for each subsequent date of service

### **Prospective Outreach**

Encourages Providers to reach out to Enrollees who haven't had recent PCP visits and schedule appointments to assess for chronic conditions. **Incentive:** 

• \$150 for a completed visit

### Credentialing

### **Application Materials**

- ACDC Provider Data Intake Form (1 per practitioner)
- Current Malpractice Insurance
- Current State License
- Ownership Disclosure Form
- Current Organization Accreditation or CMS State Survey (if applicable)
- CAQH Profile (make sure it is updated)

### Please send materials to:

credentialingdc@amerihealthcaritasdc.com

### **EPSDT Outreach Efforts**

Home Visits: For Enrollees who are difficult to reach by phone, AmeriHealth Caritas DC conducts home visits to establish contact and help families schedule appointments. This is particularly focused on large families (5+ Enrollees under one family link).

**Mailings**: Various types of mailings are used to remind enrollees about the importance of well-child visits and address potential contact issues. These include:

- Postcards to Enrollees with invalid or disconnected phone numbers
- Birthday card reminders
- "Unable to Reach" letters sent to Enrollees who could not be contacted after multiple attempts.

**Text Message (SMS) Outreach**: Monthly text message reminders are sent to guardians of Enrollees due or overdue for screenings, offering assistance with scheduling appointments.

**Telephonic Outreach**: The outreach team uses a combination of automated and manual calls to connect with Enrollees and schedule appointments. These calls encompass:

- Birthday calls to discuss well-child visit and immunization needs.
- Well-child exam auto-dialer campaigns with live connect options.
- Manual call outreach to new members not reachable through the auto-dialer.

### Fiscal Year 2024

**1,221** — Home visits have been conducted resulting in **332** successful contacts.

**2,643** — Client letters have been mailed.

**79.836** — Text messages have been sent.



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# **ADDENDUM**

- MEETING MINUTES
- PRESENTATION SLIDES



# MEETING MINUTES

### **AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia**

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### PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MEETING MINUTES** 

Thursday, September 19, 2024 5:30pm – 7:00pm

### **FACILITATOR:**

• Jeff Welch, Facilitator, Provider Advisory Committee

### **SPEAKERS:**

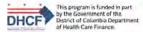
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- Donna Fisher, Corporate Dental Liaison/Account Executive
- Amena Hamiliton, EPSDT Program Manager
- Sunasia Bledsoe, Account Executive II
- Nijia Williams, Account Executive I

### AGENDA:

- Meet your Account Executives
- PCP Condition Optimization Program
- Dental Services Overview
- Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, & Treatment (EPSDT)
- Credentialing
- Online Resources
- Questions & Answers

### **DISCUSSION:**

- Welcome and Agenda Jeff Welch, Facilitator
  - Meeting instructions and the agenda were discussed.
- Meet Your Account Executives
  - The Account Executives and team members introduced themselves and their roles.
- PCP Condition Optimization Program (COP) Emily Quick, Manager, Risk Adjustment Programs
  - This program aims to ensure accurate diagnosis code information is on file and to encourage Enrollees to visit their Primary Care Physicians (PCP) for chronic or complex medical needs. The program identifies Enrollees with a history of chronic or complex conditions who lack a







corresponding diagnosis code in their current claims or lack PCP claims altogether. Enrollees are then separated into two groups: those who have visited their PCP during the current data service period and those who have not.

### **Retrospective Outreach Program:**

Focuses on Enrollees who have visited their PCP during the current data service period. Providers are asked to review claims in NaviNet and confirm if a member still has a specific chronic or complex condition. Providers receive a \$25 incentive payment for the first confirmed date of service and \$7 for each subsequent date of service.

### Prospective Outreach Program

- This targets members who have not visited their PCP during the current data service period and is more complex than the Retrospective Outreach Program. Providers are asked to outreach to these Enrollees and schedule appointments. During the appointment, the Provider assesses whether the member still has the condition(s) identified by the program. After the appointment, the Provider uses NaviNet to confirm the presence or absence of the condition(s) and submits a claim that supports their findings. Providers receive a \$150 incentive payment for each confirmed visit, which is paid twice a year: in January and July.
- Ms. Quick highlighted the significant financial incentives available to Providers who participate in the COP, noting that approximately \$108,000 is available for completed retrospective self-reviews and \$474,000 for completed prospective action items. She encouraged Providers to reach out to their Account Executive for further training on the program or to contact her directly with any questions.

### Discussion:

- Bobbie Monagan asked Emily Quick for advice on implementing the COP program, specifically for Providers facing staffing shortages. Ms. Monagan suggested that nonclinical staff might handle chart reviews and NaviNet adjustments.
  - Emily Quick clarified that completing the COP adjustments in NaviNet doesn't necessarily require a clinical background. Any staff member capable of reviewing a chart could handle this task. She emphasized that the program focuses on readily identifiable chronic conditions, such as entries in the problem list or the history and physical.
- Christy Respress inquired about potentially involving Community Providers, such as ACT teams and case managers, in the COP outreach efforts, given their direct engagement with Enrollees. She suggested considering shared incentives for these Community Providers and PCPs.
  - Emily Quick acknowledged the valuable role of Community Providers. However, she stated that the current COP program exclusively focuses on PCPs to confirm chronic conditions, not specialists or community-based organizations. Quick expressed interest in the suggestion and stated she would discuss it with her team.



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- Marie Black echoed Ms. Respress's point, suggesting partnering with psychiatric practices for COP outreach, given their frequent contact with Enrollees who might benefit from primary care. She also advocated for a shared incentive structure between PCPs and psychiatric practices.
  - Emily Quick agreed that it was a valuable suggestion and reiterated her commitment to exploring ideas for enhancing provider participation and gathering patient information.

### • Dental Services Overview – Donna Fisher, Corporate Dental Liaison/Account Executive

- Onna Fisher highlighted the comprehensive nature of the dental benefit in the District of Columbia, which covers both children and adults enrolled in Medicaid and Alliance products. Key features include a \$1,000 annual benefit limit for Alliance enrollees, orthodontic services coverage up to age 21 for Medicaid enrollees, and a wide range of services including preventive and restorative care, dentures, gum treatment, oral surgery, root canals, fillings, and implants and their restoration. The benefit plan boasts a broad provider network comprising approximately 370 providers across more than 170 sites, including specialists in orthodontics, endodontics, periodontics, and oral surgery. Additionally, a significant number of general practitioners are capable of performing services typically offered by specialists. Fisher emphasized the uniqueness of the benefit plan, noting that its comprehensive nature is distinctive on a national basis.
- In addition to the core benefits, Ms. Fisher outlined eight value-added programs. The CARES Risk Assessment Program reimburses Providers for conducting caries risk assessments. The Value-Based Comprehensive Program compensates Providers for promoting enrollee adherence to medical care plans that enhance oral health. The Beyond Your Smiles Program is a collaborative approach allowing Enrollees to receive blood pressure, BMI, and Hemoglobin A1C screenings during dental visits. The Silver Diamine Fluoride Benefit covers a procedure, shown to reduce costs and assist with emergency services for young children, that is not widely covered by Medicaid nationwide. The CBE Provider Program supports Dental Providers in becoming Certified Business Enterprise, providing access to an enhanced fee schedule. The Inclusive Dental Program addresses oral health barriers for the special needs community by connecting Enrollees, caregivers, advocates, and agencies with Dental Providers. The Continuing Education Program provides free continuing education credits, focusing on the needs of disabled enrollees, to the entire dental provider network. The Alliance Crown Benefit covers crowns for Alliance enrollees, recognizing that providing root canals without crowns is not the community standard of care and can lead to additional costs.
- Ms. Fisher also addressed challenges and issues related to dental services, noting that the primary challenge is ensuring enrollees can access their benefit. While geographic access requirements are met, transportation is available, and there are no restrictions on Provider choice, recruiting specialists can be difficult. To mitigate this, AmeriHealth Caritas DC has partnered with Howard University College of Dentistry to expand access to specialty and general dentistry services.
- It was also highlighted that low reimbursement rates is a major concern for Providers. She explained that the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) recently requested the methodology for fee determination, which was provided, along with explanations for exceptions



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to the standard process. Missed appointments and Enrollee misconduct are also concerns. Providers can report these issues using a "Let Us Know" form, and they will be referred to the Member Engagement team for assistance. Claims concerns are handled by Skygen, while appeals for denied authorizations are managed by AmeriHealth Caritas DC and include consultation with Dr. Nathan Fletcher. This process aims to reduce the need for Fair Hearings by addressing each situation logically.

Several additional Provider concerns were raised during a discussion, including low reimbursement rates that make it difficult for Providers to maintain their practices, the bundling of services which can result in delayed payments and potential loss of revenue if Enrollees do not return for subsequent steps in a procedure, difficulty connecting Enrollees with ACT services to dental care, and challenges receiving direct deposit payments. In response, Bobbie Monagan, Director of Provider Network Management, and Ms. Fisher encouraged Providers to contact Dr. Nathan Fletcher, the dental point of contact, to discuss concerns related to reimbursement rates, coding edits, and connecting enrollees with ACT services. Additionally, they reiterated the availability of EFT payments and offered to provide the necessary forms and assistance to Providers.

### Discussion:

- <u>Dr. Tanya Wilson</u> raised concerns about the low reimbursement rates for dental services, inquiring about potential fee increases. She also described challenges with the bundling of payments for multi-step procedures.
  - <u>Donna Fisher</u> deferred the question regarding fee increases, suggesting that Dr. Wilson contact Dr. Nathan Fletcher directly. Bobbie Monagan also encouraged Dr. Wilson to contact Dr. Fletcher, particularly regarding coding edits and processing issues.
- Jorge Cabrera Mercedes expressed concerns about connecting individuals receiving ACT services to dental care. He shared his staff's challenges in navigating the system and securing reimbursement for connecting clients to services not explicitly included in treatment plans but potentially covered by ACDC.
  - <u>Donna Fisher</u> suggested that Mr. Mercedes reach out to Dr. Nathan Fletcher directly.
     Bobbie Monagan acknowledged the confusion regarding ACT services and encouraged Mr. Mercedes to share his contact information for a follow-up discussion to better understand his challenges and explore potential solutions.
- <u>Dr. Tanya Wilson</u> asked about the availability of direct deposit for Provider payments and described her practice's past difficulties in setting up this payment method.
  - <u>Donna Fisher</u> confirmed that direct deposit (EFT) is available and suggested contacting provider services.
- Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, & Treatment Amena Hamiliton, EPSDT Program Manager
  - Amena Hamilton discussed participation trends, strategies for Enrollee outreach, and collaborations with Providers to enhance program utilization and effectiveness. She began by reviewing the EPSDT participation ratio trends from Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 to FY 2024 (note: the





fiscal year runs from October 1st to September 30th). As of the third quarter of FY 2024, the participation ratio was 54%; a full participation ratio of 80% is the goal. Ms. Hamilton then presented a breakdown of participation by age group for FY 2024, as of August. This data highlighted age groups with participation rates below 80%. She explained that AmeriHealth Caritas DC is focusing efforts on increasing participation among children aged 6 to 18, by partnering with both Providers and schools to host events and promote well-child visits. As part of these efforts, the incentive program for children aged 12 to 20 who complete their well-child visits has been expanded to include children as young as 9 years old.

- Various outreach strategies employed by AmeriHealth Caritas DC to connect with families and promote the utilization of EPSDT services were outlined. These strategies include face-to-face home visits for Enrollees who are difficult to reach by phone, with a current focus on large families. In FY 2024, 1,221 home visits were conducted, resulting in 332 successful contacts. Additionally, monthly text message reminders are sent to guardians of Enrollees offering assistance in scheduling appointments for those that are due and overdue. Postcard mailings are sent to Enrollees with invalid or disconnected phone numbers, while birthday card reminders and "Unable to Reach" letters are also utilized. Telephonic outreach includes monthly birthday calls to discuss well-child visits and immunizations, automated well-child exam campaigns with a live connect option targeting new enrollees and families with due or overdue children, and manual call outreach to new members, non-compliant enrollees, and those with upcoming birthdays.
- Ms. Hamilton emphasized the importance of collaboration with providers to enhance EPSDT participation. She discussed efforts to engage Providers in discussions regarding their specific performance metrics, challenges they face, and strategies to improve outcomes. These efforts include:
  - Provider Outreach and Coordination Meetings (Bi-Monthly): These meetings facilitate the sharing of Provider-specific EPSDT performance data, exchange of information to optimize outreach efforts, and re-establishment of community health workers at Provider sites.
  - Family Wellness Days and Block-Scheduling Opportunities: Opportunities for family wellness days and block scheduling are offered to Providers with large Enrollee panels or capacity for special scheduling.
  - Medical Record Reconciliation: Processes for accessing Electronic Medical Records (EMR)
    have been established with key Providers to streamline record retrieval and ensure that
    all completed visits are accounted for.
  - Training, Resources, and Job Aids for Providers: Individualized training sessions are offered to Provider practices.

### Credentialing – Sunasia Bledsoe, Account Executive II

 Sunasia Bledsoe presented information regarding the credentialing process for Providers seeking to join the AmeriHealth Caritas DC network. She outlined the required application materials, including one (1) ACDC Provider Data Intake Form per Practitioner, proof of current malpractice insurance, a copy of the Practitioner's state license, an Ownership Disclosure Form, and any



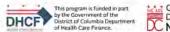


applicable documentation of organizational accreditation or a CMS state survey. Ms. Bledsoe also emphasized the importance of maintaining an updated CAQH profile, particularly ensuring the group's address is included to avoid delays in processing. All application materials can be submitted to credentialingdc@amerihealthcaritasdc.com.

- Ms. Bledsoe emphasized the importance of collecting REL data for several reasons. REL data helps to address health disparities, promote equitable care, empower patients, encourage a sense of accordance, and promote cultural and linguistic competency. While AmeriHealth Caritas DC requests this information from its contracted Providers, participation is voluntary. Providers can input this data on the Provider Intake Form or submit updates using the Change Request Form.
- Ms. Bobbie Monagan, Director of Provider Network Management, emphasized the importance of Providers notifying AmeriHealth Caritas DC of any changes to their practice information, including suite numbers, phone numbers, and addresses. This information drives the provider directory, which Enrollees use to schedule appointments. Failure to update this information can lead to inaccuracies in the directory, making it difficult for enrollees to reach Providers, potentially impacting access to care and causing payment delays. Ms. Monagan urged Providers to notify their Account Executives of any changes as soon as possible.

### Online Resources – Nijia Williams, Account Executive I

- Nijia Williams presented an overview of the online tools and resources available to Providers on the AmeriHealth Caritas DC website. Ms. Williams began by showcasing the Provider homepage, highlighting its user-friendly design and intuitive navigation. The homepage features a menu on the left-hand side allowing Providers to easily locate specific information.
- The Latest Provider Updates section houses important announcements and updates, including fax blasts and information about upcoming meetings such as the Provider Advisory Committee meeting. The Prior Authorization Lookup Tool is a valuable resource for Providers. This tool allows users to enter a CPT or HCPCS code to determine whether a service requires prior authorization; streamlining the pre-authorization process. The Claims and Billing section provides comprehensive information on submitting claims, billing guidelines, and other related resources. This section also includes information on electronic claim submission via Navinet, Change Healthcare, and paper claim submissions.
- Ms. Williams emphasized the importance of NaviNet, encouraging Providers to utilize this platform for enhanced communication and collaboration. NaviNet offers a streamlined approach to information sharing and communication, making processes faster and more efficient. She recommended reaching out to Account Executives for training and support in using NaviNet.
- The Education and Training landing page provides information on upcoming training opportunities and resources offered by AmeriHealth Caritas DC. Ms. Williams encouraged Providers to explore this section to stay informed about available training and identify opportunities for professional development.







Ms. Williams also briefly touched upon the availability of forms, Provider manuals and guides, and Provider directories and drug formularies on the website. The forms section provides access to various forms, including the 3M Dashboard User Form, Pharmacy Prior Authorization Forms, and Medical Authorization forms. The Manuals and Guides section offers easy access to the AmeriHealth Caritas DC Provider Manual. The Provider Directories and Drug Formularies section allows Providers to search for in-network Providers and access the drug formulary. Ms. Williams concluded by encouraging Providers to sign up for email alerts to stay informed about important updates and announcements.

### Questions & Answers

Discussions occurred during each topic.

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# PRESENTATION SLIDES





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Q3 - Provider Advisory Committee Meeting

September 19, 2024

- 1. Welcome & Agenda Review
- 2. Meet Your Account Executives
- PCP Condition Optimization Program (COP)
- 4. Dental Services Overview
- 5. Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, & Treatment Overview
- 6. Credentialing
- 7. Online Resources
- 8. Question & Answers

# Our Agenda

# **Meet Your Account Executives**



# **Director of Provider Network Management**

# Bobbie J. Monagan

Director of Provider Network Management

### Responsibilities include:

- Value Based Contracting
- Create new and support existing company initiatives
- Collaborate with internal and external stakeholders to ensure enrollees have access to the best quality of care via a robust provider network!

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# **Manager of Provider Network Management**



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# Responsibilities:

- Oversee Account Executives' day-to-day activities.
- Keep staff informed of policy and procedural changes.
- Oversee training and communication for Network Providers and act as a liaison with the Provider community.

# **Account Executive II - Behavioral Health Providers**



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# **Territories:**

- All core service agencies
  - Free-standing mental health clinics
- Northern Virginia
- Maryland
- Non-Participating Providers: All Specialties
- Psychiatric Institute of Washington (PIW)
- Washington, D.C.
  - All Wards

## **Account Executive II**



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# **Territories:**

- George Washington University Hospital
- George Washington Medical Faculty Associates
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Look A-like Clinics (Interim Account Executive)
- Children's National Health System (hospital and providers)
- Children's Pediatric Associates
- All Home Health Agencies
- All Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs)
- Maryland (Montgomery County)
- Dialysis
- Dispatched Health
- Washington, D.C.:
  - Ward 3
  - Ward 4

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# **Territories:**

- All Early Intervention Providers
- MedStar Health (hospitals and providers)
- Urgent Care Centers
- Doula Providers
- Private physician practices on MedStar campus at 106
   Irving Street NW
- Howard University Hospital
- Howard University Faculty Practice Plan
- Adventist HealthCare System (all hospitals)
- Maryland (Prince George's County)
- Washington, D.C.:
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- All hospices and skilled nursing facilities
- Ambulance Providers
- LabCorp
- United Medical Center (hospital and providers)
- Sibley Memorial Hospital
- Johns Hopkins Community Physicians and Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
- Bridgepoint Hospital
- DME
- Evolent (formerly National Imaging Associates, Inc. (NIA))
- Northern Virginia
- Minute Clinic
- Washington, D.C.:
  - Ward 6
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  - Ward 8

# **Account Executive I - Internal**



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# Responsibilities:

- Single Case Agreements
- Provider Network Management Coordinator

# PCP Condition Optimization Program (COP)

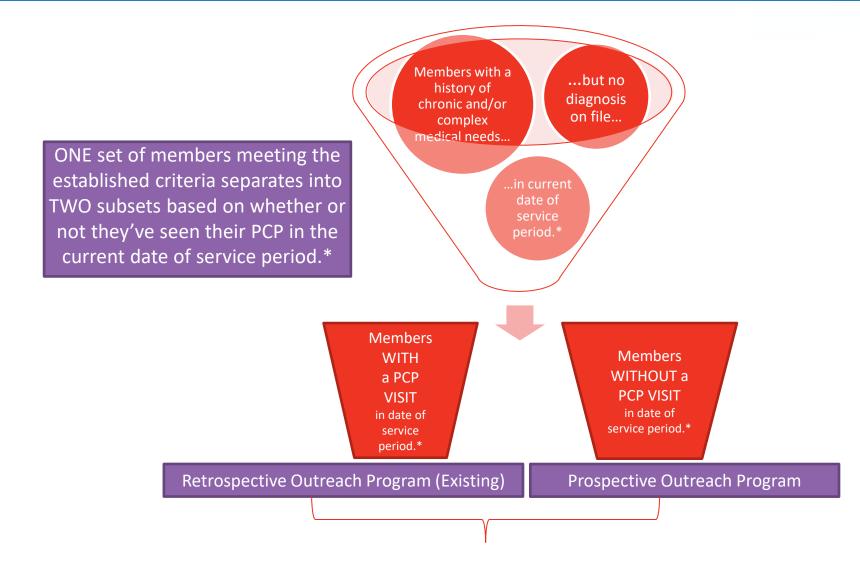
**Emily Quick Manager, Risk Adjustment Programs** 



# **Goals of the Condition Optimization Program**

- Allow the health plan to gather info about members with chronic and/or complex medical needs.
- Help Primary Care Providers (PCPs) identify assigned members with chronic and/or complex medical needs.
- Promote routine access to primary care for members with chronic and/or complex medical needs
- Increase member appointment compliance through outreach.
- Improve accuracy and completeness of member diagnosis/diagnoses information.

# **Identifying Members for COP**



\*There are two dates of service periods per year; exact period dates vary and are determined by the Medicaid agency in each state.

# **Retrospective Outreach Program**

### **Health Plan:**

- Identifies target members with the most chronic and/or complex medical needs <u>and</u> with a visit to their assigned PCP in the date of service period.\*
- Medical record(s) will be requested from provider.
- Diagnosis codes will be abstracted from the medical record and any diagnosis missing on the originally billed claim will be shared in NaviNet.

## **Provider opting to participate in ROP:**

- <u>Provider Self Review</u> Open patient medical record and determine if diagnosis suspected can be confirmed. Check off confirm or can't confirm and go to next step.
- <u>Plan Medical Record Review</u> Review the results of the medical record abstraction in NaviNet and if in agreement with diagnosis/condition(s) identified, confirm the diagnosis code(s).
- Submit the transaction within NaviNet to complete the claim adjustment that adds procedure code 99499 to the originally submitted claim (to make administrative payment) and corrects the diagnosis code(s) by adding any confirmed codes to the previously submitted claim.
- Administrative payment will be issued on next remittance advice.

<sup>\*</sup>There are two date of service periods per year; exact period dates vary and are determined by the Medicaid agency in each state.

# **Retrospective Outreach Provider Incentive**

- Incentive payment is issued through Facets on a per claim basis.
- Payment will be on normal claim remittance advice.
- Claims adjusted are subject to random audit to confirm completeness and accuracy of diagnosis codes reported on the claim.

# **Prospective Outreach Program**

## **Health plan:**

 Identifies target members with the most chronic and/or complex medical needs <u>and</u> with no visit to their assigned PCP in the date of service period.\*

### **Provider opting to participate in POP:**

### • Pre-Appointment

- You are notified of target members via NaviNet.
- Your office outreaches to member and schedules a visit or marks member as unavailable/unscheduled in NaviNet if no contact and/or no member interest in scheduling appointment.

### • **During Appointment**

- For the purpose of the program, review suspected chronic and/or complex medical needs listed for the member during the visit.
- Document diagnosed chronic and/or complex medical needs in the member's medical record.

### Post Appointment

- Submit a Scheduled Appointment Worksheet for the target member in NaviNet —
  confirmed or unconfirmed chronic and/or complex condition (represented by diagnosis
  codes.)
- **Submit a Claim** with confirmed and/or newly identified diagnosis along with the appropriate E&M codes.
- Diagnosis codes must be reported via the Scheduled Appointment Worksheet and Claim.
- These components are audited to confirm accuracy and completeness; errors identified in coding of claim must be corrected before claim will be approved for incentive payment.

# **Prospective Outreach Provider Incentive**

- Participants receive incentive payments in January and July of each year.
- Payment is sent in one check with explanation code POPP Prospective Outreach
   Program Payment.
- Incentive is limited to one completed visit per target member, per risk period.
  - Target member list is in NaviNet, and incentive may only be earned for the identified members.
  - Identified members may be removed from list if diagnosis gap is closed or member loses eligibility (the identified member list is updated on the 1st of each month; consult NaviNet for updates).
- Each qualifying visit will be audited to confirm completeness and accuracy of diagnosis codes reported on claim.

REMEMBER for each qualifying visit you must complete all steps in the process in order to receive the incentive payment.

# **Emily Quick**

Manager, Risk Adjustment Programs equick@amerihealthcaritas.com



# **QUESTIONS?**

# **Dental Services Overview**

Donna Fisher
Corporate Dental Liaison/Account Executive



#### **PLAN DENTAL BENEFIT**

- The dental benefit in the District of Columbia is comprehensive for children and adults for Medicaid and Alliance products.
- The Alliance benefit limit is \$1000 Annually with the enrollee being responsible for fees over the limit.
- The benefit includes orthodontic services for Medicaid up to age 21.
- The benefit is preventive in nature and restorative as well.
- Dentures, gum treatment, oral surgery, root canals, and fillings are included.
- The benefit includes implants and their restoration.
- This benefit is unique on the national basis for its comprehensive nature.
- The dental provider network includes approximately 370 providers at over 170 sites
- The dental provider network includes specialists in Orthodontics, Endodontics, Periodontics, and Oral Surgery
- The greatest number of providers are General Practitioners (most capable of providing services also performed by specialists)

#### **VALUE-ADDED BENEFITS**

- Caries Risk Assessment Program AmeriHealth Caritas
  District of Columbia reimburses dental providers for
  submitting a CDT Code for Caries Risk Assessment (CRA).
  CDT Codes D0601 for Low Risk, D0602 for Moderate Risk,
  and D0603 for High Risk will be used for reimbursement
  and to assess the oral health disease prevalence in the
  District of Columbia for AmeriHealth Caritas DC enrollees.
  The Codes are covered benefits with no reimbursement
  fee from the District
- Value Based Compensation Program This program compensates dental providers for emphasizing adherence to enrollees to manage their medical conditions through education and reinforcement. The program reviews medical measures in conjunction with dental procedures that can enhance the overall health benefits related to oral health.
- Beyond Your Smiles This program is a collaborative and comprehensive approach to health care that provides the opportunity for enrollees to receive certain critical health screenings during a visit to a participating dentist. The screenings include Blood Pressure (for members over 12 years of age), BMI (for members over 12 years of age), Hemoglobin A1c (for members over 18 years of age who have not seen their primary care physician in six months)
- Silver Diamine Fluoride Benefit Several years ago ACDC conducted a pilot with Children's National Hospital to add the procedure to reduce costs in the OR and to assist with emergency services for young children. This was not a covered benefit. ACDC decided to add the benefit after the pilot demonstrated significant savings and reimburses for the procedure. ACDC is one of a few nation wide providing this benefit for Medicaid recipients.

#### **VALUE-ADDED BENEFITS**

• **CBE Providers** - We have assisted dental providers to become Certified Business Entities (CBEs) by contracting a consulting firm to assist in the process and provide an enhanced fee schedule for the purpose of fulfilling the contractual obligation in the District.

- Inclusive Dental This program is designed to address oral health barriers articulated by the special needs community. The program will aid in addressing gaps in access to dental care and will work to connect with the individuals, caregivers, advocates, and agencies that represent our enrollees who have the specific disabilities and conditions identified by ICD-10 Codes fitting certain conditions.
- Continuing Education Program Free Continuing Education credit is provided as a part of the Inclusive Dental program as an obligation in the contract with the associated providers enrolled in that program. The CE courses are offered to the entire dental provider network as well to educate providers on the needs of the disabled and to aid in recruiting additional providers in the network.
- Alliance Crown Benefit Several years ago we added Crowns to the Alliance benefit because there is a Root Canal benefit but no Crown benefit. The Root Canal without the crown would add costs and is the community standard of care for restoring the treated tooth to avoid the added cost without it.

# **CHALLENGES/ISSUES WITH ACCESS**

# The greatest challenge to ACCESS is for Enrollees to ACCESS their benefit.

- All Enrollees are assigned to a Primary Dental Provider (PDP)
- All Geo Access requirements are met for the enrollees in DC.
- Transportation is available for all Enrollees.
- There are no restrictions on which Provider they visit regardless of PDP Assignment.
- There are challenges in recruiting some specialists. This has been mitigated by engaging the Howard University College of Dentistry for specialty care and general dentistry services.

# **CHALLENGES/ISSUES RAISED BY PROVIDERS**

## The primary issue for Providers is low reimbursement rates

- DHCF recently requested the methodology for fee determinations which covered the circumstances for the process. This included the general fee determination process and some exceptions.
- Missed appointments are another concern. We provide a "Let Us Know" form where Providers can submit enrollee issues for our attention, and they are referred to Member Engagement for assistance.
- Enrollee misconduct is also another concern; also addressed with the "Let Us Know" form.
- Claims concerns are managed by Skygen.
- Appeals for denied authorizations are managed by ACDC including consultation with Dr.
   Fletcher. This reduces Fair Hearings using logic to address each unique situation.
- Credentialing concerns are managed by the Account Executive for ACDC and the ACDC credentialing team.

# **IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION**

# The ACDC Plan Point of Contact

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nfletcher@amerihealthcartitasdc.com 410-365-4265

PROVIDER SERVICES Telephone:	1-855-609-5170
E-MAIL:	providerportal@AmeriHealthCaritasDCdental.com
AUTHORIZATIONS:	Authorizations P.O. Box 654 Milwaukee, WI 53201
CONTINUATION OF CARE:	AmeriHealth Caritas DC - Continuation of Care PO Box 654 Milwaukee, WI 53201
ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT):	Send Applications to: providerservices@skygenusa.com or Fax: 262-721-0722
PAPER CLAIMS:	AmeriHealth Caritas DC - Claims P.O. Box 651 Milwaukee, WI 53201
ELECTRONIC CLAIMS:	Clearinghouse Payer ID: SCION Provider Web Portal link = pwp.sciondental.com
PROVIDER APPEALS OR COMPLAINTS:	AmeriHealth Caritas DC - Provider Appeals P.O. Box 1243 Milwaukee, WI 53201
CORRECTED CLAIMS:	AmeriHealth Caritas DC P.O. Box 541 Milwaukee, WI 53201

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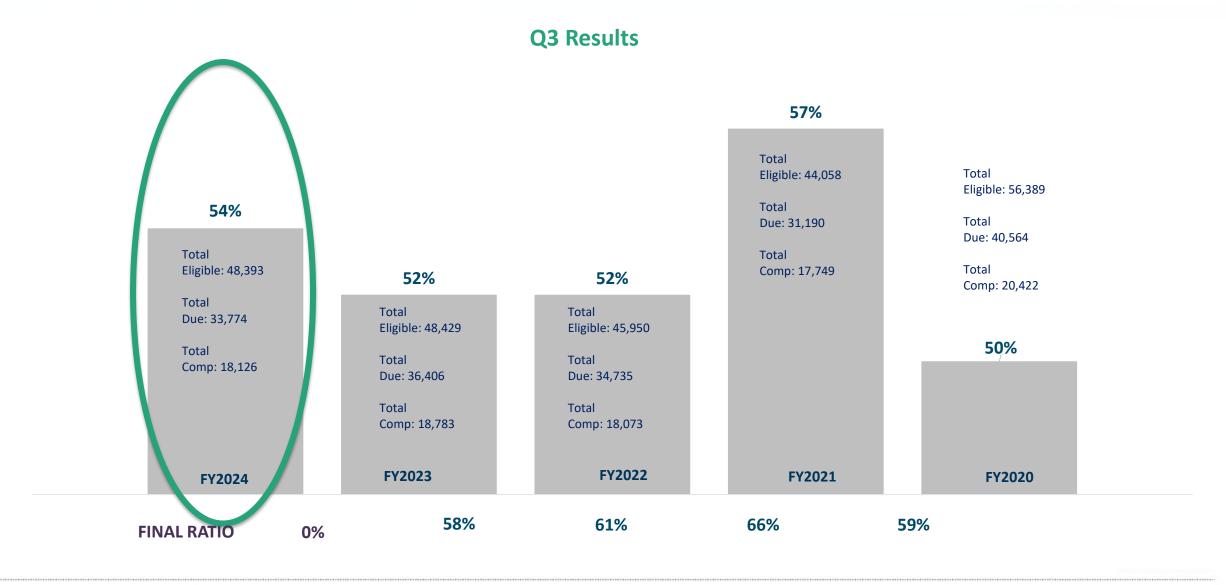
# Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT)

**Amena Hamilton** 

**EPSDT Program Manager** 



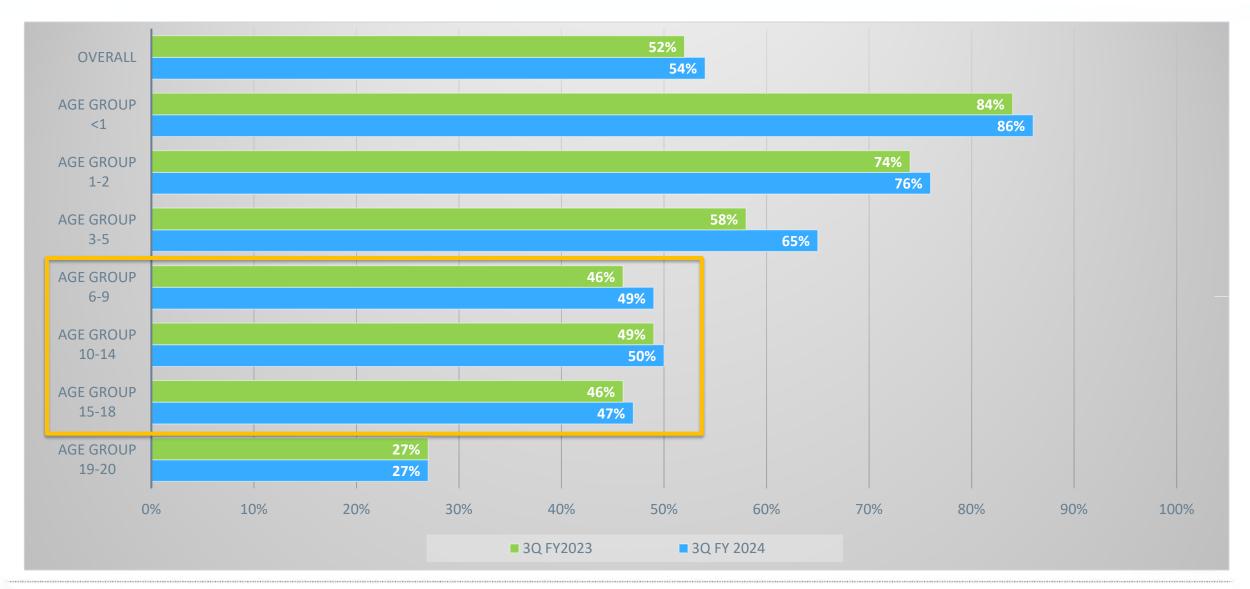
# ESPDT Participation Ratio Trend — (as of August)



# **EPSDT Participation Ratio – FY2024** (As of August)

	2024	Totals	Age Group <1	Age Group 1-2	Age Group 3-5	Age Group 6-9	Age Group 10-14	Age Group 15-18	Age Group 19-20
8. Total Eligibles Who Should Receive at Least One Initial or Periodic Screen	Total:	33,774	722	4,118	4,831	6,823	8,486	6,341	2,453
9. Total Eligibles Receiving at least One Initial or Periodic Screen	Total:	18,126	618	3,120	3,156	3,347	4,228	2,996	661
10. PARTICIPANT RATIO	Total:	54%	86%	76%	65%	49%	50%	47%	27%
# Additional needed for 75%		7,205	-77	-32	467	1,770	2,137	1,760	1,179
# Additional needed for 80%		8,893	-40	174	709	2,111	2,561	2,077	1,301

# **EPSDT Participation Ratio Trends Q3 FY2023 and FY2024**



# **ENROLLEE OUTREACH**

## Mailings and Home Visit Outreach

#### **Home Visit Outreach**

- ACDC has restarted our face-to-face outreach to enrollees who we are unable to connect with telephonically after multiple attempts.
- Our focus is currently on Large Families (5+ enrollees under one family link) to help facilitate appointment schedules.
  - For FY2024, we have conducted 1,221 Home visits with 332 of those visits leading to successful contact.

#### **Text Message (SMS) Outreach**

- Monthly text messaging reminders are sent to the guardians of all due and overdue enrollees to let them connect with an outreach representative who will assist with scheduling their EPSDT Health-check appointments.
  - For FY2024, total text messages sent are 79,836.

#### **Mailings**

- Postcard mailings to enrollees with invalid, disconnected, wrong and no numbers (monthly).
- Birthday card reminders (monthly).
- Send "Unable to Reach" Client letters to those enrollees we have not had success contact with after multiple live call attempts.
  - For FY2024, we have mailed 2,643 client letters.

## **EPSDT Telephonic Outreach**

#### **Telephonic Outreach**

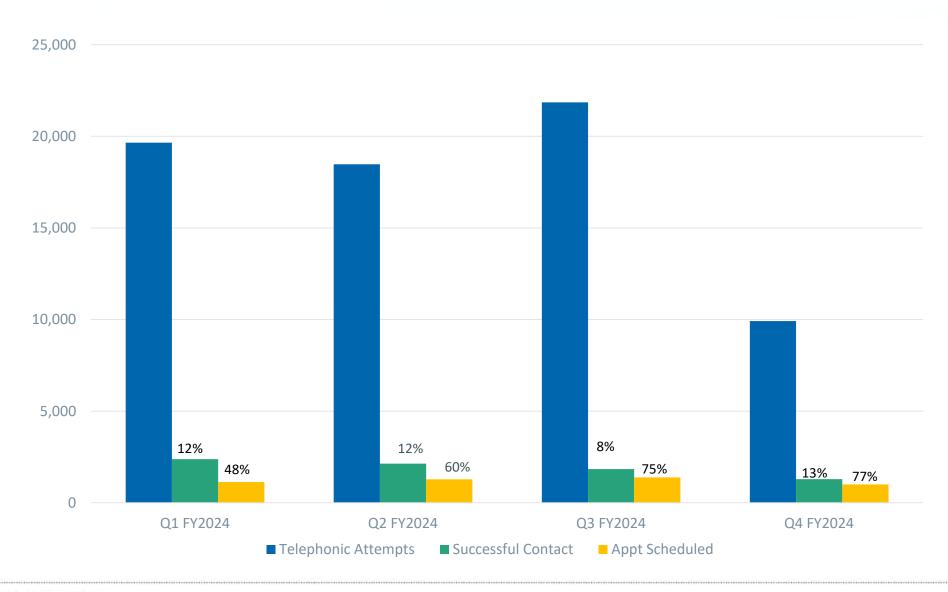
- Birthday Calls (Monthly)
  - Discussions around due or overdue for WCV and Immunizations.
    - o Follow-up 2<sup>nd</sup> calls (evenings) and 3<sup>rd</sup> calls (weekends).
  - Lead screening reminder calls (as appropriate).
  - Covid-19 vaccination discussion is also integrated into all our outbound and inbound calls for review of gaps in care, care
    management and customer service.
- Well-child Exam Auto-dialer Campaigns with Live Connect Option (Monthly)
  - New enrollees to the plan.
  - o Families with children due and overdue for well-child exams.
  - Dental gaps in care continue to be discussed as part of all outbound EPSDT calls (as appropriate).

#### Manual Call Outreach

- New Member Outreach to those we were not able to contact via the Auto Dialer.
- Non-Compliant Enrollees with Large FQHCs as their PCP.
- Proactive outreach to those with care gaps who have upcoming birthdays.

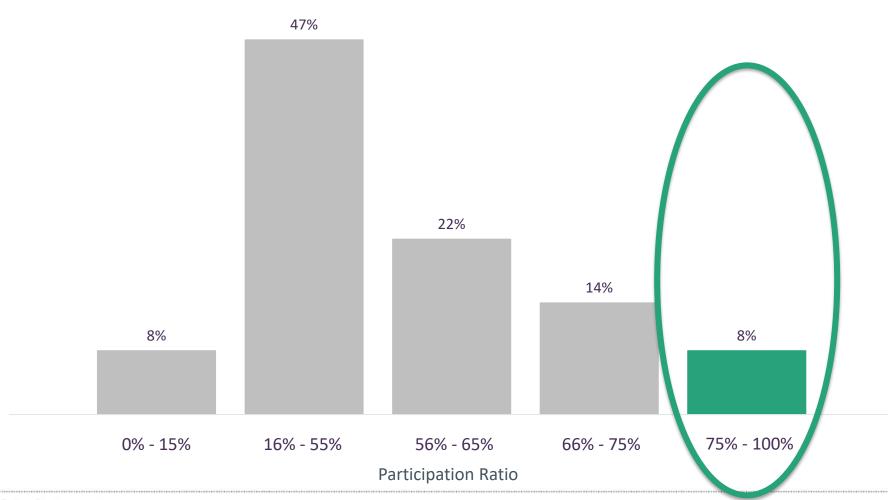
# **Telephonic Outreach Results – Ages 0 to 20**

(Automated/Manual Calls — as of August)

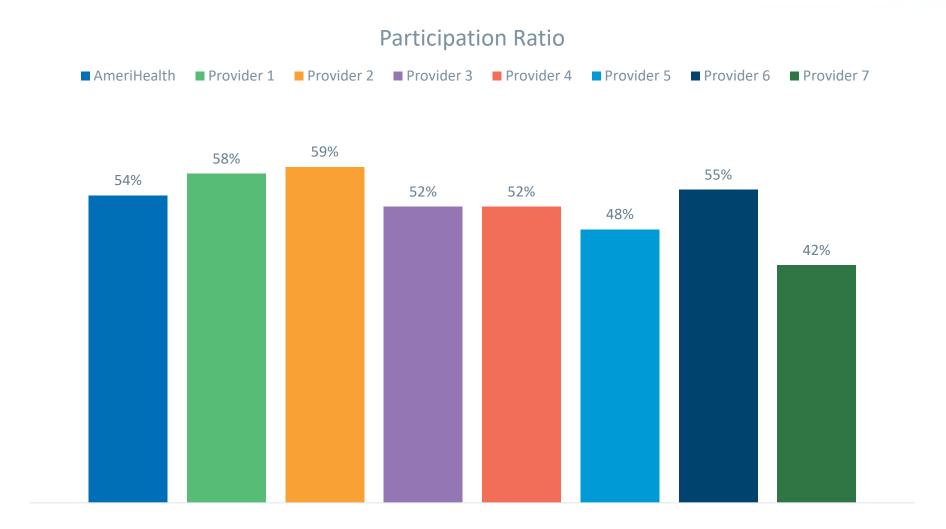


# PROVIDER DISCUSSIONS

#### **Provider Group Percentiles**



# **Provider Participation Ratio Comparison –**



#### **PROVIDER DISCUSSIONS**

#### Provider Outreach and Coordination Meetings (Bi-Monthly)

- Sharing of provider-specific EPSDT CMS 416 participant ratio performance
- Exchanging data to optimize outreach efforts
- Reestablish Community Health Workers being embedded at provider sites

#### Family Wellness Days and Block-Scheduling Opportunities

- Focused on those providers with larger enrollee panels or capacity for special scheduling
- Establishing Wellness Clinic days or Blocked Scheduling

#### Medical Record Reconciliation

- EMR access has been established at some top providers as opposed to submission request
- For FY2024, we have conducted membership retrieval of records at these facilities to bump against claims in our systems.

#### Provide Training, Resources and Job-Aid to Providers

- Focus individualized training sessions, as appropriate, for provider practices
- Utilizing Provider Advisory Committee Meeting as a platform to introduce training

## **Amena Hamilton**

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# QUESTIONS?

# Credentialing

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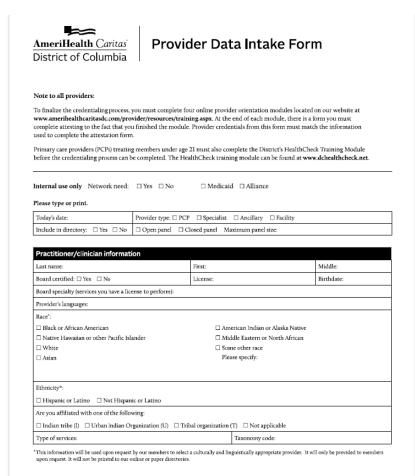
# **Credentialing**

### Application materials to be submitted:

- ACDC Provider Data Intake Form (1 per practitioner)
- Current Malpractice insurance
- Current State License
- Ownership Disclosure Form
- Current Organization Accreditation or CMS State Survey (if applicable)
- CAQH Profile updated

Please send materials to credentialingdc@amerihealthcaritasdc.com

### **Provider Data Intake Form**



#### Provider Data Intake Form Practice information Group or facility name: (as it will appear in provider directory) Seeing new patients: Yes No Ages seen: Office manager: Languages spoken by clinical staff at facility: Address: Suite number: City: ZIP: Phone: (The office phone number listed is the primary method for patients to use when scheduling an appointment.) Cell: Office hours: Monday Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday: Billing information Billing address: Suite number: ZIP: City: State: Phone: Fax: Tax ID: Legal business name: Group NPI: Individual NPI: Medicaid number Medicare number: Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) data Do you have a CAQH number: ☐ Yes ☐ No CAQH number: Additional location Street address: Suite number: ZIP: Languages spoken by clinical staff at facility:

AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia

Office hours: Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

# **Provider Change Form**



#### **Provider Change Form**

Group practice or individu	ual name:			
Please check one:	☐ Group practice	☐ Individual		
Please check one: Group practice ID number		■ Individual ID number		
AmeriHealth Caritas DC ID number:		NPI number:	PPID number:	
Contact person name:				
Phone number:		Fax number:		
Email:				
Authorizing signature (provider or office manager):		Today's date:	Effective date of change:	

Provider change information		
	request will be processed for AmeriHealth Caritas tust submit a copy of your W-9 with this change fo	District of Columbia (DC). If any of these changes orm.
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Type of change (Please check all that		
		■ Name change
Type of change (Please check all that	apply.):	

Previous office information		
AmeriHealth Caritas DC group provider ID	number:	NPI number:
Name:		
Street:		
City:	State:	ZIP:
Phone number:	Fax number:	

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#### Provider Change Information (continued)



New office information					
AmeriHealth Caritas DC group provider ID numbe	NPI number:				
Name:					
Street:					
City:	State:	State: ZIP:			
Phone number:	Fax number:				
Add providers					
New providers must complete AmeriHealth Carita Forms are available at www.amerihealthcaritasdc.		articipating providers.			
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Terminate providers					
Please give AmeriHealth Caritas DC 60 days of adv	ance notice when a provider is leaving the gro	up.			
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Thange of ownership:			Effective date of ownership:		

Legal business name of new owner and federal tax ID number (requires new W-9) Note: Terms of acquisition or purchase must be attached for processing.

# Race, Ethnicity and Language (REL) Data

# Importance of Provider Race, Ethnicity and Language (REL) Data

Race

• is a classification of humans based on genetic characteristics, such as lineage, which is when a group is connected by common descent.

Ethnicity

• is a classification of humans based on historical connection by a common national origin or language. Ethnicity could also be defined as a person's roots, ancestry, heritage, country of origin, or cultural background.

Spoken Language • refers to the language in which a member/enrollee prefers to speak about their health care.

Written Language • refers to the language in which a member/enrollee prefers to read or write about their health care.

# Why is Collecting REL Data Important?

To tackle health disparities

To promote equitable care

To empower patients

To encourage a sense of accordance

To promote values of cultural and linguistic competency

How do we collect this information?

AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia requests its contracted provider network voluntarily share their REL data, as well as their office support staff's languages

You can input this information on our Provider Intake Form or Change Form

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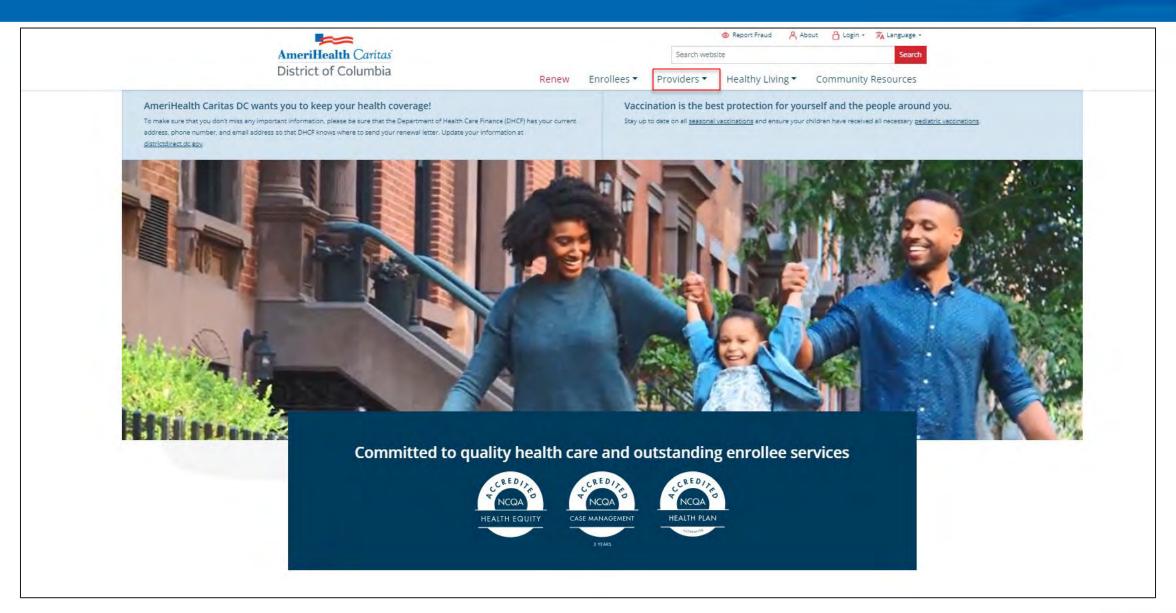
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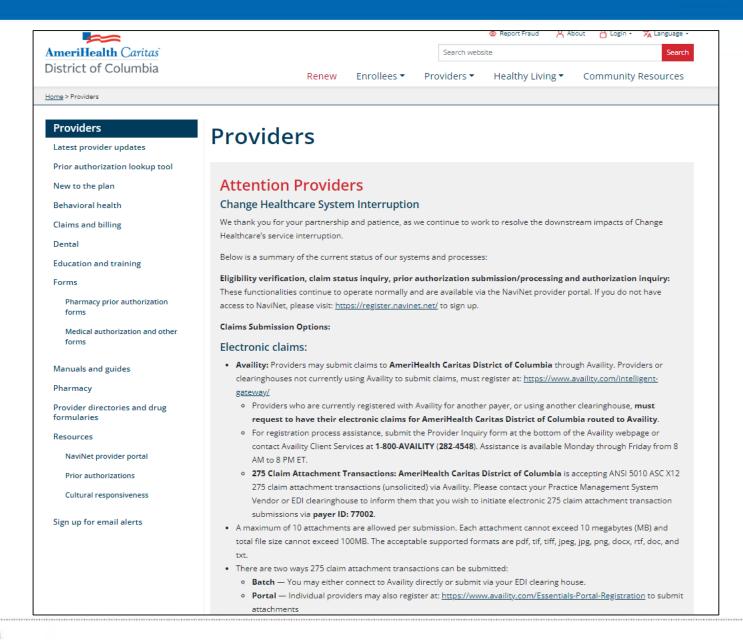
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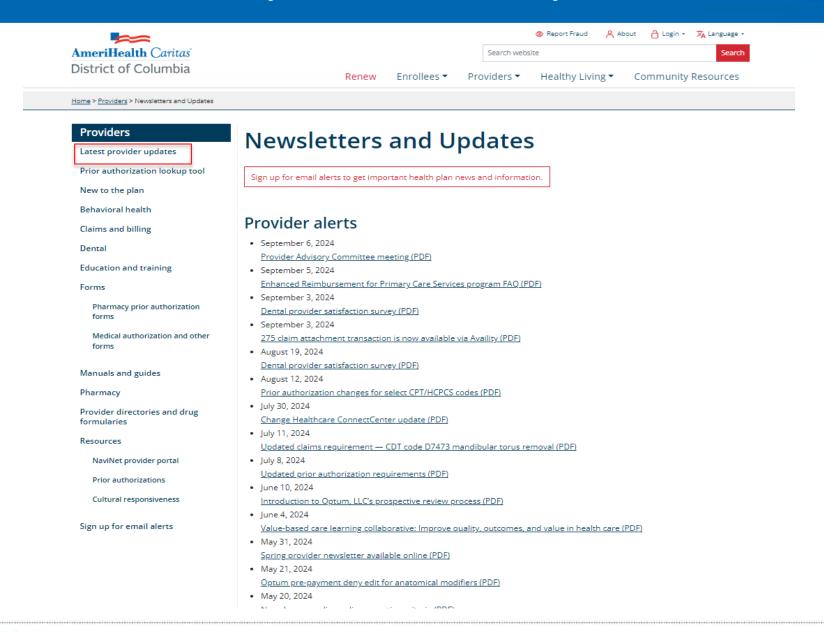
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### **LATEST PROVIDER UPDATES**

ONLINE TOOLS AND RESOURCES

# Online Tools and Resources | Latest Provider Updates



#### **Recent Fax Blast**



To: AmeriHealth Caritas DC Providers

Date: September 5, 2024

Subject: Enhanced Reimbursement for Primary Care Services Program FAQ

Dear Provider:

Please see the attached Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document for the Enhanced Reimbursement for Primary Care Services Program.

Please contact the Provider Enrollment and Outreach Branch at the Department of Health Car Finance (DHCF) with any questions at <a href="mailto:DHCF.ProviderEnrollment@DC.gov">DHCF.ProviderEnrollment@DC.gov</a> or 202-698-2000.

Sincerely, AmeriHealth Caritas DC



To: AmeriHealth Caritas DC Providers

Date: August 12, 2024

Subject: Prior Authorization Changes for Select CPT/HCPCS Codes

Dear Provider:

Effective September 15, 2024, AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia (DC) is removing prior authorization requirements for a select list of codes.

Changes to prior authorization requirements and medical necessity review for these services are part of AmeriHealth Caritas DC's continued dedication to supporting providers in our shared commitment to high quality health care for our enrollees.

To verify whether a service requires prior authorization, use the Prior Authorization Lookup Tool on the provider website at: <a href="https://www.amerihealthcaritasdc.com/provider/resources/prior-authorization-lookup.aspx">www.amerihealthcaritasdc.com/provider/resources/prior-authorization-lookup.aspx</a>.

If you have questions about this communication, please contact your Provider Account Executive or call Provider Services at 202-408-2237.

Sincerely,

AmeriHealth Caritas DC

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#### **Recent Fax Blast**



To: AmeriHealth Caritas DC Dental Providers

Date: September 3, 2024

Subject: Dental Provider Satisfaction Survey

Dear Dental Provider:

AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia (DC) values your partnership and feedback. We kindly request you complete our Dental Provider Satisfaction Survey, available at the following link:

#### https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RHP7TYG

Your honest opinion is critical in helping us understand how we are doing and where we need to improve. To show our appreciation, we will offer a \$100 gift card to the dental practice of one randomly selected survey respondent. Please note that entry for the gift card is optional. If you would like to enter for the gift card, please input the contact information for the business owner of your dental practice when prompted in the survey. If you prefer, you can choose to stay anonymous and not enter for the gift card.

The survey will close on Friday, September 27. Following this date, we will contact the business owner of the selected respondent's dental practice with details about receiving the gift card.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to participate and complete the survey.

Sincerely,

AmeriHealth Caritas DC



To: AmeriHealth Caritas DC Providers

Date: September 3, 2024

Subject: 275 Claim Attachment Transaction Is Now Available via Availity

Dear Provider,

AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia (DC) is accepting ANSI 5010 ASC X12 275 claim attachment transactions (unsolicited) via Availity. Please contact your Practice Management System Vendor or EDI clearinghouse to inform them that you wish to initiate electronic 275 claim attachment transaction submissions for payer ID: 77002.

A maximum of ten attachments are allowed per submission. Each attachment cannot exceed 10 megabytes (MB) and total file size cannot exceed 100MB. The acceptable supported formats are pdf, tlf, tlff, jpeg, jpg, png, docx, rtf, doc, and txt.

There are two ways 275 claim attachment transactions can be submitted:

- . Batch You may either connect to Availity directly or submit via your EDI clearing house.
- Portal Individual providers may also register at: <a href="https://www.availity.com/Essentials-Portal-Registration">https://www.availity.com/Essentials-Portal-Registration</a> to submit attachments.

Specific 275 claim attachment transaction report codes must be used when submitting an attachment. Visit <a href="https://www.amerihealthcaritasdc.com/provider/claims/index.aspx">https://www.amerihealthcaritasdc.com/provider/claims/index.aspx</a> for the list of applicable codes.

After logging in, providers registered with Availity may access the **Attachments - Training Demo** for detailed instructions on the submission process. For the best results, providers should take the following steps:

- 1. Sign in to Availity Essentials: Revenue Cycle Management | Healthcare | Availity [availity.com]
- 2. Click the training link: Training Link [apps.availity.com]
- 3. In the Attachments Training Demo page, click Enroll.
- 4. In the Confirm window, click Yes.
- The training demo will be added to the provider's learning dashboard. To view the training demo, click Start.
- 6. The training demo opens. Select Explore Options.
  - To send unsolicited documentation, providers should select the Play button on the second tab titled Submit Supporting Documentation (Unsolicited).

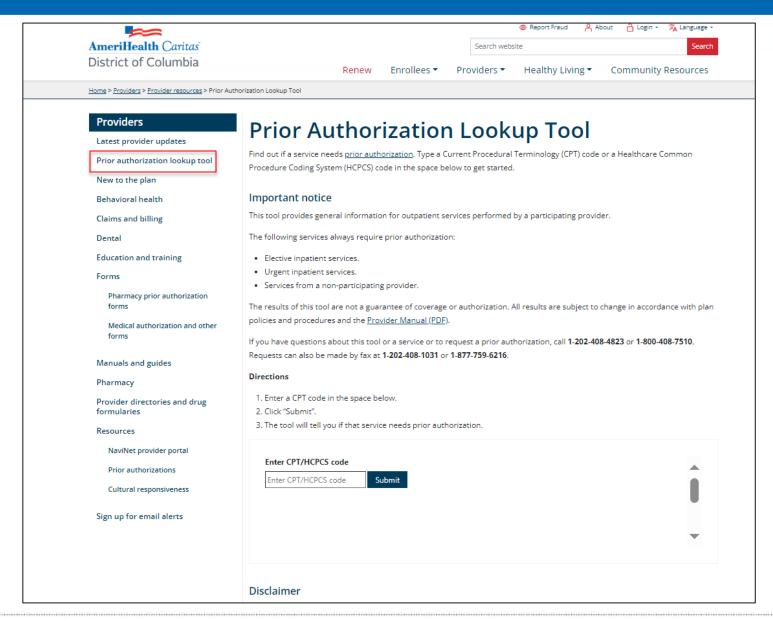
If you have questions, please contact Availity Client Services at 1-800-AVAILITY (282-4548). Assistance is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM ET.

Sincerely, AmeriHealth Caritas DC

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#### PRIOR AUTHORIZATION LOOKUP TOOL

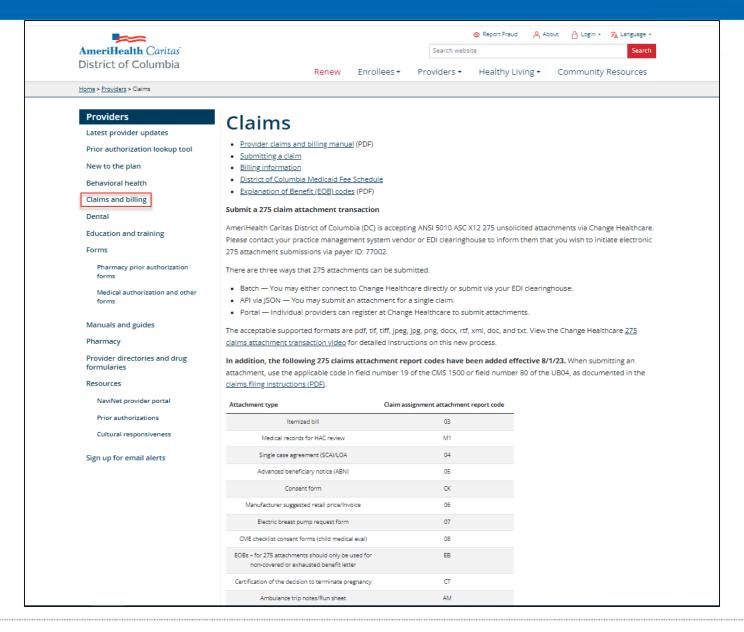
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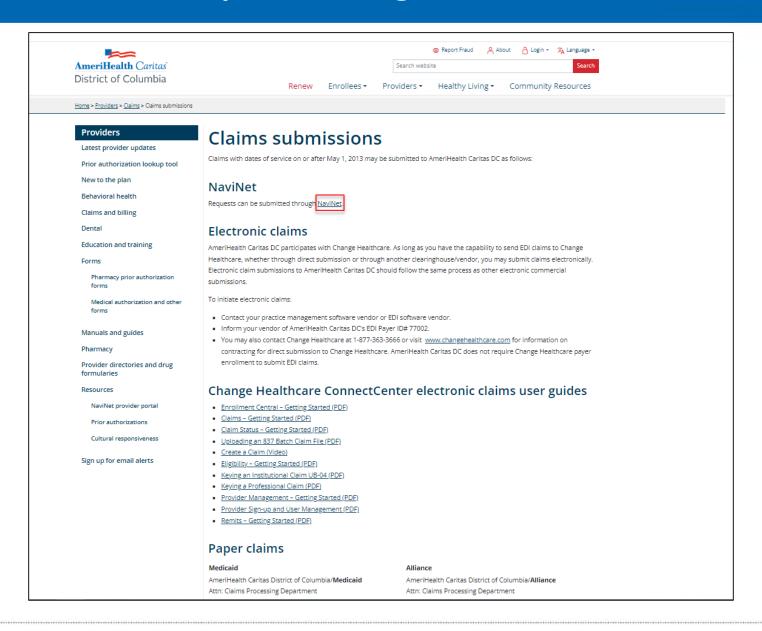
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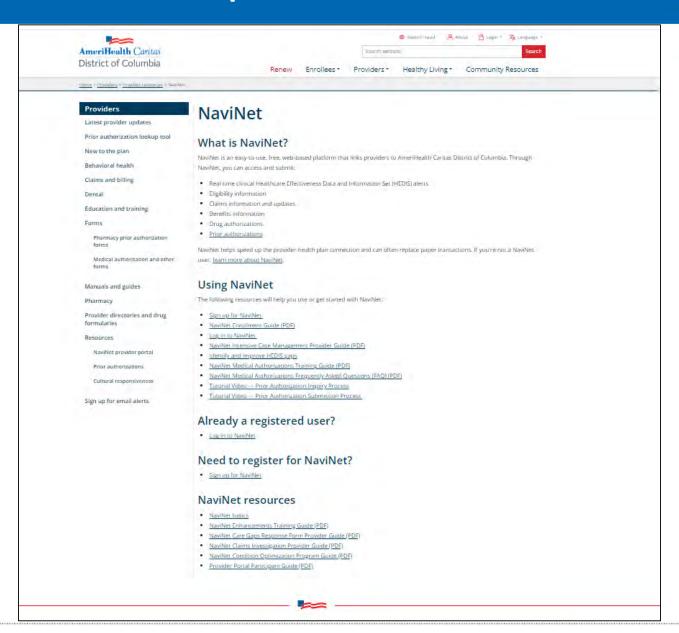
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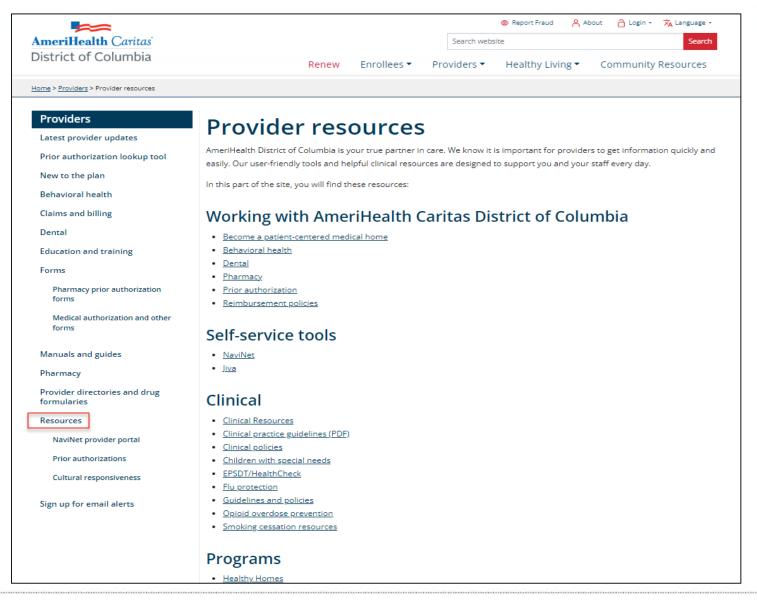


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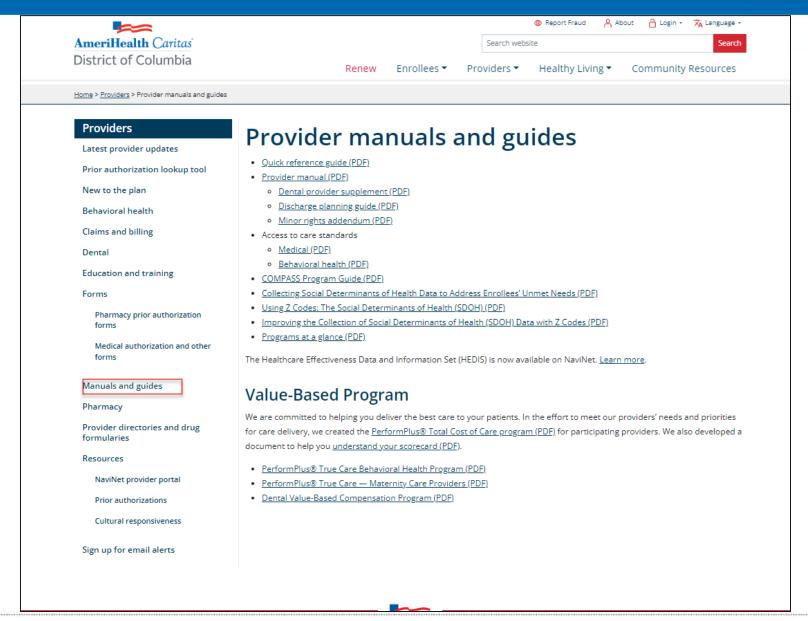
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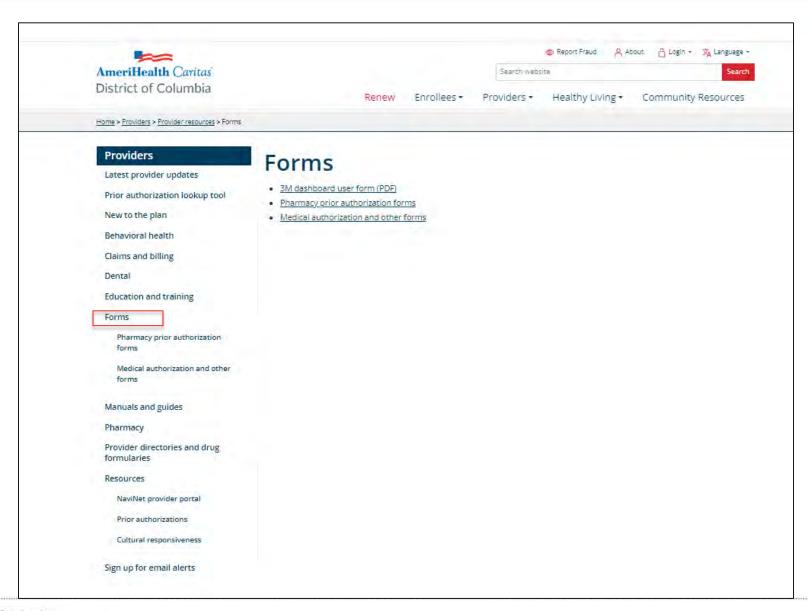


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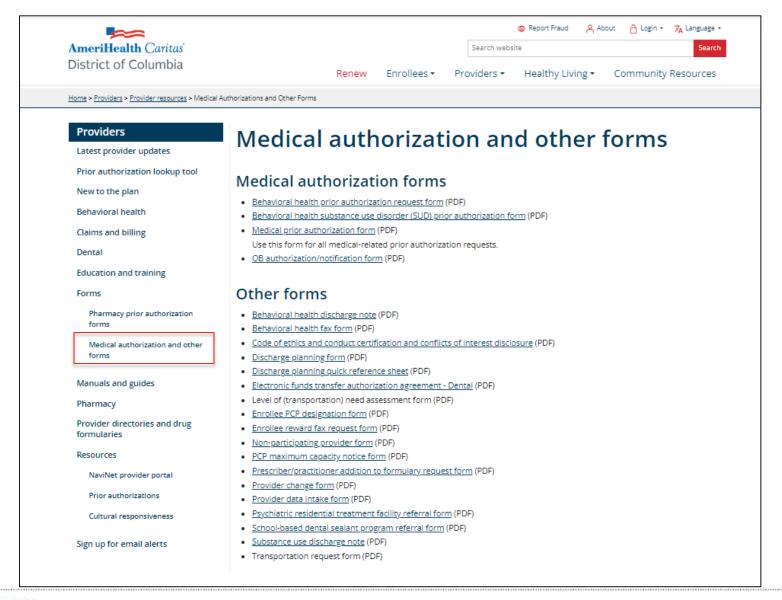
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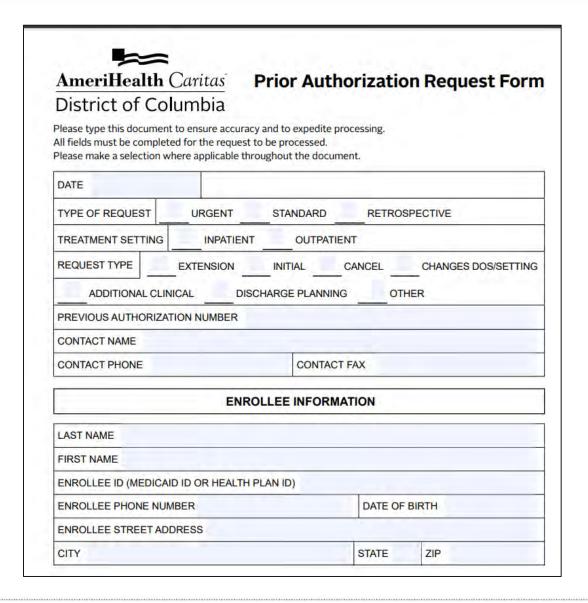
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### Online Tools and Resources | Medical Authorization and Other Forms

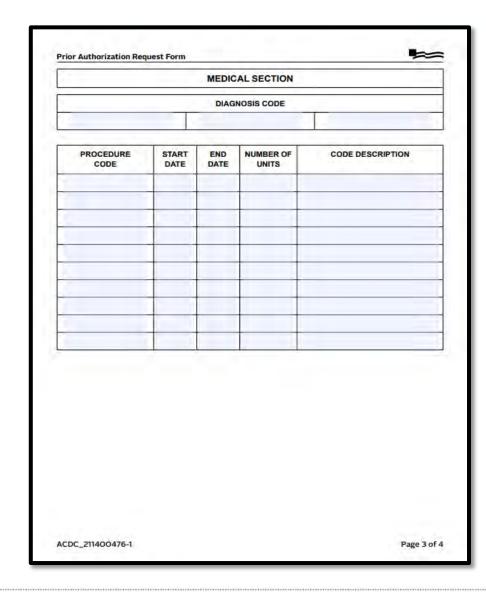


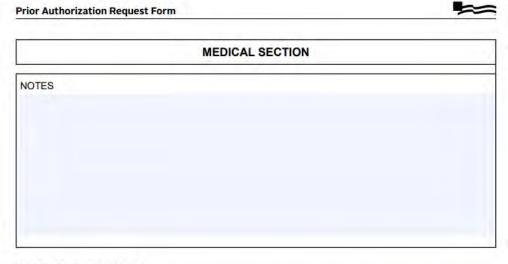
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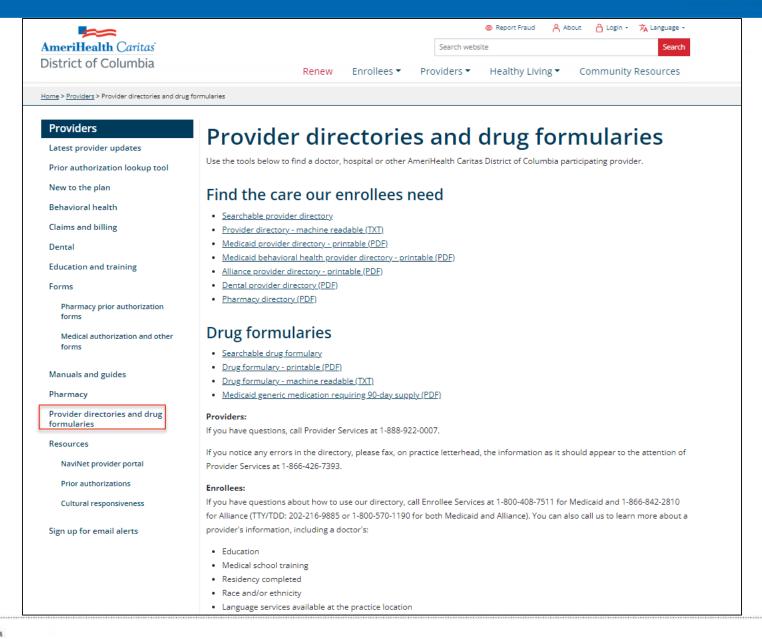
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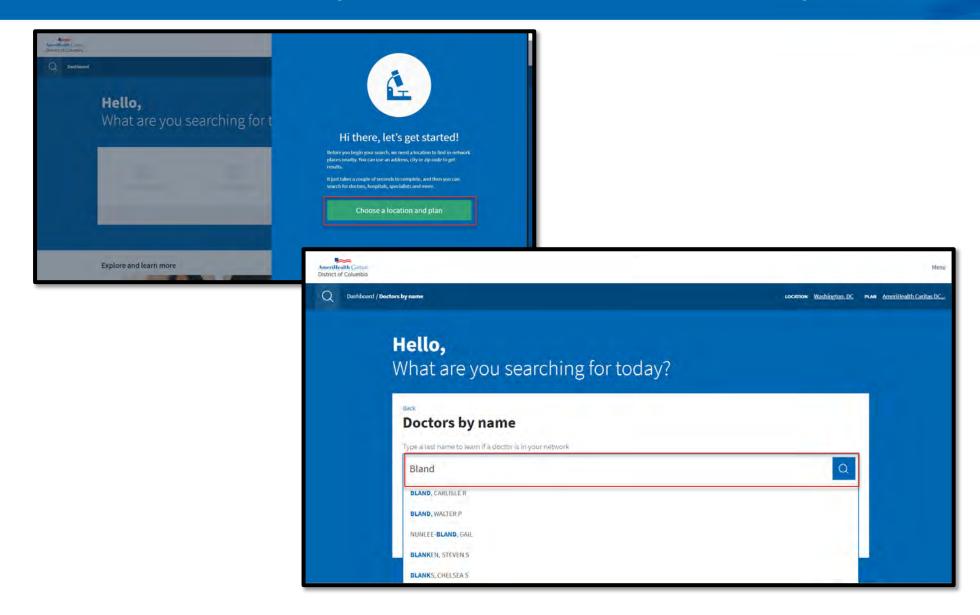
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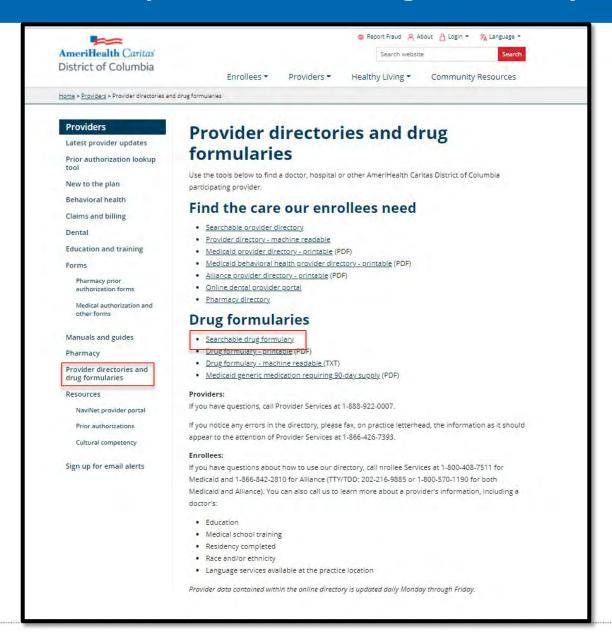
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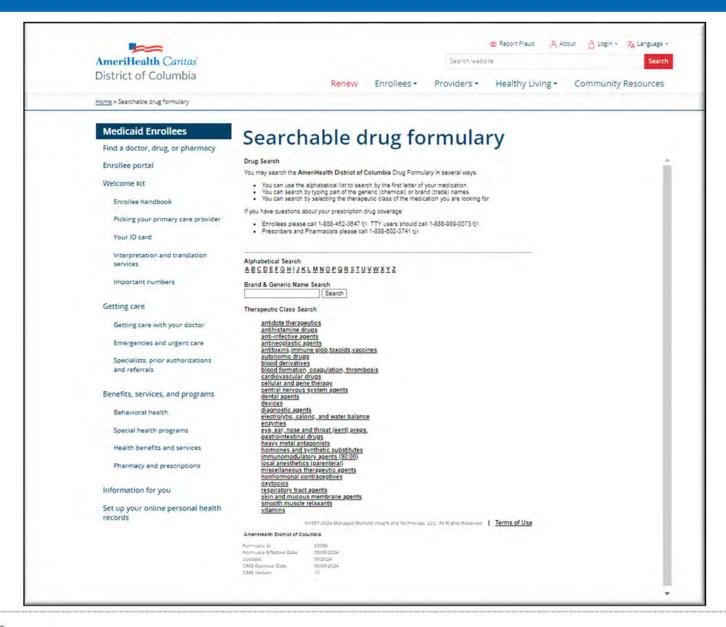
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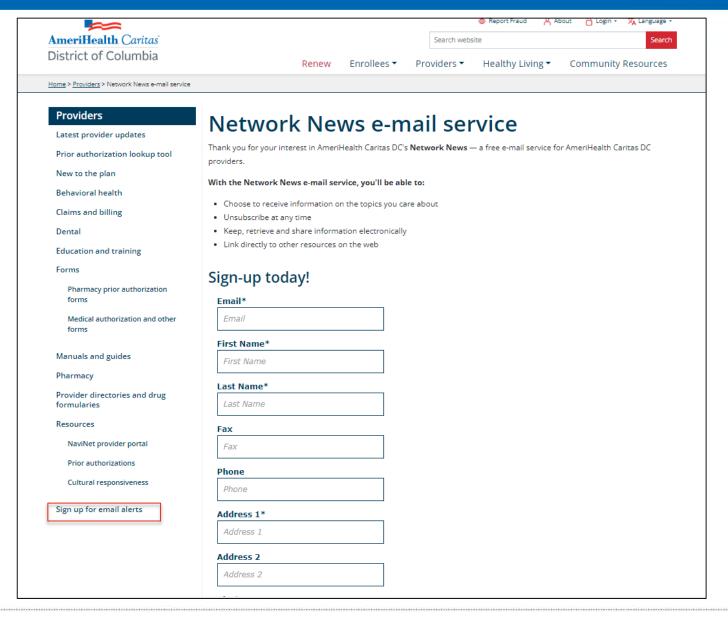


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