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Introduction
Select Health of South Carolina is a managed care organization licensed by the Department of Insurance and contracted with the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Headquartered in Charleston, S.C., Select Health is a mission-driven health care organization with more than 20 years of experience serving low-income and chronically ill populations.

Select Health is a wholly owned subsidiary of AmeriHealth Caritas. AmeriHealth Caritas is one of the nation’s leaders in health care solutions for the underserved and chronically ill, impacting the lives of more than 5.7 million individuals nationwide.

First Choice is Select Health’s Medicaid health plan. First Choice provides expanded benefits and services to Medicaid-eligible families.

Our Vision
Leading America in health care solutions for the underserved and chronically ill.

Our Mission
We help people get care, stay well and build healthy communities.

Our Values
Our service is built on these values:
• Advocacy
• Care of the poor
• Compassion
• Competence
• Dignity
• Diversity
• Hospitality
• Stewardship

Practice and Facility Changes
Please provide practice, physician and/or facility changes to us in writing and on practice letterhead. Please give at least a 30-day notice prior to the change and allow up to 30 days for the change to be completed.

Having your correct information is vital for accurate directories, claims payment and credentialing.

Changes requiring written notification include (but may not be limited to):
• Practice opening and/or closing to new members
• Physician name changes
• Practice mergers resulting in name or tax identification number changes
• Health care professional/provider/facility NPI numbers
• Changes to or additional facility locations or telephone numbers
• Changes to tax identification numbers or payee information (provide a copy of your W-9)
• Changes in physician participation (doctors joining or leaving the practice with effective dates)

Medicaid Managed Care Overview
Select Health of South Carolina is a state-approved managed care organization (MCO) currently participating in the Healthy Connections Choices program. Healthy Connections Choices is a state program that helps Medicaid beneficiaries enroll in health plans to get Medicaid services. Through the coordination of services, managed care results in:
• Improved health status of members
• Increased access to primary and preventive care
• Increased access to appropriate, coordinated, quality health care services
• Improved health outcomes
• Improved overall cost effectiveness of the Medicaid program

Medicaid beneficiaries have a choice among models:
• Managed Care Organizations (MCOs): The MCO model is a fully capitated plan that provides a core benefit package similar to that provided under the current Medicaid program. These models usually
include enhanced benefits and services in addition to the core benefit package.

- **Traditional Medicaid Fee-for-Service**: The traditional Medicaid fee-for-service model is the traditional Medicaid program reimbursing by fee schedule.

Health care professionals/providers are strongly encouraged to check for MCO or traditional Medicaid fee-for-service enrollment prior to performing a service. If the beneficiary is enrolled in an MCO, the health care professional/provider must be enrolled with South Carolina Medicaid (SCDHHHS) and contracted with the managed care company or may need to obtain prior authorization in order to be reimbursed.

### Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Program

In accordance with Federal regulations 42 CFR §§ 438.240-438.242, Select Health of SC’s Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) program provides a framework for evaluating the delivery of health care and services provided to members. The purpose of the QAPI program is to provide a formal process to systematically monitor and objectively evaluate the quality, appropriateness, efficiency, effectiveness and safety of the care and service provided to Select Health members by providers. The QAPI program also oversees the development of performance improvement programs designed to improve the overall health and satisfaction of Select Health members and providers.

The QAPI program also provides oversight and guidance for the following:

- Determining practice guidelines and standards by which the program’s success will be measured.
- Complying with all applicable laws and regulatory requirements, including but not limited to applicable state and federal regulations and NCQA accreditation standards.
- Providing oversight of all delegated services.
- Ensuring that a qualified network of providers and practitioners is available to provide care and service to members through the credentialing/re-credentialing process.
- Conducting member and practitioner satisfaction surveys to identify opportunities for improvement.

- Reducing health care disparities by measuring, analyzing and re-designing of services and programs to meet the health care needs of our diverse membership.

Select Health develops goals and strategies considering applicable state and federal laws and regulations and other regulatory requirements, NCQA accreditation standards, evidence-based guidelines established by medical specialty boards and societies, public health goals and national medical criteria. Select Health also uses performance measures such as HEDIS®, CAHPS®, consumer and provider surveys, and available results of the External Quality Review Organization (EQRO), as part of the activities of the QAPI program.

### Quality Assessment Performance Improvement Committee

The QAPIC oversees Select Health’s efforts to measure, manage and improve quality of care and services delivered to Select Health members, and evaluate the effectiveness of the QAPI program.

The QAPIC works closely with the plan’s medical directors and is comprised of a variety of health professions (e.g., pharmacy, physical therapy, nursing, etc.), participating network providers from a variety of medical disciplines (e.g., medicine, surgery, radiology, etc.) with emphasis on primary care—including obstetric and pediatric representation and representation from the plan’s management or Board of Directors.

Additional committees support the QAPI program and report into the QAPIC:

#### Quality Clinical Care Committee

The Quality Clinical Care Committee is responsible for the provision of clinical care services and outcomes such as utilization management, integrated care management, chronic care management and clinical appeals.

#### Quality of Service Committee

The Quality of Service Committee monitors performance and quality improvement activities related to Select Health services to assure that services are coordinated and effective; reviews, approves and monitors action plans created in response to identified variances.
Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee monitors drug utilization patterns, formulary composition, pharmacy benefits management procedures and quality concerns.

Compliance Committee
The Compliance Committee is responsible for making sure that the plan is complying with the terms of its contract with SCDHHS and with all applicable federal and state laws and regulatory requirements.

Credentialing Committee
The Credentialing Committee reviews practitioner and provider applications, credentials and profiling data (as available) to determine appropriateness for participation in the Select Health network.

Administrative Appeal and Grievance Committee
The Administrative Appeal & Grievance Committee considers and resolves member grievances that the grievance coordinator is unable to resolve to the members’ satisfaction. The committee also reviews appeal and grievance trends to identify opportunities for health care professional/provider and/or member education.

Appeals Committee
The Appeals Committee reviews administrative utilization management denials and claim denials which required prior authorization

Practitioner Involvement
We encourage provider participation in our quality-related programs. Providers who are interested in participating in one of our Quality Committees may contact Provider Network Operations at 1-800-741-6605 or their Provider Network Account Executive.

QAPI Activities
The QAPI program is designed to monitor and evaluate the quality of care and service provided to members. Practitioners and providers agree to allow Select Health to use their performance data as needed for the organization’s quality improvement activities to improve the quality of care and services, and the overall member experience. On-going QAPI activities include:

Performance Improvement Projects
Select Health develops and implements Performance Improvement Projects (PIPs) focusing on areas of concern or low performance, both clinical and service-related, identified through internal analysis and external recommendations.

Ensuring Appropriate Utilization of Resources
Select Health will perform baseline utilization measurements to calculate inpatient admission rates and length of stay, emergency room utilization rates and clinical guideline adherence for preventive health and chronic illness management services to identify those areas that fall outside the expected range to assess for over- or under-utilization.

Chronic Care Improvement Programs
Select Health Chronic Care Improvement Programs were selected to address the expected high-incidence conditions for which there are evidence-based protocols that have been shown to improve health outcomes.

Measuring Member and Provider Satisfaction
Select Health uses the standardized Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) survey to assess member satisfaction. Select Health also conducts provider satisfaction studies annually. Survey results, along with analysis and trends on dissatisfaction and member opt-outs are reported to the QAPIC for review and identification/prioritization of opportunities for improvement.

Participant and Provider Dissatisfaction
Dissatisfactions or complaints/grievances from members and providers are investigated, responded to and trended. Trends and the results of investigations are reported to the QAPIC, which coordinates initiatives to address identified opportunities for improvement.
Member Safety Programs
The QAPI department is responsible for coordinating activities to promote member safety. Initiatives focus on promoting member knowledge about medications, home safety and hospital safety.

NCQA HEDIS® Reporting Measures
The Select Health Quality Improvement Department is responsible for the collection and reporting of the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) standardized performance measures that assess the quality of health care — much like a report card. These measures, adopted by NCQA in 1993 and used by over 90% of all health plans in United States, are reported annually and consist of the following categories:
- Effectiveness of Care
- Accessibility/Availability of Care
- Experience of Care
- Utilization (Use of Services)

Adherence to these HEDIS guidelines:
- Ensures health plans are offering quality preventive care and services.
- Provides a comparison to other plans.
- Identifies opportunities for quality improvement.
- Measures the plan’s progress from year to year.

Select Health appreciates provider cooperation with medical record reviews and participation in the provider survey as part of our HEDIS data collection processes.

All plan policies referenced throughout this Provider Manual are available for health care professional/provider review upon request.

Important Phone Numbers
For information related to prior authorizations, appeals, clinical questions, membership verification, integrated care management, claims questions, health management programs or to contact the medical director, call or fax during or after normal business hours:
- Behavioral Health Utilization Management, toll free: 1-866-341-8765
- Behavioral Health Utilization Management, Fax toll free: 1-888-796-5521
- Medical Management, toll free: 1-888-559-1010
- Medical Management Fax, toll free: 1-888-824-7788
- Medical Management Fax, Charleston area: 1-843-863-1297
- Medical Management Right Fax: 1-866-368-4562
- Provider Claims Services: 1-800-575-0418
- Provider Services Right Fax: 1-855-316-0093
- Appeals: 1-866-615-5186
- Appeals Fax: 1-866-369-6046
- Physician’s Peer-to-Peer Hotline: 1-866-615-5188
- PerformRx Pharmacy Services at 1-866-610-2773

For membership verification, member complaints, requests to transfer members and LSA interpretation services:
- Member Services, toll free: 1-888-276-2020
- Member Services, Charleston area: 1-843-764-1877
- Member Services Fax, Charleston area: 1-843-569-4875
- Member Services Fax, toll free: 1-800-575-0419

For health care professional/provider services and administration, call:
- Toll free: 1-800-741-6605
- Charleston area: 1-843-569-1759
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Select Health Credentialing Requirements
Select Health of South Carolina (Select Health) maintains criteria and processes to credential and re-credential health care professionals, including, but not limited to, physicians, physician assistants, certified nurse midwives/licensed midwives, certified registered nurse anesthetists, nurse practitioners/clinical nurse specialists, podiatrists, chiropractors, audiologists, and private therapists — occupational, physical, and speech and language therapists.

Behavioral health practitioners that are credentialed will include, but are not limited to, psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed clinical social workers,
licensed social workers, licensed professional counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists, substance abuse treatment practitioners, board certified behavior analysts and board certified assistant behavior analysts, registered behavioral health technicians, and school-based practitioners.

Select Health will credential resident physicians who are not working as hospital-based practitioners. Hospital-based practitioners who are practicing exclusively in an inpatient setting are not credentialed or re-credentialed by the plan. Hospital-based practitioners are defined as, but not limited to: pathologists, anesthesiologists, radiologists, emergency medicine, neonatologists, and hospitalists.

The scope of the credentialing program includes all health care professionals and non-physician health care professionals who have an independent relationship with the organization and who see members outside the inpatient hospital setting or outside of ambulatory freestanding facilities. Health care professionals who have been credentialed through a plan delegate are not directly credentialed by Select Health.

The criteria verification methodology used by Select Health is designed to credential and re-credential in a non-discriminatory manner, with no attention to practitioners’ race, ethnic/national identity, gender, age, sexual orientation, or specialty and procedures performed. Select Health’s credentialing/re-credentialing criteria and standards are consistent with the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) contractual and statutory requirements, federal regulations, and the National Council for Quality Administration (NCQA). Re-credentialing will take place at least every 36 months.

All contracted providers must also enroll directly with SCDHHS. This requirement provides accuracy in MCO reporting and assists SCDHHS in monitoring and ensuring ongoing provider compliance. For more information, consult Section 1 of any of the SCDHHS provider manuals.

**REQUIRED CREDENTIALING DOCUMENTATION**

All health care professionals/providers must submit a signed/dated application that includes a signed and dated attestation/release form. Applications must be filled out correctly, completely and legible and contain the provider’s attestation of the application’s correctness and completeness. Select Health accepts the S.C. Uniform Managed Care Credentialing Application or applications submitted through CAQH (Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare). The initial credentialing file must be completed within 30 calendar days of receipt of the completed credentialing application. The health care professional's application and attestation/release form must have a signature dated within 305 calendar days prior to Select Health’s Credentialing Committee decision date (CAQH applications must be in a current non-expired status). Original, faxed, photocopied and electronic signatures by the health care professional/provider are acceptable (stamped signatures are not accepted).

In addition, the health care professional/provider must submit supplementary information, including but not limited to, licensure, current, active Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) license, if applicable, malpractice coverage and professional liability claims history, hospital admitting arrangements, work history and education. The full list of required supplemental information will be included in the credentialing application packet. All attestation, disclosure, and malpractice questions that are answered affirmatively must include a detailed explanation. If the health care professional/provider answers no, to any of the questions and the verification source contradicts this, the health care professional/provider will be notified in writing within seven (7) business days and may be asked to provide additional information.

Select Health must confirm that the health care professional's/license to practice in South Carolina is current, valid, in good standing and without restrictions or sanctions. The health care professional's license is verified online through the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Board website. The verification page is printed and inserted in the credential file. All non-physician health care professional/provider licenses will be verified through query of the appropriate state agency.

Select Health additionally queries the following sources to review state sanctions, Medicare/Medicaid sanction activity, restrictions on licensure or limitations on scope of practice for all health care professionals/providers:

- National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB)/Health Integrity Protection Data Bank (HIPDB data was
merged and is currently included within the NPDB database).

- General Services Administration (GSA) System for Award Management (SAM)
- South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) SC Excluded Providers List.
- SCDHHS Provider Termination list for both physical health and behavioral health.
- SC DHHS Provider Suspension list.
- CMS CLIA website.
- National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES).
- Social Security Death Master file via Provider Trust.

**Note:** Watchdog or Provider Trust may be used to query OIG and SAM.

If a health care professional/provider is found to be excluded or terminated from any government program, the credentialing process will cease and the health care professional/provider’s file will be discontinued. The SCDHHS referral process for denial for cause will be followed.

If a health care professional/provider was licensed in more than one state in the last five-year period, the credentialing staff will verify licensure history via either the NPDB query or from the appropriate state licensing board for all states in which the health care professional/provider has worked. If the health care professional/provider is found to be currently sanctioned or suspended due to Medicaid/Medicare fraud and abuse in any state where they have practiced, he/she will not be allowed to participate in the plan’s network.

All certificates received as verification (i.e., DEA, CDS/CSC, malpractice insurance) must be current at the time of the credentialing/re-credentialing decision. If a document will expire within thirty (30) days of receipt, the Credentialing Department will outreach for an updated certificate.

All verifications, with the exception of education/training and work history may not be older than 120 calendar days at the time of the credentialing or re-credentialing decision. There is no time limit for verification of education/training. Verification of work history may not be older than 305 calendar days at the time of the credentialing or re-credentialing decision.

The application packet must include the following items:

- Current active, unrestricted license
- Current Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) certificate*
- Current State Controlled Substance certificate
- Current malpractice coverage: minimum coverage amount of $200,000/$600,000 with an additional patient compensation fund rider, or a minimum coverage amount of $1,000,000/$3,000,000. Federal/state tort coverage may be accepted.
- Current CLIA (if applicable)
- Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement (SCDHHS Form 1514)
- Collaborative Agreement for Physician Assistants (PA’s)
- Nurse Protocol: All NP’s must provide a copy of their most recent signed written protocol between the nurse and the preceptor physician.

*Note: Suboxone DEA’s must be loaded in the credentialing database. These licenses have an “X” in front of the license number, which will allow the practitioner to prescribe Suboxone.

This list is not all-inclusive. For questions or a complete list of required documentation, contact your provider network account executive.

Please submit all completed credentialing documents to your account executive.

The following information is requested in order to complete the **re-credentialing** process:

- Application – SC Uniform Managed Care Health Care Professional Credentials Update Form, OR;
- CAQH Universal Provider Datasource – health care professional/provider CAQH reference number
- Credentialing attestation
- Office hours/Patient Loads Form/Service Addresses
- Claims Information Form (if applicable)
- Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement (SCDHHS Form 1514)
- Supporting Documents – state professional license, federal DEA certificate (if applicable), State Controlled Substance certificate (if applicable), Malpractice Face Sheet, CLIA (if applicable)
Preceptor Verification (Nurse Practitioners); Collaborative Agreement (Physician Assistants)

As with initial credentialing, all applications must be signed and dated within 305 calendar days prior to Select Health’s Credentialing Committee decision date. Additionally, all supporting documents must be current at the time of the decision date.

**Leave of Absence**

If during the re-credentialing cycle, Select Health of South Carolina is notified that a practitioner is on a leave of absence that will extend beyond the time the practitioner is due for re-credentialing, the practitioner will not be terminated. Practitioners who are unable to re-credential within the 36-month time frame due to military assignment, maternity leave, medical leave or sabbatical, during which the contract between Select Health of South Carolina and the practitioner remains in place, are re-credentialed within 60 calendar days of return from the leave. Documentation of the reason for the delay is clearly recorded in the in the file.

**Collaborative Agreements (for PA’s)**

1. All PA’s must provide a copy of their most recent signed written collaboration agreement between the PA and the preceptor physician filed with the State.
2. Primary physician preceptor must be a participating provider with the plan
3. Collaboration agreement must include the scope of the PA’s practice and delineate the preceptor arrangement with supervising physician(s)
4. Agreement must be signed by both the PA and preceptor physician(s)
5. All PA’s and supervising physicians must review, sign, and date the agreement biennially.

**Nurse Practitioners (NP’s), Nurse Midwives and Certified Nurse Practitioners (CRNAs) Protocols**

All NP’s, nurse midwives and CRNAs must provide a copy of their most recent signed written protocol between the nurse and the preceptor physician and must include;

1. This general information must be dated not to exceed 365 days:
   a. Name, address, and South Carolina license number of the nurse;
   b. Name, address, and South Carolina license number of the physician;
   c. Nature of practice and practice locations of the nurse and physician;
   d. Date the protocol was developed and dates the protocol was reviewed and amended;
   e. Description of how consultation with the physician is provided and provision for backup consultation in the physician’s absence;

2. This information for delegated medical acts:
   a. The medical conditions for which therapies may be initiated, continued, or modified;
   b. The treatments that may be initiated, continued, or modified;
   c. The drug therapies that may be prescribed; (not applicable to CRNAs).
   d. Situations that require direct evaluation by or referral to the physician.

Preceptor must be a contracted and credentialed medical doctor who is qualified to oversee the services provided by a nurse practitioner, nurse midwife or CRNA with Select Health, be within a forty-five (45) mile radius and have telephone contact with the NP, nurse midwife, or CRNA.

Written protocols will be reviewed for completeness and must be signed by a Preceptor. The Plan will not enroll NP’s who utilize a supervising physician who is not participating with the Plan. Written protocols must display a signature that is not greater than 365 calendar days from the date of Plan committee approval.

Select Health retains the right to audit the Nurse Practitioner protocol and any amendments to the protocol to ensure they have been reviewed annually by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Board.

**Licensed Dietitian (LD) Enrollment**

All licensed dietitians must meet the South Carolina licensure and educational requirements. LDs practicing within 25 miles of the South Carolina border in Georgia or North Carolina must meet the licensure and educational requirements of the State in which the LD practices. LDs must register with SCDHHS and Select Health.

**Ancillary Providers**

Select Health defines two categories for Ancillary Providers – Organizational & Non-Organizational.

**Organizational Providers** include but are not limited...
to: Hospitals, Home Health Agencies, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Residential and Free Standing Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

Non-Organizational Providers include but are not limited to: Laboratory Centers, Infusion Agencies, Radiology Centers, Audiology, Speech, Occupational & Physical Therapy Centers, Outpatient Behavioral Health, and Durable Medical Equipment Suppliers (DME).

The credentialing process will verify that the ancillary providers listed above are in good standing with state and federal regulatory bodies.

Ancillary providers, described above, are credentialed and re-credentialed every 36 months consistent with the South Carolina Department of Health Human Services (SCDHHS) contractual requirements and health plan accreditations standards. Re-credentialing process will ensure that organizational/non-organizational providers continue to remain in good standing with state and federal regulatory bodies and if applicable, accrediting bodies.

Ancillary Providers – Organizational

Hospitals must:

• Be surveyed and licensed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) and provide a copy of a current unrestricted license.

• Provide a copy of accreditation certificate from the Joint Commission (formally known as JCAHO), American Osteopathic Association (AOA), Det Norske Veritas (DNV) or Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

• If not accredited, the hospital must be certified by CMS and must submit either a letter of certification from CMS acknowledging CMS compliance, or a copy of its most recent CMS Site Survey. The Certification date or last survey date cannot be older than 3 years at the time of approval.

• Have the minimum acceptable amount of professional liability insurance. Acceptable limits are $1M per occurrence/$3M aggregate or federal/state tort coverage may be accepted.

• Submit a Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement (SCDHHS Form 1514). Listed owners will be monitored for sanctions via the List of Excluded Individuals and Entities (LEIE) available on the Office of Inspector General’s (OIG) website, SAM and the South Carolina Excluded Provider List posted on the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) website.

• Submit a signed application and attestation of correctness of the information supplied.

Home Health Agencies, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Ambulatory Surgical Centers must submit the same documents as a hospital along with a copy of accreditation certificates from a nationally recognized accreditation body.

• For home health agencies: Joint Commission, Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP) or Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC).

• If not accredited, the home health agency must be certified by CMS and must submit either a letter of certification from CMS acknowledging CMS compliance, or a copy of its most recent CMS Site Survey. The Certification date or last survey date cannot be older than 3 years at the time of approval.

• For skilled nursing facilities: Joint Commission, Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC), or Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) (rehab only).

• If not accredited, the facility must be certified by CMS and must submit either a letter of certification from CMS acknowledging CMS compliance, or a copy of its most recent CMS Site Survey. The Certification date or last survey date cannot be older than 3 years at the time of approval.

• Ambulatory surgical facilities must submit a copy of accreditation by a recognized national accreditation body.

• If not accredited, the facility must be certified by CMS and must submit either a letter of certification from CMS acknowledging CMS compliance, or a copy of its most recent CMS Site Survey. The Certification date or last survey date cannot be older than 3 years at the time of approval.

Behavioral Health Facilities – facilities providing mental health and substance abuse services, including inpatient, residential and ambulatory services (outpatient, partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient) must:

• Hold licensure from the appropriate licensing agency to perform one or all of the following services:

  • Substance abuse and/or behavioral/mental health outpatient
- Substance abuse and/or behavioral/mental health inpatient
- Substance abuse and/or behavioral/mental health residential treatment
- Substance abuse and/or behavioral/mental health partial hospitalization
- Substance abuse inpatient detoxification or rehab
- Submit current Joint Commission, CARF, or Council on Accreditation (COA)* accreditation certificate for inpatient and residential treatment.
- Have the minimum acceptable amount of professional liability insurance. Acceptable limits are $1M per occurrence/$3M aggregate or federal/state tort coverage may be accepted.
- Submit a signed application and attestation of correctness of the information supplied.
- Provide a Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement (SCDHHS Form 1514).

The plan will conduct:
- Medicare/Medicaid Sanction review via Office of the Inspector General (OIG) online.
- Medicare/Medicaid sanction review via the General Services Administration (GSA) System for Award Management (SAM).
- Medicare/Medicaid Sanction review via online South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) SC Excluded Providers List.
- Adverse Action review via the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB); *NPDB is inclusive of Health Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) data.
- Medicare Opt Out status checked via the Palmetto GBA Medicare website.

**Ancillary Providers – Non Organizational**

**Infusion Agencies must:**
- Provide a business license, if applicable.
- Have a permit issued by the State Board of Pharmacy.
- Have the minimum acceptable amount of professional liability insurance. Acceptable limits are $1M per occurrence/$3M aggregate or federal/state tort coverage may be accepted.
- Submit a signed application and attestation of correctness of the information supplied.
- Provide a Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement (SCDHHS Form 1514).

**Durable Medical Equipment Suppliers must:**
- Provide a business or retail license, if applicable.
- Have a Medical Gas/Legend Device license issued by the State Board of Pharmacy, if compressed air is provided.
- Have the minimum acceptable amount of professional liability insurance. Acceptable limits are $1M per occurrence/$3M aggregate or federal/state tort coverage may be accepted.
- Submit a signed application and attestation of correctness of the information supplied.
- Provide a Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement (SCDHHS Form 1514).

**Audiology, Speech, Occupational, & Physical Therapy Centers must:**
- Provide a business license, if applicable.
- Provide a staff roster of all licensed personnel and corresponding license numbers.
- Have the minimum acceptable amount of professional liability insurance. Acceptable limits are $1M per occurrence/$3M aggregate or federal/state tort coverage may be accepted.
- Submit a signed application and attestation of correctness of the information supplied.
- Provide a Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement (SCDHHS Form 1514).

**Laboratories must:**
- Be certified by CMS under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) (or hold a waiver certificate if applicable), and be accredited by the College of American Pathologists (CAP).
- Have the minimum acceptable amount of professional liability insurance. Acceptable limits are $1M per occurrence/$3M aggregate or federal/state tort coverage may be accepted.
- Submit a signed application and attestation of correctness of the information supplied.
- Provide a Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement (SCDHHS Form 1514).

**Mail Order Pharmacies:**
- The organization must provide a business license, if applicable.
- The organization must have a pharmacy permit issued by the State Board of Pharmacy.
• If located outside of South Carolina, the organization must have a non-resident South Carolina Permit issued by the SC Board of Pharmacy.

• The agency must have the minimum acceptable amount of professional liability insurance. Acceptable limits are $1M per occurrence/$3M aggregate or federal/state tort coverage may be accepted for applicable entity types.

• Medicare/Medicaid sanction review via OIG online.

• Medicare/Medicaid sanction review via the General Services Administration (GSA) System for Award Management (SAM).

• Medicare/Medicaid sanction review via online South Carolina Department of Health & Human Services (SCDHHS) SC Excluded Providers List.

• Adverse Action review via the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB). *NPDB is inclusive of Health Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) data.

• Signed application and attestation of correctness of the information supplied must be provided.

• Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement (SCDHHS Form 1514)

Radiology Centers must:

• Provide a business license, if applicable.

• Have X-ray equipment periodically, satisfactorily inspected for safety by SCDHEC (center to provide recent Safety Inspection Reports).

• Be certified by the US Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Services, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) if providing screening and diagnostic mammography services.

• Have the minimum acceptable amount of professional insurance. Acceptable limits are $1M per occurrence/$3M aggregate or federal/state tort coverage may be accepted.

• Submit a signed application and attestation of correctness of the information supplied.

• Provide a Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement (SCDHHS Form 1514).

Non-accredited Organizational Providers

If an organizational provider applicant is non-accredited and the plan demonstrates a network need, a CMS site visit or state review can be submitted in lieu of the plan site visit. The site survey can be no older than three (3) years at the time of Committee decision. The CMS or state site review is submitted by the facility along with any violations/citations noted during the review. An action plan to address these deficiencies must accompany the site review that is submitted for consideration. The site review is reviewed by the Credentialing Committee to verify that it meets Select Health and South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) standards for credentialing. A compliance or certification letter indicating compliance with all requirements may be accepted in lieu of a full site survey.

Upon verification of all submitted documents and primary sites, all files will be forwarded to the Credentialing Committee for review and approval. Providers identified with sanctions or issues will be presented individually for committee consideration.

Providers and all entity owners listed on the Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement (SCDHHS Form 1514) will be reviewed for sanctions/exclusions from participation with Medicare or Medicaid programs. Credentialing staff will query each owner listed on the 1514 form online via GSA, OIG and SAM exclusion databases and against the South Carolina Excluded Provider List (SC EPL) to determine if any Medicare/Medicaid sanctions/exclusions exist.

If a Medicaid/Medicare fraud and abuse related sanction exists for any list owner within the past 10 years, the provider contract and related credentialing will be terminated. The provider, appropriate business units and the Program Integrity Department at the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services will be notified. If an agent or managing employee is found to be sanctioned during monthly monitoring, it will be reported to the Program Integrity Department at SCDHHS.

Ongoing Monitoring Of Sanctions & Complaints

Select Health of South Carolina will conduct routine and ongoing monitoring of sanctions and complaints against practitioners. The purpose of this ongoing monitoring is to identify quality and safety issues between re-credentialing cycles and act on any identified quality or safety issues expeditiously.

Required Re-credentialing Documentation

• Application – SC Uniform Managed Care Health Care Professional Credentials Update Form, OR;

• CAQH Universal Provider Datasource – health care professional/provider CAQH reference number

• Credentialing Attestation
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Office hours/Patient Loads Form/Service Addresses
Claims Information Form (if applicable)
Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement (SCDHHS Form 1514)

Supporting Documents:
- State professional license
- Federal DEA certificate (if applicable)
- State Controlled Substance Certificate (if applicable)
- Malpractice Face Sheet
- CLIA (if applicable)
- Preceptor Verification (nurse practitioners only)
- Nurse Protocols (nurse practitioners)
- Collaborative Agreement (physician assistants)

Notification of any material change in the health care professional/provider’s performance of delegated functions must be submitted to the plan.

Plan may conduct surveys of health care professional/provider as needed.

Health care professional/provider agrees to submit periodic/annual file audits conducted by the plan regarding the performance of its delegated responsibilities.

Health care professional/provider agrees to submit to periodic file audits conducted by the plan’s appointed accrediting organization.

Recourse and/or sanctions will apply if the health care professional/provider does not make corrections to identified problems within a specified period.

Health care professional/provider must obtain the plan’s written approval prior to further delegation of organizational functions.

Should the health care professional/provider further delegate organizational functions, those functions shall be subject to the terms of the written delegation agreement between the health care professional/provider and the plan and in accordance with the plan’s appointed accrediting organization’s standards.

Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement

Initial Applications:
SCDHHS Form 1514 must be completed in accordance with its instructions. Credentialing staff will query on each reported owner listed on the 1514 form online via OIG, SAM and South Carolina Excluded Providers List to determine if any Medicare/Medicaid sanctions/exclusions exist. If a sanction exists for any listed owner, the credentialing process will be terminated and the Credentialing department will notify the Select Health Network Management department and the Managed Care Department at the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS).

The Network Management department obtains updated Ownership Disclosure information from network providers annually.

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Select Health Credentialing/Re-credentialing Actions
Select Health will:
- Verify state license through appropriate licensing agency.
- Verify board certificate or residency training or medical education.
- Query National Practitioner Data Bank.
- Verify hospital privileges in good standing at a Select Health participating hospital.
- Review five years of work history.

Review sanctions activity from Medicare/Medicaid. Delegated Credentialing Requirements
The following functions are required by the plan when delegating credentialing activities to a health care professional/provider:
- Services must be performed in accordance with the plan’s requirements and plan’s appointed accrediting organization’s standards.
Re-credentialing Applications:
If Form 1514 is obtained during re-credentialing, staff will query each owner listed on the OD form online via OIG, SAM and South Carolina Excluded Providers List to determine if any Medicare/Medicaid sanctions/exclusions exist. If a sanction exists for any listed owner, the entity will be denied re-credentialing and the provider’s contract with Select Health will be terminated. The termination will be reported to the Credentialing Committee, Network Management department and the SCDHHS Managed Care department.

Health Care Professional/Provider Site Visit Requirements
Site review evaluates the appearance and accessibility of the facility, record-keeping practices and safety procedures. A site visit will be conducted when a complaint has been logged against a specific provider for concerns regarding medical record keeping, accessibility, availability or physical site quality. If areas are identified that require corrective action, the contract management representative will work with the provider over time to improve these areas.

Prohibition on Payments to Excluded/Sanctioned Persons
Pursuant to section 1128A of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 1001.1901, Select Health may not make payment to any person or an affiliate of a person who is debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from participating in the Medicare, Medicaid or other federal health care programs.

A sanctioned person is defined as any person or affiliate of a person who is:
• (i) debarred, suspended or excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid, the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) or any other federal health care program;
• (ii) convicted of a criminal offense related to the delivery of items or services under the Medicare or Medicaid program; or
• (iii) had any disciplinary action taken against any professional license or certification held in any state or U.S. territory, including disciplinary action, board consent order, suspension, revocation or voluntary surrender of a license or certification.

Upon request of Select Health, a health care professional/provider will be required to furnish a written certification to Select Health that it does not have a prohibited relationship with an individual or entity that is known or should be known to be a sanctioned person.

A health care professional/provider is required to immediately notify Select Health upon knowledge that any of its contractors, employees, directors, officers or owners has become a sanctioned person, or is under any type of investigation, which may result in their becoming a sanctioned person. In the event that a health care professional/provider cannot provide reasonably satisfactory assurance to Select Health that a sanctioned person will not receive payment from Select Health under the health care professional/provider agreement, Select Health may immediately terminate the health care professional/provider agreement. Select Health reserves the right to recover all amounts paid by Select Health for items or services furnished by a sanctioned person.

Credentialing – Health Care Professional/Provider Rights
During the review of the credentialing and re-credentialing applications, applicants are entitled to certain rights as listed below. Every applicant has the right to:
• Review the information submitted to support their credentialing application, with the exception of recommendations, and peer protected information obtained by Select Health.
• Correct erroneous information. When information is obtained by the Credentialing department that varies substantially from the information the provider provided, the Credentialing department will notify the health care professional/provider to correct the discrepancy. The health care provider/professional must correct erroneous information within 10 calendar days of receipt of the notification of the erroneous information.
• Upon request, to be informed of the status of their credentialing or re-credentialing application. The Credentialing department will share all information with the provider with the exception of references, recommendations, or peer-review protected information (i.e., information received from the National Practitioner Data Bank). Requests can be made via phone, email, or in writing. The Credentialing department will respond to all requests within 24 business hours of receipt. Responses will be via email or phone call to the provider.
• Be notified within 60 calendar days of the Credentialing Committee or Medical Director review decision.

• Appeal any re-credentialing denial within 30 calendar days of receiving written notification of the decision.

• To know that all documentation and other information received for the purpose of credentialing and re-credentialing is considered confidential and is stored in a secure location that is only accessed by authorized plan associates.

• To receive notification of these rights.

To request or provide information for any of the above, the provider should contact the Provider Network Management account executive for your area of the state or Select Health of South Carolina’s Credentialing department at the following address:

Select Health of South Carolina
Attn: Provider Network Management
P.O. Box 40849
Charleston, SC 29423

Provider Network Credentialing Appeals Process
In the event a health care professional/provider is denied ongoing network participation or recredentialing as a Select Health health care professional/provider by the health plan based on an administrative reason or for quality of care reasons, the health care professional/provider is offered a process to appeal the determination. The appeal process described below will be communicated via certified mail to the health care professional/provider within five business days of the Credentialing Committee’s determination. The certified letter defines the reason for the denial and the health care professional/provider appeal rights. The health care professional/provider is instructed to file for reconsideration by submitting a written appeal, submitting additional information, as appropriate, within 30 days of the denial notification.

• The health care professional/provider is given written notice stating that the health care professional/provider has been denied recredentialing as a Select Health health care professional/provider and setting forth the reasons for the denial. The notice also states that the health care professional/provider has 30 calendar days from the date of the notice to request a hearing before the Professional Review Committee, a sub-committee of Select Health’s Credentialing Committee to appeal the denial and shall contain a summary of the rights described below. The request for a hearing must be in writing and must state the relief sought by the health care professional/provider submitting the request.

• The Professional Review Committee will consist of at least three qualified individuals, one of whom must be a participating health care professional/provider who is not otherwise involved in network management and is a clinical peer of the health care professional/provider filing the appeal. A clinical peer of the appealing health care professional/provider will be added if not otherwise represented within the Professional Review Committee. The clinical peer health care professional/provider selected must not have been otherwise involved in any previous review of the case appealed.

• If a timely request for a hearing is made, Select Health shall give the health care professional/provider a second written notice stating the place, time and date of the hearing;

• The hearing shall be held before Select Health’s Professional Review Committee. At the hearing, the health care professional/provider shall have the right to:

  • Appear in person and present evidence relevant to their case and may choose to be represented by legal counsel or another person of his/her choice.

  • Submit a written statement to the Professional Review Committee at the close of the hearing.

• Within five business days following the hearing, the health care professional/provider will receive a written decision of the Professional Review Committee regarding the appeal (including a statement of the basis for the decision).

• A health care professional’s/provider’s right to a hearing shall be forfeited if the health care professional/provider fails, without good cause, to appear at the hearing.

• If the decision by the Professional Review Committee is to uphold the proposed action, the health care professional/provider has the right to seek arbitration as outlined in their health care professional/provider contract pursuant to section 15-48-10 ET SEQ. of the South Carolina Code of Laws (The South Carolina Uniform Arbitration Act) as modified in their signed contract with Select Health of South Carolina.
• In the event the health care professional/provider is terminated or scope of practice is limited by the plan, (for quality of care reasons) notification will be made to the proper agency/agencies. The adverse action will also be reported to SCDHHS’ Program Integrity department and the program manager in the Managed Care Division. The plan will provide required notification to the proper agencies once the health care professional/provider has exhausted all appeal levels or once time frames for initiating appeal process have expired.

Termination
Either party may terminate the provider agreement at any time by providing written notice as outlined in your contract of its intention to terminate the agreement to the other party (or other time set forth in the provider agreement). The effective date of termination will be on the first of the month following the expiration of the notice period. Termination of the agreement for any reason, including without limitation to the insolvency of the plan, shall not release the provider from his or her obligations to serve members when continuation of a member’s treatment is medically necessary. For specific details related to provider and plan obligations following termination and required member notification, consult the relevant section of the provider contract.

Specialist Termination
When a specialty group’s contract with Select Health is terminated, it is the responsibility of Select Health as well as the specialty group to notify First Choice members affected by the termination prior to the effective date. Members who will be affected by the termination are those members who are receiving an active course of treatment from any of the specialists within the group. The specialty group must also provide continuation of care through the lesser of the current treatment or up to 90 calendar days for members undergoing active treatment for a chronic or acute medical condition. Providers must provide continuation of care through the postpartum period for members in their second or third trimester of pregnancy.

Health Care Professional/Provider’s Bill of Rights
Each Select Health health care professional/provider shall be assured of the following rights:
• A health care professional, acting within the lawful scope of practice, shall not be prohibited from advising or advocating on behalf of a member who is his/her patient, for the following:
  • The member’s health status, medical care or treatment options, including any alternative treatment that may be self-administered.
  • Any information the member needs in order to decide among all relevant treatment options.
  • The risks, benefits and consequences of treatment or non-treatment.
  • The member’s right to participate in decisions regarding his/her health care, including the right to refuse treatment and to express preferences about future treatment decisions.
  • To receive information on the grievance, appeal and fair hearing procedures.
  • To have access to Select Health’s policies and procedures covering the authorization of services.
  • To be notified of any decision by Select Health to deny a service authorization request or to authorize a service in an amount, duration or scope that is less than requested.
  • To challenge, on behalf of the First Choice members, the denial of coverage of, or payment for medical assistance.
• Select Health’s health care professional/provider selection policies and procedures do not discriminate against particular health care professionals/providers that serve high-risk populations or specialize in conditions that require costly treatment.
• To be free from discrimination for the participation, reimbursement or indemnification of any health care professional/provider who is acting within the scope of his/her license or certification under applicable state law, solely on the basis of that license or certification.

NOTE: The provider shall not be prohibited or otherwise restricted from advising a Medicaid MCO member about the health status of the Medicaid MCO member or medical care or treatment for the Medicaid MCO member’s condition or disease, regardless of whether benefits for such care or treatment are provided under the MCO contract, if provider is acting within the lawful scope of practice.
Fraud, Waste, and Abuse
Select Health receives state and federal funding for payment of services provided to our First Choice members. In accepting claims payment from Select Health, health care professionals/providers are receiving state and federal program funds and are therefore subject to all applicable federal and/or state laws and regulations relating to this program. Violations of these laws and regulations may be considered fraud or abuse against the Medicaid program. As a provider you are responsible to know and abide by all applicable state and federal regulations.

Select Health is dedicated to eradicating fraud, waste, and abuse from its programs and cooperates in fraud, waste, and abuse investigations conducted by state and/or federal agencies, including the Attorney General’s Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the HHS Office of Inspector General, as well as local authorities.

Examples of fraudulent, wasteful, or abusive activities:
- Billing for services not rendered or not medically necessary
- Submitting false information to obtain authorization to furnish services or items to Medicaid recipients
- Prescribing items or referring services which are not medically necessary
- Misrepresenting the services rendered
- Submitting a claim for health care professional/provider services on behalf of an individual that is unlicensed or has been excluded from participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs
- Retaining Medicaid funds that were improperly paid
- Billing Medicaid recipients for covered services
- Failure to perform services required under a capitated contractual arrangement

Fraud and Abuse Contact Information
To report or refer suspected cases of fraud and abuse contact:
- Select Health’s Fraud and Abuse Hotline: 1-866-833-9718
- Mail:
  Special Investigations Unit
  200 Stevens Drive
  Mail Stop 13A
  Philadelphia, PA 19113

- Or Select Heath Compliance Hotline (secure and confidential 24 hours a day, 7 days a week): 1-800-575-0417

Providers may also report suspected fraud, waste and abuse to:
- South Carolina’s Division of Program Integrity Fraud and Abuse Hotline: 1-888-364-3224
- Fax: 1-803-255-8224
- Email: fraudres@scdhhs.gov
- Mail: Division of Program Integrity
  P.O. Box 100210
  Columbia, SC 29202-3210

The agency opens a preliminary investigation on all suspected fraud and abuse complaints. Upon suspicion of fraud, the case is referred to the State Attorney General’s Office.

False Claims Act
The federal False Claims Act (FCA) was originally enacted in 1863 by a Congress concerned that suppliers of goods to the Union Army during the Civil War were defrauding the Army. The essence of the FCA is that any person who knowingly submits false claims to the government is liable for a multiple of the government’s damages, plus a penalty for each false claim. The key features of the FCA are as follows:

- Violations of the FCA are subject to penalties:
  - Treble damages - means that an original claim of $5 would be tripled to damages of $15, or three times the amount of damages.
  - $5,500 to $11,000 per violation (this is in addition to the treble damages).
- The FCA contains a qui tam, whistleblower or relators provision to encourage private individuals to report misconduct involving false claims.
- Qui tam provisions permit private individuals to investigate and file suit on behalf of the federal government for specific claims.
  - Qui tam relators are protected under the FCA from retaliation.
  - Allows rewards between 15-25 percent of the proceeds of the action or settlement if the government intervenes, or 25-30 percent of the proceeds of the action or settlement if the government does not intervene.

In 2009, the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act (FERA) was signed into law, which amended the FCA by imposing FCA liability for failure to report and return Medicaid and Medicare overpayments.
Specifically, FERA provides that an FCA violation occurs when an entity “knowingly conceals or knowingly and improperly avoids an obligation to pay or transmit money or property to the government.” Therefore, knowingly and improperly failing to return an overpayment could form the basis of a FCA action against a provider. Overpayments must be reported and returned within sixty (60) days of discovery.

Federal Anti-Kickback Statute (AKS): makes it improper for anyone to solicit, receive, offer or pay remuneration (monetary or otherwise) in exchange for referring patients to receive certain services that are paid for by the government.

South Carolina Fraud and Abuse statutes:
- The South Carolina Presenting False Claims for Payment Statute (see S.C. Code Ann. § 38-55-170);
- South Carolina Medicaid False Claims Statute (see S.C. Code Ann. § 43-7-60);
- South Carolina Medicaid False Application Statute (see S.C. § 43-7-70);
- South Carolina Insurance Fraud and Reporting Immunity Act (see S.C. Code Ann. § 38-55-510 et seq.);
- South Carolina Computer Crime Act (see S.C. Code Ann. § 6-16-10 et seq.); and
- South Carolina DHHS Administrative Sanctions Against Medicaid Providers Act (see S.C. Code of Regulations R. 126-400 et seq.).

South Carolina Criminal False Claims Statute: Provides that any person, who knowingly causes, assists with, solicits, or conspires to present a false claim to an insurer, health maintenance organization or to any person (including the state of South Carolina) providing benefits for health care in South Carolina is guilty of:
- A felony if the claim is $10,000 or greater
  - If convicted, the person MUST be imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than $5,000, OR BOTH
- A felony if the claim is more than $2,000, but less than $10,000
  - If convicted, the person MUST be fined in the discretion of the court, or imprisoned not more than 5 years, OR BOTH
- A misdemeanor if amount of claim is $2,000 or less
  - If convicted, the person MUST be fined not more than $1,000, or imprisoned not more than 30 days, OR BOTH


South Carolina Medicaid False Claims Statute:
- Provides criminal, civil, and administrative penalties and sanctions related to health care providers who knowingly and willfully make or cause to be made a false statement in an application or request for benefit, payment, or reimbursement or in any report or certificate submitted to the Medicaid program.
- Provides that it is unlawful for a provider to knowingly and willfully conceal or fail to disclose any material fact which affects the provider’s initial or continued entitlement to reimbursement or the amount of payment under the Medicaid program.
- Each false claim or concealed fact constitutes a separate offense and is a misdemeanor.
(See S.C. Code Ann. § 43-7-60)
- The misdemeanor is punishable by:
  - Imprisonment for up to 3 years
  - A fine of not more than $1,000 per offense
- Attorney general may bring civil action to:
  - Recover treble damages and
  - Seek penalties of up to $2,000 per false claim
- State Agency administering Medicaid program may impose administrative sanctions against a Medicaid provider who has been determined to have abused the Medicaid Program

Note: Providers are responsible for ensuring all staff are educated on at least the same aspects of fraud, waste, and abuse, and the provisions of the False Claims Act as noted herein.

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Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) states that public accommodations must comply with basic non-discrimination requirements that prohibit exclusion, segregation, and unequal treatment of
any person with a disability. Public accommodations must specifically comply with, among other things, requirements related to effective communication with people with hearing, vision, or speech disabilities, and other physical access requirements.

To ensure the delivery of culturally and linguistically appropriate services, Select Health, a three-time recipient of the Multicultural Health Care Distinction awarded by the National Committee for Quality Assurance, has adopted the national standards for CLAS as issued by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Minority Health. As part of our commitment to diversity, Select Health has established comprehensive policies and procedures to ensure that members are served in the way that is responsive to their cultural or language needs.

This commitment to diversity may require information from our health care professionals/providers as directed by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (65 Fed. Reg. 52762-52774, Aug. 30, 2000). At regular intervals, the Network Management staff will remind health care professionals/providers about the importance of cultural competence, effective communication with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) members and health care professionals/providers’ responsibility for implementing appropriate measures that would ensure that languages, environment or other sensory barriers that could exclude, deny, delay or prevent timely delivery of health care or social services be removed.

### Advances in Medicine

When new medical treatment becomes available, Select Health follows the recommendations that are made by South Carolina’s Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) to cover a new procedure or treatment. Prior to making a decision the doctors at SCDHHS review all clinical and scientific facts available with the risks and benefits for the new procedure. Select Health will refer requests for new medical treatment not routinely covered to SCDHHS for determination of Medicaid coverage.

### Bariatric Surgery Centers

Our bariatric centers share these characteristics:

- Excellent infrastructure
- Hospital systems (medical and surgical specialties)
- Program components (pre-and post-surgery)
- Extensive experience
- Surgeon experience and training
- Surgical team longevity and stability
- Superior quality
- Volume
- Outcome data
- Participation in the American College of Surgeons Center of Excellence program

Programs that are accredited by the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP), as listed on the American College of Surgeons website: American College of Surgeons MBSAQIP Accredited Bariatric Surgery Centers SC, are considered to have preferred status with Select Health.

All bariatric surgical procedures require prior authorization. Providers are to submit requests to Select Health Medical Management via telephone at 1-888-559-1010 or by completing the prior authorization request form located on the Select Health website at: www.selecthealthofsc.com > Providers > Resources > Forms > prior-auth-general and faxing it to 1-888-368-4562.

Prior authorization requests submitted by bariatric centers not accredited by the MBSAQIP may be denied as not meeting preferred status based on the standards set forth by the American College of Surgeons MBSAQIP.

Medical Management will review requests and authorize those that meet medical necessity requirements.

### Medical Management Department

#### Utilization Management Program

The Select Health Utilization Management (UM) program establishes a process for implementing and maintaining an effective, efficient utilization management system within the scope of the Quality Improvement Program. UM activities are designed to assist the health care professional/provider in the organization and delivery of appropriate healthcare resources to members over the course of the member’s illness within the structure of their benefit plan. The primary goal of all utilization management functions is to collaborate with health
care professionals/providers, members and others involved in health care delivery, to provide quality, cost effective health care in the most appropriate setting for the intensity of services required.

- UM staff is composed of licensed or registered nurses and triage technicians.
- Determinations of approval or denial of coverage for services is based on medical necessity, eligibility for outpatient and inpatient services and benefit guidelines.
- UM decision making is based only on the appropriateness of care and services and existence of coverage. Select Health does not reward health care professionals/providers or other individuals conducting utilization review for issuing denials of coverage or services. Financial incentives for UM decision makers do not encourage decisions that result in underutilization.

The UM program utilizes criteria based on sound clinical evidence to make determinations to approve or deny coverage of services. Select Health has approved the following criteria to evaluate requests for services:

- Licensed InterQual criteria
- South Carolina State Medicaid Healthcare Guidelines
- Select Health internally developed criteria and policies

The criteria used in making a UM determination can be provided upon request to Select Health participating practitioners, providers and/or members.

**Adverse Benefit Determinations**
In situations where available clinical information does not support medical necessity or appropriateness by criteria approved by Select Health, the request for services will be reviewed by Select Health’s medical director. During the review process, the medical director may elect to discuss or consult with an external board certified same specialty physician from an NCQA certified independent review organization. The medical director, utilizing the plan’s criteria, his/her medical expertise and external resources determines if the request for payment of services will be approved or denied.

All adverse benefit determinations are communicated in writing to the member and requesting health care professional/provider. This communication provides clear reasons for denial and appeal process information.

The requesting health care professional/provider may contact Select Health and request a copy of the criteria used in rendering the final determination. Additionally, plan medical directors are available to discuss medical necessity determinations with the requesting health care professional/provider. Health care professionals/providers may contact Medical Management to request a peer-to-peer discussion.

**Medical Record Review Standards**
It is the policy of Select Health to set standards for the maintenance and content of patient records to ensure complete and consistent documentation. Medical records are an important source of patient information vital to the assessment of quality medical care. These standards are based on the requirements of National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) and may be revised as needed to conform to new NCQA or SCDHHS requirements.

Compliance with these standards will be audited by periodic review and chart samplings of the participating primary care offices. Health care professionals/providers must achieve an average score of 90% or higher on the medical records review. Select Health will assist health care professionals/providers scoring less than 90 percent through corrective action plans and re-evaluation.

**Medical Record Documentation Standards**
Select Health has adopted the following medical record-keeping standards to ensure complete and consistent documentation of patient medical records which are vital to quality patient care. In order to assess compliance, Select Health monitors PCP sites for adherence annually.

In addition to the following medical record documentation standards, Select Health reviews the overall PCP office site to ensure the confidentiality of patient medical records by maintaining records in a secure area that is only accessible to health care professional/provider’s office staff.

1. The member’s medical record is kept in a separate file, all papers are fastened together and located in a secure confidential area.
2. Member record contains a page or form which includes the patient’s name, Medicaid ID number, date of birth, sex, address, phone number, employer and next of kin, sponsor or responsible party.
3. The member record will show the date of the first patient exam made through, or by the MCO.

4. Medical record contains the following for each visit:
   a. Date
   b. Purpose of visit
   c. Diagnosis or medical impression
   d. Objective findings
   e. Assessment of patient’s findings
   f. Plan of treatment, diagnostic tests, therapies and other prescribed regimens
   g. Medications
   h. Health education
   i. Signature and title or initials of each provider that documents in the medical record
   j. Services, dates of service, service site, and name of provider for services provided through the MCO.

5. The record is legible by someone other than the writer. A second surveyor examines any record judged to be illegible by one surveyor.
   a. Content of record is presented in a standard format that allows a reader other than the author to review without the use of a separate legend/key.

6. Each page in the record contains the patient’s name or ID number.

7. All entries, including each office or telephone encounter is clearly dated and initialed or signed by the service provider or author.
   a. If more than one person documents in the medical record, there must be a record on file as what is represented by which initials.
   b. All entries and or updates to the record are dated.
   c. All entries are initialed or signed by the author. Electronic medical records indicate authors by initials or automated system generated names. This applies to health care professional/providers and members of their office staff who contribute to the records.
   d. When initials are used there is a designation of signatures and status maintained in the office.
   e. Documentation of medical encounters must be in the record within 72 hours or three business days of the occurrence.

8. Allergies and adverse reactions are prominently listed. If the patient has no known allergies or history of adverse reactions, this is appropriately noted in the record as “NKA” or “None”.
   a. A record of allergies or the statement “no known allergies” or NKA should be clearly found at a standard place on the chart (e.g. on the cover of the chart, on the first page of the chart, on a medication list or the problem list). There should be an inquiry about allergies on the first visit.

9. Past medical history is listed, includes operations, treatment and therapy prescribed and any medications administered or dispensed. For children and adolescents (18 years and younger), past medical history relates to prenatal care, birth, operations, and childhood illnesses.
   a. Initial history and physical exam for new patients are recorded within 12 months of the patient first seeking care or within three visits, whichever comes first. If applicable, there is written evidence that the health care professional/provider advised the patient to return for a physical exam.

10. A current Problem List is in the chart, identifying health related conditions.
   k. Each patient record includes a Problem List, documenting any health related conditions or chronic conditions requiring ongoing monitoring and treatment. (N/A if patient has no chronic condition.)

12. Current medications are documented in the record and notes reflect that long-term medications are reviewed at least annually by the health care professional/provider and updated as needed.
   a. Information regarding current medication is readily apparent from review of the record.
   b. Changes to medication regimen are noted as they occur. When medications appear to remain unchanged, the record includes documentation of at least annual review by the health care professional/provider.

12. There is evidence that preventive screening and services are offered in accordance with Select Health practice guidelines.
   a. Each patient record includes documentation that preventive services were ordered and performed, or that the health care professional/provider discussed preventive services with
the patient and the patient chose to defer or refuse them. Health care professional/providers may document that a patient sought preventive services from another health care professional/provider (e.g. GYN).

13. Patient’s chief complaint or purpose for visit is clearly documented.
   a. A patient’s chief complaint or purpose for a visit as stated by the patient is recorded. The documentation supports that the patient’s perceived needs/expectations were addressed.
   b. Telephone encounters relevant to medical issues are documented in the medical record and reflect health care professional/provider review.

14. Clinical/physical assessment and/or objective findings are recorded.
   a. Clinical/Physical assessment and objective findings are documented and correspond to the patient’s chief complaint, purpose for seeking care and/or ongoing care for chronic illnesses.

15. Working diagnoses or medical impressions that logically follow from the clinical/physical examination are recorded.

16. Treatment plans, diagnostic tests, therapies, laboratory tests, medications and other prescribed regimes are clearly documented for each visit and follow previously documented diagnoses and medical impressions.

17. Plan of action/treatment are consistent with diagnosis.
   a. Rationale for treatment decisions appears medically appropriate and substantiated by documentation in the record.
   b. Laboratory tests are performed at appropriate intervals.

18. Follow-up instructions and time frame for follow-up or next visit are recorded as appropriate.
   a. Return to office in a specific amount of time is recorded at the time of visit, or as follow-up to consultation, laboratory or other diagnostic reports.
   b. Patient involvement in the coordination of care is demonstrated through patient education, follow up and return visits.

19. Relevant hospital discharge summaries are included with the medical record.

   a. If the patient has been hospitalized a discharge summary from the facility is included in the chart.
   b. The discharge summary should include the reason for admission, the treatment provided and the instructions given to the patient on discharge.
   c. The discharge summary should be initialed or signed by the health care professional/provider to indicate the health care professional/provider’s review.
   d. If the patient has not yet been discharged or only discharged within the previous two weeks, the review should indicate a N/A.

20. If a consultation is requested there is a note from the consultant in the record. Consult reports reflects health care professional/provider’s review with initials or signature.
   a. If a consult has been ordered by the health care professional/provider, a report from the consulting provider has been placed in the record.
   b. The report should be initialed or signed by the health care professional/provider to indicate the health care professional/provider’s review of the results of the consult or noted in the electronic medical record. If the request is less than three weeks old, reviewer should indicate a N/A.

21. Documentation of referrals and results from specialists.
   a. Each member record has documentation of referrals and results from each specialist.

22. Diagnostic and laboratory reports reflect health care professional/provider’s review with initials or signature.
   a. Results of all diagnostic and laboratory reports are documented in the medical record.
   b. Records demonstrate that the health care professional/provider reviews diagnostic and laboratory reports and makes treatment decisions based on report findings. Reports with the review are initialed and dated by the health care professional/providers or another system ensuring health care professional/provider review is in place. Electronic medical records indicate health care professional/provider’s review by initials or automated system generated names.
23. For patients 12 years and older, there is appropriate notation concerning the use of cigarettes, alcohol, and substances.
   a. The health care professional/provider must have documentation in the record regarding smoking habits and history of alcohol use and substance abuse for patients 12 years of age and older.

24. Discussion of a living will or Advance Directives, as appropriate.
   a. A note regarding discussing a living will or other advance directives should be present in the medical record, if appropriate*.
   * Defined as patients who are terminally ill or those with a serious chronic illness. Terminally ill may be defined as advanced stages of cancer, Alzheimer’s Disease, severe stroke, heart disease, lung disease, renal failure, or other fatal illnesses, all of which have a very limited prognosis. A serious chronic condition causes suffering and/or disability every day that will worsen over time and eventually cause death.

25. Documentation in record of after-hour services to include: emergency care, after-hour encounters, follow-up.
   a. Health care professional/providers must document any after hour services and/or telephone encounters with the patient into the permanent record. Emergency encounters should also be documented either in the form of the hospital emergency room record or a signed and dated notation as to when the patient was seen in the ER, the diagnosis and any recommendation.

26. Signed and dated consent forms, if applicable.
   a. Practitioners must have on file signed and dated consent forms by members.

**Medical Record Retention**
Select Health health care professionals/providers are required to comply with all medical record retention statutes in accordance with state and federal law. The South Carolina statute currently requires record retention for a period of 10 years for adults and 13 years for children after last documented visit.

All Select Health members’ medical records are to be maintained by physicians for a period not less than five years from the expiration date of the contract with Select Health, including any contract extensions and retained further if the records are under review or audit until the review or audit is complete. Said records are to be made available for fiscal audit, medical audit, medical review, utilization review and other periodic monitoring upon request of an authorized representative of South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS). Prior approval for the disposition of records must be requested from SCDHHS.

If any litigation, claim or other action involving the records has been initiated prior to the expiration of the five-year period, the records shall be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise from it, or until the end of the five-year period, whichever is later.

**Referral and Authorization for Specialists, Hospitals and Ancillary Health Care Professionals/Providers**

**Participating Specialty Care Health Care Professionals/Providers**
Select Health encourages members to seek referral from their primary care provider (PCP) for specialty care when such care is necessary. Prior authorization from Select Health is not required for participating plan specialists for office visits. Some services offered at the participating specialist’s office may require prior authorization. Participating specialists are advised to contact Medical Management prior to delivering a service if in doubt. For coordination and continuity of care, the specialty care physician is strongly urged to communicate all findings and any needs for follow-up care back to the PCP via a consultation record.

**Specialty Care Access Standards:**
Specialty providers must adhere to the following access standards:

- Emergent visits immediately upon referral
- Urgent medical condition care appointments within forty-eight (48) hours of referral or notification of the Primary Care Physician.
- Scheduling of appointments for routine care (non-symptomatic) within four weeks and a maximum of twelve (12) weeks for unique specialists.
Non-Participating Health Care Professionals/Providers
PCPs and plan participating specialists may refer members to a non-participating plan specialist if there is not a participating specialist in a particular field. However, plan health care professionals/providers who want to refer members to any non-participating health care professional/provider must contact Select Health’s Medical Management department for prior authorization.

Services That Require Prior Authorization
Prior authorization is required of certain services as indicated below. This is inclusive of secondary coverage.

- Acute inpatient psychiatric facility services
- All out-of-network services (except services listed under “Services that do not require authorization”)
- Advanced outpatient imaging:
  - Nuclear cardiology
  - Computed tomography angiography (CTA)
  - Coronary computed tomography angiography (CCTA)
  - Computed tomography (CT)
  - Magnetic resonance angiography (MRA)
  - Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)
  - Myocardial perfusion imaging (MPI)
  - Positron emission tomography (PET)
- Air ambulance
- All unlisted and miscellaneous codes (including, but not limited to, codes ending in “99”)
- Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) services
- Behavioral health (psychological and neuropsychological testing; electroconvulsive therapy; environmental intervention; interpretation or explanation of results; unlisted psychiatric services and inpatient services)
- Behavioral Health Individual Outpatient Therapy sessions (CPT codes 90832, 90834, 90837). Visits over 6 sessions per month for members aged 20 and under.
- Chiropractic (all services)
- Contact lenses, including dispensing fee
- DAODAS services (bundled services and some discrete services)
- Diapers/pull-ups (ages 4 through 20) who qualify:
  - For quantities over 200 per month for either or both.
  - For brand-specific diapers.
- Durable medical equipment, DME (billed charges $750 and greater)
- Durable medical equipment leases and rentals
- Enteral nutritional supplements and supplies
- Gastric bypass/vertical band gastroplasty
- Home-based services:
  - Home health care (physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy) and skilled nursing (after 6 combined visits regardless of modality).
  - Private duty nursing (extended nursing services), covered when medically necessary for under age 21.
  - Home health aide services.
  - Home infusions and injections (see list of medications that require authorization on the Select Health website under Pharmacy Services).
- Hyperbaric oxygen
- Hysterectomy (Hysterectomy Consent Form is required), oophorectomy and ovarian cystectomy, elective abortions
- Implants (over $750.00)
- Inpatient services:
  - All inpatient hospital admissions, including medical, surgical and rehabilitation.
  - Obstetrical admissions/newborn deliveries exceeding 48 hours after vaginal delivery and 96 hours after caesarean section.
  - Inpatient medical detoxification.
  - Elective transfers for inpatient and/or outpatient services between acute care facilities.
  - Long-term care initial placement, if still enrolled with Select Health.
- Medications: 17-P and certain infusion/injectable medications (see list of medications that require authorization on the Select Health website under Pharmacy Services)
- Outpatient psychotherapy — visits over 6 sessions per month for children and adolescents (20 and under – individual therapy)
- Pain management services (external infusion pumps, implantable infusion pumps, spinal cord neurostimulators, radiofrequency ablation, nerve blocks and epidural steroid injections)
- Prosthetics and custom orthotics
• Psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF) services
• Rehabilitative behavioral health services (RBHS) — see Behavioral Health under First Choice section for specifics
• Surgical services that may be considered cosmetic, including:
  • Blepharoplasty
  • Mastectomy for gynecomastia
  • Mastoplexy
  • Maxillofacial
  • Panniculectomy
  • Penile prosthesis
  • Plastic surgery/cosmetic dermatology
  • Reduction mammoplasty
  • Septoplasty
• Therapy services — speech, occupational and physical therapy require prior authorization after initial assessment or re-assessment. This applies to private and outpatient facility based services
• Transplants — including transplant evaluations
* Advanced outpatient imaging — Authorizations administered by NIA (see Advanced Outpatient Imaging in the First Choice Covered Services section of this manual for more information).

When services requiring prior authorization are necessary for a member, the health care professional/provider should contact Select Health Medical Management toll free at 1-888-559-1010 or 1-843-764-1988 in Charleston.

A copy of the prior authorization grid may be obtained from the Exhibits section of this manual or from the Select Health website: www.selecthealthofsc.com/pdf/provider/resources/prior-authorization-grid.pdf.

Providers may not bill members for services which require prior authorization and the authorization was not obtained, resulting in denial of the claim. The provider is responsible for obtaining prior authorization.

_This list shows the majority of services that require prior authorization but is not all inclusive. Providers should contact Medical Management when in doubt about prior authorization requirements._

Authorization is not a guarantee of payment; other limitations or requirements may apply.

**Services That Do Not Require Authorization**

- Behavioral health and substance use disorder outpatient therapy
  - Members aged 20 and under require prior authorization for more than 6 sessions/month of all combined individual therapy sessions (codes 90832, 90834, 90837).
  - Members aged 21 and older — benefit limitation of 72 sessions/fiscal year for all combined individual therapy sessions (codes 90832, 90834, 90837).
- Behavioral health medication management
- Emergency room services (in-network and out-of-network).
- 48-Hour observations (except for maternity — notification required).
- Low-level plain films — X-rays, electrocardiograms (EKGs).
- Family planning services.
- Post-stabilization services (in-network and out-of-network).
- Early, periodic, diagnostic screening and testing (EPDST) screening services
- Women’s health care by in-network providers (OB-GYN services).
- Routine vision services.
- Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) services
- Post-operative pain management (must have a surgical procedure on the same date of service).

**Services That Require Notification**

- All newborn deliveries.
- Maternity obstetrical services (after the first visit) and outpatient care (includes 48-hour observations).
- Continuation of covered services for a new member transitioning to the plan the first 90 calendar days of enrollment.
- Behavioral health — Crisis Intervention: notification required (within 2 business days) post-service. Medical necessity review required after 80 units per State fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).
**Clinical Guidelines**

Select Health of South Carolina and the AmeriHealth Caritas Family of Companies (ACFC) have established a Clinical Policy Committee (CPC) to develop local and corporate medical guidelines. Guidelines developed by the CPC are incorporated into the workflow of the Utilization Management, Claims Payment and Network Operations departments for consistency in approach to issues addressed through the CPC.

Clinical guidelines are based upon guidelines from established industry sources such as Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), state regulatory agencies, the American Medical Association (AMA), medical specialty professional societies and peer-reviewed professional literature. These clinical guidelines, along with other sources, such as plan benefits and state and federal laws and regulatory requirements, including any state or plan specific definition of medically necessary, and the specific facts of the particular situation are considered by Select Health when making coverage determinations. In the event of conflict between clinical guidelines and plan benefits and/or state and federal laws and/or regulatory requirements, the plan benefits and/or state and federal laws and/or regulatory requirements will control.

Select Health clinical guidelines are for informational purposes only and not intended as medical advice or to direct treatment. Physicians and other health care providers are solely responsible for the treatment decisions for their patients. Select Health clinical guidelines are reflective of evidence-based medicine at the time of review. As medical science evolves, Select Health will update its clinical guidelines as necessary. Select Health clinical guidelines are not guarantees of payment. Guidelines developed through the CPC are reviewed by local, plan-specific medical directors, presented to the Quality Clinical Care Committee (QCCC) and are voted upon by the Quality Assessment Performance and Improvement (QAPI) Committee. Once approved, guidelines will be placed on Select Health’s website in the form of a clinical guidelines library. The clinical guidelines library will contain both plan specific and national guidelines. Approved guidelines may be used by members, network providers and Select Health associates in the interpretation of coverage determinations for those services addressed by the CPC.

**Ancillary Services**

Ancillary health services are services provided to patients to aid in the diagnosis or treatment of an illness or injury. They may be either diagnostic or therapeutic in nature.

Examples of diagnostic ancillary health services include: laboratory services, radiology, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), etc.

Examples of therapeutic ancillary health services include: durable medical equipment, home healthcare, home infusion therapy, physical therapy, specialty pharmacy services, speech therapy, surgical centers, transplant services, etc.

**Authorization for Ancillary Services**

1. Identify the patient as First Choice member
2. Request prior authorization number from First Choice Medical Management department
3. Record the prior authorization number in your system so that it will appear in box 23 on CMS 1500.

Call Select Health at 1-888-559-1010 or 1-843-764-1988 (Charleston area) if you need assistance.

**Children’s Rehabilitative Services and BabyNet**

Children’s Rehabilitative Services (CRS) and BabyNet are Medicaid-sponsored programs for children with a chronic illness or disability. Children may be members of First Choice and CRS or BabyNet.

CRS is responsible for requesting prior authorization from Select Health’s Medical Management department for the following covered services:

- Orthotics
- Prosthetics
- DME items provided through CRS clinics
- Family Support Services

**Durable Medical Equipment**

Any needs for durable medical equipment (DME) exceeding charges of $750 are coordinated and authorized through Select Health’s Medical Management department. For plan members who are hospitalized, the Select Health Clinical Coordinator will coordinate these services with the requesting physician and discharge planner prior to discharge.
**Home Health Care/ Family Support Services**

Home health care provided to homebound members requires prior authorization from the Select Health Medical Management department. The home health authorization includes physical, occupational and speech home visits; a separate authorization is not required for these services. Members are limited to 50 visits per fiscal year for home health care services. Home social work services received from Family Support Services (FSS) do not apply to the 50-visit limitation. Home health care services must be ordered by a physician as part of a written plan of care. The ordering health care professional/provider must review and sign the Select Health plan of care at least every 60 days. The objectives of the Select Health plan of care should be to improve the member's level of health, relieve pain and to prevent regression of member's stable condition. The Select Health plan of care should restrict such care to the minimum number of visits necessary to meet these objectives. The care must be appropriate to the home setting and to the patient's needs. The Select Health plan of care should have documented goals, needs and care rendered, identifying the treatment to be rendered: services, supplies, items or personnel needed by the patient and expected outcome.

Select Health utilizes the FSS clinical indicators as the review tool for authorizing FSS services.

**Home Infusion/Specialty Pharmacy**

Contact Select Health's Medical Management department to coordinate Home Infusion Therapy/Services.

**Speech, Physical and Occupational Therapies**

Select Health provides benefits for home-based and outpatient therapy services for members. Prior authorization from Select Health's Medical Management department is required for therapy services after the initial evaluation or re-evaluation. Members must be eligible for home-based services per established homebound criteria prior to receiving therapy services in a home setting.

Outpatient therapy services provided to First Choice members by a private rehabilitation therapy clinic/health care professional/provider are also a covered benefit for all members and require prior authorization after the initial evaluation or re-evaluation.

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**Behavioral Health Under First Choice**

The professional and outpatient facility charges associated with Medicaid covered behavioral health services are included in Select Health's covered responsibilities. Select Health will reimburse health care professionals/providers for most outpatient behavioral health services without prior authorization.

Outpatient services that **will** require prior authorization are:

- Psychological and neuropsychological testing: 96101, 96118
- Electroconvulsive therapy: 90870
- Environmental intervention: 90882
- Interpretation or explanation of results: 90887
- Unlisted psychiatric service or procedure: 90889

**Crisis management services**


Notification requests must be submitted within two business days post-event.

Provider’s forms are also acceptable as long as they contain:

- Member identifying data (name, date of birth, member ID)
- Provider identifying data (name, provider ID, NPI)
- What kind of crisis event it was and where it took place
- What occurred during the crisis event (summary and what the provider did) or questions contact Behavioral Health Utilization Management at 1-866-341-8765.

Parent signature is required (for members under the age of 21):

- Parental signature is necessary post-crisis notification for care management, utilization management, and reporting purposes.
- If parental signature is not on the form, providers
must submit a statement on or attached to the form that an effort was made to obtain parental signature.

Notes:

- For these services, nurse practitioners are included as allowed provider types.
- Behavioral Health providers must adhere to the following access standards, as prescribed by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) for First Choice members:
  - Non-life-threatening emergency care: requires immediate attention but absence of care would not result in death; within 6 hours or referred to the emergency room.
  - Urgent care: severe enough that care is required to prevent deterioration of member’s condition; within 48 hours.
  - Routine care, initial visit: non-emergency, non-urgent, and not post-discharge follow-up appointment; within 10 business days.
  - Routine care, follow-up care: member appointments are to be scheduled as indicated for condition management and within 30 calendar days of initial care.

In addition, the following is a HEDIS follow-up health measure:

- Post discharge follow up: an outpatient visit following hospitalization for a mental health disorder; with a mental health practitioner for adults and children 6 years and older within seven calendar days.

In cases where the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services or the Department of Mental Health submit laboratory claims (under Provider Type 80 Independent Lab), Select Health is responsible for reimbursement.

Should a First Choice member receive outpatient services in an emergency room setting for which the primary diagnosis is behavioral health (class code C), the emergency room visit (both professional and facility fees) shall be paid by Select Health.

Medical services rendered to patients admitted with a psychiatric diagnosis are the responsibility of Select Health. We will be responsible for Medicaid covered inpatient Behavioral Health Services (DRGs 424-433 and 521-523). Professional charges and all anesthesia services associated with behavioral health will also be covered by Select Health. Medical services (physician services that are not mental health treatment services) provided by a psychiatrist or child psychiatrist are also covered by Select Health.

There are specific forms that will need to be completed for the different behavioral health services. These forms are available in the Exhibits section of this manual, on the Select Health website at www.selecthealthofsc.com or by contacting the Behavioral Health department and requesting they fax the necessary forms. For questions regarding prior authorization requirements or to obtain authorization, contact Select Health Behavioral Health Utilization Management at 1-866-341-8765.

Select Health will continue to coordinate the referral of our members for services that are outside of the required core benefits and which will continue to be provided by enrolled Medicaid health care professionals/providers. These services include, but are not limited to, developmental evaluation centers, intensive family treatment services, adolescent treatment facilities, inpatient psychiatric hospital, private residential treatment facility services and waiver programs.

Effective with dates of service on or after July 1, 2016, Select Health is also responsible for the rehabilitative behavioral health service (RBHS) array provided by the Department of Mental Health (DMH); private RBHS providers, school districts and the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). For more details see the Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services (RBHS) section in this manual.

**Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services (RBHS)**

Effective July 1, 2016, the Select Health contract with the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) was amended to include Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services (RBHS). RBHS are medical or remedial services that are recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts for maximum reduction of physical or mental disability and restoration of a member to their best possible functional level.

RBHS includes the following categories:

- **Behavior modification** — Used to provide the member with redirection and modeling of appropriate behaviors in order to enhance function
in the home and/or community.

- **Psychosocial rehabilitative services** — Intended as a skill-building service, not a form of psychotherapy or counseling.

- **Family support services** — Utilized to enable the family or caregiver to be an engaged member of the treatment team and/or improve their ability to care for the member.

- **Community integration services** — Targeted treatment service for adults ages 18 years and older, with serious and persistent mental illness.

- **Therapeutic childcare** — Targeted treatment services for children under age 6 years, who have experienced trauma, neglect and abuse and are in need of early intervention.

**Note:** Effective July 1, 2017, in accordance with SCDHHS, TCC providers will be allowed to fulfill the requirement of parallel work with the primary caregiver by rendering family psychotherapy twice per month in conjunction with the TCC service.

The addition of this benefit will also include covering services rendered by state and other public agencies that previously did not participate in the Select Health provider network. This includes such providers as: Department of Mental Health (DMH), Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), and Department of Education. Services included under the RBHS benefit are:

- Behavioral health screenings.
- Diagnostic assessment services.
- Psychological evaluations and testing.
- Individual psychotherapy.
- Group psychotherapy.
- Family psychotherapy.
- Service plan development.
- Crisis management.
- Medication management.
- Psychosocial rehabilitation services.
- Behavior modification.
- Family support.
- Community integration services.
- Therapeutic childcare center services.
- Peer support services (DMH and Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services [DAODAS] providers only).

- Substance use disorder treatment services (DAODAS providers only).
- Therapeutic foster care services.

RBHS provided by licensed or certified clinicians must follow supervision requirements as required by South Carolina State Law. Services provided by master’s level clinicians must be supervised by an LPHA licensed to practice at the independent level. Substance abuse clinicians who are in the process of becoming credentialed must be supervised by a certified substance abuse clinician or an LPHA.

Services provided by any unlicensed/uncertified clinician must be supervised by a master’s level qualified clinician or an LPHA. When services are provided by an unlicensed or uncertified clinician, the state agency or private organization must ensure the supervising master’s level clinician:

- Monitors the performance of the unlicensed clinician and provides documented consultation, guidance, and education with respect to the clinical skills, competencies, and treatment provided, at least every 30 days.
- Maintains a log documenting supervision of the services provided by the unlicensed or uncertified clinician for each member.

Supervision may take place in either a group or individual setting and must include:

- Opportunities for discussion of the plan of care and the individual member’s progress.
- Service notes in the individual’s clinical record documenting issues

Case supervision and consultation does not negate training requirements. The frequency of supervision should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Providers must have a South Carolina Medicaid ID number and be contracted and credentialed by Select Health as an RBHS provider in order to provide these services to First Choice members. Prior authorization of services and claims payment will be received directly from Select Health.

**Prior authorization requirements**

The following RBHS services will require prior authorization:
**Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**

Effective July 1, 2017, Select Health will provide Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) coverage for members, under 21 years of age. This benefit includes ASD services rendered by Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) and Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts (BCaBA), as well as by licensed independent practitioners (LIPs) who are approved by South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) to provide Evidence Based Treatment (an ABA alternative therapy modality).

The following LIPs providers are permitted to render ASD services for Select Health members once approved by SCDDSN and registered with South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and Select Health:

- Licensed Independent Practitioners (LIPs) – master’s or doctoral
- Licensed Psychologist
- Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist (LPES)
- Licensed Independent Social Worker-Clinical Practice (LISW-CP)
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)
- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)
- ASD services may also be rendered by school districts that enroll with SCDHHS as ASD group providers.

**Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Service Array**

- Behavior Identification Assessment
- Comprehensive Testing/Assessment Report, which establishes an ASD diagnosis (medical necessity) must be completed and on file.
- Observational Behavior Follow-Up Assessment
- Exposure Behavior Follow-Up Assessment
- Adaptive Behavior Treatment By Protocol
- Adaptive Behavior Treatment With Protocol Modification
- Family Adaptive Behavior Treatment Guidance

Services must be recommended by a licensed psychologist (Ph.D., Psy.D) or licensed professional.
psychoeducational specialist (LPES) and may be
provided in the member’s home, clinical setting, or
other settings authorized by SCDHHS.

Prior authorization requirements for ASD services

- Prior authorization is required for all ASD services, including assessments and treatments.
- Detailed assessment of members with a diagnosis of autism must be provided upon initial request for authorization of services.
- Select Health will adhere to InterQual criteria and medical necessity requirements as outlined for each service in the SCDHHS Autism Spectrum Disorder Services manual, located at: www.scdhhs.gov/provider-manual-list.
- To request prior authorization, providers must complete the ASD Treatment Request form, located on the Select Health website, at www.selecthealthofsc.com/pdf/provider/forms/autism-spectrum-disorder-treatment-request-form.pdf and in the Exhibits section of this manual.

Fax completed forms to Select Health of SC Behavioral Health Utilization Management (SHSC BH UM) at 1-888-796-5521 or submit the request on-line through NaviNet. For questions, contact (SHSC BH UM) at 1-866-341-8765.


Licensed Independent Practitioners (LIPS)
The Behavioral Health benefit includes services rendered by licensed independent practitioners:
- Licensed Psychologist
- Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialists (LPES)
- Licensed Independent Social Worker-Clinical Practice (LISW-CP)
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT)
- Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC).

In accordance with SCDHHS policy for LIPS providers, any combination of the following codes: 90832, 90834, and 90837 may be billed up to six sessions per month. Select Health of South Carolina adheres to benefit limits as established by SCDHHS. Providers are to coordinate care when more than one behavioral health provider is providing services to the same member to ensure compliance with the benefit limit.

Children and Adolescents (20 and under):
Select Health realizes that there may be exceptional situations in which six sessions per month may not be sufficient to meet the needs of children and adolescent members (aged 20 and under). In these situations,
providers will need to submit a prior authorization request to Select Health’s Behavioral Health Utilization Management Department to determine if additional monthly visits are medically necessary.

For questions contact the Behavioral Health Utilization Management department at 1-866-341-8765.

LIP providers must adhere to the supervision guidelines as outlined in the SCDHHS Licensed Independent Practitioners Rehabilitative Services manual, section 2, pages 39-41.

**ACUTE INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC FACILITIES**

Effective July 1, 2019, the Select Health contract with SCDHHS was amended to include coverage of acute inpatient psychiatric services provided in freestanding psychiatric facilities for members under 21 years of age.

Select Health will adopt the guidelines as outlined in the SCDHHS Psychiatric Hospital Services Provider Manual, revised July 1, 2019.

Prior authorization is required for all admissions. Requests may be submitted via:

- **Phone:** Contact Behavioral Health Utilization Management at 1-866-341-8765.
- **Fax:** Complete the Behavioral Health Inpatient fax request form located on the Select Health website at: [www.selecthealthofsc.com/provider/behavioral-health/forms](http://www.selecthealthofsc.com/provider/behavioral-health/forms)
- **Online:** Through NaviNet, at navinet.navimedix.com/sign-in. Go to prior authorization management.

A SCDHHS Certification of Need (CON) for Psychiatric Hospital Services for Children under 21 form must be completed for all members under age 21 admitted for acute inpatient treatment services in a freestanding psychiatric hospital. This form can also be found on the behavioral health forms page on the Select Health website at [www.selecthealthofsc.com/provider/behavioral-health/forms](http://www.selecthealthofsc.com/provider/behavioral-health/forms).

Claims will be submitted on the UB04 claim form and will be reimbursed as follows:

- Department of Mental Health (DMH) free-standing psychiatric hospitals will be reimbursed based on the prospective payment system.
- All other free-standing psychiatric hospitals will be reimbursed based on the DRG reimbursement system.
- The $25 inpatient admission copay would apply for members over the age of 18 who are not part of a federally recognized Indian tribe and/or pregnant.

**OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS (OTP)**

Coverage of programs that provide evidence-based medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for members with opioid use disorder (OUD) was also added to the Select Health contract, effective July 1, 2019.

With the exception of continuity of care, coverage must be provided by providers who are contracted with Select Health and enrolled with SCDHHS. For members being treated by an out-of-network provider, Select Health Utilization Management will work with providers and the member to transition to an in-network provider.

Prior authorization is not required for OTP services. However, members must meet certain requirements to qualify for treatment and seek treatment from an in-network provider. Consult the SCDHHS Clinic Services Provider Manual for a list of these requirements.

- Medical necessity must be confirmed at time of admission by either a physician or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) who is employed by or contracted with the OTP.

OTPs are reimbursed for the following all-inclusive procedure and assessment codes according to the SCDHHS fee schedule:

- **H0047** - Medication-assisted Treatment Initial/Annual Assessment
- **H0020** - Methadone Maintenance Treatment
- **H0016** - Buprenorphine Maintenance Treatment

Claims will be submitted directly to Select Health on a CMS 1500 claim form. Standard billing and coding guidelines will apply.

For questions, contact Behavioral Health Utilization Management at 1-866-341-8765.
Psychotherapy Supervision Guidelines
Reimbursement will be made for covered psychiatric and psychotherapy services provided by a physician or nurse practitioner (NP) or by Licensed Master Social Workers (LMSWs) under the direct supervision of the physician or NP. The LMSW cannot be reimbursed directly under the Medicaid Physician Services program but will be reimbursed under the physician or NP.

The physician/NP must:

- See each member initially unless the member was accepted as a referral from another physician.
- Authorize the treatment services to be provided by the LMSW.
- Participate in patient staffing with the LMSW to document progress summaries.
- If the member is referred by a non-physician (e.g., Department of Social Services, school counselor, etc.), the referral source must be documented in the chart.

These guidelines pertain to services delivered by Licensed Master Social Workers (LMSW) under the supervision and direction of a physician or NP.

- The LMSW must be a part-time, full-time, or contracted employee of the supervising clinician, physician group practice, or of the legal entity that employs the supervising clinician; or the allied professional must be an independent contractor engaged by the physician/NP or other supervising behavioral health clinician through a written agreement.
- The supervising clinician cannot be employed by the LMSW.
- The supervising clinician must be accessible to the LMSW while services are being delivered and must meet with the LMSW at a minimum of every 90 days to review beneficiary progress.
- The service must be furnished in connection with a covered physician/NP service that was billed to Select Health; therefore, the member must have been seen by the physician/NP.
- A psychiatric diagnostic evaluation has to be performed by the supervising clinician. The LMSW providing psychotherapy personally works with the member to develop the Individualized Plan of Care (IPOC) and the supervising clinician meets with the member periodically during the course of treatment to monitor the service being delivered and to review the need for continued services.
- There must be subsequent services by the supervising clinician of a frequency that reflects his/her continued participation in the management of the course of treatment.
- The supervising clinician assumes professional responsibility and liability for all services provided by the LMSW.
- The supervising clinician must spend as much time as necessary directly supervising the services to ensure that members are receiving services in a safe and efficient manner in accordance with accepted standards of practice.

Services rendered by Licensed Independent Counselor Interns (LPC/I), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Interns (LMFT/I) and “applicants for LISW licensure,” under the supervision of Licensed Psychologists (PhD), Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisors (LPC/S), Marriage and Family Therapist Supervisors (LMFT/S), Licensed Independent Social Work-clinical practice Supervisors (LISW-CP-S) and Licensed Psycho-Education Specialists (LPES) supervisor are subject to the following limits:

- Licensed Psychologists may supervise an unlicensed person providing psychological services. No more than three full-time supervisees may be employed by the psychologist supervisor.
- LMFT/S may supervise only those with LMFT/I designation. LPC/S may supervise only those with LPC/I designation. No more than six full-time supervisees may be employed by the LMFT/S or LPC/S.
- LISW-CP-S may supervise only those “applicants for LISW licensure.” No more than six full-time supervisees may be employed by the LISW-CP-S.
- They all must be licensed to practice in South Carolina.

Supervision must be “direct,” meaning at the same location as the supervisee. The supervising clinician must be immediately accessible by phone or other device at the time of service provision and co-sign all clinical notes. There must also be written protocol for crisis situations in place.

Prior to services being rendered by allied professionals,
the names and credentials of the allied professionals being supervised must be submitted to:

Select Health of South Carolina
Behavioral Health Department
P.O. Box 40849
Charleston, SC 29423

In addition to the above requirements, the South Carolina Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Psycho-Educational Specialists maintains policies and guidelines for intern supervision.

**Emergency/Urgent Care Services**

Members are encouraged to utilize the closest emergency room in the event of a life-threatening illness/condition. In other cases, members are encouraged to contact their primary care provider or the Nurse Help Line prior to the use of an emergency room or urgent care facility.

Coverage of emergency room services is reimbursed at the appropriate level based upon claims examination. Prior authorization is not required.

**Hysterectomy**

Reimbursement for a hysterectomy is not allowed if the hysterectomy is performed solely for the purpose of rendering an individual permanently incapable of reproducing. Requests for coverage of hysterectomy procedures require prior authorization. The member’s medical records, Surgical Justification for Hysterectomy form and the federally mandated Consent for Sterilization form signed by the member are to be provided to Select Health’s Medical Management department prior to performing the procedure. The Consent for Sterilization form may be obtained from the Exhibits section of this manual or the Select Health website, [www.selecthealthofsc.com](http://www.selecthealthofsc.com).

There is a 30-calendar-day waiting period from the date the consent form is signed before the surgery is performed. InterQual criteria will be used for screening prior authorization requests.

For urgent and emergent hysterectomy cases (including oophorectomy), the 30-day wait is not required; however, the reason for the procedure must be provided by the physician. The claim will be reviewed retrospectively.

Non-elective, medically necessary hysterectomies must meet the following requirements:

1. The individual or her representative must be informed orally and in writing that the hysterectomy will render the individual permanently incapable of reproducing.
2. The individual or her representative must sign and date the Consent for Sterilization form prior to the hysterectomy.
3. The Consent for Sterilization form is not required if the individual was already sterile before the hysterectomy or if the individual required a hysterectomy because of a life threatening emergency situation in which the physician determined that prior acknowledgment was not possible. In these circumstances, a physician statement is required. The statement must indicate the cause of the sterility or the diagnosis and description of the nature of the emergency. **Please note: medical records may not be substituted for the physician statement.**
4. Hysterectomy shall not be covered if performed solely for the purpose of rendering an individual permanently incapable of reproducing.
5. Hysterectomy shall not be covered if there was more than one purpose for performing the hysterectomy, but the primary purpose was to render the individual permanently incapable of reproducing.

**Inpatient Admissions/Outpatient Admissions or Procedures**

Inpatient admissions and certain outpatient procedures must receive prior authorization from Select Health’s Medical Management department. The ordering provider or specialist should contact Medical Management prior to the scheduled admission/procedure to confirm eligibility and secure an authorization. It is recommended that hospitals call Medical Management when members are presenting for elective/outpatient services that require prior authorization to confirm authorization and/or member eligibility.

Medical Management staff will collect appropriate medical information to substantiate medical necessity for the requested service. Clinical protocols recommended by InterQual will be utilized in the evaluation of the received clinical information to
determine the appropriateness of the requested services. Medical Management staff members may consult with the medical director as needed.

Authorization determinations are based upon medical necessity, member eligibility and benefit coverage. The turn-around times for this procedure are monitored and reported by Select Health on a regular basis. Decisions for prior authorization requests are made as expeditiously as the member’s health requires, not to exceed the following time frames:

- Non-urgent preservice decisions are made within 14 calendar days of receiving the request.
- Urgent preservice decisions are made no later than three calendar days after the receipt of the request. (Urgent refers to any case where an expedited decision is necessary to preserve the life or health of the member or the member’s ability to attain, maintain or regain maximum function.)

If the request is approved, an authorization number with approval notification will be provided to the requesting health care professional/provider by telephone, fax or voice mail. Written approval of an authorization is provided only upon request.

All emergent/urgent inpatient admissions should be reported to Medical Management by the next business day following admission. The Medical Management department will evaluate the clinical information according to InterQual Criteria and either approve the case for admission and certify the number of inpatient days or refer the case to the medical director for review. Determinations for urgent inpatient reviews will be made within 24 hours or one (1) calendar day of receipt of the request. Concurrent review determinations will be made within 24–72 hours, depending on the expiration of the certified concurrent period.

**Extension of Authorization Time Frames**

**Standard Prior Authorizations:**

- Utilization Management (UM) may extend the determination time frame up to fourteen (14) additional calendar days, if:
  - The member, provider, or authorized representative requests an extension.
  - UM justifies a need for additional information and how the extension is in the member’s interest.

**Urgent Prior Authorizations:**

- UM may extend the determination time frame up to fourteen (14) calendar days, if:
  - The member, provider, or authorized representative requests an extension.
  - UM justifies a need for additional information and how the extension is in the member’s interest.

UM will document the justification to provide to South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS), if requested.

**Administrative Days**

Select Health covers **administrative days** for Medicaid-eligible patients who no longer require acute hospital care but are in need of nursing home placement that is not available at the time. Payment for administrative days will be made at a per diem rate that includes drugs and supplies. The per diem rate is recalculated each October. For more information on submitting administrative day claims, consult the Claims Filing Manual located on the Select Health website, www.selecthealthofsc.com.

**Sterilization**

Sterilization procedures do not require prior authorization. However, claims must be submitted via hard-copy with the Consent for Sterilization form, which can be obtained from the Exhibits section of this manual or the Select Health website.

Sterilization claims and consent forms are reviewed for compliance with federal regulation (42 CFR 441.250 – 441.259). It is the physician’s responsibility to obtain the consent and submit this form.

Sterilization requirements:

1. Sterilization is defined as any medical procedure, treatment or operation done for the purpose of rendering an individual permanently incapable of reproducing.

2. The individual to be sterilized must give informed consent not less than 30 full calendar days (or not less than 72 hours in the case of premature delivery or emergency abdominal surgery) but not more than 180 calendar days before the date of the sterilization. A new consent form is required if 180 days have passed before the surgery is provided.

3. The consent for sterilization cannot be obtained while the patient is in the hospital for labor,
childbirth, abortion or under the influence of alcohol or other substances that affect their state of awareness.

4. The individual to be sterilized must be at least 21 years old and mentally competent at the time consent is obtained.

5. The individual to be sterilized must not be institutionalized (i.e., not involuntarily confined or detained under a civil or criminal status in a correctional or rehabilitative facility or confined in a mental hospital or other facility for the care and treatment of mental illness, whether voluntarily or involuntarily committed).

6. The individual must give informed voluntary consent on the approved Consent for Sterilization form. All questions must be answered and all topics in the consent form discussed. A witness of the patient’s choice may be present during the consent interview.

7. The Consent for Sterilization form is not required if the individual was already sterile before the procedure or if the individual required sterilization because of a life threatening emergency situation in which the physician determined that prior acknowledgment was not possible. In these circumstances, a physician statement is required. The statement must indicate the cause of the sterility or the diagnosis and description of the nature of the emergency. Please note: medical records may not be substituted for the physician statement.

8. Although hospitals are not required to submit a sterilization consent form with their claim, payment will be recouped if no such documentation is present in Select Health’s records or if the documentation is inaccurate. Hospital providers will be notified in writing and given 30 days to submit the consent form before a recoupment is made.

Telemedicine Services

First Choice covers telemedicine services for providers who are currently enrolled with the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid program and bill for telemedicine and telepsychiatry when the service is within the scope of their practice. The communication system must be HIPAA compliant.

Covered Telemedicine services includes:

- Office or other outpatient visits (99201 – 99215)
- Inpatient consultation (99251-99255)
- Psychotherapy, (90832, 90834, and 90837)
- Psychiatric diagnostic interview examination (90791 and 90792)
- Neurobehavioral status examination (96116)
- Electrocardiogram interpretation and report only (93010)
- Echocardiography (93307, 93308, 93320, 93321 and 93325)

Office and outpatient visits that are conducted via telemedicine are counted towards the applicable benefit limits for these services.

Non-Covered Services include:

- Telephone conversations
- Email messages
- Video cell phone interactions
- Facsimile transmissions
- Services provided by allied health professionals

Covered referring sites are:

- The office of a physician or practitioner
- Hospital (Inpatient and Outpatient)
- Rural Health Clinics
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Community Mental Health Centers
- Public Schools
- Act 301 Behavioral Health Centers

The consulting provider is the provider who evaluates the member via a telemedicine mode of delivery upon the recommendation of the referring provider. Practitioners at the distant site who may furnish and receive payment of covered telemedicine services are:

- Physicians
- Nurse practitioners
- Physician Assistants

NOTE: A licensed physician and/or nurse practitioner are the only providers of telepsychiatry services.

Therapeutic and
Non-elective Abortion

Therapeutic Abortions

Therapeutic abortions and services associated with the abortion procedure are covered only when the physician has found, and certified in writing, that on the basis of his or her professional judgment, the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest or the women suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury or physical illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that would place the women in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

Therapeutic abortions must be documented with a completed Abortion Statement Form (see Exhibit section), which will satisfy federal and state regulations.

The following guidelines are to be used in reporting therapeutic abortions:

1. ONLY diagnosis codes in the O04, O07 (ICD-10) range should be used to report therapeutic abortions.
2. Abortions that are reported with diagnosis and procedure codes for therapeutic abortions must be accompanied by complete medical records that substantiate life endangerment to the mother or that the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest and the signed abortion statement.
3. Therapeutic abortion is NOT considered family planning, and is covered only under certain circumstances.
4. The abortion statement must contain the name and address of the patient, the reason for the abortion and the physician’s signature and date. The patient’s certification statement is only required in cases of rape or incest.
5. Prior authorization is required, clinical documentation, a copy of the completed abortion statement and a copy of the police report, if applicable, must be submitted to Select Health’s Medical Management department prior to performing the procedure.

Non-elective Abortions

All non-elective abortions including spontaneous, missed, incomplete, septic, hydatidiform mole, etc., require only that the medical record show such a diagnosis. If unable to determine whether the patient was in the process of an abortion from the hospital records, Select Health will ask the hospital to obtain additional physician office or clinic notes and/or ultrasound reports. Medical procedures necessary to care for a patient with ectopic pregnancy are compensable services.

The following guidelines are to be used in reporting non-elective abortions:

1. Spontaneous, inevitable or missed abortions should be reported with the appropriate other diagnosis codes (e.g., O010, O011 and O019; O0281; O021; O035 and O0387; O045. This list is not all inclusive; determination of the appropriate ICD-10 code should be based upon clinical interpretation).
2. Non-elective abortion procedure codes for outpatient hospital are 59812, 59820, 59821, 59830, 59870 and 59200. For inpatient hospital, the appropriate ICD-10-PCS code based upon clinical interpretation for the specific situation will need to be submitted. These procedure codes should be used for spontaneous, incomplete, inevitable, missed, septic, hydatidiform mole or other non-elective abortions with appropriate diagnosis code.

Billing Notes

1. Vaginal delivery codes should not be used to report an abortion procedure. The only exception to this rule is when the physician delivers the fetus, the gestation is questionable and there is probability of survival. The medical record must contain documented evidence that the fetus was delivered by the physician.
2. When billing for any type of abortion, the principal procedure code must be the abortion.
3. Legible medical records should be included with all abortions and should include admission history and physical, discharge summary, pathology report, operative report, physician progress notes, and the signed abortion statement form.
4. The following diagnosis codes do not require the submission of supporting documentation: O010, O011 and O019; O0281; O021; 0364xx0; O4200, O4290 and O42011; O4210, O42111 and O42119. This list is not all inclusive; determination of the appropriate ICD-10 code should be based upon clinical interpretation.

Well-Woman Exam

Prior authorization is not required for an annual well-woman exam when performed by a
If you detect a health problem during a well-woman exam, do not change the coding from a well exam to a sick visit. When billing, use Z01411, Z01419 ICD-10 as the first diagnosis. The second diagnosis is determined by the detected problem. If the well-woman exam can be completed, bill the well exam E/M code with modifier 25 and list any additional services.

Effective for dates of service July 1, 2019 or after, a sick visit can be billed on the same date of service as the well-woman exam. If the well-woman exam cannot be completed, bill only the sick visit.

Health Care Professional/Provider Disputes

A health care professional/provider dispute is an escalated verbal or written expression of dissatisfaction by a health care professional/provider, not otherwise acting in the capacity of an authorized representative of a Select Health member, to dispute the denial of payment of a claim or regarding a decision that directly impacts the health care professional/provider. In the case of a contracted, in-network health care professional/provider, the provider dispute system addresses the plan’s policies, procedures or any aspect of the plan’s administrative functions. For a non-contracted out-of-network health care professional/provider, the provider dispute system addresses non-payment, denial or reduction of a covered service rendered out of network, including emergency care. Provider disputes are generally administrative in nature involving post-service denials or reductions, as well as claims issues.

Health care professionals/providers must register the dispute within 60 calendar days from the original adverse notification or action either verbally (telephonically or in person via the provider's designated account executive) or in writing (electronic mail or surface mail). Disputes received after 60 calendar days from original adverse notification or action are subject to administrative denial. Disputes involving multiple claims with same or similar payment issues may be consolidated. All provider dispute determinations will be communicated to the health care professional/provider in writing, unless otherwise requested by the health care professional/provider.

Common examples of health care professional/provider disputes include:

- Unresolved claims issues such as incorrect claims processing (TPL, COB, eligibility, payment dispute, timely submission, claim editing).
- Plan process issues such as failure to notify health care professional/provider of policy changes, dissatisfaction with the Select Health’s prior authorization process/timeliness, etc.
- Plan service issues such as failure to return a provider call, availability of Select Health’s Provider Network representatives, lack of provider orientation/education, etc.
- Contracting issues such as incorrect capitation or claims payments, incorrect information regarding the health care professional/provider data or demographic, etc.
- Member issues surrounding a member’s behavior, non-compliance, non-adherence to treatment plans, etc.

To register a dispute in writing, a written explanation of the issue and any supporting documentation should be sent to:

Select Health of South Carolina
Provider Claims Disputes
PO Box 7310
London, KY 40742-7310

Submission of a provider dispute to a Post Office Box other than the address listed above may result in delays in the resolution of your dispute. For accurate and timely resolution of disputes, providers should include the following information:

- Health care professional/provider’s name
- Health care professional/provider’s plan ID number
- Health care professional/provider’s NPI number
- A contact person’s name, phone number and address for further correspondence
- Description of dispute
- Number of claims involved (if applicable)
- A sample of the claim(s) (if applicable)
- A description of the claims issue (if applicable)
- Supporting documentation

To register a dispute verbally, health care
professionals/providers may call the Provider Claim Service Unit (PCSU) at 1-800-575-0418 or your provider account executive. Disputes will be resolved within 30 calendar days from date of receipt by the appropriate department, unless a mutually agreed upon extension of 15 calendar days is required to obtain additional information. Any mutually agreed upon extension shall be made between the provider initiating the dispute and the provider dispute staff.

Note: There is only one level of disputes. Claims payment disputes are not appeals. Appeals are usually for pre-service issues. An appeal is a request for review of an adverse benefit determination. An "adverse benefit determination" could be the denial or limited authorization of a requested service, including the type or level of service; or reduction, suspension, or termination of a previously authorized service, etc. Providers generally do not have the right to an appeal except on behalf of the affected member, as described in the following section.

Select Health encourages providers to contact your provider Account Executive or the provider claim service unit (PCSU) at 1-800-575-0418 to address additional questions.

Medical Review Determinations

Denials

In cases that do not meet medical necessity criteria for approval, professional staff will refer the case to the Select Health medical director for a final review and determination. A member of Select Health’s staff will communicate the final determination to the requesting health care professional/provider, offering him/her the opportunity to supply additional information. The medical director may refer a case for peer review with a same- or similar-specialty physician external to the health plan prior to the final determination. Individuals who make decisions on grievances and appeals shall be individuals who were not involved in any previous level of review or decision making and who are not a subordinate of the individual who made the prior adverse benefit determination.

Medical Director Availability (Peer-to-Peer)

Medical Directors are available to discuss possible adverse benefit determinations (peer-to-peer) with the requesting or ordering healthcare professional/provider as a preliminary step before initiation of an appeal. This provides the requesting or ordering health care professional/provider the opportunity to discuss the case and possibly present additional information not included in the initial review.

The requesting/ordering provider may request a peer-to-peer review with one of the Select Health medical directors within 3 business days from verbal notification of the determination that the authorization request does not meet medical necessity criteria. The peer-to-peer option is no longer available to the health care professional/provider after 3 business days from the verbal notification of the determination.

The Medical Director will respond to requests for a peer-to-peer discussion from the requesting/ordering provider within one business day. If the original medical director is not available for a peer-to-peer review, the request will be forwarded to another medical director.

If the requested service is not approved, a letter of denial of coverage will follow. This letter informs the health care professional/provider of his/her right to appeal on behalf of the member (see Appeal of Utilization Management Decisions) and clearly documents the reason for denial. The denial notification additionally explains how a health care professional/provider can discuss the case with a Medical Director or obtain the criteria used in making the determination. A copy of the letter of denial is sent to the member, primary care provider and all other health care professionals/providers as necessary.

Appeal of Utilization Management Decisions

A member, a member’s authorized representative, or a health care professional/provider acting on behalf of the member and with the member’s written consent may submit an appeal of an adverse benefit determination by Select Health based on a medical necessity/appropriateness.

An appeal is a request for review of an adverse benefit determination as “adverse benefit determination” is defined in 42 C.F.R. § 438.400; “adverse benefit determination” means (1) the denial or limited authorization of a requested service, including the type or level of service; (2) the reduction, suspension, or termination of a previously authorized service; (3) the denial, in whole or in part, of payment for a service; (4) the failure to provide services in a timely manner,
as defined by SCDHHS; (5) the failure of the managed care organization (MCO) to act within the time frames provided in 42 C.F.R. § 438.408(b) as further provided by SCDHHS in First Choice’s contract with SCDHHS; or (6) for a resident of a rural area with only one MCO, the denial of a Healthy Connections MCO member’s request to exercise his or her right, under 42 C.F.R. § 438.52(b)(2)(ii), to obtain services outside the MCO’s network; (7) the denial of a member’s request to dispute a financial liability, including cost sharing, copayments, premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and other member financial liabilities.”

Appeals must be filed within 60 calendar days from the date on the denial or adverse benefit determination notification. Appeals may be filed orally or in writing and unless the request is for an expedited resolution, an oral filing must be followed up with a written, signed appeal within 30 calendar days of the oral filing. The written request should include a contact person’s name, address for further correspondence, member’s written consent, complete medical record and a summary of any additional details or documentation applicable for review of the appeal. The member’s written consent for the provider to appeal on their behalf should be signed by the member. The request for appeal and the member’s written consent can be combined in one document or the Member Consent for Provider to File an Appeal form may be used (see the Exhibits section or go to the Select Health website at www.selecthealthofsc.com/pdf/provider/forms/member-consent-provider.pdf).

Submit appeals and supporting documentation to:

Select Health of South Carolina
Attn: Member Appeals
P.O. Box 40849
Charleston, SC 29423-0849

If the member or authorized representative does not follow up with written confirmation within thirty calendar days of initiating an oral appeal, the appeal may be dismissed. If the written confirmation is received after thirty calendar days from the date of filing an oral appeal request but is within the sixty calendar day filing period, the thirty calendar day resolution time frame will begin at the time of receipt of written confirmation.

The member may initiate the process through Member Services. Members will be informed of all time frames associated with filing an appeal and of the limited time available in the case of an expedited appeal. Information will also be provided on the availability of the State Fair Hearing process once the plan appeal process is exhausted.

Assistance is available to members throughout the appeal process at no cost to the member. Member advocates will provide written acknowledgment of receipt of an appeal, including appeals that are withdrawn, to the member and/or member’s authorized representative within one business day. The letter will contain instructions for completing the required written, signed confirmation if an oral appeal was filed.

Providers, appealing on behalf of the member, may initiate an appeal through the Medical Management appeals department. Select Health ensures that no punitive action is taken against a provider, acting on behalf of the member, who requests an expedited resolution or supports a member’s appeal.

Select Health ensures that the medical director, nurse or licensed behavioral health professional, psychiatrist or psychologist involved in the review and/or resolution of an appeal, or clinical determination is licensed in the state of South Carolina and has appropriate training and clinical expertise in treating the member’s condition or disease addressed in the appeal when deciding the following:

- Appeal of a denial based on lack of medical necessity
- Grievance of denial of expedited resolution of an appeal; or
- Grievance or appeal involving clinical issues.

Resolution of the appeal and notification of the appeal decision is made within 30 calendar days of receipt of a standard appeal request, via certified mail return receipt requested to the member or authorized representative and to the requesting provider.

**Extension of Grievance and Appeal Resolution Time Frames**

Select Health may extend the time frames for Grievances, Standard Appeals, and Expedited Appeals resolution for up to fourteen (14) calendar days if the member requests the extension, or if Select Health shows (to the satisfaction of SCDHHS, upon its request) that there is need for additional information and how the delay is in the member’s interest. If Select Health extends the time frame, written notice will be sent to the member of the reason for the delay.
if the extension was not requested by the member. Select Health will:

- Make reasonable efforts to give the member prompt oral notice of the delay.
- Within two calendar days give the member written notice of the reason for the decision to extend the time frame and inform the member of the right to file a grievance if he or she disagrees with that decision.
- Resolve the appeal as expeditiously as the member’s health condition requires and no later than the date the extension expires.

A member or a member’s authorized representative can also request an extension.

Select Health has one appeal level; members or health care professional/providers acting on behalf of the member, with the member’s written consent, who wish to appeal any decision made by Select Health’s Appeals Committee or Medical Director will be referred to the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Appeals and Hearings. A State Fair Hearing may be requested by the member or the health care professional/provider on behalf of the member after Select Health’s appeal process is exhausted.

The State Fair Hearing process must be requested by the member within 120 calendar days of the denial or action notification. State Fair Hearing appeal requests can be made through the SCDHHS website at https://msp.scdhhs.gov/appeals or sent to:

**SCDHHS Division of Appeals and Hearings**
P.O. Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202

Members are provided the instructions above on accessing a State Fair Hearing in the appeal determination letter.

After requesting a State Fair Hearing, a member may give the provider written consent to represent him/her at the State Fair Hearing. Healthcare professionals/providers do not have an inherent right to the State Fair Hearing but may represent the member upon written authorization of the member.

**Expedited Appeal**
A member or a health care professional/provider acting on behalf of a member may initiate an expedited appeal. This process is initiated when a delay in decision-making or standard medical appeal process may seriously jeopardize the member’s life or health or ability to attain, maintain or regain maximum function. A request for an expedited review can be made by a provider or member upon either verbal or written request. If this process is initiated for a concurrent review determination, the service is continued without liability to the member until the member is notified of the decision. If Select Health denies a request to treat an appeal as “expedited,” the appeal will be transferred to the standard appeal process.

The expedited appeal will be resolved and notice of action determination sent to the member via certified mail with return receipt request and to the practitioner acting on the member’s behalf within 72 hours after receipt of the appeal.

If the request for expedited resolution is denied, the appeal will be transferred to the standard time frame, reasonable effort will be made to give the member prompt oral notice of the denial of expedited resolution, and followed up within two calendar days of oral notice with a written notice. This decision will not constitute an action or require a notice of action. The member may file a grievance in response to this decision.

**Continuation of Benefits**
Select Health will continue member benefits while the Select Health appeals and the State Fair Hearing is pending if:

a. The member or authorized representative files the appeal timely.

b. The appeal involves the termination, suspension, or reduction of a previously authorized course of treatment.

c. The services were ordered by an authorized provider.

d. The original period covered by the original authorization has not expired.

e. The member requests an extension of benefits.

Select Health will continue or reinstate the member’s benefits, at the member’s request, while the appeal or State Fair Hearing is pending until one of the following occurs:

a. The member withdraws the appeal or State Fair Hearing request.
b. Ten calendar days pass after the plan mails the
notice of an adverse resolution to the member’s appeal, and the member has not requested a State Fair Hearing and continuation of benefits.

c. A State Fair Hearing Officer issues a hearing decision adverse to the member.

d. The time period or service limits of previously authorized service has been met.

If the final resolution of the appeal is adverse to the member, the plan may recover the cost of the appealed services furnished to the member while the appeal was pending.

If Select Health or the State Fair Hearing Officer reverses a decision to deny, limit or delay services that were not provided while the appeal was pending, Select Health will authorize or provide the services to the member promptly and as fast as the member’s health condition requires. This will occur no later than 72 hours from the date that Select Health receives notice of the reversed decision.

Providers or authorized representatives may request an appeal or file a grievance, but cannot request continuation of benefits.

**INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

The overall goal of our Integrated Health Care Management Program is to improve the health and welfare of our members. The following specific objectives direct our activities:

- Improve the health outcome measures of our members (as reflected by HEDIS® scores).

- Improve the coordination of care for our members – to include more consistent use of primary care providers (PCPs) and more appropriate use of specialists.

- Facilitate more efficient use of resources – including the appropriate level of care (setting and intensity).

- Improve the access to health care for our members.

- Increase the empowerment of our members to embrace self-care behaviors.

Within Integrated Health Care Management, we have several programs, which allow us to meet the specific needs of our member population. Each program’s focus is to maintain and/or improve the targeted population’s health status through assessment, coordination of resources and promotion of self-management through education. **We welcome referrals from our health care professionals/providers. If you think any of your patients who have First Choice would benefit from our programs, please call us at 1-888-559-1010, ext 55251.**

**Complex Care Management**

This program targets our members with complex medical conditions. These members may have multiple co-morbidities or may have a single serious diagnosis like HIV or cancer. Our care managers work one-on-one with patients to meet their physical and behavioral health care needs. The following are some of the interventions provided by our nurse care managers:

- Coordination of care: making sure the member is seeing their PCP, assisting with referrals to specialists and making sure the PCP is aware of other care the member is receiving (specialists, ER, etc.).

- Patient education: making sure the member understands the disease and treatment regimen.

- Self-Management: guidance that motivates the member toward compliance and self-management.

**Disease Management Programs**

We have several disease-specific management programs. Interventions range from one-on-one nurse interaction for high-risk members to periodic educational mailings for low-risk members. The goal of all of our disease-specific management programs is to improve the quality of life for the involved members. We strive to accomplish this goal by providing risk-appropriate case management and education services, with a special emphasis on promoting self-management.

- **Breathe Easy** – asthma management program for members of all ages with asthma. We especially promote member compliance with controller medications. Our program is based on current asthma practice guidelines from the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, accessible by the link below: [http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/asthma/asthgdln.htm](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/asthma/asthgdln.htm)

- **In Control** – diabetes management program for members of all ages – with the goal of preventing or reducing long-term complications. Our program is based on current diabetes practice guidelines from the American Diabetes Association, accessible by the link below: [https://professional.diabetes.org/content-page/standards-medical-care-diabetes](https://professional.diabetes.org/content-page/standards-medical-care-diabetes)

- **Heart First** – cardiovascular disease management program with an emphasis on self-management interventions such as daily weights and medication
compliance. Our program is based on current heart failure guidelines from the American College of Cardiology Foundation/American Heart Association, accessible by the link below: www.acc.org/guidelines

- **Sickle Cell Program** – assisting our members with sickle cell disease to get the care they need to better manage this disease. Our program is based on current sickle cell disease practice guidelines from the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, accessible by the link below: https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health-topics/sickle-cell-disease

**Emergency Room Outreach Program**
This program provides outreach to members who are frequent ER users, directing them to more appropriate sources of care, such as their PCP or Urgent Care Center. The program was designed to improve patient health outcomes while reducing utilization of costly emergency room services. The objectives of the program include the following:

- Reduce emergency room utilization and costs.
- Provide member education about appropriate emergency room use and promote self-management behaviors.
- Increase the rate of PCP utilization.
- Identify and address barriers to primary care for individual members.
- Identify members with ongoing chronic conditions and refer them to the appropriate care management program.

**Rapid Response/Episodic Care Program**
This program is designed to meet the short-term or episodic needs of our members, especially members with recent hospitalizations. This program serves those members who are generally healthy and do not need a long-term care management program but have had recent healthcare issues and need short-term follow-up by one of our nurses to make sure they get the services they need for a complete recovery. Examples of members in this program include the following:

- Member discharged from the hospital with short-term home IV therapy.
- Member with recent trauma requiring short-term physical or occupational therapy.
- Member with dehisced surgical wound requiring wound VAC therapy.

Our Rapid Response nurses make sure our members get the appropriate care in the appropriate setting – in a timely manner – sometimes preventing unnecessary readmissions.

**Maternal Child Management (Bright Start®) Program**
This program is designed to improve the health outcomes of our pregnant members and their babies.

**Prenatal Risk Assessment Form and Care Authorization**
Members may obtain prenatal care without a referral from their primary care provider. The OB provider is responsible for contacting Select Health to obtain an authorization for prenatal care. This prenatal care authorization covers all prenatal and postpartum services (exams, testing, etc) provided by the OB provider in the OB office setting. Fetal biophysical profiles, non-stress tests and amniocentesis are allowed when medically necessary. Three ultrasounds are allowed without authorization; four or more, while they still do not require authorization, will require a high risk diagnosis. This requirement applies to all OB providers, even Maternal Fetal Medicine.

- To obtain the prenatal care authorization, OB providers are asked to fax a completed Prenatal Risk Assessment Form (see Exhibit) to 1-866-533-5493.

Authorization requests and the prenatal risk assessment may also be submitted online through the NaviNet provider portal.

A Prenatal Outreach representative will fax the provider an authorization number once the risk assessment information is received. If the request is submitted on-line and all required clinical information is included, the authorization number will be given through NaviNet. Please call our prenatal outreach staff at 1-888-559-1010, ext. 55251 with any questions about this process.

Additional authorization is required for inpatient hospital care (including the delivery) and other services (including testing) provided outside of the OB provider’s office. OB providers may call Select Health’s Medical Management department to secure any additional authorizations for service at 1-888-559-1010.

**Alpha Hydroxprogesterone Caporate (Makena™ and 17P) Injection Authorizations**
Select Health authorizes the use of 17 Alpha Hydroprogesterone Caporate (Makena™ and 17P) injections for women who meet the medical necessity
criteria as outlined on the Universal 17-P authorization form (see Exhibit 15). Please fax the completed Alpha Hydroxprogesterone Caporate (Makena™ and 17P) Authorization Form to 1-866-533-5493. Call 1-888-559-1010, option #5, and ask for Bright Start with any authorization questions.

**Prenatal Outreach and Care Management**

Early identification of pregnant members and their prenatal risk factors play a significant part in the Bright Start program. The Prenatal Risk Assessment Form provides risk-screening information that routinely is obtained during the first prenatal visit. Based on this information, our pregnant members are stratified as either low-risk or high-risk. Low-risk members receive appropriate educational materials with contact numbers to call with any questions or concerns during their pregnancy. High-risk members are followed by a registered nurse for risk-appropriate education and care management.

Examples of education topics and services provided by our high-risk prenatal care managers include the following:

- Diabetes/Gestational diabetes
- HTN/Pre-eclampsia
- Preterm labor
- Assistance with community resources
- Screening for Alpha Hydroxprogesterone Caporate (Makena™ and 17P) injections

We support all of our pregnant members to make healthy choices and to be active participants in their prenatal care.

**Pulse Oximetry Screening**

Effective July 1, 2014, in accordance with the Emerson Rose Act, SCDHHS and SCDHEC regulations, Select Health requires pulse oximetry screening tests on newborns to detect congenital heart defects. Pulse oximetry is a noninvasive test that estimates the percentage of hemoglobin in blood that is saturated with oxygen.

The Emerson Rose Act became effective Sept. 11, 2013, mandating that DHEC require each birthing facility it licenses to perform a pulse oximetry screening test or other DHEC-approved screening to detect critical congenital heart defects on every newborn in its care.

The test is to be performed when the baby is 24 to 48 hours of age, or as late as possible if the baby is discharged from the hospital before reaching 24 hours of age. Pulse oximetry screening for newborns shall be performed in the manner designated by DHEC guidelines located at www.scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/docs/Health/docs/PS-R016-20130827.pdf. A newborn may be exempt from the required screening if the parent objects, in writing, for reasons pertaining to religious beliefs only.

The hospital reimbursement for newborns is an all-inclusive payment for services rendered during that hospital stay and thus includes the pulse oximetry screen.

In compliance with DHEC policy, licensed midwives and certified nurse midwives that deliver a newborn in a birthing center must also perform this test. In addition, SCDHHS requires the test to be performed when a newborn is delivered at home.

When billing for the screening:

- Licensed midwives delivering in a birthing center or at home must bill procedure code 99499 and append the “SB” modifier.
- Certified nurse midwives or other clinician delivering in a birthing center or at home must bill procedure code 99499 and append the “UD” modifier.
- The birthing center is responsible for following the policy as outlined by DHEC.

**Birth Outcomes Initiative**

As an advocate of healthy moms and healthy babies, First Choice has joined SCDHSS and its other partners in the Birth Outcomes Initiative (BOI). The BOI’s goal is to improve the health of moms and newborns in the Medicaid program. Launched in July 2011, the BOI is focused on achieving five key goals:

- Ending elective inductions for non-medically indicated deliveries prior to 39 weeks in an attempt to reduce the number of C-sections as well as NICU admissions.
- Reducing the average length of stay in neonatal intensive care units and pediatric intensive care units.
- Reducing health disparities among newborns.
- Making Alpha Hydroxprogesterone Caporate (Makena™ and 17P), a compound that helps prevent pre-term births, available to all at-risk pregnant women.
- Implementing a universal screening and referral tool for physicians. This tool will screen pregnant women for tobacco use, substance abuse,
depression and domestic violence.

Centering Pregnancy
A component of the Birth Outcomes Initiative (BOI), Centering Pregnancy is a multifaceted model of group care that integrates the three major components of care: health assessment, education, and support, into a unified program within a group setting. Women with similar gestational ages meet together, learning care skills, participating in a facilitated discussion, and developing a support network with other group members. Each Pregnancy group meets throughout pregnancy and early postpartum. The practitioner, within the group space, completes standard physical health assessments.

The Centering Healthcare Institute must have certified the centering program provider and an incentive will be paid for members who attend ten or more visits with the certified provider. For more information on submitting centering pregnancy claims, consult the Claims Filing Manual located on the Select Health website at www.selecthealthofsc.com/pdf/provider/claim-filing-manual.pdf.

Screening, Brief Intervention And Referral To Treatment
Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) is another component of the SCDHHS' Birth Outcome Initiative (BOI), with the primary goal to improve birth outcomes and overall health of the moms and babies in South Carolina. It is state health agencies’ screening and treatment program for pregnant Medicaid enrollees for the treatment of substance abuse.

Clinicians who provide these services will be reimbursed by Select Health for the screening and the referral to treatment. For specific billing instructions refer to the Claims Filing Manual located in the Provider Center on the Select Health website.

NICU Program
Bright Start® program nurses also follow our newborns who require NICU admission. While in the NICU, the nurses follow the newborn’s course of treatment to make sure they receive the appropriate care in the appropriate setting without unnecessary delays. The nurses also work with the parents or guardians of these babies, making sure they learn to take care of their special newborns upon discharge.

Payment of Non-Participating Pediatric Providers
There may be cases where a non-participating pediatrician provides services to a newborn due to institutional and/or business relationships. Examples include post-delivery treatment prior to discharge by a pediatrician who is under contract with a hospital, as well as in-office services rendered by non-contracted providers within the first 60 days following hospital discharge.

In the interest of continuity of care, Select Health will compensate these non-participating providers, at a minimum, the Medicaid fee-for-service rate on the date(s) of service until such time the infant can be served by a participating physician, or can be transferred to a health plan in which the pediatrician is enrolled. A Universal Newborn Prior Authorization (PA) form has been developed and implemented as a means of facilitating the PA process for services rendered in an office setting within 60 days following hospital discharge. This form is located on the Select Health website and in the Exhibits section of this manual.

If you have any members who would benefit from one of our programs, please call Integrated Health Care Management at 1-888-559-1010, ext. 55251.

First Choice Member Information
First Choice is Select Health’s managed health care plan for Medicaid members.

Member Access Guidelines
The following guidelines apply to scheduling procedures at all health care professionals/providers’ offices:

- Routine visits are scheduled within four to six weeks.
- Urgent, non-emergency visits within 48 hours.
- Emergency visits immediately upon presentation at a service delivery site.

Waiting times should not exceed 45 minutes for scheduled appointments of a routine nature. Walk-in patients with non-urgent needs should be seen if possible or scheduled for an appointment consistent with written scheduling procedures. Walk-in patients with urgent needs should be seen within 48 hours.

Physicians will assure that access to emergency medical care is available to members 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This may be accomplished via telephone coverage, instructing First Choice members on where to receive emergency and urgent health care.
Primary care practices will provide at least one primary care physician full time equivalent per 2,500 members (First Choice, Medicaid and commercial members).

Accessibility guidelines will be monitored in a number of ways:
- Member satisfaction surveys
- Member grievances and appeals
- Telephone accessibility surveys

Members are educated about the importance of keeping appointments. If you experience a problem with a particular member, please notify Member Services immediately at 1-888-276-2020. We will provide one-on-one counseling with the member. When a member misses two consecutive appointments, the member is sent a letter explaining that the third appointment missed may lead to their disenrollment from First Choice.

**ENROLLMENT**
- All member enrollments are without regard to health care status.
- Effective date of enrollment takes two to six weeks.
- Each member selects a primary care provider (PCP) upon enrollment.
- All members receive a copy of the First Choice Member Handbook containing comprehensive information, which includes:
  a. Member Rights and Responsibilities
  b. Terms and conditions of enrollment
  c. Description of covered services
  d. How to access “out-of-plan” emergency services
  e. Member grievance procedures
  f. Disenrollment rights and procedures
  g. Select Health’s Member Services toll-free number: 1-888-276-2020

A copy of the First Choice member handbook is included with each health care professional/provider manual at initial orientation. If you would like an updated copy, call Provider Services at 1-800-741-6605.

**ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION**
Each member will have two identification cards.
- Healthy Connections ID cards are mailed to each head of household by the state.
- All health care professionals/providers should review the Healthy Connections ID card during each visit. Please see the sample Healthy Connections ID card in the Exhibits section of this manual.
- Each member receives a First Choice ID card within two weeks of the effective date of plan membership. This card notes PCP, PCP phone number and member ID. Please see the sample First Choice ID card in the Exhibits section of this manual.

Eligibility information is available through the NaviNet web portal, https://navinet.navimedix.com/sign-in?ReturnUrl=/Main, and other electronic verification systems.

Membership may be verified by calling Select Health’s Member Services department.

First Choice members should present their Healthy Connections ID card at each visit.

In addition, PCPs should confirm member eligibility by checking the First Choice provider roster. This roster is routinely mailed to the practice location at the first and middle of each month.

**MEMBER ELIGIBILITY**
The following categories of Medicaid recipients are eligible for First Choice membership:
- TANF – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- SOBRA – Women who are eligible for Medicaid because of pregnancy
- SSI without Medicare – Social Security Income without Medicare

All other Medicaid categories are ineligible to join First Choice.

A newborn child of a First Choice mother is automatically enrolled for health care services in First Choice.

**MEMBER DISENROLLMENT**
A First Choice member’s coverage begins on the first day of the month and lasts for a period of 12 months contingent upon their continued Medicaid eligibility. Disenrollment may be requested by the member or SCDHHS or First Choice.

Members may request disenrollment once, without a specific reason, at any time during the 90 days following their initial enrollment or re-enrollment. After 90 days they must provide a specific reason to leave First Choice. The following are considered cause for a
member to request disenrollment at any time:

- Member moves out of the First Choice service area;
- First Choice does not, because of moral or religious reasons, cover the service the member wants;
- The member needs related services to be performed at the same time and not all related services are available in the network; the PCP or another provider determines that receiving the services separately would put the member at unnecessary risk;
- Other reasons, including but not limited to, poor quality of care, lack of access to services covered under First Choice’s contract with SCDHHS, or lack of access to providers experienced in dealing with the member’s health care needs.

First Choice may be notified of an involuntary disenrollment by the SCDHHS due to any of the following reasons:

- Loss of Medicaid eligibility or Medicaid MCO program eligibility;
- Death of member;
- Member’s intentional submission of fraudulent information;
- Member becomes an inmate of a public institution;
- Member moves out of state;
- Member elects hospice;
- Member becomes Medicare eligible;
- Member becomes institutionalized in a long term care facility/nursing home for more than 90 continuous days;
- Member elects home and community based waiver programs;
- First Choice no longer participates in the Medicaid managed care organization program or in the member’s service area;
- Member dies;
- Member becomes an inmate of a public institution;
- Member moves out of state or the First Choice service area;
- Member elects hospice;
- Member becomes institutionalized in a long term care facility/nursing home for more than 90 continuous days;
- Member elects home and community based waiver programs;
- First Choice determines that member has Medicare coverage;
- Member becomes age 65 or older
- Member’s behavior is disruptive, unruly, abusive, or uncooperative and prevents First Choice from providing services to member or other enrolled members;
- Member is placed out of home [i.e. intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded (ICF/MR), psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF)]

Health care professionals/providers are requested to document non-medical problems such as the above on separate sheets in the medical record and to notify Member Services as soon as possible for assistance.

First Choice members may not be disenrolled for pre-existing medical conditions, change in health status or high utilization of services.

**MEMBER TRANSFER**

First Choice members may change primary care providers (PCPs) by calling Member Services.

The effective date of the change will be as follows:

- Through the 25th of the month, change is effective on the 1st of the next month.
- From the 26th-31st of the month, change is effective on the 1st day of the month after next.

If it is determined that Select Health has inappropriately assigned a member to the wrong PCP, we will make the adjustment on a case-by-case basis.

The PCP may request a member be transferred to another practice for any of the following reasons:

- Repeated disregard of medical advice
• Repeated disregard of member responsibilities
• Personality conflicts between physician and/or staff with member

Again, health care professionals/providers are requested to document such problems as these and contact Member Services as soon as possible for assistance, and the transfer will take place on the first day of the following month. The transferring health care professional/provider must transfer copies of the member’s medical record to the new health care professional/provider.

There is a Physician’s Request for Transfer of Member form available on the Select Health website at www.selecthealthofsc.com/pdf/provider/forms/request-member-transfer-form.pdf.

**Member No Shows**
All First Choice “no shows” must be reported to Member Services. There are procedures in place to control the no show frequency of our members. In order to initiate these procedures, please contact Member Services at 1-888-276-2020 to report all no show appointments.

**Medicaid Hotline Number**
A hotline has been established by the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for immediate health care professional/provider and member access to report problems or ask questions. This number is 1-888-549-0820.

**Member Rights and Responsibilities**
Select Health provides members with both written and verbal information regarding their rights and responsibilities as members of First Choice. All members receive a member handbook upon enrollment that outlines their rights and responsibilities in writing, and they are distributed annually via the member newsletter. Member Services representatives also attempt to contact each member household to discuss plan benefits and member rights and responsibilities.

**Members’ and Potential Members’ Bill of Rights**
1. To be treated with respect and with due consideration for his or her dignity and privacy.
2. To participate in decisions regarding his or her healthcare, including the right to refuse treatment.
3. To be free from any form of restraint or seclusion used as a means of coercion, discipline, convenience or retaliation, as specified in the federal regulations on the use of restraints and seclusion.
4. To be able to request and receive a copy of his or her Medical Records, and request that they be amended or corrected.
5. To receive healthcare services that are accessible, are comparable in amount, duration and scope to those provided under Medicaid FFS and are sufficient in amount, duration and scope to reasonably be expected to achieve the purpose for which the services are furnished.
6. To receive services that are appropriate and are not denied or reduced solely because of diagnosis, type of illness, or medical condition.
7. To receive all information including but not limited to Enrollment notices, informational materials, instructional materials, available treatment options, and alternatives in a manner and format that may be easily understood.
8. To receive assistance from both SCDHHS and the MCO in understanding the requirements and benefits of the MCO’s plan.
9. To receive oral interpretation services free of charge for all non-English languages, not just those identified as prevalent.
10. To be notified that oral interpretation is available and how to access those services.
11. As a potential member, to receive information about the basic features of managed care; which populations may or may not enroll in the program and the MCO’s responsibilities for coordination of care in a timely manner in order make an informed choice.
12. To receive information on the MCO’s services, to include, but not limited to:
   a. Benefits covered
   b. Procedures for obtaining benefits, including any authorization requirements
   c. Any cost sharing requirements
   d. Service area
   e. Names, locations, telephone numbers of and non-English language spoken by current contracted providers, including at a minimum, primary care physicians, specialists, and hospitals.
f. Any restrictions on member’s freedom of choice among network Providers.
g. Providers not accepting new patients.
h. Benefits not offered by the MCO but available to members and how to obtain those benefits, including how transportation is provided.

13. To receive a complete description of disenrollment rights at least annually.

14. To receive notice of any significant changes in the benefits package at least thirty (30) days before the intended effective date of the change.

15. To receive information on the grievance, appeal and fair hearing procedures.

16. To receive detailed information on emergency and after-hours coverage, to include, but not limited to:
   a. What constitutes an emergency medical condition, emergency services, and post-stabilization services.
   b. That emergency services do not require prior authorization.
   c. The process and procedures for obtaining emergency services.
   d. The locations of any emergency settings and other locations at which providers and hospitals furnish emergency services and post-stabilization services covered under the contract.
   e. Member’s right to use any hospital or other setting for emergency care.
   f. Post-Stabilization care services rules as detailed in 42 CFR §422.113(c).

17. To receive the MCO’s policy on referrals for specialty care and other benefits not provided by the member’s PCP.

18. To have his or her privacy protected in accordance with the privacy requirements in 45 CFR parts 160 and 164 subparts A and E, to the extent that they are applicable.

19. To exercise these rights without adversely affecting the way the MCO, its providers or SCDHHS treat the members.

20. To have a candid discussion of appropriate or medically necessary treatment options for your conditions, regardless of cost or benefit coverage.

21. To voice grievances or appeals about First Choice or the care it provides.

22. To make recommendations regarding First Choice’s member rights and responsibilities.

**Member Responsibilities**

1. Establish you or your children with a primary care provider (PCP) within 30 days of entering the Plan.

2. Not to change your PCP without approval from First Choice.

3. Inform First Choice of any loss or theft of your ID card.

4. Present your ID card whenever using health care services.

5. Being familiar with First Choice procedures to the best of your ability.

6. If you have any questions or require additional information, contact the First Choice Member Services Department to have your questions clarified.

7. Access preventative services.

8. Treat your PCP(s) and their staff(s) with kindness and respect.

9. Provide your PCP(s) with accurate and complete medical information.

10. Follow the prescribed treatment of care recommended by the provider or letting the provider know the reasons the treatment cannot be followed as soon as possible.

11. Obtain a referral from your PCP(s) before you go to the hospital your PCP(s) recommended.

12. Go to the emergency room only for emergencies.

13. Call your PCP(s) as soon as you or a family member feels ill. Do not wait. If you feel you have a life-threatening emergency, go to your closest hospital.

14. Make every effort to keep any agreed upon appointment.

15. Notify First Choice if your or your child/children’s name, address or phone number changes.

16. Inform First Choice of any change in your legal status regarding your authority to make decisions on behalf of your child or children.

**Advance Directives**

**Living Will and Power of Attorney**

South Carolina and federal law give all competent adults, 18 years or older, the right to make their own healthcare decisions, including the right to decide what medical care or treatment to accept, reject or
discontinue. If members do not want to receive certain types of treatment or wish to name someone to make healthcare decisions for them, they have the right to make these desires known to their doctor, hospital or other healthcare providers, and in general, have these rights respected. Members also have the right to be told about the nature of their illness in terms that they can understand, the general nature of the proposed treatments, the risks of failing to undergo these treatments and any alternative treatments or procedures that may be available to them.

State law mandates that the Lt. Governor’s Office on Aging provide information to the public about advance directives or living wills and healthcare powers of attorney. The South Carolina legislature has approved forms for both a living will and a healthcare power of attorney. The living will form that the legislature approved is called a Declaration of a Desire for a Natural Death. Members may be directed to get these forms from the local Area Agency on Aging or by contacting the Lieutenant Governor’s Office on Aging at 1-800-868-9095 or 1-803-734-9900.

Health care professionals/providers should discuss these options with their patients and have the discussion documented in the patient’s medical record.

**Outreach Services**

The Quality Improvement and Member Services departments are responsible for the promotion of preventive health services for all members and prenatal services for pregnant members. It is our goal to identify members eligible for preventive services, notify these members and track and report utilization of services.

**EPSDT/Immunizations Outreach**

The objectives for EPSDT outreach include:

- Notify all members eligible for screening and immunizations.
- Follow up with members not receiving the recommended EPSDT service.
- Act as a resource to First Choice EPSDT providers.
- Improve plan EPSDT and Immunization utilization.
- Review submitted EPSDT records for identified risk factors, immunizations not up-to-date and identified referrals.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION SERVICES**

The Member Services department is available to assist with non-English-speaking members. To access this free service, please call the Member Services department toll free at 1-888-276-2020 or at 1-843-764-1877 in the Charleston area.

Please tell the Member Services representative the language that requires interpretation. If you are unsure of the language, tell the representative right away and a Language Services Associates (LSA) interpreter will be available within 60 seconds to assist.

After hours (after 9 p.m. Monday-Friday and after 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday), call the Nurse Help Line at 1-800-304-5436, and they will assist with getting you connected to this service.

**Primary Care Providers**

The primary care provider (PCP) functions as a “gatekeeper” who arranges primary care, specialty and ancillary services to meet members’ health care needs. The PCP manages the medical care of the member by:

- Meeting primary care needs
- Promoting quality and continuity of care
- Arranging for appropriate referrals to in-network health care professionals/providers
- Coordinating the overall health care for plan members
- Conducting adult health screenings and/or EPSDT visits as needed

PCP specialties may include:

- General practice
- Family medicine
- Internal medicine
- Pediatrics
- Nurse practitioner
- Obstetrics/Gynecology

**Patient-Centered Medical Home**

A patient-centered medical home (PCMH) is a model of care that strengthens the clinician-patient relationship by replacing episodic care with coordinated care and a long-term healing relationship. Each patient has a
relationship with a primary care clinician who leads a team that takes collective responsibility for patient care; providing for the patient's health care needs and arranging for appropriate care with other qualified clinicians. This model of care is intended to result in more personalized, coordinated, effective and efficient care.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) has established a quality incentive for achieving PCMH designation. Provider practices that have PCMH accreditation or have achieved NCQA Level I, II or III will receive a quarterly incentive payment (per member per month – PMPM – for each Select Health member) assigned to the practice.

Certified providers will be paid based upon the level of certification as posted on the NCQA website. The application level PCMH incentive will no longer be recognized for incentive payments after July 1, 2018.

Practices will not be reimbursed until they have achieved accreditation beginning July 1, 2018. Practices that purchased 2017 standards have 18 months to become accredited. After February 2019, practices will no longer receive reimbursement for application status.

SCDHHS has also deemed that FQHCs who achieved Joint Commission PCMH recognition are also eligible for the incentive. FQHCs with this designation will receive the PCMH level III incentive payment.

**Member Assignment**
A member roster is available on NaviNet on the first of each month. The roster lists assigned members’ names, addresses, Medicaid ID number and phone numbers. The health care professional/provider should contact new members indicated on the roster within 90 days of the member’s enrollment to schedule adult physicals or EPSDT exams. If a roster has not been received for the current month, please contact Select Health at 1-800-741-6605. Please review the sample roster included in the Exhibits section.

To verify membership in a PCP practice, always check the member roster and member ID card when a member arrives for a scheduled appointment or call Member Services at 1-888-276-2020.

**Primary Care Access Standards:**
The following are access standards that primary care providers must adhere to:

- Routine visits are to be scheduled within four weeks.
- Urgent, non-emergency visits within 48 hours.
- Emergency visits immediately upon presentation at a service delivery site.

Waiting times should not exceed 45 minutes for scheduled appointments of routine nature. Walk-in patients with urgent needs should be seen if possible or scheduled for an appointment consistent with written scheduling procedures. Walk-in patients with non-urgent needs should be seen within 48 hours.

**After-Hours Care**
Primary care services must be accessible after hours to members when medical conditions require medical attention before the next day of scheduled office hours.

**Billing for After-Hours Care**
Effective for dates of services on or after April 1, 2013, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will cover CPT codes:

- 99050 – Service(s) provided in the office at times other than regularly scheduled office hours, or days when the office is normally closed (i.e., holidays, Saturday or Sunday), in addition to basic service
- 99051 - Service(s) provided in the office during regularly scheduled evening, weekend, or holiday office hours, in addition to basic service

The above reference procedure codes are ONLY authorized for primary care providers (i.e. pediatricians, family practice, general practice, internal medicine, and obstetrics and gynecology). Providers will still be able to bill the evaluation and management code that best describes the level of service being rendered.

The intent of this change is to encourage the expansion of office hours to evenings, holidays, and weekends to reduce the need for Medicaid beneficiaries to seek services in the emergency room. Providers may only bill for the following holidays: New Year’s Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Holidays are defined as 8 a.m. the morning of the holiday until 8 a.m. the following morning.

After-hours procedure codes are not covered when the service is provided in a hospital emergency department, an inpatient hospital setting, outpatient
hospital setting or an urgent care facility (place of service codes 20, 21, 22 and 23). CPT code 99050 and 99051 are codes, which would be reported in addition to an associated evaluation and management service code. These claims will require correct coding based on CPT guidelines.

**USE OF NETWORK HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS/PROVIDERS**

Select Health provides a complete network of specialist, hospital and ancillary health care professionals/providers. PCPs must refer to network health care professionals/providers. Please contact Select Health Integrated Health Care Management if the use of a non-network health care professional/provider is required.

**LOCUM TENENS ARRANGEMENTS**

A locum tenens or substitute physician, is often employed to take over professional practices when the regular physician is absent for reasons such as illness, pregnancy, vacation, or continuing medical education.

The locum tenens is employed as an independent contractor rather than an employee of the regular physician. The regular physician may submit claims and receive payment for covered visit services (including emergency visits and related services) of a locum tenens physician whose services for the regular physician’s patients are not restricted to the regular physician’s office.

According to SCDHHS, the following requirements must be met for both reciprocal billing and locum tenens arrangements:

- The member must have scheduled or tried to schedule a visit with the regular physician.
- The regular physician must be unavailable to provide the visit services.
- The locum tenens must meet the same Medicaid licensing requirements as the regular physician. However, Medicaid enrollment is not required.
- The locum tenens cannot provide continuous services to the member for more than 60 days.
- Claims must be filed using the regular physician’s Medicaid provider ID and NPI number.

The regular physician’s office must keep a record of each service provided by the locum tenens and make this record available to Select Health or Medicaid upon request. Covered visit services include any services considered usual and customary for a covered physician visit, as well as any other covered items/services furnished by the locum tenens or by others incident to the physician services.

**COVERED BENEFITS**

First Choice members are entitled to all of the benefits provided under the South Carolina Medical Assistance Program.

Depending on the Member’s category of aid and age, benefit limits and co-payments may apply. Please refer to the Co-Payments list in the following section.

NOTE: A provider or member can ask Select Health to approve services above the inpatient hospitalization limits. An exception can be granted if a member has a serious chronic illness or other serious health condition and without the additional services their life and/or health would be in danger; would need more costly services if the exception is not granted; and/or would have to go into a nursing home or institution if the exception is not granted.

To request an exception on behalf of a member prior to the service, providers should call Utilization Management at 1-800-559-1010. To request an exception after the services have been rendered mail the request to:

Select Health of South Carolina  
Attn: Appeals Coordinator  
P.O. Box 7324  
London, KY 40743

**Benefits include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:**

- Acute inpatient psychiatric facility services
- Alcohol, drug and substance abuse treatment services through the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS)
- Ambulance transportation
- Ancillary medical services
- Audiological services
- Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) services
- Chiropractic services
- Communicable disease services
- Disease management
- Durable medical equipment
- Early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and
• Treatment (EPSDT)/well child
• Family planning services
• Hearing aids and hearing aid accessories
• Home health services
• Hysterectomies, sterilizations, abortions (according to federal and state regulations)
• Independent laboratory and x-ray services
• Inpatient hospital services
• Institutional long-term care facilities/nursing homes
• Maternity services
• Newborn hearing screenings
• Nutritional counseling
• Opioid treatment program (OTP) services
• Outpatient pediatric aids clinic services (OPAC)
• Outpatient services
• Physician services
• Prescription drugs
• Preventive and rehabilitative services for primary care enhancement (PSPCE/RSPCE)
• Psychiatric outpatient services
• Psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRFT) services
• Rehabilitative behavioral health services
• Rehabilitative therapies
• Transplant and transplant-related services
• Vision care services

Services Not Covered
Some services are not covered by the South Carolina Medical Assistance Program and/or Select Health, including, but not necessarily limited to, the following:
• Services that are not medically necessary
• Services rendered by a health care professional/provider who does not participate with Select Health, except for:
  • Emergency Services
  • Services otherwise prior authorized by Select Health
• Cosmetic surgery, such as tummy tucks, nose jobs, face lifts and liposuction
• Experimental treatment and investigational procedures, services and/or drugs
• Home modifications (for example, chair lifts)
• Acupuncture

• Infertility services
• Paternity testing
• Any service offered and covered through another insurance program, such as Worker’s Compensation, TRICARE or other commercial insurance that has not been prior authorized by Select Health
• Motorized lifts for vehicles
• Services provided outside the United States
• Private duty (also known as shift care) skilled nursing and/or private duty home health aide services for members 21 years of age or older
• Services not considered a “medical service” under Title XIX of the Social Security Act

When in doubt about whether Select Health will pay for health care services, please contact the Provider Services Department at 1-800-575-0418.

Co-Payments
Some adult members will need to pay a small amount (co-payment) for certain services:
• Ambulatory surgery center: $3.30 (services per day)
• Chiropractic: $1.15
• Clinic visits: $3.30
• Durable medical equipment and supplies*: $3.40
• Home health: $3.30
• Inpatient hospital: $25.00 (per admission)
• Outpatient hospital: $3.40 (non-emergent, per claim)
• Physician office visits: $3.30 (includes nurse practitioners, midwives, optometrists and physician assistants)
• Podiatrist: $1.15
• Prescription drugs: $3.40

*Note: Durable medical equipment that is under a rent to purchase payment plan will have the $3.40 co-payment split evenly among the 10-month rental payment schedule.

There will be no co-payment for children less than 19 years of age, pregnant women, and individuals receiving emergency services or federally recognized Native Americans.

For behavioral health: Psychiatric diagnostic assessment with/without medical evaluation, 90791/90792, for adults (ages 19 and over) are
subject to the $3.30 co-pay when rendered by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner. No other co-pays or deductibles apply for persons receiving behavioral health services.

A Medicaid beneficiary may not be denied services if they are unable to pay the co-payment at the time the service is rendered, however this does not relieve the beneficiary of the responsibility for the co-payment. It is the provider's responsibility to collect the co-payment from the beneficiary to receive full reimbursement for a service.

**Member Grievances**

Grievances are defined by 42 CFR 438.400 as any dissatisfaction expressed by the member, or a representative on behalf of a member, about any matter other than an adverse benefit determination. Possible subjects for grievances include, but are not limited to, the quality of care or services provided, and aspects of interpersonal relationships such as rudeness of a provider or employee, or failure to respect the enrollee’s rights.

Members or authorized representatives acting on behalf of the member may file grievances at any time by calling Member Services at 1-888-276-2020. Member Services will document the grievance and coordinate the response and/or resolution with the appropriate departments. Grievances may also be filed in writing to:

First Choice Member Services  
P.O. Box 40849  
Charleston, SC 29423-0849

Health care professionals/providers may act as a member’s authorized representative and may report a grievance on behalf of the with member consent. The member advocate will create and mail a member’s acknowledgment letter within one business day of receipt of the grievance. The disposition of the grievance, including notice to the affected parties, is required no later than 90 calendar days from the day Select Health receives the grievance.

Examples of dissatisfaction include, but are not limited to, situations where a provider was rude, the member was dissatisfied with the wait time, etc. Select Health is required to investigate these types of grievances (complaints not related to the physical condition of the office). An adverse final resolution regarding the member’s grievance does not provide the member with the right to a state fair hearing.

**Extension of Grievances Resolution Time Frames:**

Select Health may extend the time frames for Grievances resolution for up to fourteen (14) calendar days if the member requests the extension, or if Select Health shows (to the satisfaction of SCDHHS, upon its request) that there is need for additional information and how the delay is in the member’s interest. If Select Health extends the time frame, written notice will be sent to the member of the reason for the delay if the extension was not requested by the member.

Select Health will:

- Make reasonable efforts to give the member prompt oral notice of the delay.
- Within two calendar days give the member written notice of the reason for the decision to extend the time frame and inform the member of the right to file a grievance if he or she disagrees with that decision.

**Quality of Service Grievances**

The following grievances pertaining to quality of services are forwarded to Select Health’s Network Management Department for investigation and resolution:

**Office Environment**

- Office unsafe
- Environment dirty/unsanitary/offensive/inadequate
- Equipment unsanitary
- Physical accessibility, physical appearance
- Adequacy of waiting and examining room space
- Adequacy/Security of medical record keeping

**Access**

- Wait time too long
- After hours coverage not available
- Difficulty obtaining a referral
- Language barrier
- Provider sees commercial patients first
- Office Hours not posted

**Service from Provider/Office**

- Negative comments regarding race, gender, status, etc.
- Lack of concern and/or uncaring attitude
• Office staff is rude or inconsiderate

**Difficulty Obtaining an Appointment**
• Preventive/Routine
• Urgent
• Emergent
• After hours

The provider will be contacted via telephone for grievances related to:
• Access
• Service from provider/practitioner
• Difficulty in obtaining an appointment

A site visit will be conducted for grievances related to office environment within 45 calendar days of the date the grievance was received.

The Provider Network Account Executive will work with the provider/practitioner or office manager on a planned resolution or follow up process that may include but is not limited to a review of contractual requirements, provider/practitioner education regarding plan policies, procedures and processes and/or a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to assist in the resolution of the member’s grievance.

**Clinical Practice Guidelines**
Select Health has adopted clinical practice guidelines for use in guiding the treatment of First Choice Members, with the goal of reducing unnecessary variations in care. The Select Health clinical practice guidelines represent current professional standards, supported by scientific evidence and research. These guidelines are intended to inform, not replace the physician’s clinical judgment. The physician remains responsible for ultimately determining the applicable treatment for each individual.

Select Health’s Clinical Guideline list is available at [www.selecthealthofsc.com/provider/resources/shsc-clinical-policies.aspx](http://www.selecthealthofsc.com/provider/resources/shsc-clinical-policies.aspx) or call your Provider Account Executive to request a copy.

In support of the above guidelines, Select Health has Disease Management and Care Management programs available to assist you in the education and management of your patient with chronic illnesses. For more information or to refer a First Choice member to Integrated Care Management services, call 1-866-899-5406 for the Rapid Response Outreach Team (RROT) or the Complex Care Management Program.

**EPSDT and Adult Health Screenings**
PCPs who provide care to members from birth through the month of the 21st birthday will provide EPSDT (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment) examinations and required immunizations. A baseline visit is recommended and encouraged for all new First Choice members. Further visits should be scheduled according to relevant guidelines as outlined in the Exhibits section or as needed.

Select Health does utilize the EPSDT periodicity schedule as a standard for delivering EPSDT services. However, properly completed EPSDT claims falling outside of the standard will be paid. Delivery of clinical preventive services should not be limited only to visits for health maintenance but also should be provided as part of visits for other reasons such as acute and chronic care.

Select Health will reimburse for annual exams for adults using these codes:
• 99385 – Health Screen, age 18-39 (1 per year)
• 99386 – Health Screen, age 40-64 (1 per year)

**Adult Vaccines**
Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2017, the following vaccinations were added to the coverage for Select Health members 19 years of age and older:
• Serogroup B Meningococcal (MenB)
• Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)
• Varicella (VAR)
• Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (MMRV)

Select Health will reimburse providers for the administration of these immunizations in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Adult Immunization Schedule.

**Adult Vaccine Claims**
• Claims should be billed for both the vaccine and the immunization administration codes.
• For administration of the vaccine, providers should bill for the vaccine and the administration codes, 90471–90474.
• For the vaccination codes, the following should be billed:
The rabies, influenza, and Tdap vaccines for adults may be billed through the medical benefit or through the pharmacy. If the pharmacy is billed, only the administration fee can be billed through the medical benefit.

**Topical Fluoride Varnish**

The best practices of the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children receive fluoride varnish application in their primary care provider’s (PCP’s) office during their EPSDT visit.

PCPs are encouraged to focus their efforts on children through age five, who are at high risk for dental caries. This follows the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the United States Preventive Services Task Force. SCDHHS has expanded coverage for fluoride varnish application to all children, from the eruption of the first tooth to 21 years, during EPSDT or sick visits. The frequency allowed has also increased:

- Ages birth – 6 years may receive a maximum of four applications per year.
- Ages 7 – 21 years may receive one application per year.

Providers are encouraged to integrate oral screening and oral health education during each EPSDT visit and anticipatory guidance.

Primary care staff applying fluoride varnish must successfully complete an approved training before billing for the service.

Trained staff in a primary care setting must bill Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code 99188 on the CMS-1500 form when applying fluoride varnish. This code replaces the American Dental Association (ADA) code of D1206 when the service is provided in a primary care setting. All program requirements and rates applicable to D1206 delivered in a primary care setting are also applicable to the 99188 code.

**Blood Lead Testing**

The screening blood lead test is required as part of the EPSDT service. The finger or heel stick collection of the blood lead sample is covered by the EPSDT rate. Therefore, no additional reimbursement is available. However, the lab analysis is covered as a separate service.

Reimbursement for the lab analysis is not part of the EPSDT service rate. If your office sends the blood lead samples to an outside laboratory for analysis,

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<td>Meningococcal recombinant lipoprotein vaccine, serogroup B (MenB), 3 dose schedule, for intramuscular use</td>
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<td>90707</td>
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- Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) should not bill for immunization administration but may bill for the vaccination in addition to an encounter code.

The following is the complete listing of vaccines covered for adult members 19 years of age and older:

- 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13)
- 23-valent pneumococcal conjugate (PPSV23)
- Haemophilus influenza type b conjugate vaccine (Hib)
- Hepatitis A (HepA)
- Hepatitis B (HepB)
- Hepatitis A and B
- Influenza
- Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR)
- Measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella (MMRV)
- Meningococcal recombinant protein and outer membrane vesicle vaccine, serogroup B (MenB), 2 and 3 dose schedule, for intramuscular use
- Rabies
- Meningococcal Serogroups A, C, W, and Y meningococcal conjugate or polysaccharide vaccine (MenACWY or MPSV4)
- Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids (Td)
- Tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid, and acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap)
- Varicella (VAR)
the laboratory should bill directly for the blood lead analysis using the CPT code 83655.

If your office is using the ESA LeadCare Blood Lead Testing System to analyze the blood lead samples internally, your office should bill us directly using CPT code 83655.

**IMMUNIZATIONS**

As of July 1, 2011, the VAFAC (Vaccine Assurance for All Children) program was transitioned to the Vaccines For Children (VFC) program. All health care professionals/providers including those currently enrolled in the former VAFAC program, must complete the enrollment process to be eligible to receive federally funded VFC vaccine.

Practices with multiple office locations must enroll each office as a separate South Carolina VFC program provider if that site will be offering immunization services using VFC vaccines.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) is now offering the SC STATE Vaccine Program as a supplement to the VFC program. Health care professionals/providers must be enrolled in the VFC program as a prerequisite to enrollment in the STATE Vaccine Program. Health care professionals/providers may opt to participate in the VFC program only or both the VFC and STATE Vaccine programs.

Health care professionals/providers wishing to enroll in the VFC program and/or the SC STATE Vaccine Program may do so by visiting the Enrollment website at: [www.scdhec.gov/sc-vaccine-program-enrollment-site](http://www.scdhec.gov/sc-vaccine-program-enrollment-site).

Select Health reimburses for vaccine administration. For accuracy and program compliance SCDHHS requires that claims for vaccinations include the Current Procedural Terminology code (CPT) for the vaccine product that is administered, however only the administration code is reimbursable.

**SYNAGIS**

Synagis is reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis. The administration fee is included in the reimbursement. Health care professionals/providers must call Select Health’s Medical Management department at 1-888-559-1010 for prior authorization before administering Synagis.

Payment for Synagis is based on the number of units billed. Determination of units is based upon a 50 mg dosage. If the member receives multiples of the 50 mg dosage, the health care professional/provider should list units per 50 mg dose, not to exceed four units per day. For example, if a member receives 150 mg, this would equal 3 units. Select Health will reimburse according to the rates established by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Health care professionals/providers must use the dosage that is appropriate for each child according to his/her weight. The administrative fee (procedure code 96372) is payable in addition to the drug.

**Pharmacy Services**

Pharmaceutical services provide First Choice members with needed pharmaceuticals as ordered through valid prescriptions from licensed prescribers for the purpose of saving lives in emergency situations or during short term illness, sustaining life in chronic or long term illness or limiting the need for hospitalization. Members have access to most national chains and many independent pharmacies.

- All members are covered for prescription and certain over-the-counter (OTC) drugs/items with a prescription written by a doctor.
- Medications are prescribed to cover a maximum 31-day supply.
- Pharmacy benefits are managed through our Pharmaceutical Benefits Manager (PBM), PerformRx.
- Direct pharmacy claims questions (technical online processing) to Argus at 1-800-522-7487.
- Prior authorization and other pharmacy services related questions should be directed to Select Health/AmeriHealth Caritas Pharmacy Services at 1-866-610-2773 or faxed to 1-866-610-2775.

**MONTHLY PRESCRIPTION LIMITS**

Effective July 1, 2017, First Choice members are eligible for unlimited prescriptions or refills.

For Pharmacy questions or concerns contact Select Health/AmeriHealth Caritas Pharmacy Services at 1-866-610-2773 or fax to 1-866-610-2775.

**90-DAY MEDICATION SUPPLY**

To improve medication adherence in four (4) key therapeutic treatment areas; asthma, hypertension, diabetes, and high cholesterol, Select Health implemented a 90-day medication supply program.
Certain generic medications to treat these conditions will be allowed to process for a 90-day supply. There is a listing of these medications available on the Select Health website at: http://selecthealthofsc.com/pdf/provider/pharmacy/90-day-supply.pdf

Pharmacists are encouraged to work with providers in order to obtain a 90-day prescription for those members that are on medications who qualify for a 90-day supply.

This program will benefit members by allowing them to obtain a three-month supply of medication at each pharmacy visit for only one (1) copayment (if applicable). Pharmacies will be given two dispensing fees for all 90-day prescriptions filled as part of this program.

Contact the Pharmacy Customer Services Department if you have any questions or concerns about this initiative at 1-888-610-2773.

**Coverage of Generic Products**

Select Health does not cover brand name products for which there are "A" rated, therapeutically equivalent, less costly generics available unless prior authorization is secured. Prescribers who wish to prescribe brand name products must furnish documentation of generic treatment failure prior to dispensing. The treatment failure must be directly attributed to the patient’s use of a generic version of the brand name product.

Exceptions to the generic requirement include brand name products of: digoxin, warfarin, theophylline (controlled release), levothyroxine, pancrelipase, phenytoin, carbamazepine and continued treatment utilizing clozapine.

**Over-the-Counter Drugs**

All members are also covered for certain over-the-counter (OTC) drugs with a prescription written by a doctor. Products will be dispensed generically when available as outlined above. Many items may be ordered by the member through the personal health care items benefit by calling Member Services at 1-888-276-2020.

**Copayments**

Members who are 19 years of age or older are subject to a $3.40 co-payment per prescription. The following members are exempt from the co-payment:

- Pregnant and the medicine is related to pregnancy
- Live in a nursing home or group home
- Receiving hospice, emergency or family planning services
- Receiving home- and community-based waiver services
- Federally recognized Native Americans

**Smoking Cessation**

Effective July 1, 2017, the tobacco cessation benefit was enhanced (under the medical benefit to provide all FDA-approved tobacco cessation medications and individual and group tobacco cessation counseling for all members. Medications for tobacco cessation treatment will not require prior authorization or be subject to co-pays.

The following combination therapies will also be covered:

- Long-term nicotine patch + other NRT product (gum or spray)
- Nicotine patch + nicotine inhaler
- Nicotine patch + Bupropion SR

Smoking/tobacco cessation counseling in individual and group settings will be covered (under the medical benefit) using the following CPT codes:

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<td>99407</td>
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The benefit for counseling is limited to four (4) sessions per quit attempt for up to two (2) quit attempts annually.

**Prior Authorization**

In a continuing effort to improve patient care and pharmaceutical utilization, Select Health, in conjunction with its PBM, PerformRx, has implemented a prior authorization (PA) program for the initial prescription of certain medications. The list of medications that require prior authorization is available on the Select Health website. Requests for PA medications should be directed to Select Health/PerformRx Pharmacy Services at 1-866-610-2773 or faxed to 1-866-610-2775.
To obtain the prior authorization request form, see the Exhibits section of this manual or go to the Select Health website at [www.selecthealthofsc.com/pdf/provider/resources/pharmacy-prior-auth-form.pdf](http://www.selecthealthofsc.com/pdf/provider/resources/pharmacy-prior-auth-form.pdf).

Pharmacy authorization requests may also be submitted online for certain medications via the online PerfomRx prior authorization form.

**Temporary Supply**

Some medicines need prior approval. Members may get an emergency supply of medicine that will cover them for 72 hours while a prior authorization request is pending. A member is permitted one temporary supply per prescription number. Inhalers, diabetic test strip and supplies, and creams or lotions are exceptions to the supply limit because of how they are packaged. For those medicines, the member may receive the smallest package size available.

**Transition Supply**

Select Health will allow new members who are currently at the time of enrollment to Select Health receiving non-preferred or prior authorized medications to continue receiving those medications for up to ninety (90) calendar days to allow the prescriber time to request prior authorization.

**Preferred Drug List**

Select Health maintains a Preferred Drug List (PDL). The PDL represents therapeutic recommendations based on documented clinical efficacy, safety and cost-effectiveness. All non-preferred medications will require prior authorization. Select Health’s criteria require a trial and failure or intolerance of one to three preferred medications, depending on the class. Please visit our website for a complete list of preferred products.

Requests for prior authorization medications should be directed to Select Health/PerformRx Pharmacy Services at 1-866-610-2773 or faxed to 1-866-610-2775.

Providers may request the addition of a medication to the list. Requests must include the drug name, rationale for inclusion on the list, role in therapy, and medications that may be replaced by the addition. Please direct such requests to the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee at Select Health, PO Box 40849, Charleston, SC 29423.

**NOTE:** Experimental drugs, procedures or equipment not approved by Medicaid are excluded from coverage.

**Appeal of Prior Authorization Denials**

Prior authorization denials may be appealed. Please see the section entitled “Medical Review Determinations” to review the appeal process.

**Claims and Payments**

Health care professional/provider tip: Always check member eligibility before rendering services and submitting claims to Select Health to ensure your patient is a First Choice member.

**Claims Address**

If you are unable to submit claims electronically, please mail all Select Health claims:

Select Health of South Carolina
Claims Processing Department
P.O. Box 7120
London, KY 40742

For questions regarding claims or bills, please call Claims at 1-800-575-0418.

**Claim Format**

Hospitals use the UB 04 claim form.

All other health care professionals/providers use the CMS 1500 claim form. (See “Claims Filing Manual” for an explanation of required fields and recent CMS-1500 and UB-04 additional required fields and billing guidelines for the mandated 5010 837 formats).

To ensure timely processing of claims, please make sure your claims provide the following information:

- Correct member name and Medicaid ID number.
- Ancillary or hospital should use the facility ID number assigned by Select Health in Box 51 (UB 04).
- Facility NPI number in Box 56 (UB 04).
- Prior authorization number Box 63 on the (UB 04), or Box 23 on the (CMS1500), if required.
- The attending health care professional/provider’s individual (not group) Select Health health care professional/provider ID number and NPI number Box 76 (UB 04).
- If there is a NPI number entered in box 56, enter the taxonomy code for the facility in Box 81 (UB 04).
- The treating health care professional/provider’s individual (not group) Select Health health care professional/provider ID number and NPI number (Box 24J on CMS 1500 form).
• The Payee Information in Box 33 with the “pay to” NPI number (this could be an individual or a group, box 33a on CMS 1500) and taxonomy code (box 33b on CMS 1500). The requirement for a physical address to be listed in box 33, not a P.O. Box, has been lifted.

• The P.O. Box may be listed in box 33 on paper claims only. The physical address must still be submitted on electronic 1500 claim submissions in compliance with HIPAA X12 standards, version 5010 claims filing format requirements.

• Use valid diagnosis, revenue and CPT codes. Some health care professionals/providers inadvertently submit invalid codes not recognized by Medicaid. If your contractual agreement with Select Health indicates health care professional/provider specific codes, please use the specific codes indicated in your agreement.

• Claims improperly or incorrectly submitted may be returned.

**INPATIENT CLAIMS**

**All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRG)**

Select Health has moved to All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRGs) method of paying for hospital inpatient services. With the implementation of the APR-DRG payment methodology, Select Health will require that hospital providers submit the birth weight on claims for newborns in order to insure that we are grouping to the correct DRG.

The birth weight should be reported through the use of value code “54” in fields 39-41 on the UB-04 paper claim form or Loop 2300, Segment HI in the electronic claim submission, 837I and by reporting ICD-10-CM diagnoses category P05.01-P05.18 and P07.01-P07.18. If the birth weight is not provided via value code 54 and through ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes, APR DRG grouper will assume the patient’s weight is that of a normal newborn.

For detailed information regarding APR-DRG billing consult the “Claims Filing Manual” located on the Select Health website, [www.selecthealthofsc.com](http://www.selecthealthofsc.com).

**Provider Preventable Conditions Policy**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires Medicaid programs nationwide to demonstrate that they are not paying for provider preventable conditions (PPCs). Provider preventable conditions are clearly defined into two separate categories: health care acquired conditions (HCACs) and other provider preventable conditions (OPPCs) or never events.

HCACs include hospital acquired conditions (HACs). Other provider preventable conditions refer to OPPCs and never events (surgery on a wrong body part, wrong surgery on a patient, surgery on a wrong patient, etc.).

In accordance with amendments to the SCDHHS non-payment for provider preventable conditions policy, Select Health includes the following OPPCs and never events in its non-payment policy:

**OPPCs:**
- Post-operative death in normal healthy patient
- Death/disability associated with use of contaminated drugs, devices or biologics
- Death/disability associated with use of device, other
- Death/disability associated to medication error
- Maternal death/disability with low-risk delivery
- Death/disability associated with hypoglycemia
- Death/disability associated with hyperbilirubinemia in neonates
- Death/disability due to wrong oxygen or gas

**Never Events:**
- Surgery on a wrong body part or site
- Wrong surgery on a patient
- Surgery on the wrong patient

Inpatient acute care hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs), physicians and other practitioners are held accountable for never events. Inpatient acute care hospitals are also held accountable for HACs and OPPCs.

Select Health will not pay any claims for PPCs for members who are Medicaid/Medicare eligible.

No reduction in payment for a PPC will be imposed on a provider when the condition defined as a PPC existed prior to the initiation of treatment.

Reductions in provider payment(s) may be limited to the extent that:
- The identified PPCs would otherwise result in an increase in payment(s)
• The portion of the payment directly related to the
treatment for the PPC can be isolated

Non-payment of PPCs will not prevent access to
services for First Choice members. First Choice
members should never be billed for these events.

The CMS list of HACs, which is utilized by Select
Health, can be found at www.cms.gov/medicare/
medicare-fee-for-service-payment/hospitalacqcond/
hospital-acquired_conditions.html. Although state
Medicaid programs may expand this list of HACs in
defining PPCs, SCDHHS has not elected to expand on
the CMS list of HACs at this time.

Present On Admission (POA) Reporting
Under the Hospital-Acquired Conditions and Present
on Admission Indicator Reporting (HAC & POA)
system, Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS)
hospitals are required to submit POA information on
diagnoses for inpatient discharges.

Hospitals are required to include a POA indicator for
each discharge diagnosis. Hospitals will not receive
additional payment where the selected condition was
not present on admission. The APR-DRG software
will look at the POA indicator to identify diagnoses
that meet the definition of a HAC. The grouper
software will then ignore the HAC and assign a DRG
as if it were not present. During the cost settlement
process, adjustments will be made so that hospital
costs associated with HACs are not reimbursed.

For more details on submitting POA indicators,
consult the “Claims Filing Manual” located on the
Select Health website, www.selecthealthofsc.com/

Primary Care Provider Encounter
Data and Billing
Primary care providers (PCPs) must report both
capitated services and those services that are
reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis on the CMS
1500 claim form. Regardless of payment mechanism,
all PCP services must be reported.

Fee-for-Service Payments
Fee-for-service payments are mailed or transmitted
electronically via electronic funds transfer (EFT) by
First Choice to the health care professional/provider
with access to a remittance advice that will detail
claims being paid, pended and/or denied, along with
accompanying reasons. Please review the sample
remittance advice located in Exhibits section. The
electronic remittance advice is available through
NaviNet or Change Healthcare’s (formerly Emdeon)
payment manager.

First Choice Payments —
as Payment in Full
In accordance with guidelines established by
SCDHHS, once a health care professional/provider
has accepted assignment of benefits for a First Choice
member, the health care professional/provider must
accept the amount paid by First Choice or paid by a
third party (if equal to or greater than that allowed by
First Choice and in accordance with any contractual
agreement with the third party payor) as payment in
full. The member or member’s representative may not
be balance billed for any Medicaid covered services
provided.

Capitation Payments and Reports
Capitation checks are mailed or transmitted
electronically by First Choice to primary care
providers’ remittance addresses at the beginning of
each month. The panel roster, which should be used
for reconciling the capitation payment, is available on
NaviNet each month. The panel roster is the official
roster for the month. Capitation will be paid for
members added mid-month on the following month’s
capitation check via a “retro add.” Capitation will
be recovered for members leaving the practice at
mid-month on the following month’s capitation check
via a “retro term.” Capitation paid or recovered with
greater than one month’s retroactivity will appear as a
manual adjustment.

Prospective Claims Editing Policy
Select Health claim payment policies, and the resulting
edits, are based on guidelines from established industry
sources such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
Services (CMS), the American Medical Association
(AMA), State regulatory agencies, and medical specialty
professional societies. In making claim payment
determinations, the health plan also uses coding
termology and methodologies that are based on
accepted industry standards, including the Healthcare
Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) manual,
the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codebook,
the International Statistical Classification of Diseases
and Related Health Problems (ICD) manual, and the
National Uniform Billing Code (NUBC).

Other factors affecting reimbursement may
supplement, modify, or in some cases, supersede
medical/claim payment policy. These factors may include, but are not limited to: legislative or regulatory mandates, a provider’s contract, and/or a member’s eligibility to receive covered health care services.

**Claims Payment Policies/Guidelines**
Select Health has enhanced clinical editing processes to promote correct coding and to put into practice outpatient payment policies that are national in scope, simple to understand and that come from highly respectable sources, such as:
- CMS’ medical coding policies
- AMA CPT coding guidelines
- Local and Regional Medicare policies

First Choice’s payment policies focus on areas such as:
- National bundling edits including the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI)
- Modifier usage
- Global Surgery concept
- Add On code usage
- Age/Gender appropriateness
- CMS’ National Coverage Determinations
- OPPS bundled and packaged services concept

**Claims Adjustment/Reconsideration Requests**
If a health care professional/provider believes there was an error made during claims processing or if there is a discrepancy in the payment amount, he/she may submit a written request for reconsideration. The request should include a copy of the claim, the remittance advice showing the denial and any supporting documentation and should be mailed to:

*Select Health of South Carolina*
*Claims Processing Department*
*P.O. Box 7120*
*London, KY 40742*

Or the health care professional/provider may call the Provider Claims Service Unit (PCSU) at **1-800-575-0418**. Our representatives can help you resolve the issue, reprocess a claim via the phone, or advise whether a corrected claim or a written appeal needs to be submitted.

**Corrected/Resubmitted Claims**
A corrected professional claim (CMS 1500) should only be submitted for claims on which there was an error made on the original claim but a payment was still issued. Claims that were completely denied and had no payment issued can be resubmitted via normal processing (electronic or paper).

Corrected claims are:
- Claims with missing or incorrect charges, but payment was issued, should be submitted as "corrected" claims.
- Claims with incorrect coding, but some lines paid and some did not, should be submitted as "corrected" claims.
- To include the applicable resubmission/frequency code in box 22:
  - “7” — Replacement of prior claim
  - “8” — Void prior claim
- Corrected claims must include the original claim number (in box 22) after the resubmission code. Failure to supply this information will result in rejections.
- Do not write corrected or resubmission on the claim.
- Claims originally denied for missing or invalid information, for inappropriate coding or DX missing 4th or 5th digit, and no payment was made, should be submitted for reconsideration as a new claim.
- Claims originally denied for additional information should be sent as a resubmitted claim. The additional information should be attached.

Corrected and resubmitted claims are scanned during reprocessing. Please remember to use blue or black ink only, and refrain from using red ink and/or highlighting that could affect the legibility of the scanned claim.

Corrected/Resubmitted claims should also be sent to:

*Select Health of South Carolina, Inc.*
*Claims Processing Department*
*P.O. Box 7120*
*London, KY 40742*

Note: You also have the option of submitting corrected CMS 1500 claims electronically. See the section entitled “Submitting Corrected Claims Electronically.”

**Refunds for Claims Overpayments or Errors**
Select Health and SCDHHS encourage providers to conduct regular self-audits to ensure receipt of accurate payment(s) from the health plan. Medicaid program funds must be returned when identified as improperly paid or overpaid.

If a plan provider identifies improper payment or overpayment of claims from Select Health, the
improperly paid or overpaid funds must be returned to Select Health within 60 days from the date of discovery of the overpayment. Providers may return improper or overpaid funds to the health plan by:

1. Completing page one of the “Provider Refund Claim Form” (available online at www.selecthealthofscc.com/provider/resources/forms).
2. Using page two of the form, as needed, to list multiple claims connected to the return payment.
3. Submitting the completed form and refund check by mail to the claims repayment research unit:

   Select Health of South Carolina
   Attn: Claims Repayment Research Unit
   P.O. Box 7120
   London, KY 40742

If the plan provider would prefer the improper payment or overpayment be recouped from future claims payment, the provider should call the Provider Claims Service Center or send the completed Provider Refund Claim Form without a refund check to the address below:

   Cost Containment Department
   P.O. Box 7320
   London, KY 40742

If the improper payment or overpayment is related to a subrogation issue—slip and fall, worker’s compensation or motor vehicle accident (MVA) — send the completed subrogation overpayment worksheet or any related documentation to subrogation@amerihealthcaritas.com.

**THIRD PARTY LIABILITY**

Third Party liability is the legal responsibility of other available resources to pay claims before the plan pays for the care of an individual eligible for First Choice. Medicaid is always the payer of last resort.

Third party payers include: private health insurance, Medicare, employment-related health insurance, court-ordered health insurance from non-custodial parents, worker’s compensation, long-term care insurance, liability insurance, other state and federal programs and first party probate-estate recoveries.

First Choice is a Medicaid Managed Care program and the payer of last resort. Therefore, First Choice will consider the primary insurer’s payments when calculating payment due the health care professional/provider. As a First Choice health care professional/provider you have agreed to accept First Choice’s payment as payment in full. Members receiving Medicaid-covered services may not be balanced billed.

First Choice Health Plan coordinates benefits with primary insurers for covered services and will **pay the lesser of**:

- The difference between the primary carrier’s paid amount and First Choice’s allowable, or
- The deductible, co-pay, and coinsurance total (patient liability) from the primary insurer not to exceed First Choice’s allowed amount

It is expected that the primary payer’s contractual obligations are considered when seeking reimbursement for secondary payment.

Secondary claims may be submitted as hard copy or electronically with the other insurer’s explanation of benefits (EOB) and reason/denial codes attached in order to ensure proper consideration. For further details on submitting electronic secondary claims, consult the Claims Filing Manual, located on the Select Health website.

Certain services (e.g. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) under Title V) are not subject to the standard coordination of benefits. However, health care professionals/providers are encouraged to make every effort to obtain other insurance coverage information from their patients because health care professionals/providers are an important source of third party information.

**COST AVOIDANCE/THIRD PARTY LIABILITY (TPL/COB) RECOVERY**

Cost Avoidance refers to the practice of denying a claim based on knowledge of an existing health insurance policy which should cover the claim. Like Medicaid fee-for-service, First Choice is required by the federal government to adhere to the cost avoidance policy. Providers must report primary payments and denials to First Choice to avoid rejected claims.

A provider who has been paid by First Choice and subsequently receives reimbursement from a third party must repay First Choice the difference between the primary carrier’s contractual obligation and the patient liability.

First Choice reviews Third Party Liability (TPL/COB) information on a routine basis. Potentially overpaid claims are identified and providers will receive
notification of our intent to recover overpayments if the aggregate total of claims recovery is greater than $250.

First Choice will send a letter to health care professionals/providers notifying them of any overpayment recovery and will include with the letter a list of claims affected by the recently received TPL information. This information should assist the health care professional/provider in reconciling claims. This letter will indicate a specific time frame for the healthcare professionals/providers to either submit a check or to allow the recoupment process to initiate.

First Choice will seek recovery for claims within a nine month period after the first date of the overpayment, not to exceed the one year timely filing deadline. However, recovery may be conducted on overpayments beyond this time frame if:

- There is evidence of fraud,
- The health care professional/provider has established a pattern of inappropriate billing, or
- A system error has been identified that supports said recovery.

**Program Integrity**

The Program Integrity Department utilizes internal and external resources to ensure the accuracy of claims payments and the prevention of claims payments associated with fraud, waste, and abuse. As a result of these claims accuracy efforts, you may receive letters from Select Health or, on behalf of Select Health, regarding payment or recovery of potential overpayments. You may be asked to provide supporting documentation including the medical record or itemized bill to support the review of the claim. In addition, you may be informed that your claim submission patterns vary from industry standards when reviewed and compared to your peer’s submission of similar claims; if this were to occur you would be notified and additional action may be required on your behalf. Should you have any questions regarding the communication received relating to these requests, please use the contact information provided in the communication to expedite a response to your question or concerns.

Prior authorization is not a guarantee of payment for the service authorized and Select Health reserves the right to adjust any payment made following the review of the medical record or other documentation and/or determination of the medical necessity of the services provided. Additionally, payment may also be adjusted if the member’s eligibility changes between when the authorization was issued and the service was provided.

**Resources Secondary to Medicaid**

Certain programs funded only by the state of South Carolina (i.e., without matching federal funds) should be billed secondary to Medicaid.

These resources are:

- BabyNet
- Best Chance Network
- Black Lung
- Commission for the Blind
- Community Health
- Crime Victims Compensation Fund
- CRS (Children’s Rehabilitative Services)
- Department of Corrections
- DHEC Cancer
- DHEC Family Planning
- DHEC Heart
- DHEC Hemophilia
- DHEC Maternal Child Health
- DHEC Migrant Health
- DHEC Sickle Cell
- DHEC TB
- Indian Health
- Other Indigent (hospital charity)
- Other Sponsor
- Ryan White Program
- State Aid Cancer Program
- Vaccine Injury Compensation
- Veterans Administration
- Vocational Rehabilitation Services

**Submitting Claims Electronically**

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) allows faster, more efficient and cost-effective claim submission for providers. EDI, performed in accordance with nationally recognized standards, supports the health care industry’s efforts to reduce administrative costs.

The benefits of billing electronically include:

- Reduction of overhead and administrative costs. EDI eliminates the need for paper claim submission. It has also been proven to reduce claim re-work (adjustments).
- Receipt of clearinghouse reports makes it easier to track the status of claims.
- Faster transaction time for claims submitted electronically. An EDI claim averages about 24 to 48 hours from the time it is sent to the time it is received. This enables providers to easily track their claims.
- Validation of data elements on the claim form. By the time a claim is successfully received electronically,
information needed for processing is present. This reduces the chance of data entry errors that occur when completing paper claim forms.

- Quicker claim completion. Claims that do not need additional investigation are generally processed quicker. Reports have shown that a large percentage of EDI claims are processed within 10 to 15 days of their receipt.

**All the same requirements for paper claim filing apply to electronic claim filing.**

- Health care professional/providers should contact their vendor and confirm that the vendor will transmit the claims to the Change Healthcare, Select Health claims clearinghouse.
- Health care professional/providers should confirm with vendor the accurate location of Select Health Health care professional/provider ID number.
- Submit with Payor ID 23285.
- Health care professional/provider should check the claims status report after each submission for any rejections. If rejections are noted, correct and resubmit.

Questions regarding electronically submitted claims should be directed to Provider Claim Services at 1-800-575-0418. Here you may obtain information about submitting claims electronically to Select Health or information regarding claims that **have already been submitted** electronically to Select Health. If you would like assistance in resolving submission issues reflected on either the Acceptance or R059 Unprocessed Claims reports, contact the Change Healthcare Provider Support Line at 1-800-845-6592.

### Submitting Corrected Claims Electronically

*A corrected claim is defined as a resubmission of a claim with a specific change that you have made, such as changes to CPT codes, diagnosis codes or billed amounts. It is not a request to review the processing of a claim.*

For UB04 claims, corrections can be submitted electronically by just changing the bill type to 117 or 137.

For Professional claims (claims filed on a CMS 1500 claim form) your EDI vendor or clearinghouse will need to do the following:

- Use “7” for replacement of a prior claim or “8” for void/cancel of a prior claim utilizing bill type in loop 2300, CLM05-03 (837P)
- Include the original claim number in segment REF01=F8 and REF02=the 13 digit original claim number; no dashes or spaces
- Include the plan’s claim number in order to submit your claim with the 7 or 8.
- Use this indicator for claims that were previously processed (approved or denied)
- Do not use this indicator for claims that contained errors and were not processed (rejected upfront)
- Do not submit corrected claims electronically and via paper at the same time

For more information, please contact the EDI Hotline at 1-877-234-4271 or edi.sh@kmhp.com. Providers using our NaviNet portal, ([https://navinet.navimedix.com/sign-in](https://navinet.navimedix.com/sign-in)) can view their corrected claims faster than available with paper submission processing.

If you do not currently have the capability to submit claims electronically, but are interested in doing so, contact the Change Healthcare Provider Support Line at 1-800-845-6592, or any EDI software vendor you choose. Instructions for paper submissions are available under Corrected/Resubmitted claims.

### 835 Electronic Remittance Advice

Select Health/AmeriHealth Caritas has partnered with Change Healthcare and HDX as clearinghouses for the 835 electronic remittance advice transactions. Change Healthcare and HDX are leaders in processing transactions for vendors, health care professionals/providers and health plans in the HIPAA compliant standardized formats.

Health care professionals/providers may choose either clearinghouse from which to receive their 835 Electronic Remittance Advice. The health care professional/provider’s current EDI vendor should be contacted for additional information prior to contacting HDX or Change Healthcare.

**HDX Contact Information:**

1-610-219-3331  
HDX Electronic Remittance Service  
ERSPayers@HDX.com

**Change Healthcare Contact Information:**

1-800-845-6592  
(Health care professional/provider Help Desk)
Health care professionals/providers should be prepared to supply the following information during the set-up phase:
- EDI vendor and submitter ID
- Group/facility name
- Contact name, phone number and e-mail address
- Address
- Tax ID
- Payee ID

A link to South Carolina Encounter Companion guides is available on the Select Health website, under HIPAA information: www.selecthealthofsc.com/provider/resources/hipaa.

Additional assistance may be obtained by contacting Provider Services at 1-800-741-6605.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Select Health and Change Healthcare Business Services have partnered to offer you direct deposit for your claims payment. Health care professionals/providers interested in receiving electronic payments through Change Healthcare may get additional information through the Change Healthcare website, https://www.changehealthcare.com/support/customer-resources/enrollment-services/medical-hospital-eft-enrollment-forms or by contacting Select Health Provider Services at 1-800-741-6605.

Change Healthcare ePayment can simplify the payment process by:
- Providing fast, easy secure payments
- Reducing paper
- Not requiring you to change your preferred banking partner
- Simplifying your bank connectivity when multiple banks are required
- Managing health care professional/provider enrollment and authentication
- Enabling you to view multiple payers in one easy-to-use application

You will need the following information to enroll in the EFT program:
- Your Select Health assigned health care professional/provider ID number or payee ID (from your current remittance advice). This will be entered as the Trading Partner ID on the enrollment form.
- The Select Health Payor ID: 23285
- Bank name, address, and phone number
- Bank account type
- Nine-digit routing/ABA number
- Full account number with leading zeros
- Bank authorization letter or voided check
- Electronic copy of a government-issued ID on legal entity’s letterhead for the person submitting the enrollment application

Change Healthcare Payment Manager

Once you begin receiving your payments electronically, your paper remittance advice will be discontinued after 30 – 45 days. However, you can always view and print your remittance advice online at Change Healthcare’s website using Payment Manager. Visit: https://cda.changehealthcare.com/Portal/ to search, view and print your payment and remittance advice. To see a quick tour of Change Health Care’s Payment Manager, visit http://www.emdeon.com/support/demos/paymentmanager/.

If you are interested in Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA), Change Healthcare customer service staff can assist you in signing up by calling Change Healthcare at 1-877-363-3666.

Billing Requirements for Certain Services

EPSDT

The EPSDT program was initiated as a comprehensive and preventive child health program for Medicaid recipients. First Choice members from birth through the month of their 21st birthday qualify for EPSDT program benefits, including regular health screenings, immunizations, treatment and follow-up care for problems diagnosed during screenings.

EPSDT Pediatric Screening Tools

Best practice indicates that standardized behavioral health pediatric screenings are recommended to be done during the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) visits or as dictated by clinical need. This recommendation is in alignment with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommendations regarding screening and surveillance of family and social
environment for risk factors and mental health screening of children and adolescents in primary care settings.

CPT code 96110 is used to report standardized screening to identify childhood and adolescent developmental levels. A general screen is recommended with follow up screens as indicated. This code is limited to a frequency of two (2) times per date of service for children up to 18 years of age.

CPT code 96127 is used to report a standardized instrument to assess the patient’s emotional and/or behavioral health. A general screen is recommended with follow up screens as indicated. This code is limited to a frequency of four (4) times per date of service for children up to 18 years of age.

**Components of an EPSDT Exam**
- A comprehensive health and developmental history
- An assessment of physical and mental development
- A comprehensive unclothed physical examination, including blood pressure measurement
- Appropriate immunizations according to age and health history
- Health education, including anticipatory guidance
- Vision, hearing and dental screenings
- BMI percentile
- Appropriate laboratory tests to include, but not limited to, lead and anemia screenings by child’s second birthday

_Laboratory tests are not part of the screening package and may be billed and reimbursed as additional claim lines. However, screening components cannot be fragmented and billed separately._

**EPSDT/IMMUNIZATION CLAIMS/ENCOUNTERS**
EPSDT claims/encounters are submitted on the CMS1500 claim form utilizing the following standard applicable CPT codes:

**New Patients:**
- 99381 Preventive visit, 12 months or younger
- 99382 Preventive visit, age 1-4
- 99383 Preventive visit, age 5-11
- 99384 Preventive visit, age 12-17
- 99385 Preventive visit, age 18-21

**Established Patients:**
- 99391 Preventive visit, 12 months or younger
- 99392 Preventive visit, age 1-4
- 99393 Preventive visit, age 5-11
- 99394 Preventive visit, age 12-17
- 99395 Preventive visit, age 18-21

_For immunizations provided under the VFC program for members less than 19 years of age, you must use the following administration codes:_
- 90460 – Immunization administration through 18 years of age via any route of administration, with counseling by physician or other qualified health care professional; first vaccine/toxoid component (one unit per date of service)
- 90461 – Each additional vaccine/toxoid component (two units per date of service)

_PLEASE NOTE: CPT advises to bill the above codes based on the number of components. At this time, SCDHHS will continue to use these codes per administration of each vaccine/toxoid and not per component for the VFC program._

_The administration of VFC vaccines is limited to a maximum of three units per date of service regardless of the number of additional vaccines administered._

**Coding Considerations**
- Modifiers 01 and 02 are not required for EPSDT claim submission to First Choice.
- When billing for an immunization administration and an EPSDT examination code on the same day, the provider will need to append a 25 modifier to the EPSDT examination code to receive reimbursement.
- Primary care physicians can bill for topical fluoride varnish treatments, CPT code 99188 as part of the EPSDT exam.
- Claims for VFC vaccine administration must include:
  - The appropriate vaccination product CPT code
  - The appropriate vaccination administration code with a 25 modifier
  - For this code combination, only the administration code will be reimbursable
- When billing First Choice, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Centers (RHCs) must also submit CPT codes for the vaccination products.
• When billing for vaccines that are not covered under the VFC program or for beneficiaries over the age of 18, the provider may bill for vaccine and the administration codes 90471, 90472 and/or 90473, 90474 intranasal or oral route.

• If you detect a health problem during a well visit, do not change the coding from a well exam to a sick visit. When billing, use Z00121 or Z00129, as the first diagnosis. The second diagnosis is determined by the detected problem. If the EPSDT screening and immunizations can be completed, bill the EPSDT code with modifier 25 and list any additional services.

• Effective for dates of service July 1, 2019 or after, a sick visit can be billed on the same date of service as the EPSDT visit.

Billable sick child visit codes:
- New Patient: 99201-99205
- Established Patient: 99211-99215

If the EPSDT exam cannot be completed, bill only the sick visit.

• Select Health will reimburse for sports physicals if all the components of a well visit are completed and the claim is coded using DX codes: Z00121, Z00129, Z0000, Z0001; Z020-Z026, Z0282, Z0289; Z021, Z023; Z008; Z0070, Z0071; or Z008 and with EPSDT E/M codes. Do not bill another E/M code on the same date of service. Do not bill the 97005 (athletic training evaluation) and 97006 (athletic training sports, school, or camp re-evaluation) codes. Sports physicals are reimbursable even if a well-child exam was done earlier in the year.

Unlisted Procedure Codes
Unlisted procedure codes are services performed by a physician that are not specifically defined in the CPT book. These codes:
- Require prior authorization.
- A special report including description of the nature, extent and need for the procedure is submitted to our Utilization Management team.
- A comparative CPT code should be included in the report to determine reimbursement.
- If the code is for a drug or equipment, the manufacturer’s invoice is required.

AS Modifier
Assistant Surgery Services (AS modifier) will no longer be accepted by Select Health. Health care professionals/providers must use the modifiers: 80, 81 or 82. CPT codes with the use of one of these modifiers will only be paid to MDs (not PAs or CNPs).

Claims for Newborn Care
A newborn child of a First Choice mother is automatically enrolled for health care services in First Choice.

The claim for baby must include the baby’s date of birth and Medicaid number as opposed to the mother’s date of birth. Newborns must be billed separately from the mother. If the baby has not been named, insert “Girl” or “Boy” in front of the mother’s last name as the baby’s first name. Verify that the appropriate last name is recorded for the mother and baby.

On claims for twins or other multiple births, indicate the birth order in the patient name field: for example, Baby Girl Smith A, Baby Girl Smith B, etc.

Rural Health Center/Federally Qualified Health Center Encounters
SCDHHS requires that Select Health submit encounter data to the state using standard ICD-10 and CPT coding. Select Health is not permitted to submit encounter data which consists of the Rural Health Center or Federally Qualified Health Center “T” code.

Claims received with the “T” code will be denied with instructions to refile using CPT codes.

Evaluation and Management services and lab charges should be billed on separate claim forms for RHCs.

FQHC Payment Methodology
Effective 07/01/16, the South Carolina (SC) Title XIX State Plan was amended by the SC Department of Health and Human Services, (SCDHHS) to change the Medicaid reimbursement methodology for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) from the current payment methodology to a prospective payment methodology which means FQHCs are to be reimbursed at their established encounter rate.

As a result the following guidelines apply to FQHC claims:
- Claims are to be submitted with place of service 50 for FQHC services.
• Standard CPT procedure codes should be billed. Select Health does not reimburse for the T1015 code.
• Diabetic Education services are included in the encounter rate.
• FQHC services must be submitted with the appropriate evaluation and management (E/M) code.
• National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) appropriate modifiers must be utilized and submitted on codes as necessary.
• Any services that are included in the FQHC encounter must also be submitted on the claim. This includes submission of NDC codes for immunizations.
• Submit claims for services outside of the FQHC encounter rate using place the Community Based Provider (CBP) ID and NPI numbers, with POS 21, 22, or 23.
• Behavioral Health services are payable in addition to an E/M encounter code.
• Supplies, lab work, injections, etc., are not billable services. These services and supply costs are included in the encounter rate when provided in the course of a physical, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife, chiropractor, clinical psychologist, and/or clinical social worker visit.
• Coordination of benefits will apply for members with other insurance. Claims will be coordinated up to the FQHC encounter rate.

For more detailed information, such as specific codes, consult the SCDHHS Physicians, Laboratories and other Medical Professionals Provider Manual, Section 2, Federally Qualified Health Center Services, located at www.scdhhs.gov.

**Family Planning Services**

Family planning services should be billed using the appropriate CPT/HCPCS code with a FP modifier and an appropriate family planning diagnosis code. The family planning modifier (FP) is required on all claims with the exception of hospital claims.

Many medical procedures also have family planning implications. Medical procedures with family planning implications (e.g., hysterectomy in cases of cervical, uterine, or ovarian cancer) would not be billed with the FP modifier. Referrals are not required nor are co-pays applied to family planning services, including prescriptions.

**LONG ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTIVE (LARC) METHODS**

Select Health covers long-acting, reversible contraception methods, or LARCs, including intrauterine devices and Nexplanon® implants, for our First Choice members. In accordance with South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services’ requirements, we reimburse providers for devices and insertion of devices when performed in a private practice, clinic, or during delivery inpatient stay.

**ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY AND SLEEP STUDIES**

Within physician specialties, there are certain services that may be rendered by physicians within that specialty. Other services would be considered to be outside of the scope of services for that specialty. Sleep studies and echocardiography are two of those services.

Specialties that will be allowed payment for sleep studies are Critical Care, Neurology, Otolaryngology, Pulmonary, Sleep Disorders and Neonatology. When billed by other physician specialties, the claim will deny with the reason “Not a Covered Service for Provider Specialty.”

Specialties that will be allowed payment for echocardiography are Anesthesiology, Cardiology, Cardiovascular Surgery and Radiology. When billed by other specialties, the claim will deny with the reason “Not a Covered Service For Provider Specialty.”

**First Choice Covered Services**

**ADVANCED OUTPATIENT IMAGING SERVICES**

Select Health reimburses for advanced outpatient imaging services. The following services require prior authorization:

- Nuclear Cardiology
- Computed Tomography Angiography (CTA)
- Coronary Computed Tomography Angiography (CCTA)
- Computed Tomography (CT)
- Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA)
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- Myocardial Perfusion Imaging (MPI)
- Positron Emission Tomography (PET)

Prior authorization of the above listed services will be administered by National Imaging Associates (NIA) through Select Health’s existing contractual relationships. A separate authorization number is required for each procedure ordered.
The following services do not require authorization through NIA:

- Inpatient advanced imaging services
- Observation setting advanced imaging services
- Emergency room imaging services

Select Health will continue to perform prior authorization for interventional radiology procedures (even those that utilize MR/CT technology).

The ordering physician* is responsible for obtaining a prior authorization for advanced imaging services. It is the responsibility of the rendering facility to ensure that prior authorization was obtained. Payment will be denied for procedures performed without a necessary authorization, and the member cannot be balance-billed for such procedures.

Prior authorization is obtained through NIA’s website at www.RadMD.com or by calling 1-800-424-4895.

Patient symptoms, past clinical history and prior treatment information will be required and should be available at the time of the contact.

**Website Access**
NIA’s website, www.RadMD.com is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, except when maintenance is performed once every other week after business hours. To begin, you will need to obtain your own unique user name and password for each individual user in your office. Simply go to www.RadMD.com, click on the New User button and complete the application form.

- If requesting authorization through NIA’s website and your request is pended, you will receive a tracking number, and NIA will contact you to complete the process.
- The NIA website cannot be used for retrospective or expedited authorization requests. Those requests must be processed by calling 1-800-424-4895.

**Telephone Access**
Call center hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time. You can obtain a prior authorization by calling 1-800-424-4895.

**Important Notes**
- Authorizations are valid for 30 days from the date of the initial request.
- The NIA authorization number consists of eight or nine alpha/numeric characters. In some cases, you may receive an NIA tracking number (not the same as an authorization number), if your authorization request is not approved at the time of initial contact. You can use either number to track the status of the request on the RadMD website or via the Interactive Voice Response telephone system.
- For prior authorization complaints/appeals, please follow the instructions on your denial letter.
- NIA’s Clinical Guidelines can be found on NIA’s website, www.RadMD.com under Online Tools/Clinical Guidelines. NIA’s guidelines for the use of imaging examinations have been developed from practice experience, literature reviews, specialty criteria sets and empirical data.
- An authorization number is not a guarantee of payment. Coverage of the requested service is subject to all of the terms and conditions of the member’s benefit plan, including but not limited to member eligibility and benefit coverage at the time the services are provided.

*We ask the ordering physician to contact NIA to obtain the authorization because he/she is the best source for clinical information.

**Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**
Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) services are covered for members under 21 years of age. This benefit includes ASD services rendered by Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) and Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts (BCaBA), as well as by licensed independent practitioners (LIPs) who are approved by South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) to provide Evidence Based Treatment (an ABA alternative therapy modality).

**Audiological Services**
Audiological Services involve testing and evaluation of hearing-impaired children less than 21 years of age who may or may not be improved with medication or surgical treatment.

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**Behavioral Health Services**
Select Health provides mental health and alcohol and other drug abuse coverage for members.

This benefit includes services rendered by licensed independent practitioners (psychologists, marriage and family counselors, professional counselors and independent social workers) as well as medical professionals (physicians, psychiatrists and nurse practitioners). Services include the professional, outpatient and inpatient charges associated with behavioral health services. For more detailed information, refer to the “Behavioral Health under First Choice” section of this manual.

**Chiropractic Services**
Chiropractic services are available to all recipients. Chiropractors specialize in the detection and correction of structural imbalance, distortion or subluxation in the human body. Select Health will cover authorized services up to 6 visits per state fiscal year.

**Circumcision**
Effective July 1, 2017, newborn circumcision will be covered for members 0 – 6 months in outpatient or inpatient settings. Prior authorization is not required for participating providers.

**Communicable Disease**
An array of communicable disease services are available to help control and prevent diseases such as tuberculosis (TB), syphilis and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and HIV. Communicable disease services include examinations, assessments, diagnostic procedures, health education and counseling, treatment and contact tracing, according to the Centers for Disease Control standards. In addition, specialized outreach services are provided such as directly observed therapy for TB cases.

Eligible individuals should be encouraged to receive TB, STD and HIV/AIDS services through their primary care provider (PCP) or by appropriate referral to promote coordination of these services. However, individuals have the freedom to receive these services from any public health agency without restriction.

If the member receives these services through their PCP, First Choice will cover these services. If services are received through non-participating health care professionals/providers, Medicaid fee-for-service will cover these services.

**Dental Services**
Select Health is responsible for the reimbursement of charges from the facility operating room or ambulatory surgery center and anesthesia associated with dental procedures for our members. Prior authorization is not required for covered codes. However, if the anesthesia code is unlisted, non-covered or miscellaneous medical necessity review will be required.

**Department Of Alcohol And Other Drug Abuse Services**
The provider network of the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) and the services they provide are included as behavioral health services under Select Health covered responsibilities.

First Choice members receiving services from DAODAS providers will continue to receive those services with no disruption in treatment. The provider network of DAODAS will work directly with Select Health for needed authorizations to ensure continuity of care. Select Health will use the same medical necessity criteria currently in use by DAODAS. These criteria are available for review upon request. Providers can continue to refer members for these specialty services directly to the DAODAS provider network.

To learn more, visit the DAODAS website at [www.daodas.state.sc.us](http://www.daodas.state.sc.us) for a facility locater and information on alcohol and drug abuse services.

**Durable Medical Equipment**
Durable medical equipment includes medical products, surgical supplies and equipment such as wheelchairs, prosthetic and orthotic devices and
hearing aid services when ordered by a physician as medically necessary in the treatment of a specific medical condition. Luxury and deluxe models are restricted if standard models would be appropriate. Repairs to medical equipment are covered if reasonable.

**Emergency, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation**

Medical necessity for ambulance transport is established when the recipient’s condition warrants the use of ambulance transportation and the use of any other method is not appropriate. These trips may be routine or non-routine transports to a Medicaid-covered service. Types of services include ambulance, non-emergency medical vehicles and air ambulances.

All advanced life support (ALS), basic life support (BLS) and 911-based emergency transportation services provided via ambulance, air ambulance, and/or medivac are covered by Select Health. This benefit also covers an ambulance that is called to a location but not used for transport (member is not taken to a medical services provider).

Non-emergent transportation not performed in an ambulance is covered as a carve-out benefit by SC Healthy Connections/Medicaid FFS.

- Coverage of this benefit is provided by the Medicaid Transportation Broker.
- Members must call their county transportation broker to arrange transportation.
- Calls should be made at least 3 days in advance for routine medical services. Calls received with less than 3 days’ notice may be denied. However, urgent requests made with less than 3 days’ notice will be covered when possible.

**Family Planning**

Family Planning services are pregnancy prevention services for males (vasectomies) and females of reproductive age (usually between the ages of 10 and 55 years). Effective Jan. 1, 2014, family planning services including office visits/exams, preventive contraceptive methods, prescriptions, lab work and counseling are covered by First Choice. Family planning waiver recipients are not eligible for First Choice. Members are encouraged to use participating providers but may choose any provider. Non-participating providers should notify Medical Management at 1-888-559-1010 when providing services to First Choice members. Refer to the Billing Requirements for Certain Services section for billing details.

As a result of this benefit coverage, the First Choice member ID cards have changed. Refer to the Exhibits section of this manual to see the new ID cards.

**Hearing Aids and Hearing Aid Accessories**

Select Health is responsible for providing the following for members under age 21:

- L8615: Headset/headpiece for use with cochlear implant device, replacement
- L8619: Cochlear implant, external speech processor and controller, integrated system, replacement
- L8621 – L8624: Cochlear implant batteries
- V5030 – V5267: Hearing aids and accessories
- L9900: Orthotic and prosthetic supply, accessory, and/or service component of another HCPCS L code

Providers should order hearing aid batteries through SC DHEC who will supply the batteries and submit a claim to Select Health. A battery request form is available in the Exhibit section of this manual and on the Select Health website.

**Home Health Services**

Home health services are health care services delivered in a person’s place of residence, excluding nursing homes and institutions and include intermittent skilled nursing, home health aide, physical, occupational and speech therapy services and physician-ordered supplies. There is a home health visit limitation of 50 visits per year. Home health services require prior authorization after the first 6 visits. One authorization will cover all services rendered (visit, therapies, supplies, etc.) on the date(s) authorized; a separate authorization is not required for each service.

**Independent Laboratory and Radiology Services**

Benefits cover laboratory and x-ray services ordered by a physician and provided by participating independent laboratories and free-standing X-ray facilities. An independent laboratory and/or X-ray facility is defined as a facility licensed by the appropriate state authority and not part of a hospital, clinic or physician office.

Providers must refer to Select Health participating laboratories and free-standing facilities. Any service rendered by a non-participating laboratory provider...
requires the ordering provider to obtain prior authorization for the service. If prior authorization is not obtained for services provided by a non-contracted laboratory, the claim will be denied.

Members cannot be billed for services provided by a non-participating lab that are denied due to an authorization not being obtained.

Select Health uses the South Carolina Medicaid Health care professional/provider list to determine if a health care professional/provider is an independent lab or a free-standing x-ray facility.

**Inpatient Hospital Services**

Inpatient hospital services are those items and services provided under the direction of a physician, furnished to a patient who is admitted to a general acute care medical facility for institutional and professional services on a continuous basis and for which admission is expected to last for a period greater than 24 hours. Among other services, inpatient hospital services encompass a full range of medically necessary diagnostic, therapeutic care including surgical, medical, general nursing, radiological and rehabilitative services in emergency or non-emergency conditions. Additional inpatient hospital services would include room and board, miscellaneous hospital services, medical supplies and equipment.

**Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC)**

Select Health covers long-acting, reversible contraception methods, or LARCs, including intrauterine devices and Nexplanon® implants for our First Choice members in accordance with South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services’ requirements.

**Long-Term Care Facilities**

The first 90 days of continuous confinement in a long-term care facility, nursing home, or hospital that provides swing bed or administrative days are covered by Select Health. This responsibility can be up to 120 continuous days of confinement or until the member can be disenrolled at the earliest effective date allowed by system edits, at which time payment for institutional long-term care services will be reimbursed fee-for-service by the Medicaid program.

**Maternity Care**

Maternity services include high levels of quality care for pregnant members. Maternity care service benefits include prenatal, delivery, postpartum services and nursery charges for a normal pregnancy or complications related to the pregnancy.

Note: Select Health follows the SCDHHS Physician Manual guidelines for initial OB exams, which states that an initial OB exam may be billed once per pregnancy.

**Maternity Coordination of Benefits (COB) with Global Codes**

Select Health does not reimburse maternity claims based on global procedure codes (59400, 59510, 59610 or 59618). However, other insurance carriers may pay based on these global codes and providers may submit claims with the global EOB.

Providers should bill Select Health with the appropriate delivery only procedure codes. After reviewing the member's maternity claims history, the difference between the Select Health maximum allowable for all routine maternity services and the amount paid by the primary carrier for the global maternity service will be paid; provided that this difference does not exceed the member’s liability (including copay, coinsurance/deductible).

**Non-Payment For Early Elective Deliveries**

In accordance with the SCDHHS Birth Outcomes Initiative, effective for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2013, Select Health of South Carolina, no longer provides reimbursement to hospitals or physicians for elective inductions or non-medically indicated deliveries prior to 39 weeks. This is a result of an extensive effort to reduce non-medically necessary deliveries.

Physicians must continue to append the following modifiers to all surgical CPT codes when billing for vaginal deliveries and cesarean sections or their claims will be automatically denied:

- **GB** – 39 weeks gestation or more
  - For all deliveries at 39 weeks gestation or more regardless of method (induction, cesarean section or spontaneous labor).

- **CG** – Less than 39 weeks gestation
  - For deliveries resulting from patients presenting in labor, or at risk of labor, and subsequently delivering before 39 weeks.
  - For inductions or cesarean sections that meet the ACOG guidelines, the appropriate ACOG
Patient Safety Checklist must be completed and maintained for documentation in the patient’s file. 
- For inductions or cesarean sections that do not meet the ACOG guidelines, the appropriate ACOG Patient Safety Checklist must be completed. Additionally, the physician must obtain and document approval from the regional perinatal center’s maternal fetal medicine physician in the patient’s file and in the hospital record.

No Modifier – claims that do not have the GB/CG modifiers indicated will be denied
- For elective deliveries less than 39 weeks gestation that do not meet ACOG approved guidelines or are not approved by the designated regional perinatal center’s maternal fetal medicine physician.

**Nutritional Counseling Program**

Effective August 1, 2015, a nutritional counseling program was implemented for Select Health members with a body mass index (BMI) of 30 and greater who are not seeking gastric bypass surgery or related services. The Nutritional Counseling program will exclude the following member categories:
- Dual eligible
- Pregnant women
- Those who have had bariatric surgery, gastric banding or other related procedures
- Beneficiaries receiving active treatment with Gastric Bypass Surgery/Vertical-Banded Gastroplasty
- Patients, for whom medication use has significantly contributed to the beneficiary’s obesity as determined by the treating physician. **Examples of medications that may cause weight gain include but are not limited to:**
  - Atypical antipsychotics (aripiprazone, olanzapine, quetiapine, risperidone, ziprasidone)
  - Long-term use of oral corticosteroids (prednisone, prednisolone)
  - Certain anticonvulsant medications (valproic acid, carbamazepine)
  - Tricyclic antidepressants (amitriptyline)

The nutritional counseling program consists of screening for obesity in adults using the patient’s BMI, dietary nutritional assessments, intensive behavioral counseling and behavioral therapy to promote sustained weight loss through high intensity interventions on diet and exercise. Adult beneficiaries who are committed to losing weight through diet and exercise will be eligible for an initial screening, five additional face to face behavioral counseling visits/encounters with a physician, physician assistant, and/or a nurse practitioner, an initial dietitian visit for nutritional counseling, and five follow up visits. Obesity-management-related treatment for children will continue to be covered as a part of the Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Testing (EPSDT) Program.

**Dietitian Enrollment:** Licensed Dietitians (LD) providing nutritional counseling services for obesity will be recognized as a provider type by SCDHHS and Select Health. In order for LDs to be reimbursed directly for services rendered they must enroll with both SCDHHS and Select Health.

A LD must meet the South Carolina licensure and educational requirements. LDs practicing within 25 miles of the South Carolina border in Georgia or North Carolina must meet the licensure and educational requirements of the State in which the LD practices. All services must be rendered within the South Carolina Medicaid Service Area (SCMSA). SCMSA is defined as South Carolina and adjacent areas within 25 miles of its borders.

Hospitals employing LDs will be reimbursed for nutritional counseling services for obesity by enrolling them directly with SCDHHS and Select Health and linking the LDs to the hospital’s professional clinical groups. LDs may enroll utilizing the provider credentialing process outlined on the Select Health website at [www.selecthealthofsc.com/provider/resources/credentialing](http://www.selecthealthofsc.com/provider/resources/credentialing).

**Observation Services**

Observation stays do not require prior authorization or notification unless the diagnosis at admission is maternity related.

Continued hospitalization past 48 hours (observation or inpatient admission) will require authorization submission at the level of care indicated by the treating physician. Medical determination will be based on admission documentation and physician evaluation for the time under observation care. This information along with the assessment and plan of the treating physician will guide medical necessity determination for continued hospitalization at the requested level of care.
In order to ensure proper payment for each 24-hour observation period, Select Health will require revenue codes 762 and 769 to be submitted with the following additional information:

1. HCPCS code G0378 — Hospital observation service, per hour
   - Units will equal the number of hours under observation care during the date of service billed
2. HCPCS code G0379 — Direct admission of patient for hospital observation care, initial
   - Units will equal 1

In the case where a patient is admitted directly to observation from outside the hospital system, an additional line of 762 or 769 should be submitted. For example, a direct admit to observation for 24 hours would be submitted as:

- 762: G0378: 24 units
- 762: G0379: 1 unit

The G0379 code indicates that the patient arrived as a direct admit, but it does not count as the first hour. The G0378 code indicates how long the patient stayed in observation. G0378 is the time-based code. Whenever G0379 is reported, a line item for G0378 should also be reported, no matter the amount of time the patient remained in observation.

While observation services usually do not exceed 24 hours, they may exceed 24 hours in some cases and are not explicitly limited in duration. Each 24 hours of observation can be filed on one claim, even if the 24 hours spans multiple dates of service.

In cases where the observation stay must span two calendar days, to equal 24 hours, the claim should not be split. Observation should not be billed for two separate dates of service.

For questions, please contact Medical Management at 1-888-559-1010.

**Physician Services**

Physician services include the full range of preventive care services, primary care medical services and physician specialty services. All services must be medically necessary and appropriate for the treatment of a specific diagnosis as needed for the prevention, diagnostic, therapeutic care and treatment of the specific condition. Physician services are performed at the physician’s office, patient’s home, clinic or skilled nursing facility. Technical services performed in a physician’s office are considered part of the professional services delivered in an ambulatory setting unless designated as a separate service.

**Podiatry Services**

Podiatry services are those services medically necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of foot conditions. Services are limited to specialized care of the foot for members with a diagnosis of diabetes. Podiatrists must include the appropriate diabetic diagnosis on the claim to obtain payment.

**Prescription Drugs**

Effective July 1, 2017, covered pharmaceutical services include most legend (prescription) and certain non-legend (over-the-counter) products. Select Health sponsors reimbursement for unlimited prescriptions or refills for First Choice members. Where appropriate, medications are prescribed to cover a maximum of 31 days.

A $3.40 per prescription co-pay applies, with the exception of the following members:

- Children
- Federally recognized Native Americans
- 18 years of age or younger
- Pregnant
- Long-term care facility residents
- Receiving hospice, emergency, ESRD, infusion center or family planning services

Select Health does not cover brand name products for which there are “A” rated, therapeutically equivalent, less costly generics available unless prior authorization is secured.

Prior authorization is required for select pharmaceuticals. Please see the Select Health plan’s Preferred Drug List for a complete listing. Health care professionals/providers may contact Select Health/PerformRx Pharmacy Services for prior authorization.
Services Provided by Medicaid Fee-for-Service

Select Health primary care providers (PCPs) or Select Health care managers may identify services required for members that are outside of the benefits package available to First Choice members. Medicaid fee-for-service may cover these services, and the Select Health Medical Management staff may assist the health care professional/provider and member in contacting the appropriate agency to access these services.

The following is a summary list of Medicaid fee-for-service benefits that may be coordinated by Select Health and the Department of Health and Human Services:

### Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF)

Services rendered at a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) are covered for eligible members. This benefit includes psychiatric care provided to children under age 21. If services are provided immediately before the member reaches age 21, services may continue until the earlier of the date the member no longer requires the services or the date the member reaches age 22.

### Rehabilitative Therapies

Rehabilitative therapy services include speech pathology and physical and occupational therapies, and are a covered benefit for all members. Services are provided through private rehabilitation clinics/health care professionals/providers up to 420 units or 105 hours per year (this limit applies to all of the rehabilitative services combined).

For hospital providers billing therapy procedures, the revenue code and the applicable CPT procedure code for the specified therapy must be submitted. For therapy procedures defined in 15-minute sessions, each 15-minute session will equal 1 unit and sessions are limited to 4 units per date of service.

### Topical Fluoride Varnish

The best practices of the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend that children from the eruption of their first tooth through the month of their thirteenth birthday should receive fluoride varnish application in their primary care physician’s office during their EPSDT visit two times per year (once every six months).

The primary care physician will bill procedure code 99188 to Select Health on the CMS 1500 claim form.

### Vision Care Services

All vision services for members under the age of 21 will be covered by Select Health of South Carolina. Covered vision services for these members include:

- Routine vision exams, including refractions
- Initial and replacement eyeglasses*
- Contacts (when medically necessary)
- Fitting and dispensing fees

*Members will be able to receive one replacement pair of eyeglasses per State Fiscal Year. (The State Fiscal Year runs from July 1st to June 30th.)

Members age 21 and older may only receive vision services when those services are identified as being medically necessary and not routine care. This would include services related to diseases of the eye (e.g. glaucoma, conjunctivitis and cataracts).

First Choice members with diabetes, regardless of age, are eligible for dilated eye exams with refraction. Claims should always be submitted with the diabetic diagnosis primary and the applicable vision-related diagnosis code secondary, if there are findings during the exam. Vision providers will be reimbursed for the vision exam, including the refraction component for members with diabetes.

Prior authorization is not required for participating health care professionals/providers (except for contacts, including the dispensing fee).

Non-participating health care professionals/providers are required to obtain authorization for all services.

Eyeglasses will be provided by Robertson Optical Laboratories, the exclusive vendor for Select Health. All vision providers will be required to display current Medicaid frames from Robertson Optical. The physician ordering the eyeglasses, not Robertson Optical, must ensure that the member’s eligibility is current prior to placing the order. To assist our health care professionals/providers with the administration of this benefit, Robertson Optical will submit claims for eyeglasses directly to Select Health.
• **Dental Services**: Routine dental services are available to those under 21 years of age. Emergency dental services are available to all members.

• **Developmental Evaluation Services**: defined as medically necessary comprehensive neurodevelopmental and psychological developmental, evaluation and treatment services for recipients between birth and age 21. Developmental Evaluation Services may be provided through the plan’s network health care professionals/providers, which may include but shall not be limited to one of the two tertiary level Developmental Evaluation Centers (DEC) located within The University School of Medicine, USC in Columbia or the Medical University of South Carolina at Charleston.

• **Fluoride Varnish Applications**: The purpose of applying fluoride varnish during an EPSDT well-child visit is to increase access to preventive dental treatment in an effort to intercept and prevent early childhood caries in children at moderate to high risk for dental caries. If this service is rendered in the dentist’s office it is covered by Medicaid fee-for-service.

• **Gardasil Vaccine**: This is the only cervical cancer vaccine that helps protect against four types of human papillomavirus (HPV): 2 types that cause 70 percent of cervical cancer cases and 2 more types that cause 90 percent of genital warts cases. Gardasil is for girls, young women, boys and young men ages 9 to 26.

• **Home- and Community-Based Waiver Services**: Targets members with long-term care needs and provides recipients access to services that enable them to remain at home rather than in an institutional setting. Waivers currently exist for the following special needs populations:
  - Persons with HIV/AIDS
  - Persons who are elderly or disabled
  - Persons with mental retardation or related disabilities
  - Persons who are dependent upon mechanical ventilation
  - Persons with pervasive developmental disorders
  - Persons enrolled in the Medically Complex Children’s waiver
  - Persons who are head or spinal cord injured
  - Women at or below 185 percent of federal poverty level for Family Planning Services only

• **Nursing Home**: after the first 90 to 120 days.

• **Mental Health and Alcohol/Drug Services**: Some mental health, alcohol and other drug abuse treatment services will be reimbursed by Medicaid fee-for-service. SCDHHS reimburses the following mental health, alcohol and other drug abuse treatment services:
  - Services provided or referred by targeted case management
  - Developmental evaluation centers (DEC)
  - Adolescent treatment facilities (ATF)
  - Waiver programs

• **Non-Emergency Medical Transportation**: Coordinated with the transportation broker in the member’s county of residence.

• **Organ Transplants**: Includes pre-transplant services (72 hours preadmission), the event (hospital admission through discharge) and post-transplant services up to 90 days from the date of discharge. For information concerning the referral for medical evaluation and transplant arrangements, please contact the following:
  **Transplant Coordinator**
  MUHA (Medical University Hospital Authority)
  1-843-792-2123

The following are not considered to be standard transplant services and remain the responsibility of First Choice:
  - Corneal transplants
  - Pre-transplant services rendered prior to 72 hours preadmission
  - Post-transplant follow-up services
  - Post-transplant pharmaceutical services

• **Pregnancy Prevention Services**: Medicaid Fee-for-Service will reimburse directly to enrolled Medicaid health care professionals/providers for these services. The following programs are available:
  - MAPPS Family Planning Services: Medicaid
  - Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Services provides Medicaid-funded family planning services to at-risk youths. These services are provided in local South Carolina Department of Social Services offices, schools, office settings, homes and other approved settings.

• **Targeted Case Management Services**: Consist of services that will assist an individual eligible under the state plan in gaining access to needed
medical, social, educational and other services. A systematic referral process to health care professionals/providers for medical education, legal and rehabilitation services with documented follow up must be included. Case management services ensure that necessary services are available and accessed for each eligible patient.

Case management services are offered to alcohol and substance abuse individuals, children in foster care, chronically mentally ill adults, emotionally disturbed children, children in the juvenile justice system, sensory impaired individuals, individuals with mental retardation or a related disability, individuals with a head or spinal cord injury or a related disability and adults in need of protective services. Medicaid reimbursable Targeted Case Management programs available to recipients are administered by the following:

- **Department of Mental Health**: Services for mentally ill adults and children with serious emotional disturbances.
- **Department of Juvenile Justice**: Services for children from birth to age 21 who are within the juvenile justice system.
- **Department of Social Services (DSS)**: Services to emotionally disturbed children 0-21 in the custody of DSS and placed in foster care and adults 18 and over in need of protective services.
- **Continuum of Care for Emotionally Disturbed Children**: Children from birth to age 21 who are severely emotionally disturbed.
- **Department of Disabilities and Special Needs**: Services to individuals with mental retardation, developmental disabilities and head and spinal cord injuries.
- **Home and Community-Based Waiver Services**: Services target persons with long-term care needs and provide beneficiaries access to services that enable them to remain at home rather than in an institutional setting. Waivers currently exist for the following special needs populations:
  - Persons with HIV/AIDS
  - Persons who are elderly or disabled
  - Persons with mental retardation or related disabilities
  - Persons who are dependent upon mechanical ventilation
  - Persons with pervasive developmental disorders
  - Persons enrolled in the Medically Complex Children’s waiver
  - Persons who are head- or spinal cord-injured
  - **South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind**: Services to sensory impaired children from birth to age 6.
  - **Sickle Cell Foundations and Other Authorized Health care professionals/providers**: Services to individuals with sickle cell disease and/ or trait. Medical University of South Carolina provides services to individuals with this disease.
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DEFINITIONS

Adverse benefit determination: (1) the denial or limited authorization of a requested service, including the type or level of service; (2) the reduction, suspension, or termination of a previously authorized service; (3) the denial, in whole or in part, of payment for a service; (4) the failure to provide services in a timely manner, as defined by SCDHHS; (5) the failure of the managed care organization (MCO) to act within the time frames provided in 42 C.F.R.§ 438.408(b) as further provided by SCDHHS in Select Health’s contract with SCDHHS; or (6) for a resident of a rural area with only one MCO, the denial of a Healthy Connections MCO member’s request to exercise his or her right, under 42 C.F.R.§ 438.52(b)(2)(ii), to obtain services outside the MCO’s network; (7) the denial of a member’s request to dispute a financial liability, including cost sharing, copayments, premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and other member financial liabilities.

Appeal: Request for review of an adverse benefit determination.

Claim Form: A statement for covered services provided by hospital/health care professional/provider and which is on a form or in a format acceptable to plan (UB04 or CMS1500).

Compensation: Remuneration to the participating health care professional/provider for services rendered to plan members through fee for service, capitation and/or other services payment for the procedures as listed herein:

a. Capitation payment means monthly remuneration according to the participation agreement for services provided by the health care professional/provider and covered by the plan, but subject to plan member access, quality assurance and utilization criteria retroactive review by the plan.

b. Other services payment means remuneration paid by the plan for services listed in the provider participation agreement under attachment A or subsequently approved by the plan at a negotiated rate. Remuneration to be paid subject to receipt and processing of other services claim.

Covered Services: Those health services and benefits to which plan members are entitled and that the health care professional/provider has agreed to provide plans members as set forth in the provider participation agreement and in accordance with the Title XIX SC State Medicaid Plan.

Dispute: an escalated verbal or written expression of dissatisfaction by a health care professional/provider, not otherwise acting in the capacity of an authorized representative of a Select Health member, to dispute the denial of payment of a claim or regarding a decision that directly impacts the health care professional/provider.

Medical Director: A physician designated by plan to monitor and review covered services to members provided or requested by a healthcare health care professional/provider.

Medically Necessary: Those medical services or supplies as provided by a hospital, skilled nursing facility, physician or other medical health care professional/provider who are required to identify, treat or avoid an illness or injury to a member and which, as determined by plan’s participating physician, medical director or utilization review process, are:

a. Consistent with the symptoms or diagnosis and treatment of the member’s condition, disease, ailment or injury;

b. Appropriate with regard to standards of good medical practice;

c. Not solely for the convenience of the member, his or her participating physician, hospital, or other health care health care professional/provider; and

d. The most appropriate supply or level of service that can be safely provided to the member. When specifically applied to a potential inpatient member, it further means that the member’s medical symptoms or condition require that the diagnosis or treatment cannot be safely provided to the member as an outpatient.

Member: A person for whom premium payment has been made to and received by plan.

Non-Participating Health Care Professional/Provider: Any healthcare health care professional/provider who has not contracted with Select Health to provide covered services to members.

Participating Health Care Professional/Provider: Hospitals, physicians, nurse-midwives, midwives, birth centers, home health agencies, dentists,
nurses, optometrists, physician assistants, clinical psychologists, social workers, pharmacists, occupational therapists, physical therapists and any other healthcare health care professionals/providers who/which are licensed, practice under an institutional license or are certified to practice under other authority consistent with the laws of South Carolina and who/which have been approved by plan or with whom plan has contracted to provide professional or health services to members.

**Physician:** A doctor of medicine or osteopathy, podiatrist, chiropractor, psychologist or mental health professional duly licensed to practice in the state of South Carolina. The following physician designations are used within the context of participation with Select Health: participating physician, participating primary care physician and participating specialist physician.

a. **Participating Physician:** Either a participating primary care physician or participating referral specialist physician who has contracted with Select Health to provide professional services to members.

b. **Participating Primary Care Physician:** A participating physician who provides primary care services to members (e.g., general practitioner, family physician, general internist or pediatrician or such other physician specialty as may be designated by the health plan) and is responsible when medically indicated for referrals of members to participating specialist physicians, other participating health care professionals/providers and, if necessary, non-participating health care professionals/providers. Except as otherwise permitted by Select Health, each member shall select or have selected on his or her behalf a participating primary care physician.

c. **Participating Specialist Physician:** A participating physician who is responsible for providing specialist services upon referral by a participating primary care physician.

**Prior Authorization Number:** A number provided by the health plan that the health care professional/provider utilizes to receive payment for services rendered to a member.

**South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS):** The state agency responsible for administering South Carolina’s Medicaid program.

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**SC Healthy Connections Card**

Request Insurance ID Card. Follow applicable instructions. You must verify eligibility on each visit through the IVRS system at 1-888-809-3040, online through Medifax or you may visit the Select Health website at www.selecthealthofsc.com. On the IVRS or Medifax, a message will indicate at the end of verification if this person is on a managed care plan. Various swipe machines are available for a fee to verify eligibility through a printout. The name of managed care plan will be noted at the end of the printout.

Cards with the previous design (left) are still in use and valid, too.

**NEW FIRST CHOICE MEMBER ID CARD**

Member’s name, Healthy Connections ID number, member’s preferred language, primary care provider (PCP), PCP’s phone number and effective date of enrollment are on the front of card. Health care professional/provider information, authorization and claim information are on the back of card.

Eligibility may also be verified through the NaviNet website at www.navinet.navimedix.com.

The old First Choice member ID (with a gold background, pictured here) is not valid as of 1/1/2014.
# Chart, Periodic Health Guidelines for Children

A baseline visit is recommended and encouraged for all new plan members. Further visits should be scheduled according to relevant guidelines outlined below or as needed. Delivery of clinical preventive services should not be limited only to visits for health maintenance, but also should be provided as part of visits for other reasons, such as acute and chronic care.

## Child Preventive Health Guidelines

| History | * * * * * * * * * * * | Every year |
| Nutrition screening | * * * * * * * * * * * | Every year |
| **Measurements** | | |
| Height or length and weight | * * * * * * * * * * | Every year |
| Head circumference | * * * * * * | |
| Body mass index (BMI) | * * * * * * * | Every year |
| Blood pressure | * * * * | Every year |
| **Sensory screening** | | |
| Vision exam | * * * * * * * * * * | Every year |
| Hearing exam | * * * * * * * * * * | Every year |
| Developmental & behavioral assessment | * * * * * * * * * * | Every year |
| Physical exam | * * * * * * * * * | Every year |
| Dental assessment | * * * * * * * * * | Every year |
| Dental referral | * | |
| Immunization assessment | * * * * * * * * * * | Every year |
| **Procedures—general** | | |
| Hematocrit or hemoglobin | * | At age 13 |
| Urinalysis | * | At age 16 |
| Lead screening | * | |
| **Procedures—patients at risk** | | |
| Pap smear | Every three years, starting at age 21. |
| Pelvic exam | Each year for all sexually active young women, or starting at age 21. |
| Chlamydial infection screening | Each year for all sexually active, non-pregnant young women from 16 to 24 years of age. |
| Sickle cell screening | Indicated by family or medical history or in the presence of anemia. |
| Tuberculin testing | Upon recognition of high-risk factors. |
| Parasite testing | When indicated by medical history, physical exam or a positive result of previous test. |

## Preventive counseling and anticipatory guidance

**Nutrition—2 years and younger**
Encourage mothers to breast-feed for 6-12 months if possible. Encourage use of iron-rich food, formula and cereal. Counsel parents about vitamin supplements.

**Nutrition—2 years and older**
Counsel parents that children need a balanced diet that is low in fat and includes a variety of foods. Encourage parents and children to use sugar and salt only in moderation. Counsel parents and children about the importance of maintaining a healthy weight.

**Injury and violence prevention**
See age-appropriate counseling for injury prevention. Includes seat belt usage, bicycle helmet usage, installing smoke detectors, safe storage of firearms and monitoring hot water temperatures (<120 degrees) with infants.

**Dental health**
Brush with fluoride toothpaste, floss daily and visit a dentist regularly. Children 6 months to 12 years using well water should take a fluoride supplement.

**Skin cancer**
Avoid excess sun exposure, especially those at high risk (fair hair, light skin, easy to burn, freckles). Use sunscreen when in the sun.

**Parental concerns**
Encourage parents to discuss any concerns regarding their child’s health, safety and behavior.

## Immunization schedules


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## Chart, Periodic Health Guidelines for Adults

**Physical examination**  
Every 2-3 years  
Consider age, sex, and risk factors.  
**Blood pressure**  
At least every 1-2 years  
**Body Mass Index (BMI)**  
Every 4-5 years  
Patients with positive risk factors should be monitored more frequently.  
**Cholesterol**  
Every 4-5 years  
Patients with positive risk factors should be monitored more frequently.  
**Pap smear**  
Every 3 years  
For cervical cytology screening or as suggested by your doctor.  
**Pelvic exam**  
Every year  
Beginning at age 21 or earlier for all sexually active young women.  
**Chlamydial infection screening**  
All sexually active non-pregnant young women age 24 and younger.  
**Mammogram**  
Baseline at age 35-40 or as suggested by your doctor.  
**Clinical breast exam**  
Every year  
**Self breast exam**  
Monthly  
**Physician testicular exam**  
Every year  
**Prostate-specific antigen (PSA)**  
Every year  
**Self testicular exam**  
Monthly  
**Skin exam**  
Every 3 years  
**Tuberculin skin test**  
All high-risk individuals  
**Routine lab (UA, CBC, blood chemistry, STD screening)**  
Yearly as appropriate  
**Fecal occult blood**  
Yearly for patients with a family history of colorectal cancer.  
**Colonoscopy**  
Every 5-10 years depending on family history and findings.  
**Preventive Counseling**
- **Tobacco cessation**  
Harms of tobacco use. Seek counseling to stop smoking and/or chewing tobacco.  
- **Alcohol/drug treatment**  
Harms of alcohol and/or drug use. Avoid excessive alcohol use, and do not drive while under the influence of alcohol.  
- **Diet and exercise**  
Limit fat and cholesterol, maintain caloric balance and emphasize grains, fruits, vegetables and adequate calcium intake for women.  
- **Injury prevention**  
Lap and shoulder belts, smoke detectors, safe storage and removal of firearms and back injury prevention.  
- **Skin cancer**  
Avoid excess sun exposure and use a sunscreen when in the sun.  
- **Dental health**  
Regular visits to the dentist, floss and brush.  
- **Folic acid**  
All women who are planning or capable of pregnancy should take a daily multivitamin containing the recommended amount of folic acid.  
- **Self-examination**  
Breast, skin and testes.  
- **Depression**  
Assessment and screening.  
- **Adult Immunizations**  
Refer to the CDC website for the recommended adult immunization schedule: [http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/adult/adult-schedule.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/adult/adult-schedule.pdf)

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**Form, Prior Authorization Request Form: Medications**

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### III. DRUG INFORMATION (ONE DRUG PER REQUEST FORM)

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<th>Drug name</th>
<th>Drug strength</th>
<th>Dosage form</th>
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<th>Diagnosis relevant to this request</th>
<th>ICD-9 code</th>
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<th>Expected length of therapy</th>
<th>Number of refills</th>
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### IV. DRUG HISTORY FOR THIS DIAGNOSIS

A. Is the prescription for a drug to be administered in the office or for the member to take at home?  
   - office  
   - home

B. Is the member currently treated on this drug?  
   - Yes: how long?  
   - No [skip items C and D; go to item E]

C. Is this request for continuation of a previous approval?  
   - Yes [go to item D]  
   - No [skip item D; go to item E]

D. Has strength, dosage or quantity required per day increased or decreased?  
   - Yes [go to item E]  
   - No [skip item E; indicate rationale in Section V and submit form]

E. Please indicate previous treatments and outcomes with other medications below.

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<th>DRUG NAME</th>
<th>STRENGTH</th>
<th>DIRECTIONS</th>
<th>DATES OF THERAPY</th>
<th>REASON FOR FAILURE OR DISCONTINUATION</th>
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### V. RATIONALE FOR REQUEST AND PERTINENT CLINICAL INFORMATION (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Appropriate clinical information to support the request on the basis of medical necessity must be submitted.

Prescriber/Authorized Representative signature  

Date

**PLAN FAX NUMBERS**

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<th>Absolute Total Care</th>
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Obstetrical care guidelines comprise services normally provided in uncomplicated obstetric care. Women with medical or obstetric problems may require closer surveillance; the appropriate intervals between visits are determined by the nature and severity of the problems.

## Obstetrical Guidelines

### Frequency of visits

The frequency of follow-up visits is determined by the individual needs of the woman and the assessment of her risks. Generally, a woman with an uncomplicated pregnancy is examined every 4 weeks for the first 32 weeks of gestation, every 2-3 weeks until 36 weeks of gestation and weekly from 37 weeks until delivery.

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<th>Recommended intervals for routine tests and tests indicated as medically necessary for individual patients during pregnancy:</th>
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<td><strong>Time (in weeks)</strong></td>
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| **Initial visit, as early as possible** | + History and risk assessment; obtain obstetric database that contains information regarding the patient’s:  
  - Last menstrual period  
  - Current pregnancy and past obstetric outcomes  
  - Medical and social history  
  - Dietary assessment  
  - Physical findings  
  - Estimated date of delivery (EDD)  
  - Laboratory tests (including HIV screening)  
  - Risk assessment (SCDHHS Pregnancy Form 204[P])  
  - Dating ultrasound  
+ Hemoglobin or hematocrit measurement  
+ Hemoglobin electrophoresis for African American, Asian or Hispanic patients  
+ Urine culture  
+ Blood group and Rh type determinations  
+ Antibody screen  
+ Rubella antibody titer measurement  
+ Syphilis screen  
+ Cervical cytology  
+ Hepatitis B surface antigen  
+ Testing for gonorrhea, chlamydia and HIV  
+ Offer cystic fibrosis screening |
| **Subsequent prenatal visits** | + Blood pressure management  
+ Urinalysis for glucose/albumin  
+ Weight measurement and cumulative weight gain  
+ Fetal movement  
+ Evaluation of edema  
+ Measurement of fundal height  
+ Evaluation of fetal heart tones and rate |
| 8–18 | + Amniocentesis, if indicated  
+ Offer genetic counseling to patients above age 35 or carrying twins above age 33 or with abnormal aneuploidy screening  
+ Chronic villus sampling, if indicated  
+ Offer nuchal translucency screening (between 10–13 wks) |
| 16–18 | + Maternal serum alpha-fetoprotein after 1\(^{st}\) trimester nuchal translucency  
+ Offer quad screening (if 1\(^{st}\) trimester screening was not performed) |
| 18–22 | + Anatomy screening |
| 24–28 | + Diabetes screening  
+ Repeat hemoglobin or hematocrit measurement |
| 28 | + Prophylactic administration of Rho(D) immune globulin for Rh Neg patients  
+ Fetal movement counting instruction |
| 32–36 | + Testing for sexually transmitted disease for patients with STD in pregnancy or significant history |
| 35-37 | + Group B strep screening |

**Patient education and information (ongoing)**  
Counseling is an ongoing and continuous process throughout the prenatal period. These items should be addressed as early as possible during prenatal care and continually reassessed:
- Signs and symptoms to be reported to the physician
- Timing of subsequent visits
- Educational programs (childbirth education)
- Analgesia and anesthetic options
- Balanced nutrition, ideal caloric intake and weight gain, vitamins, folic acid and calcium intake
- Use of seatbelts
- Home safety
- Infant safety seats
- Over-the-counter drug use
- Personal safety: domestic violence, psychological stress
- Exercise and daily activity
- Hazards of smoking, alcohol and drug consumption
- Breast feeding
- Postpartum care

### Postpartum Care, 21–56 days following delivery

- Weight
- Blood pressure
- Breasts
- Abdomen
- Pelvic examination
- Patient concerns
- Family spacing
- Signs of depression
- Pap smear, if indicated

Adopted: 9/98  
Approved: 4/99, 4/01, 7/03, 3/07, 3/09, 10/11, 5/12, 5/13
## 2019 Prior Authorization Information

### Services requiring prior authorization

#### Services
- Air ambulance
- All out-of-network services (with exceptions noted under “Does Not Require Authorization”)
- All unlisted miscellaneous and manually priced codes (including, but not limited to, codes ending in “99”)
- Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) services
- Behavioral health (psychological and neuropsychological testing, electroconvulsive therapy, environmental intervention, interpretation or explanation of results, unlisted psychiatric services)
- Behavioral health individual outpatient therapy sessions (CPT codes 90832, 90834, 90837), visits over 6 sessions per month for members aged 20 and under.
- Chiropractic care (six visits per fiscal year, July 1 through June 30)
- Cochlear implantation
- Contact lenses (including dispensing fees)
- DAODAS services (bundled services and some discrete services)
- Gastric bypass/vertical band gastoplasty
- Hyperbaric oxygen
- Hysterectomy (Hysterectomy Consent form required) — elective abortions
- Implants (over $750)
- Rehabilitative behavioral health services (RBHS) — see “Behavioral Health Services under First Choice” in the Select Health Provider Manual for specifics
- Transplants, including transplant evaluations

#### Therapy (speech, occupational, and physical)
- Speech, occupational and physical therapy require prior authorization after initial assessment or re-assessment. This applies to private and outpatient facility based services

#### Plastic surgery
Surgical services that may be considered cosmetic, including, but not limited to:
- Blepharoplasty
- Mastectomy for gynecomastia
- Mastopexy
- Maxillofacial (all codes applicable)
- Pancreactectomy
- Penile prosthesis
- Plastic surgery/cosmetic dermatology
- Reduction mammaplasty
- Septoplasty

#### Durable medical equipment (DME)
- Items with billed charges equal to or greater than $750
- DME leases or rentals and custom equipment
- Diapers/pull-ups (ages 4 – 20) who qualify for quantities over 200/month (for one or both) or brand-specific diapers
- Enteral nutritional supplements and supplies
- Prosthetics and custom orthotics
- All unlisted or miscellaneous items, regardless of cost

#### Inpatient
- All inpatient hospital admissions, including medical, surgical and rehabilitation
- Behavioral health
- Psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF) services
- Obstetrical admissions, newborn deliveries exceeding 48 hours after vaginal delivery, and 96 hours after cesarean section
- Medical detoxification
- Elective transfers for inpatient and/or outpatient services between acute care facilities
- Long-term care initial placement (if still enrolled with the plan)

#### Home-based services
- Home health care (physical, occupational, and speech therapy) and skilled nursing (after six combined visits, regardless of modality)
- Home infusion services and injections (See list of medications on the Select Health website.)
- Home health aide services
- Private duty nursing (extended nursing services), covered when medically necessary for under age 21

#### Pharmacy and medications
List of HCPCS codes that require prior authorization is available at [www.selecthealthofsc.com](http://www.selecthealthofsc.com)
- Medications not listed on the South Carolina Medicaid Professional Services Fee Schedule are not covered by First Choice
- For questions contact PerformRx℠: 1-866-610-2773

#### Pain management
- External infusion pumps, spinal cord neurostimulators, implantable infusion pumps, radiofrequency ablation, nerve blocks, and epidural steroid injections

#### Advanced outpatient imaging services
- Nuclear cardiology
- Computed tomography angiography (CTA)
- Coronary computed tomography angiography (CCTA)
- Computed tomography (CT)
- Magnetic resonance angiography (MRA)
- Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)
- Myocardial perfusion imaging (MPI)
- Positron emission tomography (PET)
### 2019 Prior Authorization Information

#### Services requiring notification
- All newborn deliveries
- Maternity obstetrical services (after first visit) and outpatient care (includes 48-hour observation)
- Behavioral health — crisis intervention: notification required (within 2 business days) post-service. Medical necessity review required after 80 units per State fiscal year (July 1 – June 30)
- Continuation of covered services for a new member transitioning to the plan the first 90 calendar days of enrollment

#### Does not require authorization
- Emergency room services (in-network and out-of-network)
- 48-Hour observations (except for maternity — notification required)
- Low-level plain films — X-rays, electrocardiograms (EKGs)
- Family planning services
- Post-stabilization services (in-network and out-of-network)
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) services
- Women's health care by in-network providers (OB-GYN services)
- Routine vision services
- Post-operative pain management (must have a surgical procedure on the same date of service)
- Behavioral health and substance use disorder outpatient therapy
  - Members ages 20 and under require prior authorization for more than 6 sessions/month of all combined individual therapy sessions (codes 90832, 90834, 90837)
  - Members ages 21 and older — benefit limitation of 72 sessions/fiscal year for all combined individual therapy sessions (codes 90832, 90834, 90837)
- Behavioral health medication management

### Contacts

**Medical Services**
- Phone: 1-888-559-1010
- Fax: 1-866-368-4562

**National Imaging Associates (NIA)**
- Website: [www.RadMD.com](http://www.RadMD.com)
- Phone: 1-800-424-4895

**PerformRxSM**
- Phone: 1-866-610-2773
- Fax: 1-866-610-2775

**Behavioral Health**
- Phone: 1-866-341-8765
- Fax: 1-888-796-5521

**Claims**
- Phone: 1-800-575-0418 or 1-800-741-6605

**Claims Address**
- Claims Processing Dept.
- P.O. Box 7120
- London, KY 40742

**Select Health**
- P.O. Box 40849
- Charleston, SC 29423
- [www.selecthealthofsc.com](http://www.selecthealthofsc.com)

**NaviNet website**
- Visit [NaviNet](https://navinet.navimedix.com) to verify member eligibility and claim status.

Disclaimer: Telephone or written approval is not a guarantee of reimbursement. All services are subject to retrospective review to validate the request. **This list is not all-inclusive.**
### Behavioral Health Outpatient Treatment Form

**When complete, please fax to 1.888.796.5521.**

Please type or print clearly. Incomplete and illegible forms will delay processing.

**Participating Providers:** prior authorization is only required for the following services: ECT* (90870), Environmental Intervention (90882), Interpretation of Results (90887), Unlisted Psychiatric Service (90899) and Psychological Testing (separate form, 96101, 96118).

*ECT services must be prior authorized by telephonic review. Please call 1.866.341.8765.

**Non-Participating Providers:** prior authorization and a non-contracted provider form (available on the Select Health website) are required for all services.

#### 1. Member Information

<table>
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<th>Member name</th>
<th>Healthy Connections ID #</th>
<th>SSN</th>
<th>DOB</th>
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Member address (City, State Zip) | Phone |

Who referred member for treatment?  
- [ ] Self/parent  
- [ ] PCP  
- [ ] School  
- [ ] State agency  
- [ ] Other  

Name of referring agent | Phone |

#### 2. Treating Provider Information

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>MD</th>
<th>Lic. Psychologist</th>
<th>LIP</th>
<th>NPI #</th>
<th>PAR</th>
<th>NON-PAR</th>
<th>In Credentialing Process</th>
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Address (City, State Zip) | Phone | Fax |

Group name/Select Health ID # | Contact name |

Treating provider signature |

#### 3. Reason for Services

Primary reason/complaint | Start date requested |

Services requested: Service code(s) | Frequency |

#### 4. DSM Diagnosis

List all DSM diagnoses (behavioral and medical):

-  
-  
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#### 5. Please answer the following questions

(a) Is the member currently participating in any school services?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No

(b) Is the member’s family or supports involved in treatment?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No

(c) Has the member been evaluated by a psychiatrist?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No

(d) Is the member involved with SCDMH or DAODAS?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No

(e) Is there coordination of care with other behavioral health providers?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No

(f) Is there coordination of care with medical providers?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No

#### 6. Reason for Authorization of NON-PAR Providers

(Use utilization management will contact provider directly before giving authorization)  
- [ ] N/A — provider is PAR

(a) Specialty of provider to meet the needs of the member |

(b) Continuity of care concerns |

(c) Accessibility/availability of provider |

(d) Clinical rationale |

#### 7. Medications

Is member on prescribed medication(s)?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  

Prescribing physician(s) name(s) |

Is member compliant with medication(s)?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  

Please list medications and dosages |

#### 8. Treatment Plan

*Please attach the current treatment plan. Please include documentation related to progress on goals and any changes made as a result.

#### 9. Additional Comments

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Psychological/Neuropsychological Testing Request

SUBMIT TO: Behavioral Health Utilization Management Fax: 888-796-5521.
For assistance please call 866-341-8765.

Treatment requests must be documented in whole hours and assessments must justify the clinical need for all tests requested.

Testing will not be authorized under any of the following conditions:

1. The referral question can be answered through a comprehensive diagnostic interview and/or routine screening or assessment measure (e.g. self-report inventories, rating scales).
2. Testing is not directly relevant or necessary for proper diagnosis and/or development of a treatment plan for a behavioral health disorder or associated medical condition.
3. Testing is primarily for educational, vocational or legal purposes.
4. Testing is routine for entrance into a treatment program.
5. The tests requested are experimental or have no documented validity.
6. The time requested to administer the testing exceeds established time parameters.

### Demographic information

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<th>DOB:</th>
<th>Age:</th>
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<td>Medicaid ID/SS #/Patient ID:</td>
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### Provider information

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<td>Address:</td>
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<td>□ MD   □ PhD   □ Other:</td>
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<td>Phone:</td>
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Date of diagnostic interview/intake:

Please attach a summary of the diagnostic interview, including scores from screening tools used.

Behavioral and medical diagnoses:

Specific referral reason/question:

State how the anticipated results of the testing will affect the patient's treatment plan:

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<th>Was a substance abuse assessment completed?</th>
<th>Results (or attach the results to this request):</th>
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Has previous psychological or neuropsychological testing been conducted? □ Yes □ No

If yes, please give details to include tests that have been conducted, when they were completed, and reason for testing:
### Psychological/Neuropsychological Testing Request

#### Medications

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#### Please indicate the tests planned to answer the clinical questions

- [ ] WISC (120 min.)
- [ ] MMPI-A (60 min.)
- [ ] ADOS (120 min.)
- [ ] BRIEF (60 min.)
- [ ] WAIS (120 min.)
- [ ] MACI (60 min.)
- [ ] Conner's Continuous Performance (60 min.)
- [ ] Conner's Continuous Performance – Kiddie (30 min.)
- [ ] WPPSI (120 min.)
- [ ] NEPSY (60 min.)
- [ ] Vineland (60 min.)
- [ ] MAPI (60 min.)
- [ ] MMPI (60 min.)
- [ ] PAI (60 min.)
- [ ] DAS (60 min.)
- [ ] BASC/CBCL (30 min. each):
  - [ ] Self
  - [ ] Parent
  - [ ] Teacher
  - [ ] Other
- [ ] Autism Checklist (15 min. each):
  - [ ] Self
  - [ ] Parent
  - [ ] Teacher
  - [ ] Other
- [ ] ADHD Checklist (15 min. each):
  - [ ] Self
  - [ ] Parent
  - [ ] Teacher
  - [ ] Other
- [ ] Other:
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- [ ] Other:

If you are requesting more time for a test than is the standard allowed time, please indicate the reason:

Additional comments:

Provider Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
When complete, please fax to **1-888-796-5521**. Please print clearly – incomplete or illegible forms will delay processing. Please submit this notification of crisis intervention services within two business days of rendering the service. An authorization number will be provided to the provider within 14 calendar days of notification of service. All out-of-network provider requests will be reviewed for medical necessity of services.

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**Who referred the member for crisis intervention services?**

- [ ] Therapist/psychiatrist
- [ ] Primary care provider (PCP)
- [ ] School
- [ ] Member/parent
- [ ] State agency:
- [ ] Other:

### Provider information

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**Group/agency name**

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### Service information

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**Participants continued (if necessary)**

**Summary of the crisis/symptoms and interventions completed**

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Page 1 of 2
Crisis Intervention Notification Request Form

Service information (continued)

Outcome of the session:

☐ Member stabilized and returned home with supports
☐ Member taken to emergency room (ER) for possible inpatient admission
☐ Other:

Patient status at end of services:

Planned follow-up of crisis intervention:

Member acknowledgement

“I certify that I am actively involved in receiving Crisis Intervention Services. I understand that payment and satisfaction of claims will be from public funds (federal, state, and local) and that false claims, statements, or documents, or concealment of material facts, may be prosecuted under applicable laws.”

Member signature _______________________________ Date ________

☐ Member and/or legal guardian declined/unable to sign the encounter form

Provider signature _______________________________ Date ________
# Form, Pregnancy Risk Assessment Information

Pregnancy Risk Assessment Information
Please fax this form to Select Health of South Carolina at 1.866.533.5493.
If you have questions, please call Bright Start at 1.888.559.1010.

## Provider Information

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## Tobacco use

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## Pregnancy Information & History

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<td>Gravida</td>
<td>Para</td>
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<td>Abortion: Spontaneous:</td>
<td>Induced:</td>
<td>Three consecutive abortions</td>
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## Last Pregnancy

- Low birth weight < 2500 grams
- Gestational diabetes
- Pre-term delivery (gest. age:)
- Congenital anomaly:
- Other (specify)

## Current Pregnancy

- Multiple gestation: Twins
- Premature labor
- Placenta previa
- Premature rupture of membranes
- STD (sexually transmitted disease)
- IUGR
- Seizure disorder
- Other (specify)

## Active Mental Health Conditions

- No mental health conditions
- Schizophrenia
- Bipolar
- Depression

## Social, Economic and Lifestyle Issues

- No identified social, economic or lifestyle issues
- Homelessness
- Mental/physical/sexual abuse (current or hx. of)

## Maternity Authorization #

Covering dates of service to

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Please call Bright Start or fax an updated form if the member has any changes in condition during pregnancy. This updated information can assist Bright Start with member outreach.

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Revised July 15, 2015
# Universal Newborn Prior Authorization Form - Pediatric Offices

Out-of-network pediatric providers must provide this information to obtain an authorization for services rendered in the office during the first 60 days after discharge. Authorization should be requested by close of the next business day. For questions, contact the plan at the associated phone number.

*Fax the COMPLETED form OR call the plan with the requested information.

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<td>WellCare of SC</td>
<td>P: 1.888.588.9842 F: 1.877.431.8859</td>
<td><a href="http://www.wellcare.com">www.wellcare.com</a></td>
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**Patient’s Information**

- Patient’s name (first, middle, last)
- DOB
- Street address, apt. number
- City, State, Zip
- Home phone
- Mobile phone
- Medicaid number
- MCO ID number
- Mom’s name (first, middle, last)
- Mom’s Medicaid number
- Mom’s SSN

**Secondary Coverage**

- Policy holder
- DOB
- Relationship to patient
- Employer

**EPSDT and Immunization**

- [ ] 99381 (EPSDT new)
- [ ] 99391 (EPSDT established)
- [ ] 1 visit
- [ ] 2 visits
- [ ] 090471
- [ ] 090472
- [ ] 090473

**E/M Non-EPSDT**

- [ ] CPT

**Labs**

- [ ] CPT

**Other**

- [ ] 17250
- [ ] 51701
- [ ] 54150

**Practice Information**

- Practice name
- Practice NPI number
- Attending physician (last name, first name)
- Physician NPI number
- Contact person
- Phone
- Fax
- Plan point of contact
- Date plan called
- Time of call
- Plan reference/confirmation number

**For MCO use only.**

- [ ] Approved
- [ ] Denied
- Authorization number
- Date of notification to pediatric office

Please note that our review applies only to the authorization of medical necessity and benefit coverage. This authorization is not a guarantee of payment unless the member is eligible at the time the services are rendered.

Universal Newborn Authorization Form 1.2014
### Form, SBIRT Screening Tool

**INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND RECOVERY**

**SBIRT INTEGRATED SCREENING TOOL**

- Fax the COMPLETED form to the patient's plan and referral site and keep a copy in patient file

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**PATIENT INFORMATION**

- Patient's last name: __________
- First: __________  Middle: __________  Language: __________  Race: __________  Ethnicity: __________
- Phone no: __________  Street address: __________  Medicaid recipient no: __________

**PROVIDER INFORMATION**

- Practice name: __________  Group NPI: __________  Individual NPI: __________  Screening provider’s name: __________  Phone no: __________

**PATIENT SCREENING INFORMATION**

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<td>Did any of your parents have a problem with alcohol or drug use?</td>
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<td>Do any of your friends have a problem with alcohol or other drug use?</td>
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<td><strong>Partner</strong></td>
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<td>Does your partner have a problem with alcohol or other drug use?</td>
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<td><strong>Violence</strong></td>
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<td>Are you feeling at all unsafe in any way in your relationship with your current partner?</td>
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<td><strong>Emotional Health</strong></td>
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<td>Over the last few weeks, has worry, anxiety, depression or sadness made it difficult for you to do your work, get along with people or take care of things at home?</td>
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<td><strong>Past</strong></td>
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<td>In the past, have you had difficulties in your life due to alcohol or other drugs, including prescription medications?</td>
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<td><strong>Smoking</strong></td>
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<td>Have you smoked any cigarettes in the past three months?</td>
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**Advice for Brief Intervention**

- Did you State your medical concern? _ ___________ \(\text{Y/N/N/A}\)
- Did you Advise to abstain or reduce use? _ ___________ \(\text{Y/N/N/A}\)
- Did you Check patient’s reaction? _ ___________ \(\text{Y/N/N/A}\)
- Did you Refer for future assessment? _ ___________ \(\text{Y/N/N/A}\)

**At Risk Drinking**

- Non-Pregnant
  - 7+ drinks/week
  - 3+ drinks/day
  - Any Use is Risky Drinking

**CONFIDENTIAL SBIRT REFERRAL INFORMATION**

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<th>DHEC QUIT LINE</th>
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<td>Check all that apply</td>
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<td>Fax: 1-800-483-3114</td>
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<td>Date of referral appointment (DD/MM/YY):</td>
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Women’s health can be affected by emotional problems, alcohol, tobacco, other drug use and domestic violence. Women’s health is also affected when those same problems are presented in people close to us. By “alcohol,” we mean beer, wine, wine coolers or liquor.
# Universal 17-P Authorization Form

*Fax the COMPLETED form OR call the plan with the requested information.*

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**Date of Request for Authorization**

**Patient/Member Name**

**DOB**

**Address (Street, Apt. #)**

**City/State/Zip**

**Phone**

**Medicaid Number**

**MCO ID Number**

### Pregnancy Information and History

- **G___ T ___ P ___ A ___ L ___ (Note: A= abortion (spontaneous and medically induced) EDC**
- **Last menstrual period**
- **EDD**
- **Current Gestational age**
- **weeks**

**Bed Rest**

- Yes
- No

**Experiencing Preterm Labor**

- Yes
- No

(Home administration available if on bed rest)

- **Singleton Pregnancy**
- **Multiple Pregnancy**

**At least 16 weeks gestation**

- Yes
- No**

**Major Fetal or Uterine Anomaly**

- Yes
- No

**Patient has a history of prior spontaneous singleton preterm birth between 20-36.6 weeks**

- Yes
- No

**Delivery was due to preterm labor or PPROM even if it resulted in C-section**

- Yes
- No

**Delivery was not due to medical indication, e.g. preeclampsia, abruption, etc.**

- Yes
- No

**Medication Allergies**

**No known drug allergies**

**Other Pertinent Clinical Information:**

### Pharmacy Information

- **Ship to patient’s home address**
- **End Date of Service**

- **Ship to provider’s address**
- **End Date of Service**

**Shipping Preference:**

- Regular Mail
- Ground
- Overnight

**Ordering Physician’s Signature:**

**Makena or 17-P Compound**

### Provider Information

**Ordering Provider Name**

**Ordering Provider NPI**

**Tax ID**

**Address**

**City/State/Zip**

**Phone**

**Fax**

**Provider Type:**

- OB/GYN
- Family Medicine
- MFM/Perinatology
- Other

**Practice Name:**

**Practice NPI:**

**Contact Person:**

**Phone:**

**Fax:**

### FOR MCO USE ONLY:

- **Approved**
- **Denied**
- **Number of Injections**

**Date of Notification to Provider:**

**Reviewer(s) name & title:**

*Please note that our review applies only to the authorization of medical necessity and benefit coverage. This authorization is not a guarantee of payment unless the member is eligible at the time the services are rendered.*

**Prescription may be written prior to 16 weeks, but the vial shipment may be withheld by the pharmacy until the 15th week.
Abortion Statement

This certification meets FFP requirements and must include all of the aforementioned criteria.

Healthy Connections

MEMBER INFORMATION

Member name ___________________________ First Choice ID # __________ SSN __________ Date of birth __________
Member address ___________________________ City, State ZIP __________ Phone __________

TREATING PROVIDER INFORMATION

Name (include credentials) ___________________________ NPI # __________ Phone __________
Address ___________________________ City, State ZIP __________ Fax __________
Contact person name ___________________________ Contact email ___________________________ Contact phone __________

PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I, ____________________________, certify that it was necessary to terminate the pregnancy of ____________________________ for the following reason:

a. [ ] Physical disorder, injury, or illness (including a life-endangering condition caused or arising from pregnancy) placed the patient in danger of death unless abortion was performed. Name of condition:

b. [ ] The patient has certified to me the pregnancy was a result of rape or incest and the police report is attached.

c. [ ] The patient has certified to me the pregnancy was a result of rape or incest and the patient is unable for physiological or psychological reasons to comply with the reporting requirements.

Provider signature ___________________________ Date __________

PATIENT CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I, ____________________________, certify that my pregnancy was the result of an act of rape or incest.

Member signature ___________________________ Date __________

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# Form, Surgical Justification Review for Hysterectomy

**SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAID PROGRAM**  
**SURGICAL JUSTIFICATION REVIEW FOR HYSTERECTOMY**

This completed form and a signed “Acknowledgment of Receipt of Hysterectomy Information” form must be received 30 days prior to scheduled surgery.

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**GYNECOLOGICAL HISTORY/PHYSICAL EXAM RELATING TO PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS:**

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Check one: Premenopausal  Postmenopausal  

**CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT/MEDICATION WITH DATES:**

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**PRIOR GYN SURGERY/DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES (INCLUDE COPIES OF ALL REPORTS):**

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**Office notes and all supporting documentation (e.g., ultrasound, operative and path reports, etc.) are required for approval and should be attached to this form.**

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Approvals are valid for 180 days from date of issue.

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Consent for Sterilization

Notice: Your decision at any time not to be sterilized will not result in the withdrawal or withholding of any benefits provided by programs or projects receiving Federal funds.

Consent to Sterilization
I have asked for and received information about sterilization from ________________________________

Doctor or Clinic
When I first asked for the information, I was told that the decision to be sterilized is completely up to me. I was told that I could decide not to be sterilized. If I decide not to be sterilized, my decision will not affect my right to future care or treatment. I will not lose any help or benefits from programs receiving Federal funds, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Medicaid that I am now getting or for which I may become eligible. I understand that the sterilization must be considered permanent and not reversible. I have decided that I do not want to become pregnant, bear children, or father children. I was told about those temporary methods of birth control that are available and could be provided to me which will allow me to bear or father a child in the future. I have rejected these alternatives and chosen to be sterilized. I understand that I will be sterilized by an operation known as a ________________________________

Specific type of operation
The discomforts, risks and benefits associated with the operation have been explained to me. All my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

I understand that the operation will not be done until at least 30 days after I sign this form. I understand that I can change my mind at any time and that my decision at any time not to be sterilized will not result in the withholding of any benefits or medical services provided by federally funded programs.

I am at least 21 years of age and was born on: __________________ Date

I hereby consent of my own free will to be sterilized by ________________________________

Doctor or Clinic
by a method called ________________________________

Specific type of operation
My consent expires 180 days from the date of my signature below. I also consent to the release of this form and other medical records about the operation to representatives of the Department of Health and Human Services, or employees of programs or projects funded by the Department but only for determining if Federal laws were observed. I have received a copy of this form.

Signature of person obtaining consent Date

Medicaid ID number

Ethnicity:

☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
☐ Not Hispanic or Latino ☐ Asian
☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
☐ White

Interpreter's Statement
If an interpreter is provided to assist the individual to be sterilized: I have translated the information and advice presented orally to the individual to be sterilized by the person obtaining this consent. I have also read him/her the consent form in ________________________________ language and explained its contents to him/her. To the best of my knowledge and belief he/she understood this explanation.

Interpreter's Signature Date

Statement Of Person Obtaining Consent
Before ________________________________ signed the consent form, I explained to him/her the nature of sterilization operation ________________________________

Specific type of operation
the fact that it is intended to be a final and irreversible procedure and the discomforts, risks and benefits associated with it. I counseled the individual to be sterilized that alternative methods of birth control are available which are temporary. I explained that sterilization is different because it is permanent. I informed the individual to be sterilized that his/her consent can be withdrawn at any time and that he/she will not lose any health services or benefits provided by Federal funds.

To the best of my knowledge and belief the individual to be sterilized is at least 21 years old and appears mentally competent. He/She knowingly and voluntarily requested to be sterilized and appears to understand the nature and consequences of the procedure.

Signature of person obtaining consent Date

Facility

Address

Physician's Statement
Shortly before I performed a sterilization operation upon ________________________________

Name of Individual Date

Specific type of operation
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Facility

Address

Physician's Signature Date

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## Request for Authorization

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Fax request form with supporting clinical documentation to **1-866-368-4562**.
## Request for Authorization

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# Form, Physician Certification of Incontinence 168IS

**Physician Certification of Incontinence**

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**Beneficiary’s name**

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Please complete the areas below and return to the "From" address above. This beneficiary is requesting incontinence supplies (includes diapers/briefs/pull-ups, wipes and/or underpads) through the Medicaid Home Health benefit. In order to qualify, the beneficiary must have one of the following conditions. Please check any that apply. The form must be fully completed.

- [ ] Incontinent of bladder
- [ ] Incontinence of bowel

Certifications for waiver beneficiaries are effective for 1 year from the date the physician signs the initial certification.

Certifications for non-waiver beneficiaries are effective for the time frame indicated below as certified by the physician signing the certification:

- [ ] 3 months
- [ ] 6 months
- [ ] 9 months
- [ ] 12 months

What is the diagnosis related to incontinence?

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Please indicate one of the following:

- [ ] Incontinence supplies are **NOT** medically necessary
- [ ] Incontinence supplies are **MEDICALLY NECESSARY** for this Medicaid beneficiary

**Physician’s signature**

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*Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant signatures are not acceptable*

Last updated on 10/03/14 - SHv168IS
**Request for Authorization**

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Member Consent for Provider to File an Appeal

Provider Information

Provider name ___________________________________________ NPI # __________

Group name ___________________________________________ Phone __________________

Address, city, state zip ___________________________________________

Description of action that may be appealed:

Member Information and Consent

I agree to allow the provider listed above to file an appeal for me with First Choice. This will be an appeal of the action taken by First Choice that is described above. I have read this consent or have had it read to me and it has been explained to my satisfaction. I understand the information in the consent form and give my consent to this provider to file an appeal for me.

Member name (print) ___________________________ Date of birth ___________ Member ID # __________

Address __________________________________________________ Phone __________________

Member signature ___________________________________________ Date* ___________

*Consent cannot be dated before the date(s) of the service(s) in question.

Consent from a Designated Representative

☐ The member listed above is unable to sign this consent form because of the reason(s) listed below. I am authorized to consent on behalf of the member and I hereby give my consent:

Representative name (print) ___________________________ Relationship to member ___________________________

Representative signature __________________________________ Date ___________

Witness name ___________________________________ Signature ___________ Date ___________
Form: Hearing Aid Battery Request

Children with Special Health Care Needs (CRS)
Hearing Aid Battery Request
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**PATIENT INFORMATION**

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**HEARING AID INFORMATION**

How many hearing aids does the patient use?  
- [ ] 1  
- [ ] 2

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Submitted by ___________________________  Date submitted ________________

Submit this form to cooperhh@dhec.sc.gov

[Click to send.]

**FOR CENTRAL OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date batteries sent to patient __________________________

Last updated on 11/15/13
Provider Refund Claim Form

In an effort to reduce the administrative burden on our providers, we have streamlined our refund process. Please complete this Provider Refund Claim Form in its entirety. The information provided on this form will enable us to credit your account in a timely manner. If your refund contains more than one claim, please complete the attached form or attach your own file. Thank you for your cooperation.

All checks should be made Payable to Select Health of South Carolina. The refund and form should be mailed to:

Attn: Claims Repayment Research Unit
P.O. Box 7120
London, KY 40742

Provider Information:

Date: ____________________________
Provider Name: ___________________
NPI: ____________________________
TIN: ____________________________
Provider Address: __________________
Office Contact: ____________________
Phone Number: ____________________

Provider Information:

Member Name: ____________________
ID Number: _______________________
Date of Service: ____________
Claim Number: ____________
Refund Amount: $______________

Please note: If your refund contains more than one claim, please use the attached form (page 2) or attach your own file.

Type of Refund:

☐ Medical Overpayment ☐ Capitation
Other: __________________________

Reason for Refund:

☐ Other Insurance (Attach Primary EOB) ☐ Subrogation
☐ Duplicate payment ☐ Claim was processed under the incorrect provider
☐ Incorrect provider cashed check ☐ Not our check
☐ Billing error ☐ Contract change/fee schedule update
☐ Eligibility ☐ Recovery project (Please include project letter)
☐ Bonus payment ☐ Return Supplies (Durable Medical Equipment)

Other (Please provide details "overpayment" is not a valid reason)

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### Additional Claim Form

If your refund contains more than one claim, please complete the attached form or attach your own file.

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We help people get care, stay well, and build healthy communities.
### Sample First Choice Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Treatment Request Form

Please print clearly — incomplete or illegible forms will delay processing. Please fax to: First Choice by Select Health of South Carolina’s (Select Health) Behavioral Health Utilization Management (BHUM) department at 1-888-796-5521. For assistance contact: 1-866-341-8765.

**Member information**

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**Provider information (board-certified behavior analyst [BCBA]/licensed provider)**

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### Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) diagnosis

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Is the member diagnosed with an ASD?

**Assessment and clinical documentation requirements:**

All required clinical information is the responsibility of the referring and/or requesting provider to obtain and provide to Select Health’s BHUM department for a medical necessity determination. A failure to submit all clinical documentation may delay processing this request.

1. Diagnostic evaluation/report (initial requests).
2. Full behavior support plan/treatment plan (including symptoms/behaviors requiring treatment, specific treatment interventions, and that these were indicated by the assessment tool).
3. ABA therapy progress summary, including cumulative graphs of progress/standard celeration charts.
5. Documentation of caregiver goals, involvement in treatment, and progress in skill development.

Additional information: _____________________________________________________________
**Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Treatment Request Form**

List of any other services the member is receiving, including service names/therapy, number of hours per week of each and the targets of those treatments, and evidence of coordination with school, preschool, or early intervention program and other therapy providers (coordination that is more than a phone call or notification of enrollment).

School/preschool/early intervention program:

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Summary of contact with other providers:

Treatment request:

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Provider signature with credentials and date:

My signature confirms that any paraprofessional under my supervision has the appropriate education, training, and certifications as applicable.
The purpose of this form is to request authorization for admission to a psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF). This form should be sent to the Behavioral Health Utilization Management (BHUM) department only. Fax to 1-888-796-5521. For any questions, please contact BHUM at 1-866-341-8765.

Steps to request a PRTF authorization:

All PRTF authorizations are based on medical necessity of services. All PRTF authorizations require supporting clinical documentation to be submitted with the PRTF Authorization Request Form. All required clinical information is the responsibility of the referring or requesting provider to obtain and provide to Select Health of South Carolina (Select Health) BHUM for a medical necessity determination. Failure to submit all clinical documentation will delay processing this request.

1. The request must include the following documentation to be reviewed for medical necessity:
   a. Most recent psychosocial and/or diagnostic assessment by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts (LPHA) within the previous week.
   b. Court order for placement (if applicable).
   c. Most recent IEP/504 plan (if applicable).
   d. Psychological and/or neuropsychological testing (if applicable).
   e. CALOCUS/CASII (if applicable).
   f. Certificate of Need per 42 CFR 441.152.

2. Upon receiving all clinical information, Select Health BHUM will schedule a telephonic review to determine medical necessity. The telephonic review is required to include the member’s LPHA who has completed a face-to-face assessment with the member.

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**Sample First Choice Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) Request Form**

**Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) Authorization Request From**

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Date the LPHA completed a face-to-face assessment/session with the member (required to be within seven calendar days of the Certificate of Need)?

What is the member's current status or placement?

### Reason for referral

**Current MH/SUD symptoms** (frequency, dates, consequence that lead to a referral for PRTF):

What are the contributing factors to the main clinical need/problem?

What are the goals for the PRTF admission and recommended interventions to the contributing factors indicated above?

Current living situation:

Family's role in treatment:

DSS, DJJ, legal, or other involvement? □ Yes □ No
If yes, indicate type:
If so, contact name: Phone number:

Child's current grade level: Current school: Special education classification? □ Yes □ No
If yes, type:

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A medical necessity determination will be made after a review of all required clinical information and a telephonic review. A medical necessity determination will be made within seven calendar days of Select Health BHUM receiving all required clinical documentation. After it is determined that the PRTF admission is medically necessary, finding a PRTF facility or placement will be the responsibility of the referral source.
## Sample Select Health Physician’s Request for Transfer of Member

Please fax this form to Select Health of South Carolina at 1-800-575-0419.
If you have questions, please call Member Services at 1-888-276-2020 or 1-843-764-1877 (Charleston).

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### Member Information

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### Reason for Transfer Request

Reason for termination of this member from your practice:

If more room is needed, please continue on the other side.

### Transfer Member to New Primary Care Provider (PCP):

### New PCP Information

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Member’s signature: ____________________________
Date: __________________________________________________________________________

Physician’s signature: ____________________________
Date: __________________________________________________________________________

The PCP change will take effect the first day of the month following completion of this form. The member will be sent an updated ID card reflecting the new PCP’s information. A copy of the member's medical records should be forwarded to the new provider.
Sample WIC Referral Form

PL103 448, §204(e) requires States using managed care arrangements to serve their Medicaid beneficiaries to coordinate their WIC and Medicaid Programs. This coordination should include the referral of potentially eligible women, infants, and children and the provision of medical information to the WIC Program. To help facilitate the information exchange process, please complete this form and send it to the address listed below. Thank you for your cooperation.

Name of Person Being Referred

Address

Telephone Number

The following classifications describe the populations served by the WIC program. Please check the category that most appropriately describes the person being referred:

- [ ] Pregnant woman
- [ ] Woman who is breast-feeding her infant(s) up to one year postpartum
- [ ] Woman who is non breast feeding up to six months postpartum
- [ ] Infant (age 0-1)
- [ ] Child under age 5

States may consider using this space to either include specific medical information or to indicate that such information can be provided if requested by the WIC Program.

Provider’s Name

Provider’s Phone

I, the undersigned, give permission for my provider to give the WIC Program any required medical information.

(Signature of the patient being referred or, in the case of children and infants, signature and printed name of the parent/guardian)

Send completed form to:

WIC Program Contact
Address
Phone Number
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<th>Member #</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>City, State, Zip</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Sex</th>
<th>DOB</th>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Member PCP Eff Date</th>
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Total Membership for Provider/Group Service Address: 17

Tax ID Number: 853670143
**Remittance Advice**

For further inquiries on this remittance advice contact:
Select Health of SC, Inc.
Airport Business Center
200 Stevens Drive
Philadelphia, PA 19113
or call 800.575.0418

Payee ID: 1234567
Tax ID: 123-45-6789
NPI #: 1011101101
Check #: 50000676
Check Ref: 20011002101019
Payment: 0.00
Date: 07/01/08

**Provider ID** 123456
**Member ID** 987654321
**Patient ID** 27930108089

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**Coordination of Benefits**

**Payment Reduction Summary**

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**Messages**

R36 Capitated Service
**Form, Prior Authorization, Inpatient Substance Use Disorders**

**Behavioral Health Fax Form**

Inpatient and Substance Use Disorders Treatment Services

When complete, please fax to **1-888-796-5521**.

Today's date: _____________________ Start date of admission/service: __________________

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**Note:** For free-standing psychiatric facilities, a Certificate of Need is required for children under the age of 21.

**Member information**

- Member name (Last, First, MI)
- Eligibility ID #
- Date of birth
- Member address
- Emergency contact (other than primary caregiver)
- Phone
- Legal guardian/parent
- Phone

**Provider information**

- Facility/Provider name
- NPI #/Tax ID
- Attending MD
- Provider ID
- Facility/Provider address
- UM review contact
- Phone
- DSM-5 Diagnoses (include mental health, substance abuse & medical)

**Medications**

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**Additional information**

**Presenting Problem/Current Clinical Update** (Include SI, HI, psychotic, mood/affect, sleep, appetite, withdrawal symptoms, chronic SA)
Form, Certification of Need (CON) for Children Under 21

Client's name: 
Date of birth: 
Social Security number: 
NPI or Medicaid provider ID: 

A review team has evaluated all of the information submitted by the physical and other professionals to justify the client's admission to __________________________________________ and certifies that:

☐ Documentation of comprehensive diagnostic assessment conducted within one week by the LPHA has been reviewed and includes information pertaining, but not limited to, prior treatment history, diagnostic history, mental status examination, current symptoms, risk assessment; and

☐ Ambulatory services available in the community do not meet the current treatment needs of the client; and

☐ Prior treatment addressing presenting concern/problem has not been successful; and

☐ Proper treatment of the client's psychiatric condition requires services on an inpatient basis under the direction of a physician; and

☐ The inpatient services can reasonable be expected to improve the client's condition or prevent further regression so that the inpatient services will no longer be needed.

OR

☐ According to current criteria, the client does not meet the requirements for Medicaid-sponsored inpatient psychiatric care.

This certification is not an approval for Medicaid to pay. Medicaid eligibility or continued eligibility must be established by the appropriate SCDHHS Eligibility Office.

Team physician's print name: 
Team physician's signature: Date: 
Physician's NPI: 
Effective date: Check one: ☐ Interdisciplinary team ☐ Independent team

Other team members' signatures, titles, and date signed: (A minimum of one signature must be present.)

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