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1.1 Welcome to Horizon NJ Health

We are pleased you are a participating provider and part of Horizon NJ Health. Horizon NJ Health is a health care management company that administers a managed care program for Medicaid recipients and those enrolled in NJ FamilyCare, Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Division of Child Protection & Permanency (DCPP) and clients of the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) in New Jersey.

As a member of our provider network, you have an opportunity to build a mutually beneficial program for all members and for yourself. Horizon NJ Health regards your efforts as indispensable in making this program successful and for providing the highest quality medical care and services to our members. Horizon NJ Health is committed to supporting you, and we look forward to working with you to provide the best quality service possible to our members.

1.2 About This Document

The Horizon NJ Health Provider Administrative Manual (“Manual”) is a guide to the policies and administrative procedures of Horizon NJ Health. The Manual, updated periodically, is available on horizonNJhealth.com. Hard copies of the Manual are also available by calling 1-800-682-9091. The Manual should be kept in your office or facility for easy access and referral. Use this document as a guide to answer questions about referral and authorization policies, member benefits, claim submissions and many other issues. Your failure to comply with any policies, rules and procedures may constitute a breach of your Participating Physician, Hospital or Ancillary Provider Agreement and will certainly impact claims payment.

This Manual also provides day-to-day operational details that can be helpful to you and your staff. The Manual will clarify and detail the requirements identified in the Horizon NJ Health Agreement. If you or your staff have any questions or concerns about the information in this Manual, please contact Horizon NJ Health’s Provider Contracting and Strategy (PC&S) Department at 1-800-682-9091.

1.3 Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare Program

As a managed care organization, our participation in the Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare program enables us to provide or arrange for the provision of services covered under the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare program.

1.4 Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS)

Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) refers to the delivery of long-term services and supports through New Jersey Medicaid’s NJ FamilyCare managed care program. MLTSS is designed to expand home and community-based services, promote community inclusion and ensure quality and efficiency.

Horizon NJ Health coordinates all services for MLTSS members. The program provides comprehensive services and supports, whether at home, in an assisted living facility, in community residential services, or in a nursing home. Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) includes:

- Assisted Living
- Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder
- Care Management
- Community Residential Services
- Home and Vehicle Modifications
- Home Delivered Meals
- Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder
- Nursing Home Care
- Personal Care
- Personal Emergency Response Systems
- Respite

These include comprehensive, preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic health care services. NJ FamilyCare is a federal- and state-funded health insurance program created to help New Jersey’s uninsured have affordable health coverage. It is not a welfare program. NJ FamilyCare is for hard-working families who cannot afford to pay for health insurance privately. Eligibility is based on family size and monthly income. Coverage is provided for children and adults with dependent children as well as adults without children. Please refer to Sections 2 and 3 for more information regarding eligibility and benefits for Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare members.

The NJ FamilyCare program helps reduce reliance on the hospital charity care program among low- and moderate-income residents of the state, by placing these individuals into a regular system of primary and preventive care. Those persons who have health care coverage are more likely to not only address their health problems, but ensure that their children obtain necessary care, including immunizations and well-child visits with a primary care provider.
1.5 Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP)

In January 2017, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey reentered the Fully Integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (FIDE-SNP) marketplace under the management of Horizon NJ Health. The plan is known as Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP), a Medicare Advantage plan that integrates all covered Medicare and Medicaid managed care benefits into one health plan. This health plan does not require referrals for specialty care. There is comprehensive information about Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) in Section 14 of this Manual.

Providers who are participating in this program have an addendum to their contract or have a unique contract covering FIDE-SNP. When payment is made for a Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) member, providers will receive a unique Electronic or Paper Remittance Advice showing how payment was made and indicating whether payment was for a Medicare or Medicaid service. Examples of these remittances are located in Section 14.6 of this Manual.

1.6 Horizon NJ Health's Website

The Horizon NJ Health website, horizonNJhealth.com, is a source of information about plan features, important news, tools and resources, as well as corporate policy. Our goal is to provide relevant information for members, physicians, health care professionals and the general public. Horizon NJ Health's Medical Policies and Clinical and Preventive Guidelines are available on the site.

Medical policies are posted for a minimum of 30 days prior to their effective date. Additional materials are posted as a resource for all providers, including the formulary, forms and guides. If you have any questions or would like a printed copy of any of these items, please contact your Professional Relations Representative.

NaviNet.net

Horizon NJ Health offers multiple online services via NaviNet that can greatly benefit providers. This free, secure website offers a single sign-on where providers can access transactions and services for multiple health plans. With its efficient electronic transactions and multi-payer database, NaviNet helps providers reduce their administrative costs and greatly reduces administrative time. When providers have a claim inquiry, they should consult NaviNet first.

By joining NaviNet, Horizon NJ Health providers get access to:

- Administrative Reports
- Utilization Management Tool
- Care Gap Reports
- Claim Appeals Status
- Claim Status Inquiries
- Online Referral Submission
- Referral Inquiries
- Searchable Eligibility and Benefit Information

The online Administrative Reports that are available include:

- Authorization Status Summary
- Claim Appeal Status
- Claim Status Summary
- Panel Rosters

The online Care Gap reporting feature allows better access to patients' medical information and helps ensure that patients are receiving their required screenings.

The online Care Gap reports that are available include:

- Adult Access to Preventive/Ambulatory Health Services
- Adolescent Well-Care Visits
- Annual Dental Visits
- Appropriate Treatment for Children with Upper Respiratory Infection
- Avoidance of Antibiotic Treatment in Adults in Acute Bronchitis
- Breast Cancer Screening
- Cervical Cancer Screening
- Child and Adolescent Access to Primary Care Physician (PCP)
- Childhood Immunization – Combo 2
- Childhood Influenza Immunizations
- Childhood Pneumococcal Immunizations
- Colorectal Cancer Screening
- Comprehensive Diabetes Care – Eye Exam
- Comprehensive Diabetes Care – HbA1C < 8%
- Emergency Room Visits
- Well-Child Visits (First 15 months of life)
- Well-Child Visits (3rd – 6th year of life)

To enroll with NaviNet:

- Visit horizonNJhealth.com and select the Providers tab, then select Register Today.
- Complete the NaviNet Enrollment Request Form. Your NaviNet username and temporary password will be sent via email once your registration is completed. If you need more information, call NaviNet at 1-888-482-8057.
1.6.1 Utilization Management Tool

Providers who use NaviNet can access the Utilization Management Tool Internet portal to submit authorization requests easily and securely. Utilization Management Tool allows providers to communicate directly with Horizon NJ Health by checking the status of all requests in real time. It also sends providers notifications when requests are completed. The main features in Utilization Management Tool include authorization requests and the ability to view status of authorization requests. It can also be used for authorizations for home care, DME purchase/rental, surgical procedures and inpatient admissions.

Providers can use Utilization Management Tool to easily change dates of service while the authorization request is pending for review and to upload attachments in Excel, Word or PDF. Utilization Management Tool is a single submission process and also includes printable approvals. For medically urgent requests, providers can still contact Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091. For more information, go to horizonNJhealth.com/for-providers/resources.

1.7 Provider Enrollment

To enroll as a network provider with Horizon NJ Health, a PCP, Specialist, Ancillary or MLTSS provider must fill out a Credentialing Application Packet, sign two contracts and submit them to Horizon NJ Health’s Department of Provider Contracting and Strategy (PC&S). The Credentialing Department will, within two weeks, review the provider’s application and contact the prospective provider if any discrepancies arise or if more information is required from the provider. It will take up to 90 days for the credentialing process to be completed. Upon acceptance, the provider will be notified of the credentialing committee’s decision and, if approved, be added to the Horizon NJ Health Provider Network. Until credentialing is complete providers are not allowed to treat Horizon NJ Health members. When a provider does provide treatment prior to credentialing being completed, no reimbursement is allowed. An authorization is required for services rendered by nonparticipating providers.

All PCPs or Specialists seeking applications or more information on the credentialing process should contact the Senior Manager of Network Relations at 1-800-682-9094. All MLTSS providers seeking applications or credentialing information should contact the Manager of MLTSS Network Relations, at 1-800-682-9094.

Credentialing applications should be submitted to:
Horizon NJ Health Provider Credentialing Department of Provider Contracting and Strategy
1700 American Blvd.
Pennington, NJ 08534

1.7.1 Provider Inquiries, Grievances and Appeals

Providers can check the status of appeals by going to NaviNet.net and can check the status of and grievances by contacting Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091.

1.7.2 Provider Relations

Horizon NJ Health’s list of Professional Relations Representatives that serve physicians can be found listed by counties served at horizonNJhealth.com/PCSstaff. This list also includes MLTSS and Ancillary contracting staff denoted by specialty. Information for the Provider Relations staff can also be obtained by calling Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091.

1.8 Provider Directory

Horizon NJ Health publishes a searchable Provider Directory at horizonNJhealth.com. All participating providers are listed, including doctors, hospitals, laboratory services, pharmacies and dental providers. The information is updated daily. Printed copies of the Provider Directory are available by calling Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091.

As a condition of their participation in the Horizon NJ Health network, providers are required to update their demographic and practice roster information when it changes. This can be done by completing a Request for Change of Information form. A copy of the form can be printed from the Horizon NJ Health website at horizonNJhealth.com/for-providers/forms. This form can be completed and emailed to ProviderFileOps2@HorizonBlue.com or faxed to 1-973-274-4126. Failure to update this information can result in denial of payment and potentially in removal from the network.

Newly enrolled members are sent a Provider Directory that is limited to include only the primary care providers, dentists, Ob/Gyns, vision providers, hospitals, health centers, and pharmacy locations specific to their county. These county directories are updated monthly.

If your office information is not correctly shown in these publications, please complete a Request for Change of Information form, fax it to Horizon NJ Health PC&S at 1-973-274-4126 or email it to providerfileops2@HorizonBlue.com. A copy of the form can be printed from the Horizon NJ Health website at horizonNJhealth.com.
1.9 Health Literacy

Health literacy is defined as “the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions.” Low health literacy affects people of every age, ethnicity, background and education level.

Impacts on Patient Care

People with low health literacy are less likely to adhere to prescribed treatment and self-care regimens. They are also less likely to seek preventive care and are at a higher risk for hospitalization. People with low health literacy often require additional care that results in annual health care costs four times higher than for those with a higher literacy level. Horizon NJ Health has adopted improvements in health literacy as a means of eliminating barriers to care and improving member health outcomes.

What you, the provider, can do:

• Create a safe environment where patients feel comfortable talking openly with you.
• Use plain language instead of technical language or medical jargon.
• Sit down (instead of standing) so you are eye level with your patient.
• Use visual models to illustrate a procedure or condition.
• Ask patients to perform a return demonstration of the care instructions you give to them.

Visit horizonNJhealth.com for additional health literacy resources. In addition to the above, Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) offers members a customized care management program designed to meet their individual needs. Each member’s personalized plan of care includes information and health education to address health literacy in partnership with their primary care provider. To learn more about the Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) Care Management Program, please call 1-888-621-5894, prompt 2, (TTY 711), Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
2.1 Individuals Eligible to Enroll

New Jersey residents who belong to one of the following categories are eligible for enrollment with Horizon NJ Health:

- Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- AFDC/TANF-related New Jersey Care: Special Medicaid Program for Pregnant Women and Children
- Social Security Insurance – Aged, Blind, Disabled
- New Jersey Care: Special Medicaid Programs for Aged, Blind and Disabled
- New Jersey Care: Special Medicaid Program for Breast and Cervical Cancers
- Division of Developmental Disabilities Clients, including the Division of Developmental Disabilities Community Care Waiver
- Medicaid only or SSI-related Aged, Blind and Disabled
- Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare for Parents or Caretakers
- Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare for Adults without Children
- Children who qualify for NJ FamilyCare programs
- Individuals eligible through the Division of Child Protection & Permanency (DCPP)
- Individuals who are enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid (dual eligible) may enroll in Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP)

2.1.1 Eligibility Requirements for MLTSS Membership

To be eligible to enroll with Horizon NJ Health’s MLTSS program, a person must:

- Be a resident of New Jersey.
- Be 65 years of age or older, or between the ages of 21 and 64 and determined physically disabled by the Social Security Administration or by the Disability Review Section of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services.
- Be determined by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services to meet clinical eligibility.
- Qualify for Medicaid financial eligibility by:
  - Qualifying for SSI in the community, or
  - Qualifying for Medicaid Only – Institutional Level, or
  - Qualifying for NJ FamilyCare (with income at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level and resources at or below $4,000).
- Meet clinical eligibility, which is determined by a state or county professional as needing nursing facility level of care.
- Reside in an approved community living arrangement.
- Want to enroll and receive services in a home or in a community setting instead of living in a nursing home.
- MLTSS members may also be eligible for Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) if they qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid.

If a provider wishes to refer a current or potential member for consideration for MLTSS services, he or she can call MLTSS Member Services at 1-844-444-4410.

2.1.2 Assessment Process for Nursing Facility Level of Care

Only individuals who are determined to require Nursing Facility Level of Care (NFLoC) may be enrolled in MLTSS. The process and standardized tool that is used in New Jersey to make this determination is the NJ Choice Assessment System as approved and codified by the State of New Jersey.

Upon enrollment, the Care Manager will conduct an initial assessment of each patient. This initial assessment is conducted by communicating with the member and primary caregiver/family member (if available), observing the member in his or her home environment, and reviewing any secondary documents when available. The member is considered to be the primary source of information; the Care Manager is encouraged to talk with the member in private if at all possible.

The purpose of the NJ Choice Assessment system is to complete a comprehensive assessment of the member with the goal of:

- Maximizing the individual’s functional capacity and quality of life.
- Addressing health problems through integrated care.
- Ensuring that the individual remains in his or her home as long as possible.

The Office of Community Choice Options (OCCO) of the New Jersey Department of Human Services’ Division of Aging Services makes the final eligibility determination and is responsible for issuing the final approval or denial letter to the member with a copy to Horizon NJ Health.

When an individual is determined not to require NFLoC, the person is informed by OCCO by letter of his or her right to request a Fair Hearing to appeal the determination.
2.1.3 Eligibility Requirements for Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) Membership

To be eligible for Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP), an enrollee must:

- Be a full-time New Jersey resident residing in one of the counties in which the plan is available.
- Have Medicare Parts A and B.
- Have NJ FamilyCare eligibility.
- Not be diagnosed with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) at the time of enrollment.
- Not be enrolled in a breast cancer or cervical cancer waiver program.
- Not be enrolled in a Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).
- Members of this plan may also be eligible for Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS).

2.2 Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare Program

The Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare programs are the New Jersey programs that provide managed care coverage to eligible adults and children. Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare eligibility is based on income level. Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare A provides comprehensive managed care coverage to:

- Children under the age of 19 with family incomes up to and including 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level
- Children under the age of one year and pregnant women eligible under New Jersey Care Special Medicaid Programs
- Pregnant women with an income up to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level
- AFDC eligibles with incomes up to and including 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level
- Non-institutionalized aged, blind and disabled individuals enrolled under Medicaid, SSI or New Jersey Care Special Medicaid Programs In addition to covered managed care services, eligible under this program may access certain other services, which are paid by Medicaid fee for service. Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare ABP provides comprehensive managed care coverage to:

- Children under the age of 19 with family incomes between 201 percent and up to and including 350 percent of the Federal Poverty Level

In addition to covered managed care services, eligible under this program may access certain other services, which are paid by Medicaid fee for service. Medicaid fee for service.

NJ FamilyCare D provides managed care coverage to uninsured:

- Children under the age of 19 with family incomes up to and including 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level

In addition to covered managed care services, eligible under this program may access certain other services, which are paid by Medicaid fee for service. Medicaid fee for service.

Upon collection of a copayment, a physician is responsible for issuing a receipt to the member. This receipt should include the physician's name, address and phone number.

2.3 Special Needs Enrollees

Adult special needs enrollees under the NJ State Medicaid program are defined as adults with special needs that include complex/chronic medical conditions requiring specialized health care services. This includes persons with physical, mental, substance use disorder and/or developmental disabilities. Children with special health care needs are those who have (or are at an increased risk for) a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional condition and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond what is generally required by children.

2.4 Member Identification Cards

Identification Card

Upon enrollment, Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare programs issue the member a Health Benefits Identification (HBID)
card, which is a permanent, plastic magnetic-striped card. The HBID can be used by members to access services covered by fee for service and those benefits not covered by Horizon NJ Health.

**Horizon NJ Health Identification Cards**

Members enrolled with Horizon NJ Health will receive a white, plastic Horizon NJ Health ID card in addition to the State of New Jersey-provided HBID card. Patients should be asked to present the Horizon NJ Health ID card to aid you in:

- Eligibility verification
- Admission coordination
- Delivery of service
- Claim submission
- Collection of copayments (NJ FamilyCare C and D)

Be sure to make a copy of both sides of the member’s Horizon NJ Health ID card and the State of New Jersey provided HBID card when they are presented. Horizon NJ Health ID cards contain the following information:

- Member name
- Member identification number
- Primary care provider’s (PCP) name and phone number
- Indication of dental benefits
- Coverage effective date
- Copayment amounts (NJ FamilyCare C and D)
- Note that the phrase “BC/BS Plan Codes 280/780” as well as “YHZ” before the member ID number appear on the face of the member ID cards. Please disregard this information. Participating Horizon NJ Health physicians are not required to include the YHZ prefix when referring to a member ID number.

Both the Horizon NJ Health and the HBID cards are for identification purposes only. Eligibility must be verified before services are provided.

### 2.5 Determining Eligibility

The Horizon NJ Health member ID card cannot be accepted as the sole verification of a member’s eligibility to receive benefits. ID cards do not list an expiration date and are not always returned to Horizon NJ Health when a member’s coverage terminates. To confirm eligibility, visit NaviNet.net or call 1-800-682-9091 at the time of service. A member should present an HBID card in addition to a Horizon NJ Health ID card. Ask the member for all forms of insurance to facilitate claims processing. See Section 9.6.2 Other Third Party Medical Insurance for more information. Also see section 1.5 for more information on NaviNet and member eligibility.

#### 2.5.1 Determining Newborn Eligibility

Horizon NJ Health provides health care coverage to newborns from birth up to 60 days through the period ending at the end of the month in which the 60th day falls, unless the baby is determined eligible beyond that point, through the mother’s Horizon NJ Health membership. Each newborn is issued an individual temporary ID number for billing purposes. It is recommended that you not do not use the mother’s ID number when billing for services provided to the newborn. However, state guidelines allow 60 days for these claims to be honored. This will result in nonpayment of the claim after 60 days. Providers are required to verify a newborn’s eligibility prior to service. To indicate that newborn children of Horizon NJ Health members have Horizon NJ Health coverage, mothers receive a letter for their newborn that serves as a temporary enrollment notification for their baby to receive health care services for the first 60 days after birth.

If a provider has a newborn present for care without a “proof of coverage” letter, he/she must take the following steps:

- Call the Horizon NJ Health Enrollment Department at 1-800-682-9094.
- Horizon NJ Health will request to speak with the newborn’s mother/legal guardian to verify demographic information. Note that the mother/legal guardian must be present at the provider’s office.
- The Enrollment Department will enroll the newborn and create an identification number.
- The provider’s office will be notified of the newborn identification number within one hour.
- The provider’s office cannot bill for services under the mother’s identification number.
- The newborn must have his/her own identification number.

**Note:** A mother can submit a request for newborn coverage on the same day as late as one hour before going to the doctor’s office. It will take one hour after the request is submitted to generate the ID for the newborn. Once the ID number is generated, Horizon NJ Health will make an outbound call to the requestor and mother.

The newborn coverage with Horizon NJ Health ends on the 61st day after the baby’s birth, unless the baby has been registered through the New Jersey State Board of Social Services or NJ FamilyCare and subsequently enrolled into Horizon NJ Health. Once the baby has been registered with the State or NJ FamilyCare and enrolled into Horizon NJ Health, a permanent Horizon NJ Health member ID card will be issued for the newborn. The newborn will receive an HBID card from the State.
3.1 Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare Benefit Matrix and Managed Care Protocols

This benefit matrix provides a comprehensive overview of the benefits for preventive and medically necessary services provided to Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare members enrolled in Horizon NJ Health. NJ FamilyCare members enrolled in Horizon NJ Health through NJ FamilyCare A, ABP and B do not incur a copayment. Members enrolled through NJ FamilyCare C and D are required to pay a copayment for certain services. Notwithstanding, the following is the benefit matrix for the Medicaid contract and sets forth the services that are reimbursable to the physician by Horizon NJ Health. Benefits are established by the State of New Jersey and are subject to change.

Please note: Effective October 1, 2018, the benefit package has been updated to reflect changes to the MCO contract. This includes behavioral health services for DDD, FIDE-SNP and MLTSS members. The following behavioral health services may be available to DDD, FIDE-SNP and MLTSS members:

- Inpatient psychiatric treatment
- Partial hospitalization
- Partial care
- Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation (AMHR) group homes and apartments
- Psychological testing
- Electroconvulsive therapy
- Trans magnetic stimulation
- Short term residential treatment (ASAM 3.7)
- Ambulatory withdrawal management (ASAM 2-WM)
- Medically monitored detox (SUD ASAM 3.7D)
- IOP SUD (ASAM 2.1)
- Partial SUD (ASAM 2.5)
- In-network outpatient psychotherapy
- In-network outpatient psychiatric/medication management
- Medication assisted treatment – not including actual medication
- In-network outpatient treatment for substance use disorders
- In-network outpatient psychiatric/medication management for substance use disorders

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- Nurse Midwife: Covered<br>$5 copay for each visit (except for prenatal care visits)
- Nurse Practitioner: Covered<br>$5 copay for each visit (except for preventive care services)
- Nursing Facility Services: Covered (except Custodial Care)
- Optical Appliances: Covered for select eyeglasses and contact lenses as follows:<br>  - Age 18 and under – Replacement eyeglasses or contact lenses annually if prescription changes<br>  - Age 19 to 59 – Replacement eyeglasses or contact lenses every two years if prescription changes<br>  - Age 60 and older – Replacement eyeglasses or contact lenses annually if prescription changes<br>  - Replacement eyeglasses or contact lenses may be dispensed more frequently if significant vision changes occur
- Optometrist Services: Covered for one routine eye exam per year<br>$5 copay
- Organ Transplants: Covered for transplant-related medical costs for the donor and recipient
- Orthodontic Services: Coverage is limited to members up to age 21 who require these services due to medical need, including developmental problems or jaw injury.<br>Prior authorization required
- Orthotics: Covered
- Outpatient Diagnostic Testing: Covered
- Partial Care Program: Covered for DDD, FIDE-SNP and MLTSS. All other members are covered by fee-for-service.
- Partial Hospital Program: Covered for DDD, FIDE-SNP and MLTSS. All other members are covered by fee-for-service.
- Personal Care Assistant Services: Covered
## Section 3 - Benefit Overview

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3.2 Exclusions for NJ FamilyCare A, ABP, B and C Without MLTSS

- All services not medically necessary, provided, approved or arranged by a Horizon NJ Health participating physician or other provider (within his/her scope of practice), except emergency services
- Any service or items for which the provider does not normally charge
- Any service covered under any other insurance policy or other private or governmental health benefit system or third-party liability
- Cosmetic surgery except when medically necessary and approved
- Experimental procedures, or procedures not accepted as being effective, including experimental organ transplants
- Infertility diagnoses and treatment services (including sterilization reversals and related medical and clinic office visits, drugs, laboratory services, radiological and diagnostic services and surgical procedures)
- Services provided by or in an institution run by the federal government, such as the Veterans Health Administration
- Respite care
- Rest cures, personal comfort, convenience items and services and supplies not directly related to the care of the patient. Examples include guest meals and phone charges
- Services in which health care records do not reflect the requirements of the procedure described or procedure code utilized by the billing provider
- Services involving the use of equipment in facilities in which its purchase, rental or construction has not been approved by the State of New Jersey
- Services furnished by an immediate relative or member of the beneficiary's household
- Services resulting from any work-related condition or accidental injury when benefits are available from any workers’ compensation law, temporary disability benefits law, occupational disease law, or similar law
- Services or items provided or started while the covered person is on active duty in the military
- Services or items reimbursed based on submission of a cost study in which there is no evidence to support the costs allegedly incurred or beneficiary income to make up for these costs. If financial records are not available, a provider may verify costs or available income using other evidence that the NJ FamilyCare program accepts
- Services provided in an inpatient psychiatric institution that is not an acute care hospital, to individuals under 65 years of age and over 21 years of age
- Services provided outside the United States and territories
- Services provided to all persons without charge. Services and items provided without charge through programs of other public or voluntary agencies shall be utilized to the fullest extent possible

3.2.1 Exclusions for NJ FamilyCare D Members

The following services are not covered for NJ FamilyCare D participants either by Horizon NJ Health or Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS):

- Acupuncture and acupuncture therapy, except when performed as a form of anesthesia in connection with covered surgery
- Audiologist services, except for children under 16 years
- Biofeedback
- Blood and blood plasma, except administration of blood, processing of blood, processing fees and fees related to autologous blood donations are covered
- Chiropractic services
- Cosmetic services
- Court-ordered services
- Custodial care
- Early and periodic screening, diagnostic and treatment (EPSDT) services (except for well-child care, including immunizations and lead screening treatments)
- Experimental and investigational services
- Hearing aid services for members over the age of 16
- Infertility services
- Intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities
- Medical day care services
- Non-medically necessary services
- Nursing facility services
- Orthotic devices
- Personal care assistant services
- Private duty nursing unless authorized by the contractor
- Radial keratotomy
- Recreational therapy
- Rehabilitative services
- Religious non-medical institutional care and services
- Residential treatment center psychiatric programs
- Respite care
- Self-initiated care without referral/authorization
- Sleep therapy
• Special remedial and educational services
• Temporomandibular joint disorder treatment, including treatment performed by prosthesis placed directly in the teeth
• Thermograms and thermography
• Weight-reduction programs or dietary supplements, except surgical operations, procedures or treatment of obesity, when approved by Horizon NJ Health

3.2.2 MLTSS Services and Benefits
MLTSS services are provided by a network provider. The benefits provided, and the frequency and length of time they are provided depend on the medical, health and social needs of the member. A service is medically necessary if it is needed to prevent, diagnose, correct or cure conditions that may cause acute suffering, endanger life, result in illness, interfere with a member's capacity for normal activity, or may cause a serious handicap.

In addition to NJ FamilyCare A benefits, the following services may be available to MLTSS members:

• Adult Family Care
• Assisted Living Services
• Assisted Living Program
• Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Services
• TBI Behavioral Management (Group and Individual)
• Chore Services
• Cognitive Therapy (Group and Individual)
• Community Residential Services
• Community Transition Services
• Home-Based Supportive Care
• Home-Delivered Meals
• Adult Day Health
• Pediatric Day Health
• Medication Dispensing Device
• Personal Care Assistant
• Non-Medical Transportation
• Nursing Facility Services (Custodial)
• Occupational Therapy (Group and Individual)
• Personal Emergency Response Systems
• Physical Therapy (Group and Individual)
• Private Duty Nursing (Adult)
• Residential Modifications
• Respite (Daily and Hourly)
• Social Adult Day Care
• Speech, Language and Hearing Therapy (Group and Individual)
• TBI-Structured Day Program
• TBI-Supported Day Services
• Vehicle Modifications

3.2.3 Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP)
Members enrolled in Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) receive benefits for both Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare and Medicare Advantage and do not incur any cost sharing or copayments. Additional benefits available to these members include:

• A $500 annual credit ($125 per quarter) to purchase over-the-counter medicines
• Free 24/7 Nurse Line
• Free Routine Podiatry Services (8 visits per year)
• A Personalized Horizon Care Management Plan
• A broad network of participating physicians, specialists and hospitals.
• No referrals required

3.3 Family Planning
Horizon NJ Health members are entitled to receive family planning services. Services that prevent or delay pregnancy are covered, including:

• Medical history and physical examination (including pelvic and breast)
• Diagnostic and laboratory tests
• Drugs and biologicals
• Medical supplies and devices
• Counseling
• Continuing medical supervision
• Continuing care and genetic counseling

Elective/induced abortions and related services are not covered under this contract, but will continue to be paid on a fee-for-service basis by Medicaid. Infertility diagnoses and treatment services, including sterilization reversals and related office (medical or clinical) drugs, laboratory, radiological and diagnostic and surgical procedures are not covered.

Hysterectomy is not a covered service if it is performed solely for the purpose of sterilization. Hysterectomy is a covered service if the primary medical indication for the hysterectomy is other than sterilization. This service requires authorization. See Section 3.4 Obstetrical and Gynecological Care. Horizon NJ Health is available to assist members in locating family planning services. Members can access services through Horizon NJ Health's physician network or through participating Medicaid family planning providers (NJ FamilyCare D members may only access services through participating Horizon NJ Health physicians). Members may self-refer and go directly to a family planning clinic or call Horizon NJ Health directly. No referral from a Horizon NJ Health primary care provider (PCP) is necessary. A Horizon NJ Health representative may coordinate family planning services for a member. Horizon NJ Health is responsible
for payment of all claims related to family planning services when rendered by a participating physician, including voluntary sterilization, tubal ligation, vasectomy, or similar procedures having the purpose of pregnancy prevention. An HHS-687 Consent for Sterilization Form must be completed and signed by the member in advance of the sterilization procedures being performed. A copy of the consent form must be attached to the claim prior to submission to Horizon NJ Health.

A copy of the form can be printed from the Horizon NJ Health website. The individual who has given voluntary consent for a sterilization procedure must be at least 21 years old at the time the consent is obtained and must not be a mentally incompetent person. Medicaid fee for service is responsible for the payment of claims from nonparticipating physicians, and they should be submitted to the Medicaid fiscal agent. Family planning claims from participating providers should include the member’s Social Security Number and be submitted to:

Horizon NJ Health
Claims Processing Department
PO Box 24078
Newark, NJ 07101-0406

3.4 Obstetrical and Gynecological Care
Horizon NJ Health provides a full range of obstetrical and gynecological (Ob/Gyn) services to members.

Obstetrical and Gynecological Care Policy
Members may self-refer to a participating physician for routine Ob/Gyn services. No referral from the PCP is required. NJ FamilyCare C and D members are responsible for a $5 copayment for Ob/Gyn services unrelated to well visits, prenatal visits and Pap smears. Please issue a receipt to the member upon collection of a copayment. This receipt should include the physician’s name, address and phone number.

The Obstetrician/Gynecologist will assume responsibility for referring the member to their PCP for medical services unrelated to the Ob/Gyn care.

Obstetrical and Gynecological Care Procedure
Ob/Gyn physicians should refer members and send specimens to the laboratory service center assigned to their office affiliated with Laboratory Corporation of America Holding (LabCorp), which is the exclusive contracted laboratory for Horizon NJ Health. Please refer to labcorp.com for the LabCorp Patient Service Center in your area.

CPT Codes for Ob/Gyn Services
For 1-3 Antepartum Care Visits, use E&M Codes.

All newly enrolled members must receive prenatal care within their first trimester or within 42 days of enrolling in Horizon NJ Health.

59425 Antepartum Care Only: 4-6 visits
59426 Antepartum Care Only: 7 or more visits

A postpartum visit must be completed between 21 and 56 days after delivery.

59409 Regular Vaginal Delivery
59430 Postpartum Care Visit Only
59514 Cesarean Section Delivery Only
59409, 59612 Vaginal After Cesarean Delivery (First Newborn)
59510, 59514, 59515, 59618, 59620, 59622 Vaginal After Cesarean Delivery (Subsequent Newborn)

The following codes are used when billing for maternity support services:

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<td>Initial antepartum maternity health support services</td>
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*HD modifier applies to HealthStar providers only

Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing
The informaSeq™ Prenatal Test is available via LabCorp for all pregnant members. This test uses a blood sample from the pregnant woman to look for fetal DNA and detects trisomies of chromosomes 21, 18 and 13 with a high degree of accuracy. Prior authorization will not be required. However, testing will only be covered for members meeting medical criteria. For more information about informaSeq, please call LabCorp at 1-800-631-5250.
Newborn Biochemical Screening Testing

New Jersey has expanded its statewide system of newborn biochemical testing to include disorders that, if not detected early, can cause severe health problems, mental retardation and even death. Hospitals submit newborn blood samples to the Department of Health and Senior Services’ Public Health and Environmental Laboratories, which perform the tests.

Examples of disorders that are screened for in New Jersey are:

- Argininosuccinic aciduria
- Biotinidase deficiency
- Citrullinemia
- Congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH)
- Congenital hypothyroidism
- Cystic fibrosis
- Galactosemia
- Hemoglobinopathies
- Long chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase (LCAD) deficiency
- Maple syrup urine disease (MSUD)
- Medium chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD) deficiency
- Phenylketonuria (PKU)
- Short chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase (SCAD) deficiency
- Very long chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase (VLCAD) deficiency

There is a critical need for timely medical evaluation, diagnostic laboratory testing, referral and treatment for these disorders. Appropriate diagnosis and management of infants with these disorders requires specialized and timely care. A physician should contact the UM department when a newborn has a positive laboratory result. Horizon NJ Health will contact the member to coordinate care.

Utilization Management Department
1-800-682-9094

Hysterectomy

Hysterectomy is a covered service if the primary medical indication for the hysterectomy is other than sterilization. Federally prescribed documentation regulations for hysterectomies are extremely rigid. Specific Medicaid requirements must be met and documented on the Hysterectomy Receipt of Information Form (FD-189).

A copy of the form can be printed from the Horizon NJ Health website at horizonNJhealth.com. Horizon NJ Health requires that a properly completed FD-189 form be submitted during the request for precertification for all nonemergent hysterectomies. Claim payment for a hysterectomy without a copy of the Hysterectomy Receipt of Information form will be made only if the physician performing the hysterectomy certifies that:

a. The woman was already sterile, stating the cause of that sterility; or
b. The hysterectomy was required because of a life-threatening emergency situation. The physician must also include a description of the nature of the emergency.

Colposcopies

- Fee for service, if performed in a PCP office
- No referral required if done by a participating Ob/Gyn or a nonparticipating Ob/Gyn in a participating group
- UM authorization is required if done in an outpatient setting (other than the Ob/Gyn office) by calling Pre-Cert at 1-800-682-9094

Check to verify member eligibility by calling Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091 or through Horizon NJ Health Plan Central on NaviNet.

3.5 Podiatry Services

When medically necessary, members are eligible for podiatry services. Members must be referred to a participating podiatrist by their PCP. Horizon NJ Health will reimburse podiatrists for the following X-rays performed in the office with a valid referral:

- X-ray ankle: 73600
- X-ray tibia AP & LAT: 73590
- X-ray ankle, complete: 73610
- X-ray foot AP & LAT views: 73620
- X-ray foot, complete, min 3 view: 73630
- Calcaneus, min 2 view: 73650

Routine foot care, including nail clipping, corn and callus removal and other hygienic care, such as cleaning or soaking feet, is covered only when medically necessary. NJ FamilyCare C and D members are responsible for a $5 copayment for specialty care visits. Please issue a receipt to the member, upon collection of a copayment. This receipt should include the physician’s name, address and phone number.
3.6 Chiropractic Care

Chiropractic care, when it meets medical necessity criteria, is limited to “manual manipulation of subluxation of the spine.” CPT Codes 98940, 98941 and 98942 are eligible for reimbursement. Chiropractic services, including the initial visit and initial treatment, require a PCP referral. All subsequent treatments require prior authorization.

The following evaluation and management codes are only eligible for payment when billed during the initial office visit:
• 99201-99205

NJ FamilyCare C members are responsible for a $5 copayment for chiropractic visits. Please issue a receipt to the member upon collection of a copayment. This receipt should include the physician’s name, address and phone number. Chiropractic benefits are not covered for NJ FamilyCare D members.

3.7 Organ Transplants

Donor and recipient costs for non-investigational and non-experimental organ transplants are reimbursable by Horizon NJ Health. Eligible organ transplants include, but are not limited to:
• Bone marrow
• Cornea
• Heart
• Heart/lung
• Intestine
• Kidney
• Liver
• Lung
• Pancreas

All costs associated with the procurement and transplantation of organs for eligible members are covered by Horizon NJ Health. The PCP will coordinate all transplant services with the specialty care physician. The specialty care physician must contact the UM department to obtain an authorization for services.

Utilization Management Department
1-800-682-9094

3.8 Hospice Care

The PCP must contact the Horizon NJ Health UM department to arrange for hospice care. The UM department will handle the coordination needs between the PCP and hospice care provider to ensure that the member receives the appropriate care.

Utilization Management Department
1-800-682-9094

A PCP who prescribes a hospice program for a member must discuss with the member and their family the status of an advance directive or “living will.” Review Section 12.21 for more information. Horizon NJ Health’s physicians are encouraged to review the guidelines published by the New Jersey Commission on Legal and Ethical Problems in the Delivery of Health Care. The guidelines can be viewed at www.state.nj.us/health/healthfacilities/documents/ltc/advance_directives.pdf

3.9 Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Medical Supplies

Horizon NJ Health will provide benefits for DME and medical supplies when medically necessary and approved.

• If the billed charge of the non-rental item is less than $250, the participating provider may dispense the item without prior authorization from Horizon NJ Health. However, Horizon NJ Health recommends that the provider contact Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091 to verify eligibility prior to dispensing the item. Provisions have been made for participating network pharmacies to dispense certain DME and medical supplies when written on a prescription.

• If the billed amount of the claim is equal to or greater than $250, authorization must be obtained from the Horizon NJ Health UM department before the item is dispensed. To receive authorization, the requesting provider must fax an authorization request to the UM department at 1-609-583-3011.

• All rental items require authorization.

Certain DME/medical supply items require the completion of a letter of medical necessity prior to authorization. DME items may require a DME assessment by an independent contractor prior to authorization.

Utilization Management Department
1-800-682-9094
3.9.1 DME Available for NJ FamilyCare D Members

Coverage is limited to the following:

- Apnea Monitors
- Bathroom Equipment (Permanently Affixed Equipment Not Covered)
- Catheterization and Related Supplies
- Commodes
- DME Repairs
- Enteral Nutrition and Related Services/Supplies
- Hospital Beds (Manual, Semi-Electric and Full Electric) and Related Equipment
- Insulin Pumps and Related Supplies
- Manual Wheelchairs (Motorized Wheelchairs Not Covered)
- Nebulizers and Related Supplies
- Ostomy/Ileostomy/Jejunostomy Supplies
- Oxygen and Related Equipment/Supplies
- Pacemaker Monitors
- Parenteral Therapy and Related Services/Supplies
- Patient Lifts and Related Equipment
- Pressure Mattresses/Pads (Low Air Loss and Air Fluidized Beds Not Covered)
- Respiratory Assist Devices and Related Supplies
- Suction Machines and Related Supplies
- Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) Equipment and Related Supplies
- Tracheostomy Supplies
- Traction/Trapeze Apparatus
- Wheelchair Accessories
- Wound Care Supplies
- Wound Vac and Related Supplies

3.10 Prosthetics/Orthotics

Participating providers may dispense prosthetic/orthotic devices to members when medically necessary. Prosthetics require a signed and dated prescription and a completed Medical Necessity Request form from the prescribing physician. All repair and replacement of parts for custom-made prosthetic devices require a signed and dated prescription from the physician. If the billed charge for the purchase, repair or replacement of parts is under $500 and the provider is participating, no prior authorization from Horizon NJ Health is required. If the billed charge for the purchase, repair or replacement of parts is equal to or greater than $500, prior authorization is required. Orthotics and orthotic devices are not a covered benefit for NJ FamilyCare D members.

Orthotic Devices

Orthotic devices for members are preauthorized by Horizon NJ Health. Orthotics require a signed and dated prescription and a completed Medical Necessity Request form from the prescribing physician. All repair and replacement of parts for custom-made orthotic devices require a signed and dated prescription from the physician. If the billed charge for the purchase, repair or replacement of parts is under $500 and the provider is participating, no prior authorization from Horizon NJ Health is required. If the billed charge for the purchase, repair or replacement of parts is equal to or greater than $500, prior authorization is required. Orthotics and orthotic devices are not a covered benefit for NJ FamilyCare D members.

3.11 Home Health Care

When medically appropriate, Horizon NJ Health encourages the use of home health care services as an alternative to hospitalization to allow early hospital discharge, avoid unnecessary admissions and allow the member to receive care in familiar surroundings. Among the home health care services covered are the following:

- Home care visits for prenatal and postpartum needs
- IV therapy
- Lead outreach
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Private duty nursing for members under age 21
- Skilled nursing
- Social work
- Speech therapy

Horizon NJ Health’s UM department shall coordinate all medically necessary home care. The UM department will review each case to assess and authorize the length or type of service required. An authorization number will be assigned and should appear on all bills submitted for preauthorized services provided to the member.

Home care agencies receiving requests to provide care must contact the UM department to verify eligibility and benefit availability and obtain authorization for services prior to providing the service, except in emergency circumstances.

Payment of a maternity/postpartum or health management home visit is contingent upon receipt of the assessment by Health Services. If you need a copy of the assessment form, please call the Health Services department.

Health Services Department
1-800-682-9094
Fax Number: 1-609-538-1574
An authorization is given for each service type requested. However, the authorization number may be updated for continuance of any service, which will extend beyond the initial approval period. Contact should be made at least five days prior to the end date of the original authorization.

Physician orders and care plans need not be submitted with claims for home care services; however, the physician must keep such information on file for presentation to Horizon NJ Health’s UM department, if requested. All claims submitted by the Home Care provider that include DME or pharmaceutical supplies must be accompanied by a physician-issued prescription. All claims submitted are subject to eligibility and benefit availability.

Private-duty nursing services require authorization in all instances. They are an EPSDT benefit and covered for children who meet the EPSDT age requirement. They are not a covered benefit for NJ Family Care D members, unless authorized by Horizon NJ Health. For more information, please call the UM department.

For NJ FamilyCare D members, home health services are limited to skilled nursing visits for homebound beneficiaries when provided or supervised by a registered nurse and home health aide, when the purpose of the treatment is skilled care and medical social services necessary for treatment of medical condition.

3.12 Personal Care Assistant Services

Personal care assistant service is available to members with Medicaid and NJ Family Care Plans A and ABP. This service provides hands-on personal care to members, including bathing, grooming and toileting. A nurse completes an assessment to determine care needs based on the member’s functional status, and members who qualify are authorized for a specific number of service hours per week.

3.13 Medical Day Care Services

Medical day care service is available to members with Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare A and ABP. This is a facility-based service for medical care for children and adults. Preauthorization is required following an assessment to determine medical needs.

3.14 Therapeutic Services

The following outpatient therapeutic services are covered by Horizon NJ Health:

- Physical therapy
- Speech/pathology services
- Occupational therapy
- Cognitive rehabilitation, limited to those with an identifiable event

For outpatient physical and occupational therapy, participating providers do not need an authorization for the initial evaluation, but they do need a referral. After the initial evaluation is completed, the provider needs to request authorization for initial visits either by going online and submitting a UM request through NaviNet/Care Affiliate or by faxing a copy of the Prior Authorization Form to 1-609-583-3042. The UM department will process the request based on the clinical information provided. Follow-up requests for additional authorizations, such as those for daily treatment notes or flow sheets, will require proof that all previously authorized visits have been completed.

Participating providers must be licensed by the state in their respective disciplines in order to provide these services. Referrals are required for all therapeutic services. Further treatments must also be coordinated by the treating provider(s) and authorized by the UM department. There are limitations for speech and cognitive therapy for NJ FamilyCare D members.

Audiology

Under this program, certain members are eligible for audiology services. Audiology services are not a covered benefit for NJ FamilyCare D members. The PCP must issue a referral to the audiologist for the initial evaluation. The audiologist must send a copy of the completed initial evaluation to the PCP. The PCP and the audiologist will discuss the recommended treatment plan for medically necessary treatment. The PCP will issue all necessary subsequent referrals to the audiologist, as required. Please refer to Section 6.0 Referrals to Specialty Care Physicians to obtain information regarding issuance of the referral form.

Further treatments must also be coordinated by the PCP and authorized by the Utilization Management department.

Utilization Management Department
1-800-682-9094
3.15 Vision Care
Davis Vision administers the vision care benefit for Horizon NJ Health members, including vision exams, eyeglasses, corrective lenses and contact lenses, if prescribed. Members may self-refer and go directly to a participating Davis Vision provider.

A referral from a Horizon NJ Health PCP is not necessary in order to receive routine services from a participating Davis Vision provider. If a condition that requires further treatment is detected during the annual exam, the PCP must be contacted. A network optometrist or ophthalmologist may provide treatment for eye disorders that requires specialized attention beyond the routine services provided by a Davis Vision provider. A referral from the PCP is required for all follow-up treatment, including therapeutic services.

Davis Vision optometrists or ophthalmologists rendering therapeutic services as a result of a routine visit must contact Davis Vision to obtain an authorization.

If you are a Davis Vision provider, please contact Davis Vision at 1-800-933-9371 to verify eligibility and to obtain a comprehensive Davis Vision Physician Manual.

NJ FamilyCare C and D members are responsible for a $5 copayment for optometry visits. Please issue a receipt to the member upon collection of a copayment. This receipt should include the physician’s name, address and phone number.

3.16 Dental Services

Horizon NJ Health offers comprehensive dental services to NJ FamilyCare A, B, C, D, and ABP members as well as MLTSS members and Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) members. These services include preventive, diagnostic, restorative, endodontic, periodontal, prosthodontic, oral surgical, and adjunctive dental services. Some procedures require prior authorization. When necessary, orthodontic services are age-restricted (covered for members under 21 years of age or as allowed by Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) and only approved with adequate documentation of medical necessity. Referring a member to a dentist by 1 year of age is mandatory and should continue annually thereafter through age 20. Dental services include any required dental services determined to be medically necessary. Except for diagnostic and preventive dentistry services, NJ FamilyCare C and D members are responsible for a $5 copayment for dental services.

3.16.1 Medical Versus Dental Services

Horizon NJ Health recognizes that medical conditions may exist that can exhibit one or more dental components. These dental components/conditions may be 1) causative to the medical situation of the patient, 2) completely unrelated, or 3) the sequelae of the medical condition or its treatment. A physician or oral surgeon may perform procedures that may be considered medical or dental (e.g., surgical procedures for fractured jaw, removal of cyst, or provision of maxillofacial prosthetics).

For more information on how Horizon NJ Health administers benefits for conditions with both medical and dental components, please consult Appendix D, letter H (Medical Versus Dental Services).

3.16.2 Fluoride Varnish Provider Incentive Program

This program encourages trained non-dental providers in pediatric practices during and well-child visit to apply fluoride varnish for children’s teeth, perform caries risk assessments and refer young dental members to a dental home by the age of 1 year.

3.17 Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services

Horizon NJ Health’s participating physicians will systematically identify and address behavioral health needs for all Horizon NJ Health members at the earliest possible time following initial enrollment with Horizon NJ Health or after the onset of the condition, through a behavioral health screening tool administered by the member’s PCP. PCPs and other physicians are to utilize mental health/substance use disorder screening tools, as well as other mechanisms, to facilitate early identification of behavioral health needs for treatment. For your reference, the Well-Being Screening Tool has been posted to horizonnjhealth.com.

Horizon NJ Health is responsible for managing the behavioral health benefits for members of our Developmental Disabilities (DDD), Managed Long Term Services & Supports (MLTSS) and FIDE-SNP programs. Horizon NJ Health is also responsible for managing the acute inpatient mental health benefits for all of our Medicaid members, while the State manages the non-acute behavioral health benefits through the NJ Medicaid Fee-for-Service program. Horizon NJ Health PCPs refer non-DDD, non-MLTSS and non-FIDE-SNP members to a NJ Medicaid Fee-for-Service behavioral health professional.

Horizon NJ Health provides behavioral health benefits to Horizon NJ Health members through the Horizon Behavioral Health Network. Horizon NJ Health’s Care Management Department can coordinate the behavioral health services for DDD, MLTSS and FIDE-SNP members with the PCP, Horizon Behavioral Health and its professional network.
The PCP will perform a medical diagnostic work-up to formulate a diagnosis or effect the treatment of a behavioral health disorder and ongoing medical care for any member with a behavioral health diagnosis, as well as to coordinate the care with the behavioral health professional. This includes physical examinations, neurological evaluations, laboratory testing and radiologic examinations and any other diagnostic procedures necessary to make the diagnostic determination between a primary behavioral health disorder and an underlying physical disorder, as well as for medical work-ups required for medical clearances prior to the provision of psychiatric medication or electroconvulsive therapy (ECT), or for transfer to a psychiatric/substance use disorder facility.

Behavioral health services include, but are not limited to, comprehensive intake evaluation, offsite crisis intervention, family therapy, family conference, psychological testing and medication management.

Any member may be referred to a behavioral health professional by the PCP and other physicians, family members, state agencies or Horizon NJ Health, or a member may self-refer. The PCP must notify the behavioral health professional of the medical examination and diagnostic testing results within 24 hours of receipt for urgent cases and five business days of receipt for non-urgent cases. The PCP should notify the behavioral health professional by phone with follow up in writing, when feasible.

Providers in need of assistance identifying applicable specialists should call Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091. Providers in need of assistance in coordinating care for non-urgent cases can call our Care Management Department at 1-800-682-9094 x89634. Urgent cases should call 1-800-682-9090.

Diagnoses that are categorized as altering the mental status of an individual, but are of organic origin, will be eligible as a covered service under Horizon NJ Health. Horizon NJ Health will assume responsibility for the provision of medical care in these cases for all members. This includes, but is not limited to, the diagnoses in the following ICD-10-CM series:

- F03.90 Senile dementia, uncomplicated
- F03.90 Presenile dementia, uncomplicated
- F03.90 Presenile dementia with delirium
- F03.90 Presenile dementia with delusional features
- F03.90 Presenile dementia with depressive features
- F03.90 Senile dementia with delusional or depressive features
- F01.50 Vascular dementia, uncomplicated
- F01.51 Vascular dementia with delirium
- F01.51 Vascular dementia with delusions
- F01.51 Vascular dementia with depressive mood
- F03.90 Other specific senile psychotic conditions
- F03.90 Unspecified senile psychotic condition
- F10.26 Alcohol-induced persisting amnestic disorder
- F10.27 Alcohol-induced persisting dementia
- F13.27 Drug-induced persisting dementia
- F13.26 Drug-induced persisting amnestic disorder
- F11.19 Unspecified drug-induced mental disorders
- F05 Acute delirium due to conditions classified elsewhere
- F05 Subacute delirium
- F06.2 Transient organic psychotic condition, paranoid type
- F06.0 Transient organic psychotic condition, hallucinatory type
- F06.30 Transient organic psychotic condition, depressive type
- F06.4 Organic anxiety syndrome
- F04 Amnestic syndrome
- F06.0 Other persistent specified organic brain syndromes
- F06.1 Other persistent specified organic brain syndromes
- F06.8 Unspecified, persistent organic brain syndrome
- F17.200 Tobacco use disorder
- F17.201 Tobacco use disorder
- F17.210 Tobacco use disorder
- F17.211 Tobacco use disorder
- F17.220 Tobacco use disorder
- F17.221 Tobacco use disorder
- F17.290 Tobacco use disorder
- F17.291 Tobacco use disorder
- F07.0 Frontal lobe syndrome
- F07.81 Postconcussion syndrome
- F07.9 Unspecified, nonpsychotic mental disorder following organic brain damage
- F09 Unspecified, nonpsychotic mental disorder following organic brain damage

Horizon Behavioral Health can be contacted at 1-800-682-9094, prompt 6.
3.17.1 Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Well-Being Screening Tool

PCPs are required to assess the behavioral health needs of enrolled members. To help facilitate your assessment, please use the Well-Being Screening Tool as a screening tool to assess early identification of behavioral health needs for each Horizon NJ Health member prior to treatment. A copy of the form can be printed from the Horizon NJ Health website at horizonNJhealth.com. A copy of the completed questionnaire should be placed in the member’s medical record. If a behavioral health need is identified, please refer the member for behavioral health services, as indicated below.

For non-emergent behavioral health services regarding DDD, FIDE-SNP and MLTSS members:

- Providers may call Horizon NJ Health’s Care Management Department at 1-800-682-9094 x89634. Our Care Management Department will coordinate the behavioral health services for DDD, FIDE-SNP and MLTSS.
- Physicians and/or members may call Horizon Behavioral Health toll free at 1-800-682-9094, prompt 6. A representative is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to coordinate behavioral health services for DDD, FIDE-SNP or MLTSS members.

For non-emergent behavioral health services for members not in the DDD, FIDE-SNP or MLTSS programs:

- Call or refer the Horizon NJ Health member to the interim managing entity (IME) at 1-800-382-6717.

3.18 Outpatient Laboratory Services

All physicians must utilize the exclusive clinical laboratory provider for Horizon NJ Health when studies are required for members. Horizon NJ Health contracts with Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings (LabCorp) for laboratory services.

Horizon NJ Health contracts with Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings (LabCorp) for laboratory services. Physicians are responsible for notifying members of laboratory results. For additional information, contact Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091.

Short Turn-Around Time (STAT) Requests

LabCorp provides STAT lab services Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday hours are from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. LabCorp will notify practitioners and follow up with the results for office-based lab draws as soon as the results are available. STAT turn-around time begins when the call is placed for office-based lab draws. LabCorp’s goal is to provide STAT results within four hours of the request for pick-up. LabCorp will notify the physician after hours of the test results and will follow the critical panic and alert protocol.

LabCorp Alert and Panic Results Policy

LabCorp’s Alert Results Policy allows clients to customize their alert preferences based on practice needs. LabCorp recognizes that the physician can best determine the alert settings for his or her office setting.

Alert Results (excessively abnormal test results). Physicians may want the clinical laboratory to notify them whenever a test result is excessively abnormal, although not life threatening. LabCorp calls these alert laboratory results to the physician on weekdays during normal business hours.

Panic Results (potentially life-threatening laboratory results). As mandated by federal law and regulatory agencies, LabCorp phones these panic laboratory results to the physician as soon as they are verified, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you wish to customize the alert values that you want called or modify alert values previously set, please contact your LabCorp representative or call LabCorp Customer Service at 1-800-745-0233.

It is important to remember that if your practice is set up with LabCorp to receive only final reports, no printed results will be sent until all testing has been completed. For example, if you order a prothrombin time/international normalized ratio (PT/INR) and a routine urine culture for a patient, you will not receive the results of the PT/INR until the urine culture result is finalized. With customized alert values, you will be advised of any excessively abnormal results without having to wait for all other testing to be completed.

Urgent/Emergent Results

Members must be notified of laboratory and radiology results within 24 hours of receipt of results in urgent or emergent cases. Urgent/emergent appointment standards must be followed. See Section 12.18 Appointment Scheduling Standards. Rapid strep test results must be available to the member within 24 hours of the test.

Routine Results

Members must be notified of routine laboratory and radiology results within 10 business days of receipt of the results.

Routine testing related to the administration of methadone and atypical antipsychotic drugs and their generic equivalents are covered by Horizon NJ Health.
To facilitate outpatient laboratory services, be sure to follow the procedures identified below:

- Horizon NJ Health encourages physicians to perform venipuncture in their office. Physicians should contact LabCorp to arrange for pick-up services.
- Participating physicians who cannot perform venipuncture in their office should send members to the nearest LabCorp Patient Service Center. Please refer to the Provider Directory for a listing of the laboratory service centers in your area or call the Provider Services for assistance. A completed LabCorp requisition form must accompany the member to the service center. Please contact LabCorp to obtain laboratory requisition forms.
- Preadmission laboratory testing (PAT) should be completed by the PCP through LabCorp. However, if it is not possible to work through LabCorp, testing can be completed at the hospital where the procedure will be provided. A list of STAT, PAT and pathology tests is provided on the following page. If you do not find a test on the list, please call our Utilization Management Department for authorization at 1-800-682-9094. The member must be given a referral form for any preadmission testing when utilizing the hospital laboratory. Please remember to indicate “PAT” on the referral form.
- Short Turn-Around Time (STAT) labs must only be utilized for urgent problems outside LabCorp’s hours of operation. The member must be given a referral form to a participating hospital laboratory. A list of STAT, PAT and pathology tests is provided below.

If you do not find a test on this list, please call our Utilization Management Department for authorization at 1-800-682-9094.

- The member must be given a referral form when utilizing a participating hospital laboratory. Please remember to indicate “STAT” on the referral form.
- Horizon NJ Health will not remit payment to hospitals, physicians or other laboratories for lab services that should be rendered by LabCorp.

LabCorp Customer Service
1-800-631-5250

NJ FamilyCare D members are responsible for a $5 copayment when the laboratory service is not part of an office visit.

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(unless otherwise specified by contract)
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(unless otherwise specified by contract)
87220  Tissue exam for fungi POS 11
(unless otherwise specified by contract)
89050  Cell count, misc. body fluids POS 11
(unless otherwise specified by contract)
89051  With different count POS 11
(unless otherwise specified by contract)

Completing LabCorp Requisition Forms
Horizon NJ Health physicians are reminded to completely
and legibly fill out the required information on the
LabCorp requisition form. This will ensure that claims
and payments for services provided by LabCorp are
processed in the most efficient manner and will eliminate
the potential for our members to be billed for laboratory
services. The Insurance section must include correct and
legible information in the following fields:
• Insurance Company Name: Horizon NJ Health
• Subscriber/Member #: Horizon NJ Health patient’s
  ID number
Physicians may refer to the LabCorp website at
labcorp.com for more testing information and locations
of patient service centers.

Relevant LabCorp Information
• Please remember to use the correct form for LabCorp
  lead testing
• Please utilize the Heavy Metal Request form and
  indicate the source of the blood (venous or capillary)
• You can order these forms from the LabCorp
  Customer Service line: 1-800-631-5250
• LabCorp will customize this form with your physician
  information. LabCorp can also customize this form
to include any other labs you may wish to include at
your request. For example, if you routinely ask for a
hemoglobin and hematocrit with a lead screen, you
can ask LabCorp to add this test to the Heavy Metal
Request form for you. You could also add CBC and
urinalysis to coordinate your EPSDT lab requirements.

3.19 Pharmacy Services
Medically necessary prescriptions are a covered benefit
for most Horizon NJ Health members. Pharmacy services
(legend and non-legend) for dual eligible (Medicare and
Medicaid) members are mostly covered by Medicare
Part B or D, except for certain wrap-around services
(e.g., prescription vitamins [except prenatal vitamins and
fluoride preparations]).

Many over-the-counter drugs and medical supplies are
also covered when ordered with a written prescription.
Horizon NJ Health requires that physicians prescribe
generic medications whenever possible. If the brand
name is prescribed when there is a generic alternative,
you will be required to obtain prior authorization and
prove medical necessity. Non-covered pharmacy benefits
include but are not limited to the following: fertility
medications, weight loss drugs, and erectile dysfunction
medications.

If a provider requests prior authorization for a formulary
or non-formulary medication, a 72-hour supply of
that medication may be provided to the member.
Determinations for prior authorizations will be provided
within 72 hours.

To request prior authorization, fill out the form located
at horizonNJhealth.com. Under the For Providers tab,
click Resources, then Pharmacy Utilization Management
Programs and Pharmacy Medical Necessity Determination.
Here you can also find a link to the Horizon NJ Health
Medical Policy Manual. Click the Pharmacy link to
find detailed information about prior authorization
determinations for specific drugs.

Members should be directed to pharmacies that
participate in the Horizon NJ Health network. When filling
a prescription, the member will be required to present
their member ID card to the participating pharmacy.
See the Provider Directory for a list of participating
pharmacies. NJ FamilyCare A, NJ FamilyCare ABP, and
NJ FamilyCare B members do not have copayments for
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generic and brand-name medications. NJ FamilyCare C members have a $1 copayment for generic drugs and a $5 copayment for brand-name medications. NJ FamilyCare D members are responsible for a $5 copayment for both brand and generic drugs.

For NJ FamilyCare D members, if a supply of more than 30 days is provided, a $10 copayment applies. In general, Horizon NJ Health allows up to a 30-day supply. For the MLTSS population currently residing in a LTC facility, there is generally a maximum of a 14-day supply of medication eligible for coverage. A supply of greater than 14 days is permitted for certain unit of use medications (e.g., ophthalmic drops). In addition, the use of institutional-sized drug products, for example, insulin, will be utilized where available for those members residing in a LTC facility. The Pharmaceutical Utilization Management (UM) Programs help ensure access to medically necessary and appropriate, cost-effective drug therapy.

The goal of the formulary is to provide cost-effective pharmacotherapy based on prospective, concurrent and retrospective review of medication therapies and utilization. The medications included in the formulary are reviewed and approved by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, which includes practicing physicians and pharmacists from the Horizon NJ Health provider community.

The Formulary List is updated annually and as changes are made or new medications approved. The Formulary List is updated as of the date that formulary changes are put in place. Changes to the Formulary List are included in the provider newsletter mailed to all providers on a quarterly basis.

Please refer to the Horizon NJ Health website (horizonNJhealth.com) for information on pharmaceutical management procedures, including the formulary listing of covered pharmaceuticals that require prior authorization, policies, quantity limits/plan limitations, step therapy, and all prior authorization/non-formulary forms. In addition, paper copies of the pharmaceutical management procedures are available upon request by contacting Provider Services at 1-800-682-9094.

Pharmacy Lock-in Program

Horizon NJ Health reserves the right to lock its members into specific pharmacies when it has been determined that the member has inappropriately used his/her pharmacy benefit or when enhanced benefit coordination is necessary. For more information about the Pharmacy Lock-in Program, please contact Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091.

Immunizations and Routinely Administered Parenteral Drug Therapies

PCPs should supply and administer all immunizations and routinely administered parenteral drug therapies in their office. As long as a claim is submitted on a timely basis, PCPs will be reimbursed for some of these medications above capitation.
The Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) provides all standard immunizations for individuals under age 19 with NJ FamilyCare coverage; therefore, your office will not be reimbursed for these drugs if the member has NJ FamilyCare Plan A coverage, but will be paid an administration fee. The specific CPT-4 code for the vaccine(s) given must be entered on the claim form.

Outpatient Drug Benefit Injectables

If the prescribing physician will be administering an injectable medication on an outpatient basis only, the physician may write a prescription and have the member pick it up and bring it to the office when appropriate, or the physician may contact the pharmacy and arrange to have the injectable delivered to the office. In addition, the physician is encouraged to contact one of Horizon NJ Health's preferred injectable providers:

Caremark at 1-800-237-2767
or
Accredo at 1-800-803-2523

If the member is utilizing a self-injecting medication for use on an outpatient basis only, the member can obtain the injectable at a participating pharmacy with a written prescription.

Formulary

Horizon NJ Health uses a formulary to promote the prescribing of the most cost-effective products in each therapeutic category. In some cases, it may be appropriate to use an over-the-counter (OTC) product. The pharmacy benefit provides coverage for a wide range of OTC products (see below). OTC products require a written prescription from the physician. For members residing in a long-term care facility, OTC medications are generally provided by the institution, rather than via the Horizon NJ Health pharmacy benefit.

Covered OTC Drugs (prescription is required)

- Alaway
- Analgesics
- Antacids
- Antidiarrheals
- Antiflatulents
- Antinauseants
- Blood glucose monitors
- Contraceptives
- Cough and cold meds
- Diabetic test strips
- Diagnostic agents for diabetes
- Family planning
- H2 antagonists
- Hematinics
- Insulin needles and syringes
- Lancets
- Lansoprazole
- Laxatives and stool softeners
- Loratadine
- Miconazole
- Nasal preps
- Omeprazole
- Ophthalmic preps
- Optichamber
- Smoking deterrents
- Topical products
- Vaginal fungicides
- Vitamins and minerals
- Zaditor OTC
- Zegerid OTC

For a copy of the formulary as well as a listing of limitations, prior authorization criteria, generic substitution procedures, step therapy procedures and other pharmaceutical management methods, contact the Pharmacy Department at 1-800-682-9094 or visit horizonNJhealth.com.
Prior Authorization
The items below require prior authorization from our Pharmacy department. This prior authorization process requires proof of medical necessity from the prescribing physician and is coordinated by our Pharmacy department.

The information required to determine medical necessity should include the following: member's diagnosis, duration of proposed treatment, treatment plan and description of failed treatment, if any exists. Upon receipt of this information, the Pharmacy department and medical director, if necessary, will review the request. Physicians are encouraged to prescribe appropriate first-line agents before using alternative drugs.

Policies/Drugs Requiring Prior Authorization
This list is not all-inclusive and is changed periodically to reflect new drugs and/or clinical policy revisions. For a complete list of drugs requiring prior authorization, including policies, visit horizonNJhealth.com or contact the Pharmacy department at 1-800-682-9094 to request a paper copy of prior authorization criteria.

- Acyclovir 5% Ointment (Zovirax)
- Admelog Solostar
- Age Limits Exceeded
- Alcohol Deterrents and Opioid Dependence Products
- Antiretroviral Medications
- Becaplermin Recombinant (Regranex)
- Biological Response Modifiers (Actemra, Cimzia, Enbrel, Humira, Kineret, Orencia, Remicade, Simponi, Stelara)
- Botulinum Toxins
- Brand Name Medically Necessary
- Colony Stimulating Factors (G-CSF & GM-CSF)
- Deflazacort (Emflaza)
- Dextromethorphan Hydrobromide and Quinidine Sulfate (Nuedexta)
- Dronabinol (Marinol)
- Drug Recall Policy
- Drug Utilization Review Program
- Dupilumab (Dupixent)
- Epoetin Alfa and Darbepoetin Alfa
- Eteplirsen (Exondys 51)
- Fentanyl Transdermal System (Duragesic)
- Formulary System Maintenance
- Formulary System Management
- Gonadotropin Releasing Hormones Agonists and Antagonists
- Growth Hormone Therapy
- Hepatitis C Treatment
- Imiquimod (Aldara)
- Infant Formula
- Intravenous (IV) Iron Therapy
- Lost/Stolen/Vacation/Damaged Drug Supply Requests
- Lubiprostone (Amitiza)
- Malathion (Ovide)
- Medication Adherence
- Member Communication
- Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Medications
- Mepolizumab (Nucala) and Benralizumab (Fasernas)
- Metformin Step Therapy
- Methadone
- Modafinil (Provigil)
- Morphine Sulfate Extended-Release
- Non-formulary Medications
- Nutritional Supplements/Treatments for Members 18 Years and Older
- Nutritional Supplements/Treatments for Members Younger Than 18 Years Old
- Off-label Use of Prescription Drugs
- Omalizumab(Xolair)
- Oncology agents
- Oral and Intranasal Fentanyl Citrate Products
- Oxycodone Controlled-release (Oxycontin)
- Pharmacy Prior Authorization
- Practitioner Communication
- Proprotein Convertase Subtilisin/Kexin Type 9 (PCSK9) Inhibitors
- Pulmonary Hypertension Agents
- Quantity Limits/Plan Limitations Exceeded
- Repository Corticotropin (H.P. Acthar Gel)
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infection Prophylaxis
- Rifaximin (Xifaxan)
- Smoking Cessation Products
- Sodium Hyaluronate Injections
- Step Therapy Process
- Sublingual Immunotherapy
- Testosterone Products
- Vaccines

To obtain prior authorization, or for more information, contact the Horizon NJ Health Pharmacy Department at 1-800-682-9094 and be prepared to provide relevant, clinical information that supports the medical necessity of the requested medication.
Participating facilities must accept all Horizon NJ Health members who present themselves for admission in accordance with the agreement between Horizon NJ Health and the facility. Hospitals not participating in Horizon NJ Health programs should administer Emergent/Urgent care but refer members to their PCP or applicable specialist for admission or provision of services at in-network facilities. In January 2017, Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) was established. This plan allows the coordination of all care venues for members who are eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare.

In 2017 this plan is available in select New Jersey counties. Providers who are participating in this program have an addendum to their contract or have a unique contract covering FIDE-SNP.

When payment is made for a FIDE-SNP member, providers will receive a unique Electronic or Paper Remittance Advice showing how payment was made and indicating whether payment was for a Medicare or Medicaid Service. This remittance advice is shown and explained more comprehensively in Section 14.6 of this manual.

4.1 Hospital Admissions
Physicians admit patients to their own service and follow patients during admission. (Special arrangements are made to ensure continuity of service and case management when exceptions to this standard are required.)

Physicians must have admitting privileges to a Horizon NJ Health network hospital or facility for all age categories for which they are providing care. Hospital admissions for non-maternity related observation do not require a Horizon NJ Health authorization. Observations do not include emergency room (ER) observation areas or holding units.

Observation should be considered if the patient does not meet acute care criteria and any of the following apply:
- Diagnosis, treatment, stabilization and discharge can reasonably be expected within 48 hours
- Treatment and/or procedures will require more than six hours of observation
- The clinical condition is changing and a discharge decision is expected within 48 hours
- Symptoms unresponsive to at least four hours of ER treatment

4.2 Inpatient Services
Inpatient services provided to a member during a hospital stay are considered part of the precertification for the inpatient stay and procedure. These services include, but are not limited to:
- Professional component
- Therapeutic services
- Specialist services
- Diagnostic services
- Laboratory services
- Operating room and recovery room charges
- Registered bed charges

Horizon NJ Health will reimburse for contracted levels of care. If the level of care determination is not included in your contract, Horizon NJ Health will deny payment to the facility. All non-PAT/STAT lab/pathology services conducted in a hospital setting are subject to prior authorization, unless the procedure code is listed on the STAT and PAT Testing Menu list in Section 3.18 of the Manual.

4.3 Outpatient Services
A referral must be issued for Horizon NJ Health members by their PCP or Ob/Gyn for service not rendered in the PCP’s or Ob/Gyn’s office. Members do not need a referral for mammography services. Members must demonstrate proof of referral when presenting to the hospital for outpatient services.

- Electronic referrals – Supply the member with a prescription for the service or a printed copy of the electronic referral.

The referral is valid for up to 180 days and up to six visits from the date of issue, pending continued eligibility. The physician must obtain an authorization number from the Utilization Management department if a member is referred for more than six visits or a treatment plan to perform services is required.

Outpatient services requiring referrals include, but are not limited to:
- Diagnostic testing
- Pre-admission testing (PAT)
- Short turnaround time (STAT) laboratory services
- Oncology therapy*
- Chemotherapy*
- Radiation therapy*

*This referral is valid only for an evaluation. The hospital must call for precertification of the treatment plan to perform therapeutic services.
Referrals may be generated through NaviNet. Providers should ensure that they make referrals only within appropriate networks, as there is a difference between the FIDE-SNP network and Medicaid networks.

Utilization Management Department
1-800-682-9094

NJ FamilyCare C members are responsible for a $5 copayment for outpatient hospital services unrelated to preventive services. NJ FamilyCare D members are responsible for a $5 copayment for outpatient hospital services unrelated to surgery or preventive services.

4.4 Hospital Maternity Observation Notification

Maternity observation visits do not require notification. This eliminates the need for physicians to contact Horizon NJ Health to request a billing claim number for billing purposes.

If the Horizon NJ Health member is receiving a routine, nonemergent non-stress test (NST), ultrasound or fetal monitoring at the hospital, a referral from the PCP or Ob/Gyn is required.

4.5 Newborn Care

Horizon NJ Health assumes financial responsibility for services provided to newborns of mothers who are Horizon NJ Health members for the first 60 days after birth. However, these newborns are not automatically enrolled in Horizon NJ Health at birth. Refer to Section 2.5.1 for more information about newborn eligibility.

4.6 Emergency Care

Horizon NJ Health reimburses for emergency/urgent care services provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All ER care should be coordinated through the PCP.

Members are advised to contact their PCP whenever an ER visit is initiated.

4.7 Emergency Services

Horizon NJ Health recognizes an emergency service as health care services required to treat a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity including, but not limited to, severe pain, psychiatric disturbances and/or symptoms of substance use disorder such that a prudent layperson, who possess an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in placing the health of the individual (and, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of her unborn child) in serious jeopardy; serious impairment to bodily functions; or serious dysfunction of a bodily organ or part.

With respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions, an emergency exists when there is inadequate time to affect a safe transfer to another hospital before delivery; or the transfer may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or the unborn child.

Members are advised to present at the nearest emergency facility and to notify the Member Services department or their PCP of their ER visit. This policy includes out-of-network services.

Emergency situations may include, but are not limited to:

- Severe pain of any kind
- Psychiatric disturbances
- Altered mental status (whether sustained or transient) for any reason
- Abrupt change in neurologic status (whether sustained or transient)
- Symptoms of substance use disorder
- Any and all complications of pregnancy
- Chest pain
- Acute allergic reactions
- Shortness of breath
- Abdominal pain (e.g., acute onset, severe)
- Multiple episodes of vomiting or diarrhea, any age
- Fever greater than 102.5 in any age group
- Fever greater than or equal to 100.4 in infants three months or younger
- Injuries with active bleeding
- Injuries with functional loss of any body part (including extremities, eyes, nose, mouth and ears)
- All patients arriving at the hospital by ambulance after an injury with any body part immobilized
- All patients arriving at the hospital by paramedic ambulance

The emergency facility and PCP are responsible for educating members on the appropriate use of ER services when members present with non-life threatening conditions. A member enrolled with NJ FamilyCare C is responsible for a $10 copayment for ER services, provided the member is not admitted into the hospital. The hospital should issue a receipt to the member upon collection of a copayment. This receipt should include the hospital's name, address and phone number.
A member enrolled with NJ FamilyCare D is responsible for a $35 copayment for ER services, provided the member is not admitted into the hospital or the member is referred to the ER by the PCP for services that should have been rendered in the PCP’s office. The hospital should issue a receipt to the member upon collection of a copayment. This receipt should include the hospital’s name, address and phone number.

4.8 Hospital Transfer Policy

When members require hospitalization, it is Horizon NJ Health’s policy to have the service rendered in a Horizon NJ Health participating hospital. In order to assure payment for emergency services and hospitalization, the physician must comply with this policy. However, Horizon NJ Health recognizes that it may not be possible to follow this general policy when members present at a medical facility due to a medical emergency. In cases where a Horizon NJ Health member needs to be transferred to a facility that does not have a contract with Horizon NJ Health, the hospital or attending provider must notify Horizon NJ Health’s Utilization Management department for approval prior to the transfer, unless a true emergency situation arises.

In the event of an emergent situation, Horizon NJ Health requires notification of admission once the member is stabilized to receive a reference number and initiate the review process, as set forth in Section 8.3 Hospital Admissions. Horizon NJ Health will coordinate all necessary transportation for the timely transfer of the member.

4.9 Out-of-State Hospitals

Horizon NJ Health requires an authorization for all out-of-state admissions (unless it is an emergent situation) with approval by the Utilization Management department, specifically the review and approval of the medical director or physician advisor. In the event of an emergent situation, Horizon NJ Health requires notification of admission once the member is stabilized to receive a reference number and initiate the review process, as set forth in Section 8.3 Hospital Admissions.

4.10 Centers of Excellence

Horizon NJ Health contracts with Centers of Excellence within and outside of our service area for specialized tertiary care. Admission to facilities outside our service area requires approval by the Utilization Management department, with specific review and approval by the medical director or physician advisor. Please call as soon as admission or transfer is contemplated to assure quality care and timeliness of services for the member.

Please refer to the most recent copy of the Horizon NJ Health Provider Directory for a list of participating Centers of Excellence.

4.11 Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) Care Management

Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) offers FIDE-SNP members a customized care management program designed to meet their individual needs. Each person enrolled in this program is assigned a Care Manager who will develop a plan of care with the member that is best suited to meet their needs. This includes information and health education to address health literacy in partnership with their primary care provider. To learn more about the Care Management Program, please call 1-888-621-5894.
5.1 The Role of the Primary Care Provider

A Primary Care Provider (PCP) is a licensed physician or other licensed medical practitioner practicing in the area of Family Practice, General Practice, Internal Medicine, Geriatric Medicine or Pediatric Medicine.

The PCP has the responsibility of contacting each new member to schedule an appointment for a complete age/sex-specified baseline physical. This should be completed no later than 90 days after the effective date of enrollment for children under 21 years of age and no later than 180 days after initial enrollment for adults.

In instances in which a PCP has not conducted a visit with a member within 13 months, at its sole discretion, Horizon NJ Health may reassign that member to another PCP.

Horizon NJ Total Care (HMO SNP) requests the PCP’s ongoing participation to ensure that its members have comprehensive access to services and meaningful coordination of care. The PCP is responsible for:

- Reviewing the proposed care plan faxed (or accessed via NaviNet) to them from Horizon NJ Total Care (HMO SNP) for their patient
- Providing any necessary additional information about the member’s care to ensure the care plan is complete and accurate
- Updating each care plan as needed by faxing to FIDE-SNP Care Management or updating in NaviNet
- Discussing the care plan with the Horizon NJ Total Care (HMO SNP) member for whom he or she provides care
- Communicating with the Interdisciplinary Care Team as requested to ensure optimal coordination of care
- Encouraging member participation in care management

For assistance from the Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) Care Management Department, please call 1-888-621-5894 (TTY 711), Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The PCP is responsible for notifying members of laboratory and radiology results within 24 hours of receipt of results in urgent or emergent cases by calling, or by arranging an appointment to discuss the result when it is deemed a face-to-face discussion may be necessary.

Within 10 business days of receipt of the results, the PCP must notify members of non-urgent or nonemergent laboratory and radiology results.

This includes:

- Periodic communication with the member
- Providing health education and information
- Arranging for 24 hours a day, seven days a week, practice coverage
- Maintaining comprehensive medical records documenting all services provided to the enrollee, including specialty referrals, periodic preventive and well-care services and providing appropriate and timely notice to members
- Delivering direct primary care services, as needed by the member
- Compliance with all adult and pediatric care protocols
- Education on the appropriate use of emergency services
- Initiating referrals for specialty care
- Maintaining continuity of members’ health care

Members with Special Needs

The PCP supervising the care of those members with special needs has the additional responsibility to ensure a team approach to their care, when required, with an emphasis on the continuity and integration of medical care and, as needed, participating with Horizon NJ Health care management and specialty care management teams.
This includes methods for well-child care, health promotion, disease prevention and specialty care. The PCP is responsible for determining the urgency of a consultation with a specialist and, if urgent, shall arrange for the consultation appointment.

The PCP is responsible for providing or authorizing the services needed to ensure positive health outcomes for those members with special needs on their panel.

This includes:

- Overall clinical direction
- Serving as a central point of integration and coordination of covered services
- Providing health counseling and advice
- Diagnosing and treating covered conditions that do not require a referral to, and services of, a specialist
- Arranging for inpatient care, consultations and laboratory and radiological services
- Coordinating the findings of laboratories and consultants
- Interpreting such findings to the enrollee and the enrollee’s family (or, where applicable, an authorized person)
- Upon enrollment, each member selects a PCP.

Members with special needs may select a PCP or request a specialist. The name and phone number of the PCP will appear on the member’s Horizon NJ Health ID card.

**Encounter Submission**

PCPs must submit a CMS 1500 (HCFA 1500) form or HIPAA-compliant 837 transaction for electronic submitters to the plan for each member encounter or office service, even if the service is capitated. Horizon NJ Health is required by the State of New Jersey to report encounter data for all services rendered to our members, including capitated and fee for service activities. Refer to Section 9.8 - Risk Assessment Program for more information.

All encounters must be received within 180 days of the date of service. PCP claims that are eligible for reimbursement will be denied for untimely filing if they are received after 180 days of the date of service.

Claims/encounters should be submitted to Horizon NJ Health at the following address.

**Horizon NJ Health**
**Claims Processing Department**
**PO Box 24078**
**Newark, NJ 07101-0406**

**5.2 PCP Reimbursement**

**5.2.1 Capitation**

PCPs reimbursed via capitation will receive a fixed monthly payment (capitation), which is based on the age and gender of enrollees assigned to their panel. This payment is assigned on a per member/per month (pm/pm) basis and is calculated according to the number of days a member is assigned to the PCP during that month. With each capitation payment, Horizon NJ Health shall provide the provider with a list of members who have selected the physician as their PCP. PCPs receiving capitation payments have responsibilities to ensure:

- Member access
- Timely submission of encounters in appropriate format

Providers failing to do this may be removed from capitation at the sole discretion of Horizon NJ Health.

Capitated services include all examination, administrative and medical procedures performed by the PCP that are not specifically defined as reimbursed above capitation. These services include, but are not limited to:

- Venipuncture
- X-ray services
- Laboratory services (including pregnancy testing)
- Gynecological examinations
- Family planning services

On or about the 15th of each month, Horizon NJ Health will issue a capitation check and capitation summary report of the amount of payment per member to the PCP.

Adjustments to capitation payments for members shall be subject to termination and eligibility requirements contained in the Medicaid contract. Horizon NJ Health shall limit capitation payment adjustments associated with retroactive terminations of members to two months’ capitation payments.

If a member is added to a panel after the first of the month, Horizon NJ Health will prorate the capitation payment for that member and include the partial payment with the next capitation.

If a member is dual eligible (Medicare and Medicaid), the PCP will be paid on a fee for service basis in accordance with coordination of benefits rules.
5.2.2 Primary Care Billable Services

In addition to the monthly capitation, Horizon NJ Health will reimburse the PCP on a NJ Medicaid fee for service basis for the following:

- Immunizations (only the administration fee will be paid for standard immunizations provided by the VFC program for Plan A members)
- Inpatient hospital care
- Routine newborn care
- Simple repair of superficial wounds to scalp, neck, axillae, external genitalia, trunk and/or extremities
- Sigmoidoscopy
- Colposcopy
- Treatment of nail conditions
- Venipuncture services for lead screening
- Capillary blood specimen
- Nebulizer therapy
- Lead screening
- EPSDT services

5.2.3 Fee for Service

Horizon NJ Health will reimburse the PCP each time a panel member is seen. PCPs who are reimbursed on a fee for service basis will receive monthly member panel listings.

Services eligible for reimbursement are listed below.

- Office visits
- Immunizations (only the administration fee will be paid for standard immunizations provided by the VFC program)
- Inpatient hospital care
- Routine newborn care
- Simple repair of superficial wounds to scalp, neck, axillae, external genitalia, trunk and/or extremities
- Sigmoidoscopy
- Colposcopy
- Nebulizer therapy
- Treatment of nail conditions
- Intramuscular injection of antibiotics
- Electrocardiogram
- Venipuncture
- Allergy injections
- Maternity services (family practice physicians)

To ensure prompt reimbursement of your claim, be sure to:

- Submit a completed CMS 1500 (HCFA 1500) form or HIPAA-compliant 837 transaction for electronic submitters.
- Submit EPSDT services on a CMS 1500 (HCFA 1500) form with EPSDT codes. Refer to Section 9.7 Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Information Missing or Incomplete for coding procedures.
- Verify that the standard CMS 1500 (HCFA 1500) form contains the following information:
  - Member’s full name
  - Member’s address
  - Member’s date of birth
  - Horizon NJ Health ID number
  - Diagnosis
  - Date of service
  - Physician’s Employer Identification Number
  - Taxonomy Code (mandatory)
  - Physician’s signature and physician/vendor number
  - Procedure code(s) – Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and/or HCPCS
  - Nonemergent outpatient service invoices (except for the professional component) must include the referral number in box #23. PCPs must submit a CMS 1500 (HCFA 1500) form or HIPAA-compliant 837 transaction for electronic submitters to the plan for each member encounter or office service, even if the service is capitated. On a monthly basis, Horizon NJ Health is required to report all encounters to the State of New Jersey.

All claims must be received within 180 days of the date of service. If received after 180 days of the date of service, PCP claims eligible for reimbursement will be denied for untimely filing.

New Claims should be submitted to Horizon NJ Health at:

Horizon NJ Health
Claims Processing Department
PO Box 24078
Newark, NJ 07101-0406
Phone: 1-800-682-9091

Family planning claims should include the member’s Social Security Number.

Providers who have claims questions or inquiries should contact Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091.
Taxonomy codes must be provided on all claims. NOTE: IT IS VITAL THAT THE PROPER TAXONOMY CODE BE INCLUDED WHEN BILLING. WITHOUT THIS CODE CLAIMS PAYMENT WILL BE DENIED.

Red and White paper claims are the only claims that are accepted. Black and White, faxed, copied or any other versions of these paper claims cannot be processed.

Member Copayments for Primary Care Provider and Specialty Office Visits

Refer to Section 3 Benefit Overview of this Manual for member copayments specific to certain benefits.

5.3 EPSDT Coding and Reimbursement

The New Jersey Division of Health Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) will pay a $10 incentive payment to Horizon NJ Health for a pass through to PCPs when an encounter record has a procedure code and diagnosis code as set forth below. EPSDT covers children from birth to their 21st birthday.

**Important:** Preventive visits are evaluation and management services. Physicians and health care professionals should not use additional evaluation and management codes in conjunction with these services.

For lead testing, please utilize the following CPT codes and modifiers:

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<td>36410 59</td>
<td>Venipuncture for lead screening for children three years of age or older</td>
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<td>36415 59</td>
<td>Collection of venous blood by Venipuncture for lead screening for children 3 years and older</td>
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<td>36416 59</td>
<td>Collection of capillary blood specimen for lead screening (finger, heel, and ear stick)</td>
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**Procedure Code Description**

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### 5.3.1 EPSDT Worksheets

Horizon NJ Health, along with the other Medicaid health maintenance organizations (HMOs) in New Jersey and the New Jersey DMAHS, developed age-appropriate medical record tools for physicians to use for EPSDT visits.

These medical record tools are free of copyright and can be used by all Medicaid HMOs. The use of the medical record tools is not mandatory. It is up to each physician's office whether to use the age-appropriate forms. A copy of the forms can be printed from the Horizon NJ Health website at horizonNJhealth.com.
The PCP is responsible for providing all basic primary care services, including the authorization of referrals for specialty and other care to members, as needed. When a PCP determines there is a need for medical services or treatment outside of his or her scope of care, the PCP must approve and arrange all referrals to the participating specialty care physician.

The PCP must complete and submit a referral each time a member is referred for specialty care services. Completing the referral is a mechanism for the reimbursement of the specialty medical services provided by a specialty physician. The completed referral assists the PCP in maintaining a record of all member-referred services.

A referral must be submitted prior to specialty care service being rendered. Retroactive referrals are referrals that are issued more than two business days after the specialist has already seen the patient.

Referrals are valid for up to 180 days and up to six visits from the date of issue, pending continued eligibility. If a member is referred for more than six visits, the PCP or specialty care physician must obtain an authorization from the Utilization Management department. When a treatment plan is required, the specialty care physician must obtain an authorization from the Utilization Management department.

If the member has not visited the specialty care physician within 180 days from the time of referral, the member’s condition should be re-evaluated by the PCP and a new referral should be issued.

Referrals are submitted electronically on NaviNet. The following fields must be completed:

1. The name of the participating specialty care physician. (Refer to the Provider Directory for the names of Horizon NJ Health participating specialty care physicians.)
2. The referral will indicate "consult only" or "consult and treat." If "consult and treat" is indicated, a number of visits will be specified. The specialty care physician must contact the PCP to obtain additional referrals if additional services or visits are necessary.
3. The PCP’s office should forward a pertinent medical summary to the specialist (including history, lab results and radiology studies needed for appropriate specialty care).

6.1 Electronic Referrals
Horizon NJ Health referrals are submitted through NaviNet, a free, multi-payer web portal. To sign up for NaviNet, visit their website at NaviNet.net.

The NaviNet referral submission transaction allows PCPs to electronically submit a referral to Horizon NJ Health for real-time approval. Once a PCP submits a referral and receives a referral ID from Horizon NJ Health, the member may visit the assigned specialist. Referrals are not needed for Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) members.

6.1.1 Referral Submission
To access Referral Submission, you will choose the Referrals menu option underneath Workflows. There is one transaction menu for both Referral Submission and Referral Inquiry.

To begin the referral submission, you will need to search for the member. You can search for the member using the member ID or by using the name and date of birth. The effective date of the referral will automatically appear as the current date. If you need to backdate the referral, it must be done by changing the effective date.

To complete the referral, you will need to enter the service type, place of service, diagnoses and then the provider details. When you are entering diagnosis codes, you can enter partial codes or descriptions to see any diagnoses which meet the criteria you are searching for. You can choose the referred from provider from within the dropdown menu.

To choose the referred to provider or facility, you can search using specialty and provider/facility fields. If you have any clinical notes for the referred to provider or facility, you can enter them in the free text field.

When you have entered all of the information for the referral, click Submit. You may print a copy of the referral for the member and for the patient records.

6.1.2 Referral Inquiry
To access Referral Inquiry, you will choose the Referrals menu option underneath Workflows. To search for a referral, first choose your group or provider as the referred to provider or the referred from provider. Then choose the provider or facility from the dropdown menu. You can search by a date range or for a particular member. The response screen provides information such as the status bar, referral number, member information, referred from and to provider information, and any clinical information that was submitted on the referral. You can view or print this referral as a PDF by clicking the option at the top right.
6.2 A Standing Referral

Standing referrals are referrals required for longer than 180 days/6 visits. The physician must obtain an authorization number from the Utilization Management Department if a member is referred for more than six visits or a treatment plan to perform services is required. Horizon NJ Health will authorize a standing referral for members who require a specialist’s ongoing care. The standing referral is pursuant to the treatment plan, which must be approved by Horizon NJ Health in consultation with the PCP, specialist, Care Manager and the member or, when applicable, an authorized person.

6.3 Out-of-Network Referrals

Occasionally, a member’s needs cannot be provided through the Horizon NJ Health network of physicians and health care professionals. When the need for out-of-network services occurs, the physician must contact the Utilization Management department. The Utilization Management department, in collaboration with the recommendations of the PCP, will arrange for the member to receive the necessary medical services with a specialty care physician. Every effort will be made to locate an in-network specialty care physician. Members who seek self-initiated care from a nonparticipating physician or a non-covered service will be responsible for the cost of the care.

Utilization Management Department
1-800-682-9094

6.4 Self-Referrals

In some cases, Horizon NJ Health members may receive services without obtaining a referral from their PCP. When provided by a participating physician or health care professional, referrals are not required for:

- Gynecological care
- Mammogram
- Obstetrical care
- Routine eye examination
- Dental care
- Behavioral health care for DDD, MLTSS and FIDE-SNP members
- Emergency room visits
Section 7 - Specialty Care Providers

7.1 The Role of the Specialty Care Physician
Specialty care physicians provide non-primary care services to patients upon referral from their PCP. The specialty care physician must coordinate care through the PCP and obtain necessary precertification for hospital admissions or specified diagnostic testing and procedures. If a specialty care physician is scheduled to perform a procedure on a Horizon NJ Health member and, due to some unforeseen circumstance, is unable to perform the procedure, the specialty care physician must make reasonable efforts to find another Horizon NJ Health participating specialty care physician to conduct the procedure.

Depending on the type of referral received from the PCP, the specialty care physician may be asked to only consult and communicate with the PCP or consult and treat. A specialist acting as the PCP for a member with special needs has the responsibility for overall health coordination and assurance that the member receives all necessary specialty care and for providing or arranging all routine preventive care and health maintenance services, which may not customarily be provided by or be the responsibility of such a specialist. A request for a specialist to act as a PCP should be made through Horizon NJ Health’s Utilization Management department at 1-800-682-9094. Any claim filed for a procedure provided either as a PCP or specialist must include a taxonomy code. Without a taxonomy code the claim will be denied.

For members with special needs who are chronically ill or have complex health care needs, their traditional PCP will have the responsibility of providing primary care services and for overall coordination of care, including specialty care.

It is important for the specialty care physician to communicate regularly with the PCP regarding any specialty treatment. The specialist treating members with special needs, in conjunction with the PCP, must develop a team approach to care management.

Except for ER visits, routine Ob/Gyn services, mammograms, dental services, annual eye examinations and behavioral health services for DDD members, all members must obtain a valid referral from their PCP or Ob/Gyn prior to receiving services from a specialty care physician. Prior to rendering services, the specialty care physician should call Horizon NJ Health Provider Services to verify member eligibility. (See Section 2.0 Eligibility for more information on verifying eligibility at NaviNet.)

Horizon NJ Health specialty care physicians are also required to maintain the same office standards as the PCP. (See Section 12.17 Office Standards for more information.)

7.2 Referrals for Care
Referrals are valid for 180 days and up to six visits from the date of issue (pending continued eligibility). The PCP or specialty care physician must obtain an authorization from the Utilization Management department if a member is referred for more than six visits or a treatment plan to perform services is required.

Horizon NJ Health has enabled electronic referrals to be completed on NaviNet. NaviNet users have access to real-time Horizon NJ Health administrative information and tools. Specialists can confirm that a referral has been submitted by completing a referral inquiry on NaviNet or by calling Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091.

7.3 Specialty Care Reimbursement
The specialty care physician will be paid by fee for service. Horizon NJ Health reserves the right to modify the Horizon NJ Health fee schedule.

To ensure prompt reimbursement of your claim, be sure to:

- Enter the referral number into Box #23 of the CMS 1500 (HCFA 1500) form.
- If you determine that the need for additional specialty care is not authorized on the original referral, you must contact the member’s PCP to obtain another referral.
- Verify that the standard CMS 1500 (HCFA 1500) form contains the following information:
  - Member’s full name
  - Member’s address
  - Member’s date of birth
  - Horizon NJ Health ID number
  - Diagnosis
  - Date of service
  - Physician’s employer identification number
  - Physician’s signature and physician/vendor number
  - Referral number
  - Taxonomy code
  - Procedure code(s) – CPT (Current Procedural Terminology), Health Care Financial Administration Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)

Completed claims should be submitted to:

Horizon NJ Health
Claims Processing Department
PO Box 24078
Newark, NJ 07101-0406
All claims must be received within 180 days of the date of service. Claims received after 180 days of the date of service will be denied for untimely filing.

Claims inquiries or questions should be directed to Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091 or sent to

Provider Correspondence
PO Box 24077
Newark, NJ 07101-0406

Horizon NJ Health can only accept timely inquiries for claims in dispute when all elements shown are presented. Other inquiries will be returned. Timely inquiries for claims are those that are filed within 90 days of processing date.

Taxonomy codes must be provided on all claims.

Note: IT IS VITAL THAT THE PROPER TAXONOMY CODE BE INCLUDED WHEN BILLING. WITHOUT THIS CODE CLAIMS PAYMENT WILL BE DENIED.

Red and White paper claims are the only claims that are accepted. Black and white, faxed, copied, handwritten or any other versions of these paper claims cannot be processed.
8.1 Prior Authorization Requirements

Horizon NJ Health has specific requirements for prior authorization and other medical management needs, as covered under the specific Medicaid benefit package. The prior authorization process evaluates the medical necessity/reasonableness of a procedure or course of treatment and the appropriate location of service, prior to the delivery of services. Prior authorization must be obtained prior to an elective or nonemergent admission, including transfers to another facility or before outpatient services are rendered. Participating and nonparticipating facilities must submit online via NaviNet and Utilization Management Tool or by fax request a minimum of 14 calendar days prior to rendering services. Failure to notify Utilization Management (UM) may result in services being delayed or denied.

Please refer to the prior authorization reference list at horizonNJhealth.com/for-providers/resources for the most commonly requested procedures.

8.2 Prior Authorization Process

Prior authorization must be obtained prior to an elective or non-urgent admission or before services that require prior authorization are rendered. The procedure for obtaining prior authorization is outlined below.

- The prior authorization process can take up to 14 calendar days for completion. Therefore, requests should be sent in as soon as possible to allow adequate time to respond to them. Staff is available during normal business hours (Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.) with on-call support staff available after hours to meet urgent requests. Staff identifies by name, title, and organization when initiating and returning calls regarding UM issues.

Requests for prior authorization must include:
- Member ID number
- Member’s name, address and date of birth
- Specific clinical information, such as diagnosis, severity, supporting evidence of diagnosis, and planned treatment
- Member’s designated contact

Critical clinical information supporting the prior authorization request should be submitted with the Prior Authorization Request form. Examples of clinical information include, but are not limited to, history of presenting problem, clinical exam and diagnostic test results, operative and pathological reports, treatment plan, progress notes and consultations. If clinical information that supports the request is not provided on time, the request will be administratively denied. After the required information is submitted, the provider may be asked to furnish additional information for review by a Horizon NJ Health medical director.

- The UM Department uses nationally recognized criteria during the prior authorization process. If criteria are met, the provider will receive notification via fax or mail. Providers can check real-time status through the Navinet/Utilization Management Tool system with the ability to print the final outcome of the request irrespective of how the request was submitted. See Section 11.4.5 Precertification and Authorization Criteria.

Members are notified by mail of approvals and denials; this notification includes information about appeal rights. Prior authorizations are valid only for the dates requested. If you disagree with any Horizon NJ Health medical necessity decisions, please see Section 10.2 Utilization Management Appeals Process regarding appeal rights or call our UM Medical Appeals Department at 1-800-682-9094 x89606.

Prior to providing care for services requiring prior authorization, the provider should verify that a prior authorization has been obtained. Providers may have to reschedule non-urgent services if prior authorization is required and has not been obtained.

Utilization Management Department
Medicaid: 1-800-682-9094
FIDE-SNP: 1-888-621-5894

Medical management decisions are subject to appeal through the Appeals Resolution Process. Horizon NJ Health UM decisions are benefit determinations only and do not constitute treatment recommendations or directives. Providers are solely responsible for making medical treatment decisions in consultation with their patients. Members may request a reconsideration of a benefit determination, in accordance with the procedure, as described in Section 10.2 Utilization Management Appeals Process.

8.2.1 MLTSS Prior Authorization Process

When the care plan is complete and the Care Manager and member are in agreement with the plan of care, authorizations will be entered into the medical management system in accordance with the agreed upon plan of care. Services are authorized exactly as written in the signed plan of care. If there are questions about authorizations, those questions are discussed with the MLTSS Care Manager prior to completing and signing the plan of care.
The MLTSS care management team will make all the necessary arrangements to ensure that services mandated via the plan of care are executed timely. Horizon NJ Health will make every attempt to arrange services with the provider chosen by the member. If the contacted provider cannot provide the service, the MLTSS care management team then will try to identify a provider who can provide the services. This process continues until a provider can be found to meet the expectations of the plan of care.

Once it is confirmed that the provider is able to provide the service, an authorization is created in the medical management system for that specific provider with the authorization limits/requirements listed in the plan of care. The provider is given an authorization number, the start and end date of the service, and the type of service that will need to be provided. An authorization letter with the above information is also triggered from the medical management system and mailed to the provider.

8.2.2 Utilization Management Tool

Utilization Management Tool is an online authorization tool accessed through NaviNet that enables providers to submit authorization requests securely over the Internet using a single-page data entry form that captures pertinent client-defined data. Providers are able to communicate directly with Horizon NJ Health; checking the status of requests in real time and receiving notifications when requests are completed.

The main features in Utilization Management Tool include:

- Authorization requests
- Viewing status of authorization requests
- It can also be used for authorizations for home care, DME purchase/rental, surgical procedures and inpatient admissions.

Providers can access Utilization Management Tool through NaviNet. Select Horizon NJ Health from the Plan Central page; mouse over Referrals and Authorization on the left navigation; then select Utilization Management Requests.

8.3 Hospital Admissions

Horizon NJ Health’s UM Department should be contacted at 1-800-682-9094 for all notices of admissions and requests for precertification of elective admissions (see Sections 8.1 and 8.2 for precertification requirements and process).

If a medical emergency (including maternity) leads to a hospital admission or if a member receives observation services (see Section 4.1 for observation criteria), the UM Department must be notified by calling 1-800-682-9094 within 24 hours of the admission to initiate the utilization review process.

Horizon NJ Health conducts concurrent medical review (see Section 11.4.12 Concurrent Review) in order to approve an unplanned admission or review additional information received for elective and non-urgent admissions.

Denied services may be appealed. See Section 10.0 Grievances and Appeals Process for more information.

Hospitals are instructed to notify and consult with the PCP for appropriate history, advice and instructions.

8.4 Ambulatory Surgical Center

In general, Horizon NJ Health does not require physicians to obtain prior authorization from the UM Department for surgical procedures performed by a participating surgeon at an ambulatory surgical center (ASC) in the Horizon NJ Health network. Pain management procedures at an ASC, cosmetic procedures, gastric banding adjustments and varicose vein surgery and other select procedures require prior authorization.

However, if the surgical procedure is performed at a facility other than an ASC in the Horizon NJ Health network or by an out-of-network provider, prior authorization must be obtained by faxing or submitting online to the UM Department at least 14 calendar days in advance of the surgery. If the procedure cannot be performed at the participating ASC with which the physician is affiliated, the physician must obtain prior authorization prior to performing the surgical procedure. Horizon NJ Health will deny provider claims for payment if prior authorization is not obtained for surgical procedures performed at a facility other than a participating ASC and by a participating provider.

Horizon NJ Health encourages specialists to perform all medically necessary and appropriate surgical procedures at the freestanding ASC with which they are affiliated. If you are not affiliated with a center, we recommend that you obtain affiliation with a participating ASC. There are more than 40 ASCs in Horizon NJ Health's network. Please refer to the online Doctor & Hospital Finder at horizonNJhealth.com to view participating freestanding ASCs. To better service and accommodate our members and physicians, Horizon NJ Health is continually expanding our ASC network. Please feel free to contact Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091 with information regarding any freestanding ASC with which you are affiliated that is not participating with Horizon NJ Health.
8.5 Short Procedure Unit

Horizon NJ Health providers may utilize a Horizon NJ Health participating hospital short procedure unit (SPU) for a precertified, medically necessary procedure. The provider should conduct the request for prior authorization of a SPU or nonparticipating ASC by faxing or submitting online to the Horizon NJ Health UM Department. In the event that prior authorization has not been obtained due to an emergent situation, Horizon NJ Health must be notified within 24 hours to get retro authorization. The criteria listed below outlines some of the indicators used by the UM Department to assess appropriateness:

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- Treatment plan appropriate to diagnosis
- Facility appropriateness
- Provider, hospital and ASC participation with Horizon NJ Health
- Member eligibility on date of service

If a request to utilize the SPU or nonparticipating ASC is denied by Horizon NJ Health, the facility will receive notification of the denial. At the time of determination, a written notification of the denial is sent to the member, PCP and/or specialist.

Horizon NJ Health requests that prior authorization for procedures performed at a hospital SPU or ASC is obtained 14 calendar days in advance of the surgery. Due to monthly changes in member eligibility, all procedures are pending verification of eligibility for the date of service requested. In those instances that a procedure performed in the SPU requires an inpatient admission, Horizon NJ Health must be notified within 24 hours by faxing or submitting online to the UM Department.

8.6 Radiology

Horizon NJ Health has partnered with National Imaging Associates, Inc. (NIA) for outpatient imaging management services. Prior authorization will be required for the following nonemergent outpatient radiology procedures:

- Cardiac Catheterization
- Cardiac Computed Tomography Angiography (CCTA)
- Cardiac Implantable Devices
- Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy (CRT) Pacemaker
- CT/CTA
- Echocardiography
- Implantable Cardiovener Defibrillator (ICD)
- Non Ob/Gyn Ultrasounds
- Nuclear Cardiology/Nuclear Stress/MPI
- MRI/MRA
- Radiation Oncology Management for Radiation Therapy
- Pacemaker
- PET
- Select Non-Advanced Radiology Procedures
- Stress Echocardiography

The Medical Specialty Solutions Services performed in the following settings do not require authorization through NIA:

- Emergency Room
- Inpatient
- Observation

Physicians can call the NIA Call Center to obtain authorization at 1-800-642-7299. Call center hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Horizon NJ Health’s physicians and health care professionals can use RadMD to submit all requests for authorizations online. RadMD.com is available from 5 a.m. to midnight, Eastern Time (ET) Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET on Saturday. For assistance or technical support, please contact radmdsupport@magellanhealth.com or call 1-877-80-RadMD (1-877-807-2363) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you perform any diagnostic imaging services you are required to complete a Diagnostic Imaging Provider Assessment Application. All providers performing primary, advanced and cardiac diagnostic imaging in a free standing or professional office location must be approved by NIA's provider assessment process. If you do not obtain approval by NIA you will not be selectable for authorization and claims for these services will not be paid.

To access the online application:

- Contact NIA Provider Assessment Department at 1-800-424-6005 to obtain your login information
- Direct your web browser to: RadMD.com.
- Click on the link for Diagnostic Imaging Provider Assessment Application (located under Online Tools).
- Enter your login and click “Login.” Your login is: NIA_ForeignProviderID

A separate application is required for each practice location performing diagnostic imaging services. If your practice has more than one location performing these services, you must obtain a separate login for each practice location.

Upon receipt of your completed provider assessment application, NIA and Horizon NJ Health will process your information and your final status will be communicated to you in writing.
8.7 Behavioral Health Services

Prior-authorization is required for many behavioral health services. To obtain a prior-authorization, please call Provider Services for your patient. All Horizon NJ Health behavioral health prior-authorizations are communicated during the telephonic review.

Outpatient services such as individual therapy, group therapy, psychiatric evaluations and medication management will not require prior-authorization for in-network providers.

Any MCO-covered behavioral health service provided by an out-of-network provider will require both an a prior-authorization and a single-case agreement.

Providers have 180 days from date of service to submit an initial claim to the plan. Any requests for a post service review and prior-authorization after claims submission limits will not be approved.

The following behavioral health services require prior-authorization:

- Inpatient psychiatric treatment
- Partial hospitalization
- Partial care
- Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation (AMHR) group homes and apartments
- Psychological testing
- Electroconvulsive therapy
- Trans magnetic stimulation
- Short term residential treatment (ASAM 3.7)
- Ambulatory withdrawal management (ASAM 2-WM)
- Medically monitored detox (SUD ASAM 3.7D)
- IOP SUD (ASAM 2.1)
- Partial SUD (ASAM 2.5)

All out of network providers will require a prior-authorization for any level of care including outpatient levels of care.

Prior-authorization is not required for the following services:

- In-network outpatient psychotherapy
- In-network outpatient psychiatric/medication management
- Medication assisted treatment – not including actual medication
- In-network outpatient treatment for substance use disorders
- In-network outpatient psychiatric/medication management for substance use disorders

Provider Services

Medicaid: 1-800-682-9091
DDD: 1-800-682-9091
MLTSS: 1-855-777-0123
FIDE-SNP: 1-855-955-5590
This guide is intended to offer hospitals, physicians and health care professionals the information required for Horizon NJ Health to accurately and efficiently process claims prepared by or for hospitals, physicians and health care professionals for medical services provided to members of our health plan. This section contains notes of interest highlighting billing information relevant to the topic detailed above them. The notes may be titled as follows:

**IMPORTANT** – Reminds the reader of claim submission problems that can be avoided. These errors can result in rejection, inaccurate claim payments or denials, usually because required information is missing, invalid, incomplete or inconsistent with standard billing practices.

**Note:** Reviews an associated piece of information, which clarifies or explains specific details about the service, but may not directly impact reimbursement. For example, place of service is required to determine eligibility for payment, but does not necessarily affect payment amount.

In the event of additional questions about Horizon NJ Health programs or policies, please review the entire Manual or contact the Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091.

In order to comply with contractual obligations, regulatory requirements or state and federal law, Horizon NJ Health reserves the right, at any time, to modify or update information contained in this document. Notification will be posted at least 30 days prior to the effective date unless the effective date of a law or regulation does not permit this time frame. Hospitals, physicians and health care professionals may access the For Providers section of the Horizon NJ Health website at horizonNJhealth.com to check for updates on billing requirements and other policies and procedures relevant to reimbursements for services.

**IMPORTANT** – Horizon NJ Health, its subcontracted vendors or the State of New Jersey are responsible for payment for all services included in the member's benefit package. Services not included in the benefit package are reimbursable by the member only if the hospital, physician or health care professional notifies the member in writing and in advance of providing the service(s) of this obligation. Members should not be billed for any service covered under their benefit package. Should Horizon NJ Health require a copayment for any service or population group, an itemization of these items will be included in the benefit listing and will be available on the website. The practice of balance billing Medicaid/NJFC and FIDE-SNP beneficiaries, whether eligible for FFS benefits or enrolled in managed care, is prohibited under both federal and State law. These prohibitions apply to both Medicaid/NJFC-only beneficiaries, as well as those eligible for Medicare coverage or other insurance. A provider enrolled in the Medicaid/NJFC FFS program or in managed care is required to accept as payment in full the reimbursement rate established by the FFS program or managed care plan.

All costs related to the delivery of health care benefits to a Medicaid/NJFC eligible beneficiary, other than authorized cost sharing, are the responsibility of the FFS program, the managed care plan, Medicare (if applicable) and/or a third-party payer (if applicable). If a provider receives a Medicaid/NJFC FFS or managed care payment, the provider shall accept this payment as payment in full and shall not bill the beneficiary or anyone on the beneficiary's behalf for any additional charges.

### 9.1 Requirements for Filing Claims

#### 9.1.1 General Requirements

Horizon NJ Health is a Medicaid managed care plan that is under contract with the New Jersey Department of Human Services. Horizon NJ Health will pay claims based only on eligible charges. Unless the provider contract states otherwise, claims will be paid on the lesser of billed charges or the contracted rate (Horizon NJ Health fee schedule). Claims submitted by nonparticipating Horizon NJ Health providers will be paid on the lesser of billed charges or the Horizon NJ Health nonparticipating provider fee schedule. Consistent with CFR 42 Part § 447.45: the following definition shall apply to clean claims as used within the Horizon NJ Health Billing Guide:

“Clean claim means one that can be processed without obtaining additional information from the provider of the service or from a third party. It does not include a claim from a provider who is under investigation for fraud or abuse or a claim under review for medical necessity.”

Under the New Jersey Health Claims Authorization, Processing and Payment Act, claims must also meet the following criteria:

(a) the health care provider is eligible at the date of service

(b) the person who received the health care service was covered on the date of service

(c) the claim is for a service or supply covered under the health benefits plan

(d) the claim is submitted with all the information requested by the payor on the claim form or in other instructions that were distributed in advance to the health care provider or covered person in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of P.L.2005, c.352 (C.17B:30-51)

(e) the payor has no reason to believe that the claim has been submitted fraudulently
Other requirements, such as timeliness of claims processing includes:

Horizon NJ Health must receive all claims within 180 calendar days from the initial date when services were rendered. If claims are not received within 180 calendar days from the initial date of service, claims will be denied for untimely filing. Horizon NJ Health shall pay all clean claims from hospitals, physicians and other health care professionals within 30 days of the date of receipt of EDI claims and within 40 days for paper claims. MLTSS claims will be paid within 15 days of the receipt of EDI claims and within 30 days for paper claims.

The time limitation does not apply to claims from providers under investigation for fraud or abuse. The date of receipt is the date Horizon NJ Health receives the claim, as indicated by its date stamp on the claim. The date of payment is the date of the check or other form of payment.

Horizon NJ Health is required to report all claims to the State of New Jersey for services provided to members through electronic media. Practitioners and facilities may not use a PO Box as an acceptable billing address. A physical street address must be used. In addition, when submitting ZIP codes anywhere on a claim, practitioners and facilities must use the full nine-digit format. Therefore, all billing addresses, whether submitted on paper or electronically, must contain a physical billing address. To have payments sent to a different address or PO Box, the pay-to provider name and address field on the 837-I and 837-P transaction must be used.

9.1.2 National Practitioner Identifier (NPI)

Horizon NJ Health requires all practitioners use their NPI numbers for all claim submissions. To ensure our systems properly identify you as an individual, group or facility, Horizon NJ Health requires you register the NPI with your taxonomy and tax identification numbers. Another requirement that will affect both timeliness and payment is the use of name differential on your W-9. Horizon NJ Health continues to accept the use of your provider identification numbers (legacy ID). The continued use of the legacy ID is recommended, as the claims processing system uses this number for adjudication and payment activities. Please make sure your name matches the name used on your W-9. Below are some helpful hints, which will facilitate accurate and consistent management of your claims.

- Physicians, facilities, and health care professionals are required to have an NPI. Please register for one if you have not already secured your NPI.
- Groups are not technically required to have an NPI, but are encouraged to have one as long as there is a legal entity associated with the business name and tax identification number. To register the group NPI with Horizon NJ Health, we will need the W-9 for the business and all associated individual NPIs paid to that tax ID number.
- Facilities, including hospitals and groups chosen to subpart their type 2 NPI, will need to choose a master NPI if all of the registered numbers are under the same tax identification number. Designating a master NPI number will help Horizon NJ Health assign claims to the right location for payment purposes. A valid W-9 for the business and all associated individual NPIs that are paid to that tax ID number should be registered with Horizon NJ Health.
- Where an NPI number is shared among different locations using the same tax ID number, the Horizon NJ Health legacy ID is needed to distinguish where the claim payment should be sent.
- Nonparticipating practitioners and facilities are also required to adhere to the NPI requirements. To facilitate payment for claims, Horizon NJ Health encourages you to register your NPI with us in the same manner described above. To complete this task, please visit the “For Providers” section of horizonNJhealth.com and download our NPI Collection Form. Once completed, fax your forms and CMS documentation to Horizon NJ Health at 1-609-583-3004.

9.1.3 Procedures for Claim Submission

Horizon NJ Health is required by state and federal regulations to capture and report specific data regarding services rendered to its members. All services rendered, including capitated encounters and fee-for-service claims, must be submitted on the CMS 1500 (HCFA1500) version 02/12 or UB-04 claims form, or via electronic submission in a HIPAA — compliant 837 or NCPDP format. Horizon NJ Health does not accept handwritten or stamped claims. These claims forms and electronic submissions must be consistent with the instructions provided by CMS requirements, as stated in the CMS Claims Manual, which can be accessed at cms.gov/Manuals/IOM/list.asp.

The hospital, physician and health care professional, to appropriately account for services rendered and to ensure timely processing of claims, must adhere to all billing requirements.
When data elements are missing, incomplete, invalid or coded incorrectly, Horizon NJ Health cannot process the claims.

- Claims for billable services provided to Horizon NJ Health members must be submitted by the hospital, physician or health care professional that performed the services.
- Professional services are not reimbursable to a hospital unless the hospital is specifically contracted for professional services. Horizon NJ Health policy is to reimburse these services only when billed on a CMS 1500.
- Claims filed with Horizon NJ Health are subject to the following procedures:
  - Verification that all required fields are completed on the claim
  - Verification that all diagnosis codes, modifiers and procedure codes are valid for the date of service
  - When appropriate, verification of the referral for specialist or non-primary care physician claims (excluding “self-referral” types of care)
  - Verification of member’s eligibility for services under Horizon NJ Health during the time period in which services were provided
  - Verification that the services were provided by a participating or nonparticipating hospital, physician or health care professional that has received authorization to provide services to the eligible member
  - Verification that the hospital, physician or health care professional has been given approval for services that require prior authorization by Horizon NJ Health
- Horizon NJ Health is the “payor of last resort” on all claims submitted for members of its health plan. Hospitals, physicians and health care professionals must verify whether the member has Medicare coverage or any other third party resources and, if so, provide documentation that the claim was first processed by this other insurer as appropriate.

**IMPORTANT** – Rejected claims are defined as claims with invalid or missing data elements, such as the tax ID number, that are returned to the submitter or EDI source without registration in the claim processing system. Since rejected claims are not registered in the claim processing system, the hospital, physician or health care professional must re-submit clean claims within 180 calendar days from the date of service. This guideline applies to claims submitted on paper or electronically. Rejected claims are different than denied claims, which are registered in the claim processing system, but do not meet requirements for payment under Horizon NJ Health guidelines.

Horizon NJ Health encourages all hospitals, physicians, and health care professionals to submit claims electronically. We utilize the TriZetto Provider Solutions (TTPS) Direct Data Entry (DDE) SimpleClaim system. All providers that previously used Emdeon to directly enter their Horizon NJ Health claims must switch to DDE SimpleClaim.

For more information on registering, please go to https://trizettoprovidersolutions.wufoo.com/forms/horizon-nj-health-providers. If you have any further questions about registering with TTPS for DDE claim submission, please call TriZetto at 1-800-556-2231 or email ttpssupport@cognizant.com.

While Horizon NJ Health strongly encourages submitting claims via EDI, if a paper claim is necessary, please submit red and white paper claims only for all medical services to Horizon NJ Health at the following address:

**Horizon NJ Health**

**Claims Processing Department**

**PO Box 24078**

**Newark, NJ 07101-0406**

**Note:** Out-of-state, non-Horizon NJ Health providers should send claims to their local Blue Cross Blue Shield Plan.

**IMPORTANT** – Requests for reimbursement for retail pharmacy and all outpatient drugs for persons designated as aged, blind or disabled should be submitted directly to the State of New Jersey.

**IMPORTANT** – Requests for reimbursement for mental health services for all enrollees, except the developmentally disabled, FIDE-SNP or MLTSS members, should be submitted directly to the State of New Jersey.

**Note:** Be sure to include the member’s Medicaid ID number on all claims submitted to the State of New Jersey.

**Note:** Horizon NJ Health subcontracts with Davis Vision to provide and/or coordinate vision services for eligible members. All services, except ophthalmologic procedures, are coordinated and paid by Davis Vision. Please call 1-877-226-3729 for information about submitting invoices.

**Note:** Horizon NJ Health subcontracts with SKYGEN USA to provide and/or coordinate dental services for eligible members. Please call the Provider Call Center at 1-855-878-5368 for routine provider questions related to eligibility, claims, authorizations, credentialing, contracting, adding/changing provider data/locations, and fee schedules.
Note: Horizon NJ Health subcontracts with Laboratory Corporation of America, Inc. (LabCorp) for most routine and specialized laboratory services. Generally, Horizon NJ Health is responsible for payment of claims for PAT/STAT laboratory service provided in hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers. Horizon NJ Health will also provide reimbursements for claims for laboratory services included on LabCorp’s excluded test listing. An authorization is required for any test included on this listing; please submit claims to Horizon NJ Health as specified above. Unless otherwise specified within specific contractual arrangements, laboratory services should be referred to LabCorp.

9.1.4 Claim Filing Deadlines
Horizon NJ Health must receive all claims within 180 calendar days from the initial date when services were rendered. If claims are not received within 180 calendar days from the initial date of service, claims will be denied for untimely filing. COB claims must be submitted within 60 days from the date of the primary insurer’s EOB.

- Horizon NJ Health’s Appeals Department utilizes specific criteria when reviewing valid proof of timely filing.
- Member’s name
- Horizon NJ Health or Medicaid ID number
- Billed amount
- Date of service
- Billed/mailed date
- Address where the claim form was sent (Horizon NJ Health or insurance code)
- For EDI submissions, a 999 report indicating submission to the correct insurance code is required for consideration of timely submission.

For claims selected electronically:
- Submit an electronic data interchange (EDI) acceptance report. This must show that Horizon NJ Health or one of its affiliates received, accepted and/or acknowledged the claim submission.

Note: A submission report alone is not considered proof of timely filing for electronic claims. It must be accompanied by an acceptance report.

- The acceptance report must:
  1. Include the actual wording that indicates the claim was either “accepted,” “received” and/or “acknowledged.” (Abbreviations of those words are also acceptable.)
  2. Show the claim was accepted, received, and/or acknowledged within the timely filing period.

For paper claims:
1. The submission date must be within the timely filing period.
2. Certified mail receipts as valid proof of timely filing.
3. Only red and white paper claims can be processed.

Other valid proof of timely filing documentation
Valid when incorrect insurance information was provided by the patient at the time the service was rendered:
- A denial/rejection letter from another insurance carrier
- Another insurance carrier’s explanation of benefits
- Letter from another insurance carrier or employer group indicating coverage termination prior to the date of service of the claim
- Letter from another insurance carrier or employer group indicating no coverage for the patient on the date of service of the claim

All of the above must include documentation that the claim is for the correct patient and the correct date of service. The date on the other carrier’s payment correspondence starts the timely filing period for submission to Horizon NJ Health. In order to be considered timely, the claim must be received by Horizon NJ Health within 60 days from the date on the other carrier’s correspondence. Not including all of the information requested will result in a rejected inquiry or a delay in response. If the claim is received after the timely filing period, it will not meet timely filing criteria.

REFER TO SECTION 10 – Section 10.0 Complaint and Appeals Process for complete instructions of the submission time frames and procedures for administrative or medical appeals.

9.1.5. Filing Corrected Claims
For paper claims:
CMS-1500 should be submitted with the appropriate resubmission code (value of 7) in Box 22 of the paper claim with the original claim number of the corrected claim and a copy of the original Explanation of Payment (EOP). With the original claim number for which the corrected claim is being submitted. Horizon NJ Health will reject any claims that are not submitted on red and white forms or that have any handwriting on them.

For UB-04 claims:
UB-04 claims should be submitted with the appropriate resubmission code in the third digit of the bill type (for corrected claim this will be 7), the original claim number in Box 64 of the paper claim and a copy of the original EOP.
Send red and white paper corrected claims to:

Horizon NJ Health
Claims Processing Department
PO Box 24078
Newark, NJ 07101-0406

Correcting electronic HCFA 1500 claims:

EDI 837P data should be sent in the 2300 Loop, segment CLM05 (with value of 7) along with an addition loop in the 2300 loop, segment REF*F8* with the original claim number for which the corrected claim is being submitted.

Correcting electronic UB-04 claims:

EDI 837I data should be sent in the 2300 Loop, segment CLM05 (with value of 7) along with an addition loop in the 2300 loop, segment REF*F8* with the original claim number for which the corrected claim is being submitted.

Both paper and electronic claims must be submitted within 365 calendar days from the initial date of service.

Retracted Claim (HCAPP) Exception

Claim was previously submitted and paid, but retracted through HCAPP:

If a corrected claim is received within 60 days from the date of the retraction, it will bypass timely filing. Corrected claim must be submitted with the appropriate resubmission code.

9.2 Claim Forms (Paper)

Horizon NJ Health requires that all hospitals, physicians and health care professionals use the standard CMS 1500 (HCFA 1500) or UB-04 claim forms to report services, which are reimbursable or capitated. The CMS 1500 (HCFA 1500) claim form must be completed for all professional medical services. The UB-04 claim form must be completed for all facility claims. When services are rendered by MLTSS providers, facilities should file a UB-04 form, and nonfacilities should use the CMS 1500. Horizon NJ Health does not accept handwritten or black and white claims.

9.2.1 CMS 1500 (HCFA 1500) Claim Form

(Paper Submission)

The CMS 1500 (HCFA 1500) Paper Submissions claim form must be used to bill all professional services to Horizon NJ Health. Horizon NJ Health only accepts form version 02/12. The National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC) created the CMS 1500 form (version 02/12) to accommodate coding changes for ICD-10. There are two significant changes on the revised CMS 1500, the claim form used to submit paper claims to Medicare and the required claim form to submit paper claims to Horizon NJ Health.

The CMS 1500 Form (version 02/12) gives physicians the ability to

- Identify whether they are using ICD-9-CM or ICD-10-CM codes.
- Include up to 12 codes in the diagnosis field (the limit on the 08/05 version is four codes in the diagnosis field).
- Include information that will improve the accuracy of the data reported, such as being able to identify the role of the provider and specific dates of illness.
- Align paper copy claim submissions with the ASC X12 Health Care Claim: Professional (837P) transaction.

CMS has advised providers to use the following process to assure clean claims submission. All information must be:

- Aligned within the data fields.
- On an original red ink on white paper claim 02/12 version form.
- Typed. Do not print, handwrite or stamp any extraneous data on the form.
- In black ink.
- In large, dark font, such as PICA or ARIAL 10-, 11- or 12-point type.
- In capital letters.


Required Fields for CMS 1500 (HCFA 1500) Claim Form

This section will provide the list of required fields for Horizon NJ Health; however, you must refer to the most current CMS coding instructions for a complete list of codes and requirements.
### Place of Service Codes

**Code Description**

- 11 Office
- 12 Home
- 19 Off Campus - Outpatient Hospital
- 20 Urgent Care Facility
- 21 Inpatient Hospital
- 22 Outpatient Hospital
- 23 Emergency Room –Hospital
- 24 Ambulatory Surgical Center
- 25 Birthing Center
- 26 Military Treatment Facility
- 31 Skilled Nursing Facility
- 32 Nursing Facility
- 33 Custodial Care Facility
- 34 Hospice
- 41 Ambulance – Land
- 42 Ambulance – Air or Water
- 50 Federally Qualified Health Center
- 51 Inpatient Psychiatric Facility
- 52 Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center
- 53 Community Mental Health Center
- 54 Intermediate Care Facility/Mentally Retarded
- 55 Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Center
- 56 Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center
- 60 Mass Immunization Center
- 61 Comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
- 62 Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
- 65 End-Stage Renal Disease Treatment Facility
- 71 State or Local Public Health Clinic
- 72 Rural Health Clinic
- 81 Independent Laboratory
- 99 Other Unlisted Facility

### Required and Conditional Field Indicator

**IMPORTANT** – An authorization number and/or referral number must be included in box #23 on a CMS 1500 (HCFA 1500) claim form or box #63 on a UB-04 form. The required fields that must be completed for the standard CMS 1500 (HCFA 1500) or UB-04 claim forms are in the respective claim form areas. If the field is required without exception, an “R” (required) is noted in the “Required or Conditional” box. If completing the field is dependent upon certain circumstances, the requirement is listed as “C” (conditional) and the relevant conditions are explained in the “Instructions and Comments” box.

### 9.2.2 The UB-04 (CMS 1450) Claim Form (Paper)

The UB-04 (CMS 1450) claim form must be used to bill all facility services to Horizon NJ Health. This section will provide the list of required fields for Horizon NJ Health. However, you must refer to the most current CMS coding instructions for a complete list of codes and requirements.

### Type of Bill Codes

**Code Description**

- 111 Hospital/Inpatient (Part A)/Admit through Discharge
- 112 Hospital/Inpatient (Part A)/Interim – First Claim
- 113 Hospital/Inpatient (Part A)/Interim – Continuing Claims
- 114 Hospital/Inpatient (Part A)/Interim – Last Claim
- 115 Hospital/Inpatient (Part A)/Late Charge Only
- 117 Hospital/Inpatient (Part A)/Replacement of Prior Claim
- 121 Hospital/Hospital Based or Inpatient(Part B)/Admit Through Discharge
- 131 Hospital/Outpatient/Admit Through Discharge
- 211 Skilled Nursing/Inpatient (Part A)/Admit Through Discharge
- 212 Skilled Nursing/Inpatient (Part A)/Interim – First Claim
- 213 Skilled Nursing/Inpatient (Part A)/Interim – Continuing Claims
- 214 Skilled Nursing/Inpatient (Part A)/Interim – Last Claim
- 321 Home Health/Hospital Based or Inpatient (Part B)/Admit Through Discharge
- 322 Hospice Interim – First Claim
- 323 Hospice Interim -- Continuing Claim
- 324 Hospice Interim – Final Claim
- 331 Home Health/Hospital Based or Inpatient (Part B)/Admit Through Discharge
711 Clinic/Rural Health Clinic (RHC)/Admit Through Discharge
721 Clinic/Independent Renal Dialysis Facility/Admit through Discharge
731 Clinic/FQHC/Admit Through Discharge
831 Special Facility or Hospital ASC/ASC for Outpatients/Admit Through Discharge

**Type of Admission Codes**

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<td>Elective</td>
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**Patient Status Codes**

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<td>Discharged/Transferred to SNF</td>
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<td>04</td>
<td>Discharged/Transferred to ICF</td>
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<td>05</td>
<td>Discharged/Transferred to Another Type of Institution (including distinct parts) or Referred for Outpatient Services to Another Institution</td>
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<td>06</td>
<td>Discharged/Transferred to Home Under Care of Organized Home Health Service Organization</td>
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<td>07</td>
<td>Left Against Medical Advice</td>
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<td>08</td>
<td>Discharged/Transferred to Home Under Care of an IV Drug Therapy Provider</td>
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<td>09</td>
<td>Admitted as an Inpatient to this Hospital</td>
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<td>20</td>
<td>Expired (or did not recover – Christian Science Patient)</td>
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<td>30</td>
<td>Still Patient or Expected to Return for Outpatient Services</td>
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<td>Expired at Home (hospice claims only)</td>
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<td>Expired in a Medical Facility, such as Hospital, SNF, ICF or Freestanding Hospice (hospice claims only)</td>
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<td>Hospice – Medical Facility</td>
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**Commonly Used Revenue Codes**

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<td>299 Durable Medical Equipment (DME)</td>
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<td>919 Psychiatric/Psychological</td>
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<td>999 Nuclear Medicine</td>
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**Required and Conditional Field Indicator**

Required (R) fields must be completed on all claims. Conditional (C) fields must be completed if the information applies to the services rendered to Horizon NJ Health members.

**IMPORTANT** – Referrals are valid for up to 180 days. The referral number on the claim does not generate a payment. The actual referral must be submitted with each claim to avoid claim processing delays or denials.

**9.2.3 Taxonomy Codes**

Taxonomy codes are administrative codes set for identifying the provider type and area of specialization for health care providers. Each taxonomy code is a unique ten-character alphanumeric code that enables providers to identify their specialty at the claim level.

Taxonomy codes are assigned at both the individual provider and organizational provider level. Taxonomy codes have three distinct levels: Level I is Provider Type, Level II is Classification, and Level III is the Area of Specialization. Examples and discussion of taxonomy codes can be found at [https://www.cms.gov/medicare/providerenrollment-and-certification/medicareprovidersupenroll/taxonomy.html](https://www.cms.gov/medicare/providerenrollment-and-certification/medicareprovidersupenroll/taxonomy.html).
For paper UB04 institutional claims, the taxonomy code should be placed in box 81 and should be submitted with the “B3” qualifier. For CMS-1500 professional claims, the taxonomy code should be identified with the qualifier “ZZ” in the shaded portion of box 24i. The taxonomy code should be placed in the shaded portion of box 24j for the rendering level and in box 33b preceded with the “ZZ” qualifier for the billing level. Claims that do not contain these codes cannot be processed.

**CMS 1500 (08-05) Professional Claim Form**
(for enumerated providers)

- Billing Provider NPI Field 33a
- Billing Provider TIN Field 25
- Referring Provider NPI Field 17b
- Rendering Provider NPI Field 24j
- Service Facility Location NPI Field 32a

**IMPORTANT** – Make sure that your claim software supports the revised 1500 claim form (08-05). Reference the 1500 Reference Instruction Manual at Nucc.org for specific details on completing this form.

**UB-04 Paper Institutional Claim Form**
(for enumerated providers)

- Billing Provider NPI Locator 56
- Billing Provider TIN Locator 05
- Billing Provider Taxonomy Code Locator 81
- Attending Provider NPI Locator 76
- Operating Provider NPI Locator 77
- Other Provider NPI Locator 78-79

**9.3 Procedures for Electronic Submission – Electronic Data Interchange**

**IMPORTANT** – Effective January 1, 2017, registered providers must include their taxonomy code, tax identification number, and NPI on all claims. Atypical providers, as defined by CMS, must submit their taxonomy code and their tax identification number.

**IMPORTANT** – All claims submitted electronically must be in a HIPAA compliant 837 or NCPDP format. Electronic data interchange (EDI) allows faster, more efficient and cost-effective claim submission for hospitals, physicians and health care professionals. EDI, performed in accordance with nationally recognized standards, supports the industry’s efforts to reduce overhead 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 rework (adjustments).
- Receipt of reports as proof of claim receipt. This 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. 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.

**IMPORTANT** – Referrals are valid for up to 180 days and up to 6 visits. The referral number on the claim does not generate a payment. The actual referral must be submitted with each claim to avoid claim processing delays or denials.

**Note:** Hospitals, physicians and health care professionals submitting claims electronically should make sure the referral number is present on the claim.

**Note:** EDI Technical Support Team is available during regular business hours, 8 a.m. through 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and can be reached at 1-800-556-2231.

**9.3.1 Hardware/Software Requirements**

There are many different products that can be used to bill electronically. Hospitals, physicians and health care professionals should send EDI claims to TriZetto TTPS whether through direct submission or through another clearinghouse/vendor using payor number 22326. Only TriZetto TTPS can submit claims electronically to Horizon NJ Health.

**Contracting with TriZetto and Other Electronic Vendors**

If you are a hospital, physician or health care professional interested in submitting claims electronically to Horizon NJ Health but do not have TriZetto EDI services, contact TriZetto at 1-800-556-2231. You may also choose to contract with another EDI clearinghouse or vendor who already has access to TriZetto EDI services.
Contacting the EDI Technical Support Group

Hospitals, physicians and health care professionals interested in sending claims to Horizon NJ Health electronically may contact the EDI Technical Support Group for information and assistance.

Once Horizon NJ Health is notified of the intent to submit claims through EDI, the organization’s contact will receive a complete list of ID numbers for Horizon NJ Health hospitals, physicians and health care professionals, the electronic payor number, TriZetto-specific edits, and any other information needed to initiate electronic billing with Horizon NJ Health.

Note: Physicians can contact the EDI Technical Support Group to obtain names of other EDI clearinghouses and vendors.

Transmission Requirements

Once the material is received, proceed as follows:

- Read over the materials carefully
- Transmission can begin upon receipt of ID numbers for Horizon NJ Health individual hospitals, physicians and health care professionals

Contact the EDI Technical Support Group to answer any questions you may have. If you wish to receive confirmation to begin electronic submission, the EDI Technical Support Group will contact you via fax, mail or email on the effective day for EDI claim submission.

No approval is necessary. Contact your system vendor and/or TriZetto to inform them that you are now going to submit production claims electronically to Horizon NJ Health. You will be asked for the electronic payor address and the TriZetto-specific edits included in your Horizon NJ Health documentation.

Note: Contact EDI Technical Support at 1-800-556-2231 to notify them of your intention to begin EDI transmissions.

9.3.2 Specific Data Record Requirements

EDI claims should be submitted according to HIPAA standards. These standards can be found in the Implementation Guides written by the Designated Standard Maintenance Organizations (DSMOs) responsible for each transaction. Additional information can be found at hipaa-dsmo.org.

9.3.3 Electronic Claim Flow Description

In order to send claims electronically to Horizon NJ Health, all EDI claims must first be forwarded to TriZetto using payor number 22326. This can be completed via a direct submission or through another EDI clearinghouse or vendor. Once TriZetto receives the transmitted claims, they are validated against TriZetto’s proprietary specifications and Horizon NJ Health-specific requirements. Claims not meeting the requirements are immediately rejected and sent back to the sender via a TriZetto error report. The name of this report can vary, based on the physician’s contract with their intermediate EDI vendor or TriZetto. Claims are then passed to Horizon NJ Health, and TriZetto returns a conditional acceptance report to the sender immediately.

Claims forwarded to Horizon NJ Health by TriZetto are immediately validated against physician and member eligibility records. Claims that do not meet this requirement are rejected and sent back to TriZetto, which also forwards this rejection to its trading partner – the intermediate EDI vendor or directly to the hospital, physician or health care professional. Claims passing eligibility requirements are then passed to the claim processing queues. Claims are not considered received under timely filing guidelines if rejected for missing or invalid provider or member data.

Hospitals, physicians and health care professionals are responsible for verification of EDI claims receipts. Acknowledgements for accepted or rejected claims received from TriZetto or other contracted vendors must be reviewed and validated against transmittal records daily.

Note: For a detailed list of TriZetto data requirements, contact EDI Technical Support at 1-800-556-2231.

9.3.4 Invalid Electronic Claim Record Rejections/Denials

All claim records sent to Horizon NJ Health must first pass TriZetto’s proprietary edits and Horizon NJ Health-specific edits prior to acceptance. Claim records that do not pass these edits are invalid and will be rejected without being recognized as received at Horizon NJ Health. In these cases, the claim must be corrected and resubmitted within the required filing deadline of 180 calendar days from the date of service. It is important that you review the rejection notices (the functional acknowledgements to each transaction set and the unprocessed claim report) received from TriZetto or your vendor in order to identify and resubmit these claims accurately.
Common Rejections

- Missing or invalid member ID
- Claims with missing or invalid batch level records
- Claim records with missing or invalid required fields
- Claim records with invalid (unlisted, discontinued, etc.) codes (CPT-4, HCPCS, ICD-10, etc.)
- Claims without or that have invalid hospital, physician or health care professional National Provider Identifier (NPI) numbers whenever applicable. Per federal requirements, atypical providers are excluded
- No physical billing address on file
- No taxonomy code

Note: Hospital, physician or health care professional identification number validation is not performed at the clearinghouse. Claims will be rejected if the hospital, physician or healthcare professional number fields are empty.

9.3.5 Submitting Corrected Claims with EDI

Providers using electronic data interchange (EDI) can submit corrected claims electronically rather than via paper to Horizon NJ Health.

Note: 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. The electronic corrected claim submission capability allows for faster processing, increased claims accuracy and a streamlined submission process. For your EDI clearinghouse or vendor to start using this new feature they need to:

- Use “6” for adjustment of prior claims “7” for replacement of a prior claim or “8” for a voided claim utilizing bill type in loop 2300, CLM05-03 (837P).
- Include the original claim number in segment REF01=F8 and REF02=the original claim number; no dashes or spaces.
- Include the Horizon NJ Health claim number in order to submit your claim with the 6, 7 or 8.
- Bill all services, not just the services that need corrections.
- Do 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 (such as claims that did not appear on a remittance advice; i.e., rejected up front).

- Do not submit corrected claims electronically and via paper at the same time.
- Please note that either a written or stamped note stating that any claim is a corrected claim will result in that claim being returned for correction.

9.3.6 Electronic Billing Inquiries

Please direct inquiries as follows:

Action

- If you would like to be authorized to transmit electronic claims
- If you have specific EDI technical questions
- If you have general EDI questions or questions on where to enter required data

Contact

- TriZetto Technical Support at 1-800-556-2231

Action

- If you have questions about your claims transmissions or status reports
- Contact your System Vendor or call TriZetto at 1-800-556-2231

Action

- If you have questions about your claim status (receipt or completion dates)
- If you have questions about claims that are reported on the Remittance Advice
- If you need to know a provider ID number

Contact

- NaviNet.net. If the required information is not found, call NaviNet at 1-888-482-8057.

Action

- If you would like to update provider, payee, UPIN, tax ID number, physical billing address or payment address information
- For questions about changing or verifying provider information

Contact

Email: providerfileops2@HorizonBlue.com
fax: 1-973-274-4126
Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091
9.4 Common Coding Requirements

9.4.1 Diagnosis Codes
All claims must include the proper ICD-10-CM diagnostic code.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) provides specific guidelines to aid in standardizing U.S. coding practices. The guidelines for outpatient facilities, physician offices and ancillary care are summarized below:

- Identify each service, procedure or supply with an ICD-10-CM code to describe the diagnosis, symptom, complaint, condition or problem.
- Identify services or visits for circumstances other than disease or injury, such as follow-up care after chemotherapy, with V codes provided for this purpose.
- Code the primary diagnosis first, followed by the secondary, tertiary and so on. Code any coexisting conditions that affect the treatment of the patient. Do not code a diagnosis that is no longer applicable.
- Code to the highest degree of specificity. Carry the numerical code to the fourth or fifth digit when available. Remember, there are only approximately 100 valid three-digit codes; all other ICD-10-CM codes require additional digits.
- Code a chronic diagnosis, when it is applicable to the patient's treatment.
- When only ancillary services are provided, list the appropriate V code first and the problem second. For example, if a patient is receiving only ancillary therapeutic services, such as physical therapy, use the V code first, followed by the code for the condition.
- For surgical procedures, code the diagnosis applicable to the procedure. If, after the procedure has been done, the condition necessitating the surgery is more specifically identified, or even determined to be different than the preoperative diagnosis, code the most specific diagnosis determined to be the reason for the surgery.

Horizon NJ Health has adopted these diagnosis guidelines for its health plan and recommends that hospitals, physicians and health care professionals remain informed about these requirements through updated ICD-10-CM coding manuals. Both the State of New Jersey and the HIPAA transaction code sets require the use of a diagnosis code on all claims. To ensure that diagnosis codes are accurate, use the appropriate codes from the most recent ICD-10-CM coding manuals. Using deleted or incorrect codes will result in inability to process your claim or payment delays.

9.4.2 Procedure Codes

Common Procedure Terminology

CPT is a standardized system of five-digit codes and descriptive terms used to report the medical services and procedures performed by physicians or health care professionals. It was developed and is updated and published annually by the American Medical Association (AMA). CPT codes communicate to physicians, health care professionals, patients and payors the procedures performed during a medical encounter. Accurate coding is crucial for proper reimbursement from payors and compliance with government regulations.

The AMA revises and publishes the CPT Book on an annual basis. Appendix B of CPT always consists of a summary of additions, deletions and revisions to the current edition. Of these three types of changes, only the descriptions of revised codes appear in Appendix B, so you must refer to the manual itself to look at the descriptors of the new codes.

All physicians and health care professionals must use the appropriate procedure codes from the most recent HCPCS and CPT coding manuals or quarterly updates. Claim processing cannot be completed without accurate procedure codes, which reflect the services provided to enrollees.

9.4.3 Modifiers

Modifiers are used to report that the procedure has been altered by a specific circumstance. Modifiers provide valuable information about the actual services rendered, reimbursement and payment data. Modifiers also provide for coding consistency and editing for Level I (Common Procedure Terminology Codes) and Level II (Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System).

Sometimes, CPT codes require the addition of two-digit modifiers. CPT modifiers allow you to show that a service was altered in some way from the stated CPT Book description. Because the use of modifiers is frequently the only way to alter the meaning of a CPT code, it is very important to know how to use modifiers correctly.
Modifiers can indicate:

- A service or procedure has both a professional and a technical component
- A service or procedure was performed by more than one physician
- Only part of a service was performed
- An adjunctive service was performed
- A bilateral procedure was performed
- A service or procedure was provided more than once
- Unusual events occurred

Use the appropriate modifier from the most recent HCPCS and CPT coding manuals. Using deleted or incorrect codes and failing to use a modifier can result in denials, incorrect payments or claim payment delays.

**IMPORTANT** – Modifiers should not be used for multiple evaluation and management events unless the activity occurs at separate times on the same day. The Evaluation and Management Services Guide from CMS will be used by Horizon NJ Health to determine the appropriateness of coding submitted by physicians and health care professions, including the use of modifiers.

For more information on the Evaluation and Management Services Guide, please visit the Medicare Learning Network (MLN) at [cms.gov/MLNGenInfo](https://cms.gov/MLNGenInfo).

**Note:** These modifiers are subject to change. Consult the current CPT or HCPCS publications for the most up-to-date modifier list.

### 9.4.4 Units

The number of units or times a particular service is performed must be accurately indicated on all claims. When spanning dates of services, the number of units must match the count of the actual days within the spanned dates. If services were performed intermittently throughout the spanned dates of services, each date must be listed separately on the bill or an itemized statement must be submitted along with the claim.

When billing for loaded mileage, exact mileage must be identified on the claim. When billing for observation, units are equivalent to hours. All anesthesia providers are required to indicate the true amount of minutes in the days/units field of the claim form when billing for services.

**IMPORTANT** – The number of units and the service dates must be coordinated in order to obtain the most accurate reimbursement for the services billed. Services performed once (one date of service) must be indicated with a “1” in the unit’s field.

### 9.4.5 Other Coding

Use the appropriate coding as indicated in the official guides for the CMS 1500 and UB-04 claim forms or HIPAA-compliant electronic transaction sets when completing additional fields such as bill type, place of service and type of service. Incorrect coding can cause under- or over-payments or claim payment delays.

### 9.4.6 Taxonomy Codes

Taxonomy codes on electronic claim submissions with the ASC X12N 837P and 837I format are placed in segment PRV03 and loop 2000A for the billing level and segment PRV03 and loop 2420A for the rendering level.

### 9.4.7 Pharmacy (HCPCS Codes)

When billing for all “J” and “Q” codes via revenue codes, the appropriate National Drug Codes (NDC) number, metric units, unit of measure, and revenue code must be submitted as well. Failure to submit the NDC number, metric units, unit of measure, and revenue code along with the “J” or “Q” code will result in the claim being rejected. This guideline applies to all claims.

### 9.4.8 Vaccine Administration Services

When billing for the administration of vaccines, only one initial administration code can be reported per day, regardless of vaccine administration method. For example: CPT codes 90460 (18 years and younger), 90471 and 90473 are initial administration codes and cannot be billed on the same date. When billing multiple vaccine administration codes, please report as multiple units on one line. For example, if you have 3 units of one vaccine administration code, please bill the code on one line with 3 units.

### 9.5 Common Causes of Claim Processing Delays, Rejections or Denials

- Authorization or referral number invalid or missing
- Billed charges missing or incomplete
- Claim information does not match authorization
- Coordination of benefits (COB) information missing or incomplete
- Diagnosis code missing 4th or 5th digit
- Diagnosis, procedure or modifier codes invalid or missing
- DRG codes missing or invalid
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) information missing or incomplete
9.5.1 Newborn Claim Information Missing or Invalid

All newborns receive an individual member number. Please check the Electronic Medicaid Eligibility Verification System (EMEV) for the Medicaid number and include it when the claim is billed. Always include the first and last name of the mother and baby on the claim. 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.

IMPORTANT – The claim for baby must include the baby's date of birth.

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

9.5.2 Attachments Missing from Original Claim

Hospitals, physicians and health care professionals are required to submit an invoice for implantable and other insurance EOBs if they are denied. If these items are not submitted with the claim or are submitted separately (EDI and paper), incorrect payment or denials may occur.

Adjustments to these payments or denials should be submitted as corrected claims not as a resubmission of the original claim. Please submit to the correspondence address below:

Horizon NJ Health
Claims Processing Department
PO Box 24078
Newark, NJ 07101-0406

Signed consent forms for sterilization are required for payment under federal requirements. (See Section 3.3 Family Planning.) These forms should be submitted to the address below:

Horizon NJ Health
PO Box 24078
Newark, NJ 07101-0406

Signed receipt of information form, FD-189 must be submitted during the request for prior authorization for hysterectomies.

9.5.3 Claims and Clinical Editing

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the American Medical Association (AMA) have spearheaded a correct coding initiative that intends to establish norms for coding medical services. Medicaid programs are required to apply National Correct Coding Institute (NCCI) edits to physician and outpatient hospital claims. Services deemed to be a part of a more complex service as defined by the NCCI will be re-bundled or denied as established by current criteria set by CMS in its claims processing manual. Horizon NJ Health also uses the CMS Claims Processing Manual as a guide to managing payments for services provided to its members, including the medically unlikely edits (MUE) subset and redundant edits. CMS publishes the majority of existing MUEs on the CMS website at cms.gov/nationalCorrectCodInitEd/.

Horizon NJ Health continues to enhance its software used to adjudicate medical, professional and hospital outpatient claims. Horizon NJ Health uses McKesson ClaimsXten software. This is a clinically-based editing solution, that helps ensure that our code and claim editing rules are accurate and consistent with standard business practices and ensures that the claim editing system is transparent to all participating providers, and that claim payments are accurate and consistent with standard business practices and medical policies. ClaimsXten edits are applied to all claims submitted to Horizon NJ Health by physicians, health care professionals and hospitals.
9.6 Coordination of Benefits

Any services provided to a Horizon NJ Health member are reviewed against benefits provided for that same individual under other insurance carriers with whom the member has coverage. Horizon NJ Health, as a managed care program for Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare members in New Jersey, is the “payor of last resort” on claims for services provided to members also covered by Medicare, employee health plans or other third-party medical insurance. Payors, which are primary to Horizon NJ Health, include (but are not limited to):

- Private health insurance, including assignable indemnity contracts
- Health maintenance organizations (HMOs)
- Public health programs, such as Medicare
- Profit and nonprofit health plans
- Self-insured plans
- No-fault automobile medical insurance
- Liability insurance
- Workers’ compensation
- Long-term care insurance
- Other liable third parties

In cases where another insurer, including Medicare fee for service, is deemed responsible for payment, Horizon NJ Health will pay the lesser of the patient responsibility as indicated on the primary carrier’s explanation of benefits or the difference between our maximum allowable expense and the amount paid by the primary insurer. Please note, the total amount reimbursed by all parties will not exceed the lowest contractually agreed upon amount and will not exceed the normal Horizon NJ Health benefits, which would have been payable had no other insurance existed. Hospitals, physicians and health care professionals should not file a claim with Horizon NJ Health until they receive the EOB from the member’s other insurance carrier(s). Make sure you follow that insurer’s administrative requirements, standard claim submission policies and forms.

Upon receipt of payment, submit applicable claims to Horizon NJ Health for payment of deductibles and coinsurance amounts. Horizon NJ Health reimburses after coordination of benefits and only up to the primary contracted rate for the service. The claim, PCP referral and primary insurer’s explanation of benefits (EOBs) must be submitted within 60 days of the date of the other carrier’s correspondence or 180 days from the date of service, whichever is later. When preparing the claim, include a complete record of the original charges and primary (or additional) payor’s payment as well as the amount due from the secondary or subsequent payor.

Submit all pages of the primary (or additional) insurer’s EOB to avoid delays in completing claims due to missing information or coding and message descriptions. This information ensures accurate coordination of benefits. With the exception of Medicare, Horizon NJ Health’s same notification policies that are routinely applied and required must be followed for any claims to be considered for payment. In the case of Medicare as the primary insurer, practitioners and facilities are advised to follow Horizon NJ Health’s procedures, as some services may be exhausted or not covered by Medicare.

IMPORTANT – All coordination of benefit (COB) claims must be submitted with a copy of the EOB from the primary insurer. If the primary insurance claim has been paid, the COB claim can be submitted through EDI transmission. If the primary insurance claim has been denied, a paper copy of the primary explanation of payment should be sent. Submit paper claims for all medical services to Horizon NJ Health at the following address:

Horizon NJ Health
Claims Processing Department
PO Box 24078
Newark, NJ 07101-0406

When seeking reimbursement from Horizon NJ Health as secondary insurer where Medicare is an enrollee’s primary source of insurance, you must use one of the following processes. When you provide services to a member who has other coverage, you must bill the member’s primary insurer directly. Be sure to follow that insurer’s claims submission policies. You must then submit a claim and the primary insurer’s explanation of benefits (EOB) to Horizon NJ Health within 60 days of the date of the EOB or within 180 days of the date of service, whichever is later. Alternatively, secondary/coordination of benefits (COB) claims may be submitted electronically, utilizing the following COB loops:

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Note: Although a primary insurer may have unique coding specific to their business, providers must bill with valid ICD-10-CM, CPT-4 and HCPCS codes. Unique or invalid codes specific to other insurers will cause claim processing delays or denials.
IMPORTANT – The hospital, physician or health care professional may not submit billed charges to Horizon NJ Health that are different than charges submitted to other insurers for the same services. The submitted bill must contain the exact billed amounts by procedure line as is reflected on the primary or additional insurer’s EOB.

IMPORTANT – The primary or additional insurer’s EOB must include member name, billed amounts, paid amounts, adjustments, coinsurance amounts, deductibles, copayments and all associated messages and notes. Incomplete information may result in a claim processing delay or denial.

9.6.1 Medicare

When both Medicare and Medicaid cover a member and the service is a benefit of both programs, the claim must first be filed with Medicare. Hospitals, physicians and health care professionals should not file a claim with Horizon NJ Health until they receive the Medicare EOB. Upon receipt of payment, submit the claim along with a copy of the Medicare EOB to Horizon NJ Health within 60 days of the date of the Medicare EOB or 180 days from the date of service, whichever is later.

Medicare primary members have no prior authorization requirements and are not required to be seen by a participating Horizon NJ Health hospital, physician or health care professional, unless Medicare does not cover the service. When Horizon NJ Health, by default, becomes the primary payor, the hospital, physician or health care professional must comply with all coverage requirements indicated by Horizon NJ Health to be considered for payment. Horizon NJ Health advises that services to members covered by Medicare and Medicaid be reported despite the fact that authorization is not required. This will avoid delays in claims payment for services that Horizon NJ Health must cover.

Medicare-eligible services denied by Medicare due to failure to comply with medical, administrative or filing requirements will not be covered by Horizon NJ Health.

Note: When Medicare is primary and the procedure...

• is covered by Medicare, an authorization or referral is not required by Horizon NJ Health, even if one is normally required by Horizon NJ Health. Reporting these services to Horizon NJ Health is advised.

• is not covered by Medicare, an authorization or referral is required by Horizon NJ Health if one is normally required by Horizon NJ Health.

IMPORTANT – The hospital, physician or health care professional may re-bill for services originally denied by Medicare when Medicare overwrites the denial. The hospital, physician or health care professional must submit the re-bill within 60 days of the date of Medicare’s EOB or 180 days from the date of service, whichever is later.

9.6.2 Other Third-Party Medical Insurance

Members covered by a primary insurer including Medicare should be instructed to notify Horizon NJ Health of their primary coverage. Claims submitted to Horizon NJ Health as the secondary or tertiary insurer are subject to eligibility and benefit coverage. To receive payment for a claim submitted to Horizon NJ Health as the secondary or tertiary insurer, the hospital, physician or health care professional must submit a copy of the primary insurer’s EOB or denial letter along with the claim to Horizon NJ Health.

NOTE – Submit claims to Horizon NJ Health within 60 days of the date of the primary insurer’s remittance and/or EOB or 180 days from the date of service, whichever is later. Participating hospitals, physicians or health care professionals may not bill Horizon NJ Health members for deductibles and coinsurance or balances above our allowable fees. Medicaid is the “payor of last resort;” therefore, the payments received from the primary insurer and/or Horizon NJ Health must be considered payment in full. Members are not to be billed for any Horizon NJ Health covered service. If the service is not covered by the other insurer or Horizon NJ Health, there must be prior written agreement to bill the member for these non-covered services.

REFER TO – Section 10.0 Grievances and Appeals Process, for complete instructions of the submission time frames and procedures for administrative or medical appeals.

IMPORTANT – If there is any possibility that the services provided will not be covered by the primary insurer, the hospitals, physicians or health care professionals should obtain the appropriate referrals or prior authorizations needed to obtain coverage under Horizon NJ Health. Failure to do so may result in denial for payment.

IMPORTANT – If you provide services to a member who is ill or injured as the result of a third party action, you must notify Horizon NJ Health of this information. In the event that this information is determined after the claim is submitted and/or resolved, you are still required to inform Horizon NJ Health. This includes recording the information about the injury or condition on the claim and notifying Horizon NJ Health of any lawsuits or legal action in relation to the injury or condition.

IMPORTANT – When completing the CMS 1500 (HCFA 1500) claim form, be sure to complete #7 on the form.
Motor Vehicle Accidents

Motor vehicle accident-related claims should be submitted to the primary carrier prior to being submitted to Horizon NJ Health. If benefits exhaust or are unavailable, the claim may be submitted to Horizon NJ Health along with an explanation of benefits or a denial letter in order to be considered for payment. In all cases, Horizon NJ Health’s referral, prior authorization and notification policies that are routinely applied and required must be followed for any claims to be considered for payment.

Upon receipt of a letter of exhaustion or denial letter from the primary carrier, the hospital, physician or health care professional will have 60 days from the date of the letter to submit the claim or 180 days from the date of service, whichever is later. Upon receipt of an EOB from the primary carrier, Horizon NJ Health will pay the lesser of the patient responsibility as indicated on the primary carrier’s EOB or the difference between our maximum allowable expense and the amount paid by the primary insurer.

Please note, the total amount reimbursed by all parties will not exceed the lowest contractually agreed upon amount and normal Horizon NJ Health benefits, which would have been payable had no other insurance existed.

In all cases, Horizon NJ Health’s referral, prior authorization and notification policies that are routinely applied and required must be followed for any claims to be considered for payment.

IMPORTANT – When preparing the claim, all information relating to the accident must be included on the claim. This includes diagnosis codes, accident indicators and occurrence codes (UB-04 claim forms) where appropriate. Additionally, if a primary insurer has made payment for services, the insurer’s EOB must be included when submitting the claim for payment.

Workers’ Compensation

Workers’ compensation covers any injury that is the result of a work-related accident. If Horizon NJ Health is aware of a workers’ compensation carrier, Horizon NJ Health will reject the hospital, physician or health care professional’s claim and direct that the claim be submitted first to the primary workers’ compensation carrier. If insurance coverage is not available at the time the claim is submitted or the workers’ compensation carrier ceases to provide coverage, the claim will be considered for payment.

Upon receipt of a letter of exhaustion or denial letter from the primary carrier, the hospital, physician or health care professional will have 60 days from the date of the letter to submit the claim.

9.6.3 Reimbursement

Medicare

If a member has Medicaid and Medicare coverage, the hospital, physician or health care professional may bill for charges Medicare applied to the deductible or coinsurance, or both. Horizon NJ Health will pay the lesser of the patient responsibility as indicated on the primary carrier’s EOB or the difference between our maximum allowable expense and the amount paid by the primary insurer. Please note, the total amount reimbursed by all parties will not exceed the lowest contractually agreed upon amount and normal Horizon NJ Health benefits, which would have been payable had no other insurance existed.

Note: Horizon NJ Health considers the deductible, coinsurance and copayments a component of the total primary care capitation for primary care reimbursement for services, which are capitated. If your primary care contact is for fee-for-service reimbursement, please first bill the primary carrier and then bill Horizon NJ Health with the carrier(s) EOB.

IMPORTANT – Bills submitted to the secondary insurer must exactly match the services and amount billed to the primary insurer. This information, along with the primary insurer’s EOB, is necessary to complete an accurate COB. Incomplete information could result in processing delays or denials.

Other Third-Party Medical Insurance

Horizon NJ Health will pay the lesser of the patient responsibility as indicated on the primary carrier’s explanation of benefits or the difference between our maximum allowable expense and the amount paid by the primary insurer. Please note, the total amount reimbursed by all parties will not exceed the lowest contractually agreed upon amount and normal Horizon NJ Health benefits, which would have been payable had no other insurance existed.

Guidelines on Billing Mileage for Member Transportation Services

Horizon NJ Health members shall be transported to and from medical appointments in a manner that results in the accrual of the least number of miles. Mileage is measured by odometer from the place of departure or the point at which the member enters the vehicle to the destination or point at which the member exits the vehicle. At no time shall the transportation provider’s base location be used when calculating mileage.
9.6.4 Services That Do Not Require a Primary Insurer EOB

Services Not Covered by Traditional Medicare
- Hearing aids
- Diapers/Under-pads/Incontinence items
- EPSDT
- Personal care assistants (Medicare FFS only)
- Medical day care (Medicare FFS only)
- Private Duty Nursing

Physician and health care professionals may bill Horizon NJ Health for these services without submission of a primary insurer's EOB.

Note: If a service is covered by Medicare Advantage, please supply the resulting EOB.

IMPORTANT – If billing for room and board only at a skilled nursing facility, reimbursement will be considered without submission of Medicare EOB.

Other Third-Party Medical Insurance
An EOB or notice of refusal must be submitted with all commercial and Medicare Advantage insurers’ claims. Claims with primary payment can be submitted via EDI.

9.6.5 Denials from Primary Insurers
If the primary insurer denies payment to the hospital, physician or health care professional based on coverage exclusion, non-coverage, benefit exhaustion or non-compliance with administrative guidelines, the physician must submit a copy of the EOB or notice of refusal. The EOB or notice of refusal must include an explanation of the reason for the denial. Services denied by the primary insurer and billed to Horizon NJ Health without an explanation of the denial from the primary insurer will be denied payment.

Services denied by the primary insurer for non-compliance with medical or administrative guidelines may be submitted to the secondary with a copy of the EOB or notice of refusal and a copy of the final appeal denial letter or notice of refusal. Medical and/or administrative denials will not be considered without receipt of the final appeal denial letter.

IMPORTANT – Horizon NJ Health will document receipt of notices that the member’s primary carrier does not cover a service or that the service is exhausted. No additional notices will be required until the anniversary date of the member’s policy with that other insurer. Annually, on or after the anniversary date, the hospital, physician or health care professional must provide notice again that the service is exhausted or not covered by the primary carrier.

Note: The hospital, physician or health care professional must file a claim with the primary insurer within the appropriate timely filing deadlines and according to appropriate filing requirements. Failure to submit medical and administrative denial information from a primary insurer could result in processing delays or denials.

IMPORTANT – Upon receipt of a letter of exhaustion or denial letter from the primary carrier, the hospital, physician or health care professional will have 60 days from the date of the letter to submit the claim.

9.7 Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)

EPSDT claims are paid based on the periodicity schedule. The biological component of immunizations is only paid where the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program does not offer the biological or the supply is not available. Administration of VFC-sponsored immunizations is paid on a per-visit basis; therefore, multiple shots given in a single visit will result in a per-vaccine administration payment. Physicians and health care professionals are encouraged to use combination immunizations when available.

The following CPT codes and modifiers should be used when conducting lead screening:
- 36405 59 Venipuncture for lead screening for children under three years of age, scalp vein
- 36406 59 Venipuncture for lead screening for children under three years of age, other vein
- 36410 59 Venipuncture for lead screening for children three years of age or older
- 36415 59 Collection of venous blood by Venipuncture for lead screening for children 3 years and older
- 36416 59 Collection of capillary blood specimen for lead screening (finger, heel, and ear stick)
- 83655 52 Lead test (diagnosis code required)

Horizon NJ Health sends quarterly EPSDT underutilization reports to physicians, identifying members whose EPSDT services are overdue. Compliance with using the EP modifier will increase the accuracy of these reports.

9.8 Risk Assessment Program

Horizon NJ Health is required by the State of New Jersey to report encounter data for all services rendered to our members, including capitated and fee-for-service activities. All physicians, hospitals and health care professionals are required to submit timely, accurate and complete encounter data. This is required even when the member is covered by another insurer.

Health care resource consumption in chronic disease can be very high. The State of New Jersey is using a
risk adjustment payment model in an attempt to fairly distribute Medicaid funds in proportion to the severity of illness. Horizon NJ Health is required to submit encounter data to the State of New Jersey as an estimate of the prevalence of disease in the population we serve. It is paramount that accurate data be gathered on the prevalence of illness of Horizon NJ Health members. This leads to accurate, severity-adjusted payment from the State to the health plan and, ultimately, the provider.

For example: Not only should members seek medical care for acute conditions, they should also visit their provider for chronic conditions, such as diabetes or hypertension. Moreover, if a member visits for an acute issue and a chronic issue is relevant or discussed, we ask that this is documented in both the records and the encounter claim form.

For further information, please call Horizon NJ Health’s Risk Adjustment nurse at 1-800-682-9094, x89625.

All services must be submitted on the CMS 1500 (HCFA 1500) or the UB-04 claim form, or via electronic submission in a HIPAA-compliant 837I, 837P or NCPDP format. Horizon NJ Health is required to submit this data in a HIPAA standard file format to the State. Any coded field or data element contained in a HIPAA transaction must adhere to the national set of codes, including medical services and diagnosis. Due to the requirement to submit all services to the State, all requirements for EDI transactions are also applied to paper claims.

The State of New Jersey will reject encounter data if it does not meet their processing criteria. In some instances, Horizon NJ Health will be required to reverse payment already made to the provider if the encounter does not meet the State’s criteria. A complete list of all possible encounter rejections can be obtained by going to njmmis.com. Under the Information section, select Edit Codes, then Encounter Edits. The following are some causes for rejections:

**Facility Services**

- **NPI** – Any practitioner who is required to have an NPI must report that number in the Billing Provider, Rendering Provider, Attending Provider, Operating Provider and Other Provider fields, if applicable. The NPI is required by the State of New Jersey’s Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services for both electronic and paper claims submissions. Horizon NJ Health and all practitioners of facilities serving members are required to comply with this requirement.

- **Type of Bill** – The bill type must be consistent with the type of service rendered with applicable revenue codes and corresponding HCPCS. Common bill types are listed in Section 9.2.2 of this manual.

- **Statement Covers Period** – Any practitioner billing for services must ensure that the dates of service are within the time period indicated in the Statement Covers Period stated on the claim. If a date of service is outside the dates placed in the From/Through field, the encounter will be rejected.

- **Principal Procedure Date** – Any practitioner billing for surgical services must ensure that the dates of service are within the time period indicated in the Statement Covers Period indicated on the claim. If the Principle Procedure date or Other Procedure date field is outside the dates reported in the Statement Covers Period, the encounter will be rejected.

- **Revenue Codes** – All revenue codes billed must be valid for the type of claim being billed.

- **Laboratory Services** – When billing revenue codes 300-319, the corresponding HCPCS or CPT codes must be billed.

- **Physician Administered Drug** – All services are required to report units of measure for all drugs, including their corresponding NDC code when billing with “J” or “Q” codes. The corresponding 11 digit NDC code must be reported along with the correct unit of measure:
A. NDC units are based upon the numeric quantity administered to the patient and the unit of measure.

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<td>If a drug is supplied in a vial in powder form, and must be reconstituted before administration, bill each vial (unit/each) used.</td>
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NDC Units
Submit the decimal quantity administered and the units of measurement on the claim. If reporting a partial unit, use a decimal point.
- GR0.025
- ML2.5
- UN3.0

The quantity should be eight digits before the decimal and three digits after the decimal. If entering a whole number, do not use a decimal. Do not use commas. Do not zero fill, leave remaining positions blank. The following are some examples:
- 1234.56
- 2
- 12345678.123

Paper Claim Requirements
CMS 1500 form:
- Enter the NDC in the shaded area of the service lines in Field 24
- The six service lines in section 24 have been divided horizontally to accommodate submission of supplemental information to support the billed service. The top portion in each of the six service lines is shaded and is the location for reporting supplemental information.

UB-04 form:
- Field 42: Revenue code
- Field 43: NDC 11 digit number, Unit of Measurement Qualifier and Unit Quantity
- Field 44: HCPCS code

For EDI claims

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Claims cannot be paid by Horizon NJ Health without this information.

For additional information on the valid NDC codes, unit and units of measure, please refer to the NJ Medicaid website. [https://www.njmmis.com/ndcLookup.aspx](https://www.njmmis.com/ndcLookup.aspx)

**Professional Services**

- NPI – Any practitioner who is required to have an NPI must report that number in the Billing Provider, Rendering Provider and Service Facility Location if applicable. The NPI is required by the State of New Jersey’s Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services for both electronic and paper claims submissions. Horizon NJ Health and all practitioners of facilities serving members are required to comply with this requirement. Providers are prohibited from billing under the NPI number of a different provider.
- Transportation Services – When billing for transportation services, a valid origin and destination modifier are required. Horizon NJ Health members shall be transported to and from medical appointments in a manner that results in the accrual of the least number of miles. Mileage is measured by odometer from the place of departure or the point at which the member enters the vehicle to the destination or point at which the member exits the vehicle. At no time shall the transportation provider’s base location be used when calculating mileage. The CMS-1500 claim form should be completed by choosing modifiers that appropriately support the member’s place of departure and destination locations.
- Procedure Codes – All codes are to be in HIPAA-compliant format. The use of CPT Level III codes (local codes) is no longer valid.
- Diagnosis Codes – All diagnosis codes must be reported and coded to the 7th digit, if available.
- Retroactive Terminations – Horizon NJ Health participates in the Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare programs. Our members must maintain eligibility in order to receive services. There may be times when a member’s eligibility is retroactively terminated, as determined by the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare program. This retroactivity will result in an encounter rejection. Horizon NJ Health is required to reverse payment already made to the physician, hospital and health care professional.
- Medical Claims for Fluoride Varnish – Providers should use the following procedure and diagnosis codes when submitting medical claims for fluoride varnish applications:
  - 99188
  - Z41.8 (ICD-10)

**9.9 Remittance Advice Documentation**

**Overview of Payment Summary Page**

Horizon NJ Health provides a comprehensive summary of financial information and activity on the Remittance Advice (RA).

The body of the RA contains claim detail and the Payment Summary page indicates whether the physician/payee has a positive (+) or negative (-) balance.

Many hospitals, physicians or health care professionals have requested ongoing notification of overpayments and negative payee balances in relation to claim adjudication activities, capitation payments, or accounts payable adjustments. The Payment Summary page displays this information as “rolling balances” of overpaid amounts that are owed to Horizon NJ Health. The “rolling balance” is updated on each RA after current claim payments and other adjustments have been applied.

If, after reviewing the RA, you have questions or want to request a reconsideration, go to NaviNet.net. If your concerns are still not resolved, contact Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091 for assistance.

These explanation codes represent the current set of codes that are returned to the hospital, physician or health care professional on the RA. Please review the following list before calling the Physician & Health Care Hotline for questions about RA codes. If an electronic RA is requested, it will be submitted in the HIPAA-compliant 835 format. The explanation codes do not apply to an electronic RA transaction.

**9.10 LabCorp Testing/Professional Relations Representatives Billing**

Some tests are not available via LabCorp and must be completed at a hospital or clinical setting and billed accordingly. Some of these tests cannot be performed in hospitals and will require prior authorization. Please contact LabCorp Customer Service for more information on tests that are not available via LabCorp.

**LabCorp Customer Service**

1-800-631-5250

Information about testing not available through LabCorp is also available at genetests.org.
9.11 Out-of-State Medicaid Claims for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association Plans

State Medicaid agencies contract with Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plans as Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to provide comprehensive Medicaid benefits on a risk basis. Both federal and state regulations guide these relationships, but the eligible population, covered benefits and specific rules regarding each state’s Medicaid program may differ from state to state. Many state Medicaid programs require providers to enroll as Medicaid providers with that state’s Medicaid agency before payment can be issued. In other cases, a state Medicaid program will accept a provider’s Medicaid enrollment in the state where the provider practices.

Medicaid Reimbursement and Billing

Claims for all Horizon NJ Health Medicaid members should be submitted to your local BCBS Plan. If you are contracted with Horizon NJ Health, your Medicaid rates will only apply for services provided to Horizon NJ Health members. These rates do not apply to services provided to out-of-state Medicaid members. When you provide services to a Medicaid member from another state, you must accept that state’s Medicaid allowance (less any member responsibility such as copayments) as payment in full. Please note that billing out-of-state Medicaid members for any amounts in excess of the Medicaid-allowed amount for Medicaid-covered services is specifically prohibited by federal regulations (42 CFR 447.15).

Medicaid Billing Data Requirements

When billing for a Medicaid member, please remember to check the Medicaid website of the state where the member resides for information on Medicaid billing requirements. Providers should always include their National Provider Identifier (NPI) on Medicaid claims, unless the provider is considered atypical. Providers should also bill using National Drug Codes (NDC) on applicable claims. As a reminder, applicable Medicaid claims submitted without these data elements will be denied.

Provider Enrollment Requirements

As indicated above, some states require that out-of-state providers enroll in their state’s Medicaid program in order to be reimbursed. Some of these states may accept a provider’s Medicaid enrollment in the state where they practice to fulfill this requirement. If you are required to enroll in another state’s Medicaid program, you should receive notification upon submitting an eligibility or benefit inquiry. You should enroll in that state’s Medicaid program before submitting the claim. If you submit a claim without enrolling, your Medicaid claims will be denied and you will receive information from your local BCBS plan regarding the Medicaid provider enrollment requirements. You will be required to enroll before the Medicaid claim can be processed and before you may receive reimbursement.
10.1 Grievance Resolution for Physicians and Members

Horizon NJ Health has a system and procedure for the resolution of grievances by members and physicians. The grievance procedure is available to all members and physicians; timely resolution will be executed as soon as possible and will not exceed 48 hours from initiation of the grievance for urgent cases and 30 days for all other issues.

The procedure for initiating a grievance is outlined below:

1. When a member or provider is dissatisfied with care or service received, a grievance can be initiated through any of the following:
   • Call a Horizon NJ Health representative 1-800-682-9090 [TTY 711] for members; physicians can call 1-800-682-9091.
   • Send a written letter to: Horizon NJ Health Member/Provider Correspondence PO Box 24077 Newark, NJ 07101-0406

2. Once received by the appropriate Horizon NJ Health representative, efforts will be made to resolve the grievance.

3. A grievance resolution analyst will investigate the grievance and you will be notified within the following time frames.
   • Urgent cases, including verbal notification, will be addressed within 48 hours.
   • If Horizon NJ Health is unable to reach the initiator of the grievance through a phone call, a written notification that includes the outcome will be sent within 30 days. All grievances will receive written notification that includes the outcome within 30 days.

4. Providers will be informed through the letter (cited above) about the right to an appeal within 90 days of the resolution. No penalty will be taken against a member for filing a grievance or subsequent appeal.

5. Unless an appeal is requested, the grievance is considered to be satisfactorily resolved.

6. Horizon NJ Health is required by the State contract to investigate all grievances and alleged incidents reported by or related to our members, which may include:
   • Phone call to the health care practitioner or facility by Provider Contracting & Strategy to clarify the circumstances of the grievance
   • Request for medical record and/or written response from the health care practitioner or facility, which is due within 10 calendar days
   • Site visit

7. Within the grievance process, a vital part of the resolution is the assistance of a health care practitioner or facility. Using the information from the member and provider, all grievances are thoroughly investigated. After all the information is gathered, a medical director makes a determination if there is a quality issue.

8. For provider grievances related to administrative issues, quality of care, actions, sanctions or terminations, refer to Section 12.29 and Section 12.30.

10.2 Utilization Management Appeals Process

Horizon NJ Health has appeals policies to receive and adjudicate utilization management appeals made by members and providers. This procedure ensures timely resolution, provides easy access and offers prompt, fair and full investigation of UM appeals.

The procedure to process an appeal is as follows:

In the case of an enrollee who was receiving a service (from the Contractor, another Contractor, or the Medicaid Fee-for-Service program) prior to the determination, the Contractor shall continue to provide the same level of service while the determination is in appeal.
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1. Any member or provider may appeal any UM decision resulting in a denial, termination, or other limitation in the coverage of and access to health care services. Horizon NJ Health must inform the member and provider of its decision using the Notice of Action template letters developed and provided by the State. These template letters explain the appeal process upon the notice of action and at the conclusion of each stage in the appeal process; the use of the letters is mandatory and the language within them cannot be altered in any way. The use of the DMAHS Notice of Action template letters is mandatory. Members and providers must be provided with a written explanation of the appeal process upon the conclusion of each stage in the appeal process.

2. A member or provider may request an appeal by contacting the UM Appeals Department. All written appeal requests must be submitted to the following address:

   Horizon Medical Appeals
   PO Box 10194
   Newark, NJ 07101

   You can also request an appeal by calling our UM Appeals Department at 1-800-682-9094 x89606, prompt 2. Fax: 1-609-583-3028

3. All appeals (regardless of level or type) must include the following information:
   • Name, address and number (if applicable) of the member(s) and/or physician(s) making the appeal
   • Member ID number
   • Date(s) of service
   • Name(s) of physician, vendor or facility
   • Specific details regarding the actions in question
   • The nature and reasoning behind the appeal
   • The desired outcome
   • Supporting documentation, e.g., medical record

Actions that can be appealed include but are not limited to:
   • An adverse determination under a utilization review program
   • Denial of access to specialty and other care
   • Denial of continuation of care
   • Denial of a choice of provider if based on medical necessity
   • Denial of access to needed drugs
   • The imposition of arbitrary limitation on medically necessary services
   • Denial, in whole or in part, of payment for a benefit if based on medical necessity
   • Denial or limited authorization of a requested service, including the type or level of services
   • The reduction, suspension or termination of a previously authorized service
   • Failure to provide services in a timely manner
   • Denial of a service, based on lack of medical necessity

Continuation of Benefits

Horizon NJ Health will continue services automatically during Internal and External (IURO) appeals if all of the following conditions are met:

- Appeal is filed timely;
- The appeal involves the termination, suspension, or reduction of a previously authorized course of treatment;
- Services were ordered by an authorized provider
- Appeal request is made on or before the final day of previously approved authorization, or within 10 calendar days of the notification of adverse benefit determination, whichever is later. (A later request – one taking place after an interruption – will not constitute a continuation of benefits. An appeal request can still be made after this point - up to 60 days from the notice of adverse determination - but it will not include continued benefits.)
- If the above criteria are not satisfied the member may not be eligible for continuation of benefits.

NOTE: Horizon NJ Health has an obligation to notify the member and provider 10 days in advance of the termination, suspension, or reduction of a previously authorized course of treatment. If it fails to meet this deadline, it must extend the original authorization (and the member’s timeframe to request continued benefits) to a date 10 days after the date of notification.

If the NJ FamilyCare (NJFC) Plan A or Alternate Benefit Plan (ABP) member requests a Fair Hearing and wishes to request continuation of benefits, they must do so in writing within 10 days of the notice of action letter following an adverse determination resulting from an Internal or External (IURO) appeal or on or before of the final day of the previously approved authorization, whichever is later. An Appeal Request can still be made after this point, up to 60 days from the notice of adverse determination; however, it will not include continued benefits.

If the appeal is denied, the member may be required to pay for the cost of these services. If Horizon NJ Health does not provide the services while an appeal is pending and a decision is made to reverse the denial, Horizon NJ Health must provide services that were not furnished. If a decision to uphold denied services is made, Horizon NJ Health still must pay for provisions of the services that were provided while the appeal was pending.
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Internal Appeal

Internal appeals are reviewed by health professionals who are clinical peers; hold an active, unrestricted license to practice medicine or a health profession; are board certified (if applicable) by a specialty board approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties (doctors of medicine) or the Advisory Board of Osteopathic Specialists from the major areas of clinical services (doctors of osteopathic medicine); are in the same profession and in a similar specialty that typically manages the medical condition, procedure or treatment, as mutually deemed appropriate; and are neither the individual who made the original noncertification, nor the subordinate of such an individual.

Urgent or emergent appeals determinations, including verbal and written notification, shall be completed as soon as possible and will not exceed 72 hours after the initiation of the appeal request. Internal utilization management appeal determinations, including written notification, shall be completed within 30 calendar days.

If the appeal is not resolved to the member's satisfaction, Horizon NJ Health will provide a written explanation of how to proceed to an External appeal. All Adverse Determination letters shall document the clinical rationale for the decision, including a statement that the clinical rationale used in making the appeal decision will be provided in writing upon request. A member or physician acting on behalf of a member with the member’s documented consent can obtain, upon request, reasonable access to and copies of all documents relevant to the appeal.

External Appeal – IURO

Following an adverse determination for an Internal Appeal, the External appeal process includes filing an appeal with the Independent Utilization Review Organization (IURO) assigned by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance (DOB). Send External appeal requests to:

New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance
Consumer Protection Services
Office of Managed Care
PO Box 329
Trenton, NJ 08625-0329
Phone: 1-609-292-5316 x50998
Toll free: 1-888-393-1062

Those appeals, initiated by a member or physician acting on behalf of a member with the member’s documented consent, will include instructions on how to file an External appeal. External appeals must be filed to the IURO within 60 days of the adverse Internal appeal determination.

The request must be filed on the application for the Independent Health Care Appeals Program form. The request should be accompanied by the specified fee and general release, executed by the member, for all medical records pertinent to the appeal, as indicated on the form.

Upon receipt of the request to review an appeal from DOBI, the IURO will conduct a preliminary review of the appeal and accept for processing if it determines that:

1. The individual was a covered person of Horizon NJ Health at the time of the action on which the appeal is based.

2. The service, which is subject to the appeal, reasonably appears to be a covered service under the terms of the contract between the covered person and Horizon NJ Health.

3. The member, or provider acting on behalf of the member with the member’s consent, has provided all information required by the IURO and DOBI to make the preliminary determination. This information includes the IURO appeal form and a copy of any information provided by Horizon NJ Health regarding the decision to deny, reduce or terminate the covered service and a fully executed release to obtain any necessary medical records from Horizon NJ Health and any other relevant health care provider.
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Upon completion of the preliminary review, the IURO notifies the covered person and/or provider in writing if the appeal has been accepted for processing and if not, the reason(s) why, within five business days of receipt of the request. The External appeal process is administered by DOBI and is utilized for the review of the appropriate utilization and medical necessity of covered health care services. The services below may not be eligible for the DOBI External appeal process.

1. Adult Family Care
2. Assisted Living Program
3. Assisted Living Services - when the denial is not based on medical necessity
4. Caregiver/participant training
5. Chore services
6. Community Transition Services
7. Home Based Supportive Care
8. Home Delivered Meals
9. PCA
10. Respite (Daily and Hourly)
11. Social Day Care
12. Structured Day Program - when the denial is not based on medical necessity
13. Supported Day Services - when the denial is not based on the diagnosis of TBI

Upon acceptance of the appeal for processing, the IURO shall conduct a full review to determine whether, as a result of Horizon NJ Health’s utilization management determination, the covered person was deprived of medically necessary covered services. In reaching this determination, the IURO will take into consideration all information submitted by the parties and information deemed appropriate in the opinion of the IURO, including pertinent medical records; consulting physician reports and other documents submitted by the parties; any applicable, generally accepted practice guidelines developed by the federal government; national or professional medical societies, boards and associations; and any applicable clinical protocols and/or practice guidelines developed by Horizon NJ Health.

The IURO shall refer all appeals to an expert physician in the same specialty or area of practice who would generally manage the type of treatment that is the subject of appeal. All final decisions of the IURO shall be approved by a medical director of the IURO, who shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of New Jersey. The IURO does not have any direct financial interest in the organization or outcome of the independent review.

The IURO shall complete its review and issue a decision as soon as possible in accordance with medical exigencies of the case. Standard appeals must be completed within 45 calendar days and expedited appeals must be completed within 48 hours.

Once the IURO renders a determination, the decision is binding on Horizon NJ Health and the member, except to the extent that other remedies are available to either party under state or federal law. The IURO will send an written notification of the decision. The decision will be acknowledged in writing by Horizon NJ Health. If the IURO overturned the claim, it will be reprocessed for payment (if previously processed) within 10 business days.

External Appeal - Fair Hearing

Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare A and NJ FamilyCare ABP members have access to the Fair Hearing Process. Members can request a Fair Hearing within 120 days from the date of the notice of action letter following an adverse determination resulting from an Internal appeal. A member has the right to pursue a Fair Hearing after the completion of, in lieu of, or concurrently with an External (IURO) Appeal. Members enrolled in NJ FamilyCare B, C or D do not have the right to request a Fair Hearing. Those members only have access to Internal and External (IURO) appeals. Members of these plans have up to 60 days after the original denial to file an Internal appeal and, if that is denied, up to 60 days to file an External appeal.

Continuation of Benefits during a Fair Hearing

Though a member has up to 120 days to request a Fair Hearing, he or she must request continuation of benefits during a Fair Hearing within the following timeframes:

- Within 10 calendar days of the notice of action letter following an adverse determination resulting from an Internal Appeal (if they wish to pursue a Fair Hearing concurrently with or instead of an External/IURO appeal)
- Within 10 calendar days of the notice of action letter following an adverse determination resulting from an External/IURO appeal, or on or before the final day of the previously approved authorization, whichever is later.
10.3 Claim Appeals Process

This section describes procedures through which participating and nonparticipating physicians, facilities and health care professionals have a right to a written appeal of disputes relating to payment of claims, as defined below. As always, Horizon NJ Health’s procedures are intended to provide our physicians, facilities and health care professionals with a prompt, fair and full investigation and resolution of claim issues. The procedure includes a Stage Two external Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) option for claim payments that physicians, facilities and health care professionals continue to dispute after pursuing their appeal through Horizon NJ Health’s Stage One internal appeals process.

Common Appeal Reasons

No Referral or Authorization: Referral or authorization was provided by PCP or Horizon NJ Health prior to providing the service to the member.

Untimely Filing: Claim was filed within the required 180 days from the date of service.

Payment Discrepancy: The amount paid was inconsistent with the contracted rate or the established Horizon NJ Health fee schedule.

Not Member’s PCP: Physician or other health care practitioner was the member’s PCP on the date of service and/or covering for a physician or other health care practitioner on the date of service.

Member Not Enrolled: The member was enrolled in the Medical Assistance on the date of service, as evidenced by valid source documentation.

Lack of Explanation of Benefit (EOB): Third-party liability information has been provided to show the member is not eligible for other coverage or has reached their benefit limit.

Claims Editing Discrepancy: Physician, facility or other health care practitioner disagrees with the edits applied to the claim.

Incorrect Denial: The denial code on the claim is not accurate.

No physician, facility or health care professional who exercises the right to file an appeal under this procedure shall be terminated or otherwise penalized for filing and pursuing such an appeal.

When a physician, facility or health care professional is dissatisfied with a claim payment, including determinations, prompt payment or no payment made by Horizon NJ Health, he/she may file a claim appeal, as described herein. All claim appeals must be initiated on the applicable appeal application form created by the Department of Banking and Insurance. The appeal must be received by Horizon NJ Health within 90 calendar days following receipt by the physician, facility or health care professional of the payer’s claim determination.

To file a claim appeal, a physician or health care professional must send the appeal application form, which is available at horizonNJhealth.com/for-providers, and any supporting documentation to Horizon NJ Health using one of the following methods:

Mail:
Horizon NJ Health
Claim Appeals
PO Box 63000
Newark, NJ 07101-8064

Fax:
1-973-522-4678

IMPORTANT – Supporting documentation, e.g., proof of timely filing, may be submitted. Please follow all appropriate procedures as defined in this manual before submitting an appeal.

Note: Corrected claims should be sent to Horizon NJ Health, Claim Processing Department, PO Box 24078, Newark, NJ 07101-0406. These claims should not be submitted through the appeals process.
Stage One
A Horizon NJ Health employee who serves as an appeal resolution analyst shall review all claim appeals. Appeals resolution analysts are personnel of Horizon NJ Health who are not responsible on a day-to-day basis for the payment of claims. The appeal resolution analyst shall review all submitted documentation and confer with all necessary Horizon NJ Health departments, given the nature of the claim appeal. Upon review by the appeal resolution analyst, a decision will be rendered. The appeals resolution analyst will render a final determination with written notification that will be sent to the physician, facility or health care professional within 30 calendar days of the date of Horizon NJ Health’s receipt of the claim appeal request. The appeal decision will be sent to the contact that is documented on the Department of Banking and Insurance’s Claim Appeal Application Form.

Horizon NJ Health has established a binding and non-appealable external alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanism that involves arbitration and, in some cases, mediation, for physicians, facilities or health care professionals who remain dissatisfied following their pursuit of an appeal through the Stage One internal claim appeal process. These mechanisms are described below:

Stage Two - Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
All adverse decisions made by a claim appeal reviewer may be appealed by the physician or health care professional through an independent, binding ADR process. Arbitration must be initiated on or before the 90th calendar day following receipt of the determination of an internal appeal. Disputes must be in the amount of $1,000 or more. Physicians and health care professionals may aggregate claims to reach the $1,000 minimum under circumstances in which the same claim issue is involved.

The Department of Banking and Insurance (DOBI) awarded the independent arbitration organization contract to MAXIMUS, Inc. Parties with claims eligible for arbitration may complete an application accessible online at njpicpa.maximus.com and submit the application, together with required review and arbitration fees, to the Program for Independent Claims Payment Arbitration (PICPA).

Participating and nonparticipating physicians or health care professionals may initiate the above binding and non-appealable external ADR review of an adverse decision of a physician or health care professional claim appeal review after the Stage One internal appeal by filing a request for external ADR review with the written findings from the Stage One determination within 90 calendar days from the date of the claim appeals reviewer’s written decision to the following address:

MAXIMUS, Inc.
Attn: New Jersey PICPA
3750 Monroe Ave.
Suite 705
Pittsford, NY 14534
Fax: 1-585-869-3388

External appeals must be initiated through MAXIMUS, Inc., and not through Horizon NJ Health.

Further information regarding PICPA, can be found on MAXIMUS’s website at www.njpicpa.maximus.com or on the DOBI website at www.state.nj.us/dobi/index.html.

Additional Review
Notwithstanding of the above, physicians have the right, at any time and re and regarding any issue, to seek assistance from the following:

New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services Office of Managed Care
PO Box 367
Trenton, NJ 08625-0367

Or

New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance Division of Enforcement and Consumer Protection
PO Box 329
Trenton, NJ 08625-0329
Horizon NJ Health is available to assist you in providing health care services to our members. This section describes each of the service departments by function.

11.1 Provider Contracting & Strategy

A Provider Contracting & Strategy Department representative is available to visit your office and/or facility to provide orientation and training on Horizon NJ Health policies and administrative procedures.

Please forward documentation to us regarding changes in your practice, such as:

- Office relocation address
- Changing the name of your practice
- Changing your phone number
- Changing your fax number
- Changing your tax ID number
- Adding or removing a physician to or from your practice
- Changing your hospital affiliation
- Receiving new or updated documents related to your credentialing or recredentialing process
- Changing the open or closed status of your panel (this applies to PCPs only and has a 90 day waiting period)
- Requesting inservice/orientation for yourself, staff or facility
- Changing your address, including your billing address

Please email your notification to our Provider Contracting & Strategy Department at:

Horizon NJ Health
Provider Contracting and Strategy
1700 American Blvd.
Pennington, NJ 08534
Email: ProviderFileOps2@HorizonBlue.com

To assist you with the provider update process, a reference guide to the required documentation is noted below. This information can also be found on horizonblue.com/providers/policies-procedures/demographic-updates

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<td>1) Communication from provider 2) List of providers 3) W-9 4) ADA Survey (American Disabilities Act Survey) and site visit for PCPs and Ob/Gyns 5) Business Liability certificate of insurance (Coverage amount(s) of at least $1 million per occurrence and $3 million in the aggregate)</td>
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<td>Add Provider to New Location/Group</td>
<td>1) Communication from provider 2) List of location(s) 3) W-9 4) ADA Survey for new location 5) Site visit for OB/GYNs and PCPs for new location</td>
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<td>Close or Open Panel</td>
<td>1) Communication from provider</td>
<td>There is a 90-day waiting period, per policy. Provider must have at least 50 members. We do not close panels for specialists</td>
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<td>Update Other Demographics (hours, phone, fax, suite, languages, age limits, panel limit)</td>
<td>1) Communication from provider</td>
<td>If updating a suite, verify if site visit is needed (if PCP or Ob/Gyn)</td>
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<td>TIN Change or Purchase of Another Entity</td>
<td>1) Communication from provider 2) W-9 3) List of providers</td>
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<td>Billing and Remittance Change</td>
<td>1) Communication from provider 2) W-9</td>
<td>Be sure the billing address is not a PO box; must be a physical location</td>
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<td>Term from Location/Group</td>
<td>1) Communication from provider</td>
<td>Advise where paneled members should be moved/transferred, if applicable</td>
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Please note: Failure to keep information current will result in denied claims and, possibly, other service issues. It is also important to note that all providers must be credentialed by Horizon and accepted into the Horizon NJ Health network. In cases where a provider is not credentialed or participating in the Horizon NJ Health network, claims may be denied.
11.2 Provider Services Phone Number
The Provider Services Phone Number is available to furnish general information about policies, administrative procedures, eligibility, member benefits, member care, billing, claims and capitation inquiries, coordination of benefits and other services available for members.

Provider Services: 1-800-682-9091
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m to 5 p.m.

11.3 Member Services Department
The Member Services department provides information to members regarding eligible services. Members should be referred to this department to address any questions about their eligibility and/or benefits. Bilingual representatives are available.

Member Services Department
1-800-682-9090 (TTY 711)
24 hours a day, seven days a week

11.3.1 MLTSS Member Services
Horizon NJ Health cares about making sure that members in the MLTSS program have the information they need to make informed decisions and have someone they can speak to if they have any issues or questions. Member services are available to MLTSS members 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Member Services will:
- Internally represent the interests of MLTSS members and assist them in understanding the MLTSS Services versus Plan Benefit
- Provide education to members, families, and providers on issues related to the MLTSS program
- Assist members in navigating Horizon NJ Health's MLTSS system
- Be a resource for members by providing information, making referrals to other staff members, and resolving issues if possible

MLTSS Member Services can be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-844-444-4410 (TTY 711).

11.3.2 Provider Contact Numbers for MLTSS Services

Nursing Facilities
Provider contact number for when a resident that is auto-assigned or has self-selected the MCO and needs a NJ Choice Assessment performed; also to assist with issues in assigning or administering hospice services:
1-844-444-4410

Home and Community-Based Services
For any member issues: 1-844-444-4410

Claims, Eligibility and Enrollment Issues for all MLTSS Providers: 1-855-777-0123

11.4 Utilization Management Department
The Utilization Management (UM) Department coordinates hospital admissions, precertification, discharge planning and home care services. This department also assists physicians in managing the services provided to members.

Horizon NJ Health’s UM program oversees the prompt, efficient delivery of quality health care services and evaluates the appropriateness of medical resources utilized by our members.

Prior authorization, concurrent review, discharge planners and care managers are available to coordinate care for members with complex medical and/or social problems, as well as to educate members about covered services and the utilization management process.

Utilization Management Department
1-800-682-9094
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Or
Provider Services 1-800-682-9091
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
11.4.1 UM Ethical Standards
Horizon NJ Health adheres to the following principles in the conduct of the UM program:

- UM decisions made are based solely on the necessity and appropriateness of care and service within the parameter of the member's Medicaid benefit.
- Horizon NJ Health does not compensate those responsible for making UM decisions in a manner that provides incentive to deny or approve coverage for medically necessary and appropriate covered services.
- Horizon NJ Health does not offer its employees performing UM review incentives to encourage denials of coverage or service that are medically necessary, and does not provide financial incentives to hospitals, physicians and other health care professionals to withhold covered health care services that are medically necessary and appropriate.

11.4.2 Retrospective Review
When a retrospective review is required in instances in which an admission and discharge occur over a weekend, Horizon NJ Health will accept the clinical review within three business days of discharge. The hospital must contact the UM Department to request this type of review.

Utilization Management Department
1-800-682-9094

11.4.3 Goals
The goals of the UM Department are to:

- Oversee the provision of high-quality, cost-effective health care services to our members
- Monitor utilization of medical resources through use of precertification, concurrent and retrospective review and case management
- Trend utilization patterns and conduct comparative analysis
- Work with the Quality Management Department in all integrated processes
- Communicate utilization patterns to participating physicians

The UM Department is responsible for all preauthorization, inpatient concurrent and retrospective review and outpatient case management. Other responsibilities include identifying network needs, and assisting in recruitment of additional physicians and participating in the educational process of physicians on a day-to-day basis.

11.4.4 Staffing Qualifications
Licensed nursing professionals (RNs) with three to five years of nursing experience staff the UM Department. We also employ non-clinical, administrative support personnel and licensed practical nurses (LPNs). Additionally, a minimum of one year of UM experience in a managed care program is preferred. Staff is identified by name, title and organization name when initiating and returning calls regarding UM issues.

11.4.5 Precertification and Authorization Criteria
Prior authorizations and/or authorizations of all medical services are conducted using one of the following Horizon NJ Health approved approaches:

- Milliman Care Guideline for concurrent review, to pre-certify elective, short procedures (SPU), and other medically necessary services
- Medical policies (uniform medical policy manual) developed and approved by the Medical Policy Committee at Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey and medical policies developed and approved by the UM and Continuous Quality Improvement Committees at Horizon NJ Health
- Evidence-based peer reviewed current medical literature in conjunction with the combined clinical experience of our clinical teams

Information about the above criteria is available on the Horizon NJ Health website at horizonNJhealth.com. Providers can obtain a copy of the benefit provision, guideline protocol or other content at no cost by contacting Horizon NJ Health at 1-800-682-9094 x89469.

Horizon NJ Health medical directors are available to discuss clinical determinations with the treating provider. They can be contacted at 1-800-682-9094 x89469.
11.4.6 Patient Hospital Generic Quality Improvement Guideline Screens

The Quality Management Department annually reviews data and, monitors the quality of care through the application of the following types of inpatient screens and reports, implemented by the UM nursing staff.

Criteria for quality referral:
- Surgical or invasive procedures
- Product or device events
- Patient protection events
- Care management events
- Environmental events
- Radiologic events
- Potential criminal events
- Other

11.4.7 Neonatal Utilization Management Program

The Neonatal Utilization Management (UM) program is for all neonates admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). The program is designed to ensure that Horizon NJ Health neonatal members have access to high-quality, evidenced-based care throughout the first year of life.

The Neonatal UM program uses MCG in utilization review criteria whose nationally recognized, evidence-based guidelines offer a description of best practices to drive informed care.

The team of experienced NICU nurses, a biostatistician and care specialist foster collaborative relationships with providers. These relationships facilitate a well-managed continuum of care from admission to the NICU through the first year of life.

Key components to this program include:
- UM on a daily basis
- Neonatal nurses who are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Dedicated team with more than 40 years’ combined NICU experience
- Neonatal case management

To learn more about the program, call 1-800-682-9094 x89469.

11.4.8 Emergency Services

The UM nursing staff is the point of contact for all notifications of emergency admissions, including maternity.

If a medical emergency leads to a hospital admission or observation service, the Horizon NJ Health UM Department must be notified by the hospital or physician within 24 hours of the admission to receive a reference number and initiate the review process, as set forth in Section 8.3 Hospital Admissions.

Hospitals are instructed to notify and consult with the PCP for appropriate history, advice and instructions.

Horizon NJ Health recognizes an emergency service as a health care service required to treat a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity, including, but not limited to, severe pain, psychiatric disturbances and/or symptoms of substance use disorder such that a prudent layperson who possess an average knowledge of health and medicine could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in placing the health of the individual (and, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of her unborn child) in serious jeopardy, serious impairment to bodily functions or serious dysfunction of a bodily organ or part. With respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions, an emergency exists when there is inadequate time to affect a safe transfer to another hospital before delivery or the transfer may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or the unborn child. Members are advised to present at the nearest emergency facility and to notify the Member Services department or their PCP of their emergency room visit. This policy includes out-of-network services.

11.4.9 Utilization Review and Reports

Horizon NJ Health produces reports for analysis that focus on the review and detection of over- and underutilization. The reports provide a mechanism to monitor and identify deviations of patterns of treatment from established standards, baselines or norms. These reports profile utilization of facilities, physicians and enrollees and compare them against experience and norms for comparable entities. Physicians are notified of this information via profiles, newsletters, drug utilization review and UM committee.
11.4.10 Discharge Planning

The main objective of the Discharge Planning program is to ensure appropriate and timely discharge from a hospital to a more appropriate level and setting of care. When a member is hospitalized and it has been determined that they may be in need of special assistance at the time of discharge, case managers make the appropriate contacts with Social Services and community service groups and lend assistance in the overall transition.

Medical review programs and protocols are in place to effectively control both in- and out-of-network utilization. In-network utilization is driven by the actual referral generated by the PCP/specialist. All out-of-network utilization is reviewed when a physician contacts UM to receive preadmission authorization.

Both primary and specialty physicians play an important role in each of the utilization review programs. In coordinating care, Horizon NJ Health’s network physicians must drive this process and work directly with health services staff in the coordination of medical services.

11.4.11 Drug Utilization Review

Horizon NJ Health has a comprehensive, concurrent and retrospective Drug Utilization Review (DUR) program. Horizon NJ Health systematically obtains and analyzes drug utilization data from contracted physicians. Physicians are required to submit such data under their contract. The objective of the data analysis is to profile patterns of drug usage by physician and member (physician profile, frequency of drug, type, usage, cost, trend, volume, etc.) This data is used in both the Quality Improvement and UM programs.

Concurrent DUR utilizes innovative information technology to proactively warn the dispensing pharmacist of potential drug misadventures. The Clinical Decision Support System (CDSS) checks all incoming prescriptions, compares them to patient demographics and checks for potential clinical conflicts that may result if the prescription is dispensed, such as drug-drug interactions, drug-allergy conflicts, drug-disease conflicts, early refills, therapeutic duplication, maximum daily dose, minimum daily dose, underutilization, overutilization, clinical abuse/misuse, drug-age conflicts, drug-gender conflicts, duration of therapy and drug-pregnancy conflicts.

11.4.12 Concurrent Review

MCG guidelines are the criteria Horizon NJ Health use for concurrent review. The need for hospital admission or continued stay is based on the patient’s present condition, underlying medical condition and the nature of the services provided. For surgical cases, the need for post-operative care and the potential for complications are also considered. When a case does not meet criteria, it is referred to a medical director for a medical necessity determination.

Horizon NJ Health medical directors are available to speak with providers regarding UM determinations. They can be reached at 1-800-682-9094, x89469.

All inpatient cases will be monitored on an ongoing basis by a Horizon NJ Health concurrent review coordinator. Concurrent review will be performed by licensed RN/LPNs and supported by Horizon NJ Health medical directors, who will determine and document the medical need for continued stay in a facility and/or initiate appropriate discharge planning.

Notification of all Horizon NJ Health inpatient admissions is required within 24 hours of admission. Failure to provide timely notification will result in a denial. Daily concurrent review is required for all inpatient admissions; certain arrangements can be made based on the acuity and type of admission. Critical clinical information is required to conduct concurrent review. Examples of critical elements include, but are not limited to; history of presenting problem, clinical exam and diagnostic test results, operative and pathological reports, treatment plan, progress notes and consultations, and the requested level of care. If no level of care is requested, the days in question will be denied due to a lack of critical clinical information. Once clinical information is obtained by a Horizon NJ Health concurrent review nurse, criteria tools are utilized and referral to the medical director occurs, if necessary. The determination will be provided to the facility within 24 hours of receipt of clinical information. If Horizon NJ Health requests additional information to approve or deny an authorization, a response is required within 72 hours from the time that a request for additional information is made.

Daily communication is faxed to the hospital UM Department via the Daily Hospital Log. The log includes, but is not limited to, the last-approved day and adverse determinations, if applicable, including the medical director’s name and phone number.

The attending physician, PCP, facility and member are notified in writing within 24 hours of receipt of the clinical information. The clinical rationale for an adverse determination may be requested in writing. All requests should be sent to:

Medical Director
Horizon NJ Health
1700 American Blvd.
Pennington, NJ 08534

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11.4.13 Second Opinion
Horizon NJ Health's medical and utilization staff administers requests for second surgical opinions. Horizon NJ Health utilizes a combination of Milliman Care Guidelines criteria as a resource for second opinion determinations, and medical director review for all elective surgical procedures and for the treatment of serious medical conditions, such as cancer.

Members may request a second opinion from a specialty care provider for any medical condition by contacting their PCP, who is responsible for the medical management of the patient’s care.

PCPs may contact the Horizon NJ Health UM Department to complete the registration process prior to referring the member to a specialty care provider for a second opinion, which may include evaluation and treatment. Requests for second opinions with nonparticipating providers undergo the same type of review as other requests involving nonparticipating providers. Information about members’ rights to dental second opinions is available on page D-1 of this Manual.

11.5 Pharmacy Department
The Pharmacy Department reviews requests for medications requiring prior authorization. The Pharmacy Department is available to assist physicians in managing pharmaceutical services provided to members. Questions pertaining to the formulary or prior authorizations can be directed to the Pharmacy Department at 1-800-682-9094, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

11.6 Quality Management Department
The Quality Management Department assists physicians by ensuring that Horizon NJ Health members receive the highest standard of health care. If you identify a quality of care issue, please contact Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

11.7 Health & Wellness
We can offer support to physicians who are required to provide health education/anticipatory guidance services to members. Please contact Provider Services if members require additional information about health issues (e.g., asthma, EPSDT, etc.) or want to participate in special health education programs (e.g., lead, diabetes, GEMS, etc.).

Health & Wellness
1-800-682-9094
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

11.8 MLTSS
Horizon NJ Health’s Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) benefits focus on preventive in-home, medically appropriate care, offering a comprehensive menu of service options across beneficiary groups or care settings in the home, an alternate community setting like assisted living or in a nursing facility. Services offered range from assisted living services to home-delivered meals to home and vehicle modifications to lawn care.

11.9 Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) Care Management
Horizon NJ Total Care (HMO SNP) requests the PCP’s ongoing participation to ensure that FIDE-SNP members have comprehensive access to services and meaningful coordination of care. The PCP is responsible for:

- Reviewing the proposed care plan faxed (or accessed via NaviNet) to them from Horizon NJ Total Care (HMO SNP) for their patient
- Providing any necessary additional information about the member’s care to ensure the care plan is complete and accurate
- Updating each care plan as needed by faxing to FIDE-SNP Care Management or updating in NaviNet
- Discussing the care plan with the Horizon NJ Total Care (HMO SNP) member for whom he or she provides care
- Communicating with the Interdisciplinary Care Team as requested to ensure optimal coordination of care
- Encouraging member participation in care management

For assistance from the Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) Care Management Department, please call 1-888-621-5894, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
12.1 Member Rights and Responsibilities

All members have the following rights:

1. To have access to a PCP or a backup doctor, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, for urgent care
2. To obtain a current directory of doctors within the network
3. To have a choice of specialists and a description of the referral process
4. To have a second opinion
5. To request a standing referral when needed for a medical condition
6. To receive care from an out-of-network provider when a participating Horizon NJ Health provider is not available
7. If a member has a chronic disability, to be referred to specialists who are experienced in treating their disability
8. To have a doctor make the decision to deny or limit a member's coverage
9. To have no "gag rules" in Horizon NJ Health. That means doctors are free to discuss all medical treatment options even if the services are not covered
10. To know how Horizon NJ Health pays its doctors, so a member will know if there are financial incentives or disincentives tied to medical decisions
11. To be free from inappropriate balance billing
12. To be treated with respect and with recognition of their dignity and right to privacy at all times
13. To receive care without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin
14. To participate with their doctor in making decisions about their health care
15. To information and open discussion about the member's own medical condition, and the right to choose from different ways of treating their condition, regardless of cost or benefit coverage
16. To have the member's medical condition explained to a family member or guardian if the member is unable to understand, and have it documented in the member's medical records
17. To refuse medical treatment with an understanding of the results of refusal
18. To call 911 in a potential life-threatening situation – without prior approval from Horizon NJ Health
19. To have Horizon NJ Health pay for a medical screening exam in the emergency room to determine whether an emergency medical condition exists
20. To postpartum stays in the hospital no less than 48 hours for a normal vaginal delivery and no less than 96 hours following a cesarean section
21. To receive up to 120 days of continued coverage – if medically necessary - from a doctor who has been terminated by Horizon NJ Health including:
   • Up to six months after surgery
   • Six weeks after childbirth
   • One year of psychological or oncologic treatment
   • No coverage may be continued if the doctor is terminated for cause.
22. To timely notification of changes to the member's benefits or the status of their provider
23. To make an advance directive about medical care. Federal law requires providers to ask about a member's advance directive
24. To receive information about Horizon NJ Health, its services, doctors and providers, and the member's rights and responsibilities
25. To offer suggestions for changes in policy and procedure, including the member's rights and responsibilities
26. To have access to a member's own medical records – at no charge to the member
27. To privacy of the member's medical information and records
28. To refuse the release of personal information (except when required or permitted by law)
29. To be informed in writing if Horizon NJ Health decides to end a member's membership
30. To tell Horizon NJ Health when a member no longer wishes to be a member
31. To appeal a decision to deny or limit coverage, first within Horizon NJ Health and then through an independent organization
32. To appeal any Horizon NJ Health decision, the care it provides, benefits or membership
33. To make a complaint about the organization or the care provided in the member's primary language
34. To know that a member or their doctor cannot be penalized for filing a complaint or appeal
35. To contact the Department of Banking and Insurance or the Department of Human Services whenever the member is not satisfied with Horizon NJ Health's resolution of a complaint or appeal
36. To give consent and make informed decisions about treatment of a member's minor dependents
37. Horizon NJ Health will provide care for members younger than 18 years old following all laws and treatment and will be at the request of the minor’s parent(s) or other person(s) who have legal responsibility for the minor’s medical care. Under certain circumstances, New Jersey law allows minors to make health care decisions for themselves. Horizon NJ Health will allow treatment without parental consent in the following cases:

• Minors who go to an emergency room for treatment and that treatment is determined to be medically necessary.
• Minors who want family planning services, maternity care or sexually transmitted diseases (STD) services.
• Minors 14 years or older presenting themselves for drug/alcohol or mental health services. Services will be rendered as medically necessary without parental consent.

All members have the following responsibilities:

1. To treat health care providers with same respect and kindness in which the member expects to be treated
2. To talk openly and honestly, and seek care regularly from a doctor
3. To abide by Horizon NJ Health’s rules for medical care
4. To give information to a doctor and Horizon NJ Health in order for them to provide care
5. To ask questions of their doctor(s) so that the member can understand their health problems and the care they are receiving, and participate in developing mutually agreed-upon treatment goals
6. To follow their doctor’s advice that was agreed upon, or to consider the results if they choose not to
7. To keep appointments and call in advance if an appointment must be cancelled
8. To read all the Horizon NJ Health materials and follow the rules of membership
9. To follow the proper steps when making grievances about care
10. To take advantage of educational opportunities to learn about health issues
11. To pay any copayments and/or premiums, when applicable
12. To inform the Health Benefits coordinator and Horizon NJ Health about any doctors the member is currently seeing at the time of enrollment

Additional information on member rights is available at: HorizonBlue.com/Medicare. Information on members’ rights to dental second opinions is available on page D-1 of this Manual.

12.1.1 MLTSS Member Rights and Responsibilities

In addition to the rights a traditional Horizon NJ Health member has, an MLTSS member has the right to:

1. Ask for and receive information on the choice of services and providers available to you
2. Have access to and choice of qualified service providers
3. Be told about all of their rights before receiving chosen and approved services
4. Get services no matter what their race, religion, color, creed, gender, national origin, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status or disability
5. Have access to all services that are best for their health and welfare
6. Make the right decisions after being made to understand the risks and possible effects of the decisions made.
7. Make decisions about their own care needs
8. Help develop and change their own plan of care
9. Ask for changes in services at any time, including to add, increase, decrease or discontinue them
10. Ask for and receive from their Care Manager a list of names and duties of any providers assigned to provide services to them under the plan of care
11. Receive support and direction from their Care Manager to resolve concerns about their care needs and/or grievances about services or providers
12. Be told about a list of resident rights, and receive a copy in writing, upon admission to an institution or community residential setting
13. Be told of all the covered/required services they are entitled to, required by and/or offered by the institutional or residential setting, and of any charges not covered by Horizon NJ Health while in the facility
14. Not to be discharged or transferred out of a facility unless it is medically necessary; to protect their welfare and safety as well as the welfare and safety of other residents; or because of failure, after reasonable and appropriate notice, to pay the facility from available income as reported on the statement of available income for Medicaid payment
15. Have Horizon NJ Health protect and promote all their rights
16. Have all rights and responsibilities outlined here shared with their authorized representative or court-appointed legal guardian

Along with rights come responsibilities. Here are some of the key responsibilities for MLTSS members:
1. Provide all health and treatment-related information, including but not limited to, medication, circumstances, living arrangements, and informal and formal supports, to the Care Manager to identify care needs and develop a plan of care
2. Understand their health care needs and work with their Care Manager to develop or change goals and services
3. Work with their Care Manager to develop and/or revise their plan of care to facilitate timely authorization and delivery of services
4. Ask questions when they need more information
5. Understand the risks that come with their decisions about care
6. Understand that Horizon NJ Health does not provide 24-hour/seven-day-a-week care management services, and that they will need to work with family and friends to safeguard against potential risks
7. Develop an emergency backup plan for care and services with their Care Manager
8. Report any major changes about their health condition, medication, circumstances, living arrangements, informal and formal supports to the Care Manager
9. Notify their Care Manager should any problems occur or if they are not pleased with the services being provided
10. Pay their room and board in a nursing facility or community residential setting, and their cost share on time each month (if applicable)
11. Treat service workers and care providers with dignity and respect
12. Keep all Horizon NJ Health documents, such as their plan of care, emergency backup plan, etc., for their personal records and future reference
13. Follow Horizon NJ Health’s rules and/or those rules of institutional or community residential settings

12.2 Member Non-Compliance
Please call Member Services when a member does not abide by the member responsibilities, continues with disruptive behavior at the physician’s practice or refuses to comply with the recommended treatment program. Member Services will contact the member to discuss their responsibilities as a Horizon NJ Health member and seek to find a resolution to the situation.

Member Services
1-800-682-9090 (TTY 711)
24 hours, seven days a week

A healthy relationship between a provider and a member is important. If the provider believes that he/she cannot have this with a member, the provider may ask that the member receive treatment from another provider. Other circumstances in which a provider may request that a member be changed to another provider include:

- Inability to solve conflicts between the member and their PCP
- If a member fails to comply with health care instructions, where such non-compliance prevents the physician from safely or ethically proceeding with the member’s health care services
- If a member has taken legal action against the provider

12.3 Horizon NJ Health Policies and Procedures
Because Horizon NJ Health’s policies and procedures are intended to comply with federal and state requirements for the Medical Assistance program, providers are responsible for abiding by federal and state laws, regulations and program requirements, including the provisions of the contract between Horizon HMO and the New Jersey Department of Human Services.
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12.4 Medically Necessary Services

The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS), through regulation N.J.A.C. 10:74-1.4, defines medically necessary services as set forth below:

Medically necessary services are services or supplies necessary to prevent, diagnose, correct, prevent the worsening of, alleviate, ameliorate or cure a physical or mental illness or condition; to maintain health; to prevent the onset of an illness, condition or disability; to prevent or treat a condition that endangers life or causes suffering or pain or results in illness or infirmity; to prevent the deterioration of a condition; to promote the development or maintenance of maximal functioning capacity in performing daily activities, taking into account both the functional capacity of the individual and those functional capacities that are appropriate for individuals of the same age; to prevent or treat a condition that threatens to cause or aggravate a handicap or cause physical deformity or malfunction, and there is no other equally effective, more conservative or substantially less costly course of treatment available or suitable for the enrollee. The services provided, as well as the type of provider and setting, must be reflective of the level of services that can be safely provided, must be consistent with the diagnosis of the condition and appropriate to the specific medical needs of the enrollee and not solely for the convenience of the enrollee or provider of service and in accordance with standards of good medical practice and generally recognized by the medical scientific community as effective. Course of treatment may include mere observation or, when appropriate, no treatment at all. Experimental services or services generally regarded by the medical profession as unacceptable treatment are not medically necessary for purposes of this contract.

Medically necessary services provided must be based on peer-reviewed publications, expert pediatric, psychiatric and medical opinion, and medical/pediatric community acceptance.

In the case of pediatric enrollees, this definition shall apply with the additional criteria that the services, including those found to be needed by a child as a result of a comprehensive screening visit or an inter-periodic encounter (whether or not they are ordinarily covered services for all other Medicaid enrollees) are appropriate for the age and health status of the individual, and that the service will aid the overall physical and mental growth and development of the individual, and the service will assist in achieving or maintaining functional capacity.

The Health Claims Authorization, Processing and Payment Act (HCAPP) defines medical necessity or medically necessary as follows:

“Medical necessity” or “medically necessary” means or describes a health care service that a health care provider, exercising his prudent clinical judgment, would provide to a covered person for the purpose of evaluating, diagnosing or treating an illness, injury, disease or its symptoms and that is in accordance with the “generally accepted standards of medical practice”; clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for the covered person’s illness, injury or disease; not primarily for the convenience of the covered person or the health care provider; and not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of that covered person’s illness, injury or disease.

Horizon NJ Health believes that the DMAHS definition, which we are mandated to use by the State Contract and N.J.A.C. 10:74-1.4, incorporates the language and principles of the HCAPP definition (as indicated in the underscored language). Therefore, Horizon NJ Health’s Utilization Management (UM) program will function under the definitions in the same way as it has previously, utilizing the language from DMAHS found at NJAC 10:74-1.4. Furthermore, our medical policies and UM criteria used to help us reach decisions about medical necessity for coverage purposes reflect compliance with both definitions.

12.5 Clinical Practice Guidelines

Clinical practice guidelines are initiated and then re-evaluated biannually by Horizon NJ Health or more frequently in the event that new scientific evidence or national standards are published or such national guidelines change during the time period between biannual reviews. References to these guidelines are available on the Horizon NJ Health website, horizonNJhealth.com, or Appendix A of this manual.
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12.6 Confidentiality Statement

The physician and health care professional agree and understand that all information, records, data and data elements collected and maintained for the operation of the physician and health care professional, Horizon NJ Health and the Department of Human Services of the State of New Jersey and pertaining to Horizon NJ Health members, shall be protected from unauthorized disclosure, in accordance with the provisions of 42 CFR Part 1396 (a)(7) (Section 1902 (a)(7) of the Social Security Act), 42 CFR Part 431, subpart F, N.J.S.A. 30:4D-7 (g) and N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.7, and any and all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations. Access to such information, records, data and data elements shall be physically secured and safeguarded and shall be limited to those who perform their duties in accordance with provisions of the provider agreement with Horizon NJ Health including the Department of Health and Human Services and to such others as may be authorized by Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) in accordance with applicable law. For Horizon NJ Health members who are eligible through the Division of Child Protection and Permanency, records must be kept in accordance with the provision under N.J.A.S. 9:6-8.10a and 9:6-8.40, and any and all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations, consistent with the need to protect the members’ confidentiality.

12.6.1 Enrollee-Specific Information

With respect to any identifiable information concerning Horizon NJ Health members that is obtained by the physician, it: (a) shall not use any such information for any purpose other than carrying out the express terms of the provider agreement with Horizon NJ Health; (b) shall promptly transmit to Horizon NJ Health and DMAHS all requests for disclosure of such information; (c) shall not disclose, except as otherwise specifically permitted by Horizon NJ Health, any such information to any party other than DMAHS without Horizon NJ Health or DMAHS’s prior written authorization specifying that the information is releasable under Title 42 CFR, Section 431, 300et seq.; and (d) shall, at the expiration or termination of the provider agreement with Horizon NJ Health, return all such information to Horizon NJ Health and/or DMAHS or maintain such information according to written procedures set by DMAHS for this purpose.

12.6.2 Employees

The physician and health care professional shall instruct their employees to keep confidential information concerning the business of Horizon NJ Health or DMAHS, its financial affairs, its relations with members and its employees, as well as any other information that may be specifically classified as confidential by law.

Medical records and management information data concerning Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled pursuant to the provider agreement with Horizon NJ Health shall be confidential and disclosed to other persons within the provider’s organization only as necessary to provide medical care and quality peer or grievance review of medical care under the terms of the provider agreement with Horizon NJ Health.

The provisions of this section shall survive the termination of the provider agreement with Horizon NJ Health and shall bind the provider, so long as the physician and health care professional maintain any individually identifiable information relating to Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare beneficiaries.

12.7 Affirmative Statement

The physician and health care professional are encouraged to freely communicate with members regarding available treatment options, including medication treatment that may or may not be a covered benefit under Horizon NJ Health.

Horizon NJ Health distributes a statement to providers and employees who make utilization management (UM) decisions affirming the following:

- UM decision-making is based only on appropriateness of care and service and existence of coverage.
- Horizon NJ Health does not specifically reward providers or other individuals for issuing denials of coverage or care.
- Financial incentives for UM decision-makers do not encourage decisions that result in underutilization.
12.8 Non-Discrimination Statement

The physician and health care professional shall comply with the following requirements regarding non-discrimination:

- The physician and health care professional shall accept assignment of a Horizon NJ Health member and not discriminate against eligible members because of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, age, sex or physical or mental handicap, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Section 2000d, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 USC Section 794, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), 42 USC Section 12132, and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, or as otherwise provided by law or regulation.

- ADA Compliance. In providing health care services, the physician and health care professional shall not directly or indirectly, through contractual, licensing or other arrangements, discriminate against Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare beneficiaries who are “qualified individuals with a disability” covered by the provisions of the ADA.

- A “qualified individual with a disability” is defined as an individual with a disability who, with or without reasonable modifications to rules, policies or practices; the removal of architectural, communication or transportation barriers; or the provision of auxiliary aids and services, meets the essential eligibility requirements for the recipient of services or the participation in programs or activities provided by a public entity.

- Horizon NJ Health shall submit a written certification to DMAHS that it is conversant with the requirements of the ADA, is in compliance with the law, and has assessed its physician and health care professional network, and certifies that the providers meet ADA requirements to the best of the physician’s and health care professional’s knowledge. The physician and health care professional warrant that they will hold the State harmless and indemnify the State from any liability, which may be imposed upon the State as a result of any failure of the physician and health care professional to be in compliance with the Act. Where applicable, the physician and health care professional must abide by the provisions of section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, regarding access to programs and facilities by people with disabilities.

- The physician and health care professional shall not discriminate against eligible persons or members on the basis of their health or mental health history, health or mental health status, their need for health care services, amount payable to the physician and health care professional, or the eligible person’s actuarial class or pre-existing medical/health conditions.

- The provider shall not discriminate against an enrollee or attempt to disenroll an enrollee for filing a grievance/appeal.

- The physician and health care professional shall comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the regulations (45 CFR Parts 80 & 84) pursuant to that Act, and the provisions of Executive Order 11246, Equal Opportunity, dated September 24, 1965, the New Jersey anti-discrimination laws including those contained within N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 through N.J.S.A. 10:2-4, N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 10:5-38, and all rules and regulations issued thereunder, and any other laws, regulations or orders that prohibit discrimination on grounds of age, race, ethnicity, mental or physical disability, sexual or affectional orientation or preference, marital status, genetic information, source of payment, sex, color, creed, religion or national origin or ancestry. There shall be no discrimination against any employee engaged in the work required to produce the services covered by the provider agreement, or against any applicant for such employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, age, ancestry, sex, marital status, religion, disability or sexual or affectional orientation or preference.

- Horizon NJ Health, the physician and health care professional shall not discriminate with respect to participation, reimbursement or indemnification as to any physician and health care professional, who is acting within the scope of the physician’s license or certification under applicable State law, solely on the basis of such license or certification. This paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit Horizon NJ Health from including the physician and health care professional, only to the extent necessary to meet the needs of the organization’s members or from establishing any measure designed to maintain quality and control costs consistent with the responsibilities of the organization.

- Scope. This non-discrimination provision shall apply to, but not be limited to, the following: recruitment, hiring, employment upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship included in PL 1975, Chapter 127.
• Grievances. The physician and health care professional agree that copies of all grievances alleging discrimination against enrollees because of race, color, creed, sex, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual or affectional orientation or physical or mental handicap shall be forwarded to DMAHS for review and appropriate action within three business days of receipt by the physician and health care professional.

Cultural Competency
Physicians shall demonstrate cultural competency in the following ways:
• Assess members and document in the medical record the presence or absence of cultural and/or language barriers to care
• Seek information from members, families and/or community resources to assist in servicing and responding to the needs and preferences of culturally and ethnically diverse members and families
• Display pictures, posters and other materials that reflect the cultures and ethnic backgrounds of members and families
• Provide magazines, brochures and other printed materials that reflect diverse cultures in waiting areas
• Understand that folk and religious beliefs may influence how families respond to illness, disease, death and their reaction and approach to a child born differently-abled
• Understand that the family unit can be defined differently by different cultures
• Whenever possible, seek to employ bilingual staff or trained personnel to serve as interpreters
• Understand that a member and/or family’s limitation in English proficiency is in no way a reflection of their level of intellectual functioning

12.9 Indemnification and Hold Harmless
As required by the New Jersey Medicaid program, at all times during the term of the agreement between Horizon NJ Health and the physician or health care professional, the physician or health care professional shall indemnify, defend and hold the State of New Jersey and members harmless from and against all claims, damages, causes of action, cost or expense, including reasonable attorney’s fees, to the extent such actions were caused by any negligent act or other wrongful conduct by the physician or health care professional or physician’s or health care professional’s employee(s) arising with respect to the physician’s services to members.

Billing Members
The provider agrees that under no circumstances (including, but not limited to, nonpayment by Horizon NJ Health, insolvency of the managed care plan or breach of agreement) will the provider bill, charge or seek compensation, remuneration or reimbursement from or have recourse against enrollees, or persons acting on their behalf, for covered services, except for applicable copayments as designated by Horizon NJ Health. However, a provider may charge DMAHS for Medicaid services not included in Horizon NJ Health’s benefits package under this contract on a New Jersey Medicaid fee-for-service basis.

The provider may charge members when they seek care on their own for non-covered services. The provider is required to notify the member in writing before the service is rendered and receive the member’s agreement to pay for all or part of the provider’s charges. The provider agrees that this provision shall survive the termination of agreement with Horizon NJ Health regardless of the reason for termination, including insolvency of Horizon HMO or Horizon NJ Health, and shall be constructed to be for the benefit of Horizon HMO and the members. The provider agrees that this obligation supersedes any oral or written contrary agreement now existing or hereafter entered into between the provider and the members, or persons acting on their behalf, insofar as such contrary agreement relates to liability for payment for or continuation of covered services, provided under the terms and conditions of this continuation of benefits provision.
12.10 Credentialing

The use of thorough screening of credentialing criteria is an important step in maintaining the quality of the Horizon NJ Health provider network. Providers may not treat members until credentialing and acceptance to the Horizon NJ Health network is completed. In cases where treatment is provided without appropriate credentialing claims will be denied and other actions, if appropriate, may be taken. Providers should refer to their contracts for specific guidance.

Horizon NJ Health will only accept hospitals that are accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) as participants in its program.

Horizon NJ Health also uses strict standards for the credentialing of its physician, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and provider network following guidelines of an external accrediting organization. Evaluation of a credentialing application includes review of the following:

- Accreditation
- Current state licensure
- Medicare/Medicaid certification
- Medicare/Medicaid sanction activity
- Professional liability coverage (malpractice)
- Satisfactory history of malpractice claims and settlements

In addition to the above, physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants are required to provide the following credentialing information:

- Education/training
- Full, unrestricted admitting privileges at a Horizon NJ Health contracted hospital
- New Jersey Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) certificate
- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) certificate
- Board certification for specialty
- Information regarding breaks in practice/training
- Satisfactory inquiry of National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB)
- Satisfactory inquiry of Department of Treasury, Division of Property Management (Treasury website)

In addition, site visits may be conducted to ensure that our members are receiving treatment in an appropriate, clean and safe environment that adheres to Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments standards and respects member privacy. Medical record reviews will be conducted to ensure that all records are in compliance with our medical record-keeping standards.

Updates to all credentialing information must be reported as changes occur. Copies of physician credentialing information are kept on file and must be updated every three years at recredentialing. Please send copies of these documents, since they are required. Incomplete credentialing applications will result in delays in privileging and can impact claims payment. Please provide current and complete applications.

12.11 Recredentialing

Recredentialing of physicians and providers will be conducted by Horizon NJ Health every three years. This process will include an update of all credentialing information, as well as the following:

- Correspondence between the medical management program and the physician
- Actions of the utilization and quality improvement committees
- Economic and medical utilization data
- Compliance with Horizon NJ Health policies and procedures
- Patient satisfaction or complaint response information
- Other pertinent data

Recommendations will be made to the medical director if any change in participation status is deemed necessary.

12.12 Subrogation

Subrogation by Horizon NJ Health operates in compliance with the requirements of Department of Health and Senior Services Bulletin No. 01-11 and the New Jersey Supreme Court ruling Perreira v. Rediger et al., A-145-99.

To help control health care costs, Horizon NJ Health is obligated to attempt to recover payments made for medical services that result from injuries caused by the negligence or wrongful acts of another person. Subrogation clauses in the State Contract permit the State of New Jersey to recover benefit payments from a third party who is determined to be liable.

Since subrogation cases are often not settled until months after an accident, Horizon NJ Health will not delay claim payment until litigation is final or a settlement is reached. Payment will be made and recovery will be pursued by the State of New Jersey.

If a member is injured or becomes ill through the act of a third party, Horizon NJ Health is responsible for providing care to that individual and then identifying that individual to the New Jersey Department of Human Services.
In cases where there is a legal cause of action for damages, the Department of Human Services has the sole and exclusive right to pursue and collect payments when a legal cause of action for damages is instituted on behalf of a Medicaid enrollee against a third party or when the State receives notice that legal counsel has been retained by or on behalf of any enrollee.

If services are provided to a member who is ill or injured as the result of a third party action, the provider must notify Horizon NJ Health. Even after a claim has been made, the physician should notify Horizon NJ Health of any lawsuits or legal action for which they are aware and that are related to the injury or condition treated. Contact the Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091.

12.13 Treatment of Minors Policy

Physicians and health care professionals agree to comply with Horizon NJ Health’s Medical Treatment of Minors’ Policy, which provides that the medical treatment of minors will be rendered in accordance with applicable law; and, to the extent required, treatment will be in accordance with the wishes of parent(s) or other person(s) having legal responsibility for the minor’s medical care.

Under certain circumstances, New Jersey law authorizes minors to make health care decisions on their own behalf. Horizon NJ Health will not deny access to medical care in the following situations:

- Minors presenting themselves for family planning services, maternity care or STD (sexually transmitted diseases) services
- Minors 14 years or older presenting themselves for drug/alcohol or mental health treatment

12.14 Americans with Disabilities Act

All physicians and health care professionals agree to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), all amendments to that act and all regulations promulgated thereunder.

Horizon NJ Health is required by the State of New Jersey to conduct a formal ADA physician survey. Horizon NJ Health also conducts a special needs survey. If you have not completed either survey, please do so at your earliest convenience.

The surveys will provide handicap accessibility information regarding your practice facility or business location and information regarding your experience in treating members with special facility or business needs. Your responses will provide helpful information to special needs members, their families and caretakers, including other physicians who might require this information.

You will find ADA survey and special needs survey forms on the Horizon NJ Health website at horizonNJhealth.com. Please follow the directions below to complete the surveys. The surveys will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

**ADA Provider Survey**

- Read the survey thoroughly
- Answer each question appropriately
- Sign and date the survey
- Please use black or blue ink

**Note:** If you have 15 or fewer employees at your location, please complete only questions 1-4 (a-g) and sign Statement II on page 6 of the survey.

**Special Needs Survey**

- Read the survey thoroughly
- Answer each question appropriately
- Sign and date the survey
- Please use black or blue ink

The surveys are considered complete once you have recorded your responses to all applicable questions, and signed and dated both surveys. Providers specializing in the treatment of members with developmental disabilities must have adequate support staff to meet the needs of these patients.

Once you have completed and signed the ADA provider survey and the special needs survey, please fax the forms to 1-609-583-3004 or mail the forms to the following address:

**Horizon NJ Health**
**Attn: Provider Contracting & Strategy Department**
**1700 American Blvd.**
**Pennington, NJ 08534**

For your convenience, the following Internet address and phone number for the Department of Justice offer a source of clarification with regard to ADA compliance.

[usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm](http://usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm)
**1-800-514-0301**

If you have any questions regarding this survey, you may call our Physician & Health Care Hotline at 1-800-682-9091. A Physician Services representative is available to assist your office 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
12.15 Domestic Violence Reporting

The health care provider is a primary source in identifying members who may have been subjected to domestic violence. Domestic violence includes both abuse and battery. Abuse is a pattern of coercive control that one person exercises over another. Battery is a behavior that physically harms, arouses fear, prevents a partner from doing what they wish or forces them to behave in ways they do not want.

State law requires the reporting of child abuse. Reporting can be done anonymously. Report any injuries from firearms and other weapons to the police. Immediately report any suspected child abuse or neglect to the Division of Child Protection and Permanency at 1-877-NJABUSE (877-652-2873). Calls can be received 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The physician is responsible to report suspected cases of elder or partner abuse, neglect or exploitation that occurs in the community. Immediately report any suspected elder or partner abuse to the State’s Department of Adult Protective Services at 1-609-588-6501.

State law provides immunity from any criminal or civil liability as a result of good faith reports of child abuse or neglect. Any person who knowingly fails to report suspected abuse or neglect may be subject to a fine up to $1,000 or imprisonment up to six months.

To help identify domestic violence, the following questions have been developed by the Family Violence Prevention Fund. A complete copy of the guidelines can be found at futureswithoutviolence.org.

Domestic Violence Screening Tools

Framing Questions:
• Because violence is so common in many people’s lives, I’ve begun to ask all my patients about it.
• I’m concerned that your symptoms may have been caused by someone hurting you.
• I don’t know if this is a problem for you, but many of the women I see as patients are dealing with abusive relationships. Some are too afraid or uncomfortable to bring it up themselves, so I’ve started asking about it routinely.

Direct Verbal Questions:
• Are you in a relationship with a person who physically hurts or threatens you?
• Did someone cause these injuries? Was it your partner/husband?
• Has your partner or ex-partner ever hit you or physically hurt you? Has he ever threatened to hurt you or someone close to you?
• Do you feel controlled or isolated by your partner?
• Do you ever feel afraid of your partner? Do you feel you are in danger? Is it safe for you to go home?
• Has your partner ever forced you to have sex when you didn’t want to? Has your partner ever refused to practice safe sex?

For History Intake Forms/New Patient Questionnaires

Option 1:
• Have you ever been hurt or threatened by your boyfriend/husband/partner?
-OR-
• Have you ever been hit, kicked, slapped, pushed or shoved by your spouse/partner?
-OR-
• Have you ever been hit, kicked, slapped, pushed or shoved by your boyfriend/husband/partner during this pregnancy?
-AND-
• Have you ever been raped or forced to engage in sexual activity against your will?

Option 2:
• Are you currently or have you ever been in a relationship in which you were physically hurt, threatened or made to feel afraid?

Option 3:
• Have you ever been forced or pressured to have sex when you did not want to?
• Have you ever been hit, kicked, slapped, pushed or shoved by your boyfriend/husband/partner?
12.15.1 Reporting Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation

All members have the right to be free from exploitation, fraud and abuse. Providers, including Care Managers, are required to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation of any:

- Are you in a relationship with a person who physically hurts or threatens you?
- Did someone cause these injuries? Was it your partner/husband?

Adult Protective Services

The New Jersey Adult Protective Services (APS) program has offices in each of the 21 counties. Reports may be made to those County APS offices or to:

The Public Awareness, Information, Assistance & Outreach Unit 1-800-792-8820

Child Protective Services

The New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) handles all reports of child abuse and neglect, including those occurring in institutional settings such as child care centers, schools, foster homes and residential treatment centers. These must be reported to the State Central Registry (SCR):

Child Abuse Hotline (SCR)

Facility-Based Complaints and Investigation

Office of the Ombudsman for the Institutionalized Elderly investigates claims of abuse and neglect of people age 60 and older living in nursing facilities and other long-term health care facilities, such as assisted living facilities.

24-Hour Toll-Free Hotline: 1-877-582-6995
Email: ombudsman@advocate.state.nj.us
Write: The Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 852
Trenton, NJ 08625-0852
Fax: 1-609-943-3479

NJ Division of Health Facilities Evaluation and Licensing investigates all complaints against health care facilities, nursing homes, assisted living residences, comprehensive personal care homes, adult medical day care, and other licensed acute and long-term care facilities.

24-Hour Toll-Free Hotline: 1-800-792-9770
Write: New Jersey Department of Human Services
Division of Health Facilities Evaluation and Licensing
PO Box 367
Trenton, NJ 08625-0367

12.15.2 Defining Critical Incidents

The CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services), as well as the State of New Jersey, requires that measures be employed to protect the health and welfare of Horizon New Jersey Health MLTSS members. This includes guidelines for reporting critical incidents. Per the state of New Jersey, critical incidents include but are not limited to the following situations:

- Unexpected Death of a Member
- Media involvement\Potential Media involvement
- Physical abuse\seclusion\restraints\physical\chemi
- Psychological\Verbal abuse
- Sexual Abuse or Suspected Sexual Abuse
- Fall resulting in the need for medical treatment
- Medical emerg resulting in need for medical tx
- Medication Error
- Psych emerg resulting in the need for medical tx
- Severe Injury or Fall
- Suicide attempt resulting in need for medical tx
- Neglect\Mistreatment, caregiver(paid or unpaid)
- Neglect\Mistreatment, self
- Neglect\Mistreatment, other
- Exploitation, financial
- Exploitation, theft
- Exploitation, destruction of property
- Exploitation, other
- Theft with Law Enforcement Involvement
- Failed Back Up Plan
- Elopement or Wandering
- Inaccessible for Initial On-Site Meeting
- Unable to Contact
- Inappropriate Provider Conduct
- Cancellation of Utilities
- Eviction or Loss of Home
- Facility Closure
- Natural Disaster
- Operational breakdown
- Other
12.15.3 Reporting Requirements for Critical Incidents
MLTSS providers with suspicion or evidence of critical incidents must report them to Horizon NJ Health. Upon discovery of a Critical Incident, providers are to take steps to prevent further harm to members and promptly respond to these members’ needs. These steps may include reporting potential violations of criminal law to law enforcement authorities.

For MLTSS members, providers are responsible for reporting Critical Incidents to Horizon NJ Health, within 1 Business Day of discovery by faxing the “Critical Incident Reporting Guide” form to 1-609-583-3003. The reporting form can be found online at horizonNJhealth.com/criticalincidentreportingguide. Horizon NJ Health’s Critical Incident Team will subsequently contact/follow up with the provider as warranted, and has a dedicated fax to receive subsequent Provider Investigation Findings and Resolution summaries from providers to ensure incidents are resolved promptly though appropriate referrals and corrective action. The Horizon NJ Health MLTSS Critical Incident Team will notify the State of New Jersey of any critical incidents via a state-specified web-based system.

MLTSS providers who have reported critical incidents are required to independently conduct an internal critical incident investigation and submit a report on their findings to Horizon NJ Health. The report should be submitted no longer than 15 calendar days after the date of the incident or discovery of its occurrence. Under extenuating circumstances, but only with the approval of Horizon NJ Health, the report can be submitted within 30 calendar days after the date of the Incident.

12.16 HIV Testing and Education of Pregnant Women
According to Chapter 174 of the Public Laws of 1995, the law states that a provider or other health care practitioner, who is the primary care giver for a pregnant woman or a woman seeking treatment within four weeks of giving birth, must counsel that woman about HIV and AIDS, discuss the benefits of being tested for HIV and offer the option of being tested. The member may reject the option of being tested, without prejudice. In addition, counseling and education regarding prenatal transmission of HIV to both mother and her newborn should be made available during pregnancy.

12.17 Office Standards
As part of the Quality Management Program, Horizon NJ Health has adopted specific primary care physician/specialist office care standards. These standards are in compliance with the standards of the Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, for providing service to Horizon NJ Health members.

Office standards include:

- Medical records are filed systematically
- Medical records are stored in a secure manner
- Only authorized persons have access to medical records
- Patient information is not viewable to non-office personnel
- Medical records are internally organized
- Systems are in place for covering physicians, so they have access to medical records
- Process for documentation of missed appointments exists
- There is a policy/procedure, process or workflow to provide family planning to minors

Periodically, office personnel are trained about confidentiality and HIPAA regulations.
12.18 Appointment Scheduling Standards
Horizon NJ Health has adopted the following appointment scheduling standards to ensure timely access to quality medical care. Physicians will be advised of these standards through this Manual and by participating in physician orientation programs. Compliance with these standards will be audited by periodic on-site review of physician offices and/or “secret shopper” phone calls.

For Medical Appointments
- Emergency services: immediate
- Urgent care: within 24 hours
- Symptomatic acute care: within 72 hours
- Routine care: within 28 days
- Specialist referrals: within four weeks or sooner, as medically indicated
- Urgent specialty care: within 24 hours of referral
- Baseline physicals for new adult enrollees: within 180 calendar days of initial enrollment
- Baseline physicals for new child enrollees and adult clients of DDD: within 90 days of initial enrollment or in accordance with EPSDT guidelines
- Prenatal care: within three weeks of a positive pregnancy test (home or laboratory), and within three days of identification of high risk, seven days in first and second trimester, and three days in third trimester
- Routine physicals: within four weeks for routine physicals for school, camp, work or similar
- Lab and radiology services: within three weeks for routine care and 48 hours for urgent care
- Waiting time in office: less than 45 minutes

Initial Pediatric Appointments
- Within three months of enrollment

For Dental Appointments
- Emergency dental treatment: no later than 48 hours or earlier, as condition warrants
- Urgent care appointments: within three days of referral
- Routine non-symptomatic appointment: within 30 days of referral

For Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Appointments (Clients of the Division of Developmental Disabilities, MLTSS and FIDE-SNP only)
- Emergency services: immediate; urgent care within 24 hours
- Routine care: within ten days of request
- Waiting time in office: less than 45 minutes

12.19 Medical Record-Keeping Standards
Horizon NJ Health has adopted medical record-keeping standards based on state and federal regulations, as well as the guidelines of national accrediting agencies (i.e., NCQA, URAC). Compliance with these standards will be audited through periodic on-site review of physician offices and chart sampling. Horizon NJ Health has the right to request and review medical records in connection with services provided to our members. Upon request, providers shall provide copies of the medical records within the time frame set forth.

The standards are as follows:
- Each page in the record contains the patient’s name and/or ID number.
- Personal/biographical data include address, employer, home and work phone numbers, marital status and emergency contact name and phone number.
- All entries in the medical record contain author’s identification. Author identification may be a handwritten signature, unique electronic identifier, initials or a stamped signature. All practitioners, including solo practitioners, are required to adhere to this standard.
- All entries are dated.
- The record is legible to someone other than the writer and office personnel. A second surveyor will examine any record judged to be illegible by the initial surveyor.
- Significant illnesses and medical conditions are indicated in the medical record.
- Documentation shows reason of visit (i.e., chief complaint).
- Medication allergies and adverse reactions are prominently noted in the record. If the patient has no known allergies or history of adverse reactions, it is appropriately noted in the record.
- Past medical history (for patients seen three or more times) is easily identified and include serious accidents, operations and illnesses and sexual activity information (e.g., age, number of partners). For children and adolescents (18 years and younger), past medical history relates to prenatal care, birth, operations and childhood illness.
- The history and physical examination identifies appropriate subjective and objective in information pertinent to the patient’s presenting grievances.
- For patients 12 years and older, there is appropriate notation concerning the use of cigarettes, alcohol and substance use disorder (for patients seen three or more times).
• There is documentation of annual mammography services for women aged 50 to 74 at least annually.
• There is documentation of prostate cancer screening for male enrollees aged 50 to 74 at least every two years.
• There is documentation of appropriate colorectal screening test for all enrollees aged 50 to 75.
• There is documentation of colorectal screening includes one of the following tests:
  - Annual fecal occult blood test
  - Flexible sigmoidoscopy once every five years
  - Colonoscopy once every 10 years
  - CT Colonography once every five years
  - FIT-DNA (Fecal Immunochemical Test-DNA) every three years
• Abbreviations and symbols must be appropriate.
• Laboratory and other studies are ordered, as appropriate, signed and the results discussed with the patient.
• The treatment plans are consistent with the diagnosis.
• Encounter forms or notes have a notation, when indicated, regarding follow-up care, calls or visits. The specific time of return is noted in weeks, months or as needed. Missed or canceled appointments must be documented, as well as follow-up outreach.
• Unresolved problems from previous office visits are addressed in subsequent visits.
• There must be documentation for follow-up for missed appointments for EPSDT exams. Appropriate and reasonable outreach shall be documented and must consist of a minimum of three attempts to reach the enrollee.
• If a consultant is requested, there is a note from the consultant in the record and this note is initialed by the physician to indicate that the consult was reviewed.
• Consultation, laboratory and imaging reports filed in the chart are initialed by the physician who ordered them to signify review. Review and signature by professionals, other than the ordering physician such as RNs, LPNs, PAs and medical assistants, do not meet this requirement. If the reports are presented electronically or by some other method, there is also representation of provider review. Consultation, abnormal lab and imaging study results have an explicit notation in the record of follow-up plans and the results were shared with the patient.
• Immunizations are documented for pediatric members (ages 20 years and under).
• Body mass index (BMI) for members 20 years and older is documented, as well as BMI percentile for members younger than 20 years of age.
• Discharge summaries are included as part of the medical records for hospital admissions, which occur while the patient is enrolled in the plan.
• Cultural/language/visual/auditory and religious factors affecting care are noted in the medical record. If no barriers to care are identified, a notation indicating this should be included in the record.
• For members age 18 years and older, the medical record shall document whether or not the member has executed an advance directive (e.g., living will or durable power of attorney for health care).
• Medical records must be protected against loss, destruction or unauthorized use and retained for at least ten years following the member’s most recent service or until the member reaches age 23. If an audit, investigation, litigation or other action involving the records is started before the end of the retention period, the records shall be retained until all issues arising out of the action are resolved or until the end of the retention period, whichever is later.
12.20 Reporting of Urgent/Emergent Lab/X-Ray Results

- All providers will notify members of laboratory and/or radiology results within 24 hours of receipt in urgent or emergent cases.
- Providers may arrange an appointment to discuss results when it is deemed face-to-face discussion with the member may be necessary or appropriate. Urgent/emergent appointment standards must be followed.
- Rapid strep test results must be available to the member within 24 hours of the test.

Definitions:

**Urgent care** – treatment of a condition that is potentially harmful to a patient’s health and for which his/her physician determined that it is medically necessary for the patient to receive medical treatment within 24 hours to prevent deterioration

**Urgent lab/radiology result** – a laboratory or radiology result that warrants urgent care

**Emergent care** – services that are necessary to evaluate or stabilize an emergency medical condition

**Emergent lab/radiology result** – a lab or radiology result that necessitates emergent care

**Emergency medical condition** – a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of medicine and health, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in placing the health of the individual (and with respect to a pregnant woman, her unborn child) in serious jeopardy, serious impairment to bodily functions or any bodily organ or part

**Member** – an enrolled participant in Horizon NJ Health related to Managed Medicaid programs and NJ FamilyCare

**Provider** – a participating physician, network hospital or other health care professional or entity who has a contractual arrangement with Horizon NJ Health related to the Managed Medicaid or NJ FamilyCare programs

12.21 Advance Directives

Horizon NJ Health requires that network providers and health care practitioners comply with all federal and state regulations related to advance directives.

In summary, the Federal Patient Self-Determination Act (Part 489, Subpart 1) requires that hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, home health agencies, providers of home-care, providers of personal health services and hospices maintain written policies and procedures concerning advance directives with respect to individuals receiving medical care, ages 18 years and older. Written information must be provided to individuals regarding the provider’s written policies and the individual's rights related to advance directives. Additionally, the individual's medical record must include documentation indicating whether or not the individual has executed an advance directive.

The New Jersey Administrative Code (13:35-6-6.5-1-ix) requires that health care professionals, regulated by the Board of Medical Examiners, must document the presence or absence of any advance directive for health care for an adult or emancipated minor and associated pertinent information. Documented inquiry shall be made on the routine intake history form for all new patients. The treating doctor shall also make and document a specific inquiry of a patient in appropriate circumstances, such as when providing treatment for a significant illness, when an emergency has occurred presenting an imminent threat to life, or when surgery is anticipated with the use of general anesthesia.

For the purposes of this Manual, an advance directive means a written instruction that relates to the provision of health care when the individual is incapacitated. All physicians agree to comply with New Jersey law respecting advance directives and not condition the provision of care or otherwise discriminate against an individual based on whether or not the individual has executed an advance directive. The New Jersey Commission on Legal and Ethical Problems in the Delivery of Health Care publishes a guideline for members on advance directives. This document can be found on the Horizon NJ Health website at horizonNJhealth.com.
12.22 Coverage Arrangements
PCPs and specialty care physicians are required to make arrangements for practice coverage when they are away from the office. A Horizon NJ Health participating provider of the same or similar specialty should provide coverage.

12.23 After-Hours Coverage
All primary care and specialty care physicians must be available to Horizon NJ Health members 24 hours a day, seven days a week, as stated in the contractual agreement. PCPs and specialists should make arrangements via an answering service during off-hours. If an answering machine is used, a forwarding phone number to connect with a physician must be given. Instructions for emergency room care in life-threatening situations are acceptable. Instructions for emergency room care in place of contact with a physician when there is no life-threatening emergency (e.g., sore throat, pain in ear, etc.) are unacceptable.

Response Time
The physician shall respond to after-hours phone calls, including those from special needs members, regarding medical care within the following time frames:
15 minutes for crisis situations, 45 minutes for nonemergent, symptomatic issues and the same day for non-symptomatic concerns.

If a PCP or specialist is identified as non-compliant, education regarding the 24-hour standards is provided by the Provider Contracting & Servicing Department. The PCP or specialist will be re-audited within 30 to 60 days. If this does not produce a favorable outcome, Horizon NJ Health will implement the corrective action plan, as outlined below:

1. A certified letter will be mailed to the PCP or specialist by the Horizon NJ Health Quality Management Department reviewing the contractual obligation to provide after-hours coverage. The PCP or specialist will have two weeks (10 business days) to respond to Horizon NJ Health with an improvement action.
2. A Professional Service representative will re-audit the PCP or specialist during non-office hours and within 30 days of receipt of the certified letter to verify that a new procedure has been implemented.
3. If a satisfactory improvement action procedure has been implemented, a letter, signed by the Quality Management Department will be sent to the PCP and specialist thanking him/her for his/her cooperation.
4. If a satisfactory procedure is not implemented, a detailed report on the case will be forwarded to the Quality Management Department for review and further investigation.

For more information about the Horizon NJ Health corrective action plan, contact Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091.

Office Practice Standards for PCPs/Specialists
Maximum Number of Intermediate/Limited Patient Encounters

• Four per hour (adults and children)

12.24 Notification of Open/Closed Status
A PCP may make a change in the status of his or her practice so that it is open, limited or closed for enrollment of new Horizon NJ Health members. As a provider, you must notify Provider Services in writing 90 days in advance of your intent to limit your panel size. Failure to comply with this standard can result in provider removal from the network and reassignment of all members. Horizon NJ Health will process your request for limiting or closing your panel size once you have met a minimum of 50 Horizon NJ Health members. If a closed panel is reduced to less than 50 Horizon NJ Health members, it will be automatically reopened until the minimum is met again. The closing or limiting of your panel shall not close your office to the assignment of members who, prior to becoming Horizon NJ Health members, had been your existing patients.

Your change in status must apply to all members. No individual exceptions will be permitted once a selection of open or closed status is made. Requests should be mailed or faxed to the following address:

Horizon NJ Health
Provider Contracting and Strategy
1700 American Blvd.
Pennington, NJ 08534
Fax: 1-609-583-3004
1-800-682-9094
12.25 Change in Address
A Horizon NJ Health Request for Change of Information Form must be completed and submitted in advance when a participating physician or provider changes phone numbers, practice locations, billing address, tax ID or any operational changes, such as business hours. Copies of the form are available from Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091 and the Horizon NJ Health website at horizonNJhealth.com. Submit the completed and signed form to: providerfileops@HorizonBlue.com

12.26 Workers’ Compensation
Workers’ compensation covers any injury or illness that is the result of a work-related accident. Employers purchase the insurance. You should always bill the workers’ compensation carrier for work-related illnesses or injuries.
Payment will not be made for services provided to a member for any injury, condition or disease if payment is available under workers’ compensation laws.

12.27 Financial Disclosure
If you have annual revenues from Horizon NJ Health in excess of $25,000, you agree to cooperate with Horizon NJ Health in the disclosure of significant business transactions between you and Horizon NJ Health. Transactions to be reported include any sale, exchange or leasing of property, any furnishing for consideration of goods, services or facilities (but not employee salaries) and any loans or extensions of credit.

12.28 Coordination of Benefits
Any services provided to a Horizon NJ Health member are reviewed against benefits provided for that same individual under other insurance carriers with whom the member has coverage. Horizon NJ Health, as a managed care program for Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare members in New Jersey, is the “payor of last resort” on claims for services provided to members also covered by Medicare, employee health plans or other third party medical insurance. Payors that are primary to Horizon NJ Health include (but are not limited to):
- Private health insurance, including assignable indemnity contracts
- Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs)
- Traditional Medicare
- Medicare Advantage
- For-profit and non-profit health plans
- Self-insured plans
- No-fault automobile medical insurance
- Liability insurance
- Workers’ Compensation
- Long Term Care insurance
- Other liable third parties

In cases where another payor is deemed responsible for payment, Horizon NJ Health will pay the lesser of the patient responsibility as indicated on the primary carrier’s explanation of benefits (EOB) or the difference between our maximum allowable expense and the amount paid by the primary insurer. Please note, the total amount reimbursed by all parties will not exceed the lowest contractually agreed amount and normal Horizon NJ Health benefits, which would have been payable had no other insurance existed. When you provide services to a member who has any other coverage, bill the member's primary insurer directly. Make sure that you follow that insurer's standard claim submission policies and forms.

Upon receipt of payment and/or an EOB, submit applicable claims to Horizon NJ Health for consideration of deductibles, copayments and coinsurance amounts. Horizon NJ Health reimburses after coordination of benefits (COB) and only up to the primary contracted rate for the service. The claim, PCP referral and the primary insurer’s EOBs must be submitted within 60 days of that EOB or within 365 days of the dates of service, whichever is later.
When preparing the claim, include a complete record of the original charges and primary (or additional) payor’s payment as well as the amount due from the secondary or subsequent payor. Submit all pages of the primary (or additional) insurer’s EOB to avoid delays in completing claims due to missing information or coding and message descriptions. This information ensures accurate COB.

With the exception of Medicare, Horizon NJ Health’s notification policies that are routinely applied and required must be followed for any claims to be considered for payment.

**IMPORTANT** – All COB claims must be submitted with a copy of the EOB from the primary insurer.

Submit COB claims for all medical services to Horizon NJ Health at the following address:

**Claims Processing Department**

PO Box 24078

Newark, NJ 07101-0406

Phone 1-800-682-9091

**Note:** Although a primary insurer may have unique coding specific to their business, providers must bill with valid ICD-10-CM, CPT-4 and HCPCS codes. Unique or invalid codes specific to other insurers will cause claim processing delays or denials.

**IMPORTANT** – The hospital, physician or health care professional may not submit billed charges to Horizon NJ Health that are different than charges submitted to other insurers for the same services. The submitted bill must contain the exact billed amounts by procedure line as is reflected on the primary or additional insurer’s EOB.

**IMPORTANT** – The primary or additional insurer’s EOB must include member name, billed amounts, paid amounts, adjustments, coinsurance, deductibles, copayment amounts and all associated messages and notes. Incomplete information may result in a claim processing delay or denial.

**12.29 Corrective Action**

Horizon NJ Health is committed to working cooperatively with participating physicians to resolve any identified areas of non-compliance with administrative or quality standards. In order to prevent and avoid such non-compliance, all attempts will be made to educate our physicians on our policies and procedures.

Steps in the corrective action process include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Physician notification of Horizon NJ Health standards and clinical practice guidelines. (See Appendix A Preventive and Clinical Guidelines.)
- Physician is monitored against these guidelines.
- Administrative or quality of care issues are identified by Horizon NJ Health staff and reviewed by the medical director.
- Medical director identifies deficiencies, which need to be reviewed by the Peer Review Committee (hereafter identified as the “committee.”)
- If the committee or medical director identifies a concern, the provider is notified and given the opportunity to respond before a final determination is made.

The Corrective Action Program contains important safeguards for the physician to ensure that all decisions are made fairly, with the goal of improving quality of care and service to our members.

**12.30 Sanctions and Appeals of Sanctions**

It is the goal of Horizon NJ Health to resolve identified provider deficiencies in a fair manner, which allows an opportunity for physician education and fair due process, where indicated. When noncompliance significantly affects the quality of care provided to the member, Horizon NJ Health may impose sanctions through the Corrective Action Program. Sanctions will only be imposed after a thorough review of the issue.

**Severity Levels of Sanctions**

**Level Zero** – No Quality of Care issue identified

- Clinical - No quality of care issue identified.
- Administrative - No evidence of failure to comply with documented administrative policies, procedures, and/or contractual obligations of Horizon.

**Level 1** – Quality of care issue identified that leads to potential harm to the member or unborn child

- Clinical - Deviation from standards and guidelines of medical practice resulting in potential harm to the member or unborn child. Examples include but are not limited to:
  - Prescription/Medications errors
  - Delays in treatment
  - Inadequate documentation where potential harm to the member could have occurred
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- Administrative – Failure to comply with documented administrative policies, procedures, and/or contractual obligations of Horizon which pose a potential harm to the member or unborn child. Examples include but are not limited to:
  - Failed site evaluation
  - Failure to comply with Horizon’s request for medical record documentation
  - Failure to comply with Horizon’s licensing, credentialing, and/or re-credentialing policies
  - Failure to implement and complete an agreed upon corrective action plan addressing a quality of care sanction

Level 2 – Quality of care issue identified that leads to actual harm to the member or unborn child

- Clinical – Deviation from standards and guidelines of medical practice, resulting in actual harm to the member or unborn child. Examples include but are not limited to:
  - Modification of a procedure/treatment which resulted in the need for additional or extended care
  - Negligent professional behavior
  - A documented pattern of complaints about the quality of care provided
  - Failure to implement a documented corrective action plan

- Administrative – Failure to comply with documented administrative policies, procedures, and/or contractual obligations of Horizon which result in a member or unborn child experiencing a Serious Reportable Event. Examples include but are not limited to:
  - A provider refusing to evaluate a member
  - An Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) violation

Sanctions and Appeal Process

1. The Quality Peer Review Committee (QPRC) will send the provider a letter outlining the decision and committee recommendations, including an action plan, if applicable. Actions that can be taken related to identified deficiencies include, but are not limited to:
   - Individual physician education
   - Educational seminars
   - Request for a corrective action plan
   - Site visit
   - Freezing of patient panel and/or incentive payment
   - Termination from the physician network

2. Following the QPRC determination, the file is forwarded to the Quality Management Department and a copy of the resolution letter is placed in the file. If the provider does not respond within 30 days from the initial QPRC determination, a copy of the resolution letter is forwarded to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield’s Credentialing Department to place in the provider’s credentialing file. The requested corrective action plan(s) are tracked for receipt.

3. A corrective action plan, if requested, is due within 30 days of receipt of our letter. When the plan is received, it will be reviewed by a medical director and forwarded to the next QPRC meeting. The QPRC determines if the plan is accepted. If it is accepted, the plan will be placed in the file and the case closed. If the plan is not accepted, a committee member or designee will contact the provider, either by phone or mail, to identify the areas of concern and await a response, which is due within 30 days. If no plan is received within 30 days, the case will be brought back to the QPRC for further action.

- Death or serious injury of a patient or staff associated with the introduction of a metallic object into the MRI area
- Patient death or serious injury associated with intravascular air embolism that occurs while being cared for in a healthcare setting
- Administrative - Failure to comply with documented administrative policies, procedures, and/or contractual obligations of Horizon which results in a member or unborn child experiencing a Serious Reportable Event. Examples include but are not limited to:
  - A provider refusing to evaluate a member
  - An Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) violation
4. If the provider does not agree with the determination of the QPRC regarding a Level One, Level Two, or Level Three Sanction, the provider may appeal the decision in writing to the Quality Management Department within 30 days of receipt of the determination to request a hearing.

Severity Levels of Sanctions

**Level Zero:** No quality of care or service issue and/or no evidence of failure to comply with documented administrative policies and procedures.

**Level One:** Includes failure to comply with documented administrative policies and procedures of, and contractual obligations with, Horizon NJ Health (i.e., EPSDT, Case Management, Quality Management, Claims, Recipient Restriction, Pharmacy, Provider Services and Grievances). Examples include but are not limited to:

- Failed site evaluation
- Failed medical record review
- Failure to precertify procedures
- Failure to comply with complaint protocol

**Level Two:** Will be imposed upon providers who have greater than five occurrences of Level One sanctions or for activities that are documented quality of care concerns. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Documented pattern of member complaints
- Grossly negligent professional behavior
- Quality of care and/or service concerns Sanctions and Appeal Process

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If the plan is not accepted, a committee member will contact the provider, either by phone or mail, to identify the areas of concern and await a response, which is due within 30 days. If no plan is received within 30 days, the case will be brought back to the QPRC for further action.

4. If the provider does not agree with the determination of the QPRC regarding a Level One, Level Two or Level Three Sanction, the provider may appeal the decision in writing to the Quality Management Department within 30 days of receipt of the determination to request a hearing.

5. A Hearing Committee shall be established to preside over the hearing, which shall take place within 30 days. The committee shall consist of at least three people, at least one of whom must be a clinical peer in the same or substantially similar discipline and specialty as the provider. This peer may not be an employee of Horizon NJ Health, but shall be a participating provider who is not otherwise involved in the plan management. If the health care professional consents, the hearing may be conducted by conference phone or any means of communication by which all persons participating in the hearing are able to hear each other. The decision of the committee shall be by majority vote. The First Level Appeal Hearing Committee shall conduct a hearing, as described in Section 5, and issue its decision, as described in Section 11, with the exception that no further appeal rights following the First Level Appeal shall be available, as described. As such, the decision reached through this First Level Appeal process shall be final.

6. If applicable, after the close of the First Level Hearing, the provider is notified of the hearing committee’s decision within 30 days. If the provider does not respond within 30 days to the First Level Hearing determination, a copy of the resolution letter is forwarded to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield’s Credentialing Department to place in the provider’s credentialing file. If formal sanctioning proceedings are implemented and the outcome is not in favor of the provider, the National Practitioner Data Bank may need to be notified depending on the severity of the deficiency and the associated sanction. If the hearing involved an administrative action, the corrective action officer or designee may also need to be notified.
12.31 Termination

Specialty groups, primary care, specialty care physicians and providers must notify Horizon NJ Health 90 days prior to their intent to terminate their contract. Written notifications must be sent by certified mail to:

**Horizon NJ Health**
**Provider Contracting and Strategy**
**1700 American Blvd.**
**Pennington, NJ 08534**

Horizon NJ Health will notify members of the physician termination at least 30 days prior to the termination date. Contractual obligations with Horizon NJ Health and New Jersey HMO regulations require that physicians provide continuity of care for patients for up to 120 days after termination when it is medically necessary, as determined by Horizon NJ Health, for the member to continue treatment by the terminated provider, except as set forth below:

- **Pregnancy** – services shall continue through postpartum evaluation up to six weeks after delivery.
- **Postoperative** – services shall continue up to six months after termination date.
- **Oncological or psychiatric treatment** – services shall continue up to one year after termination date.

Continuity of care services rendered after termination require prior authorization (except in the cases of pregnancy, as set forth above) and will be paid at the contract rate, except for care provided by primary care physicians under a capitation agreement. Primary care physicians are not entitled to capitation payments after the termination date and will be paid at the Horizon NJ Health fee schedule. Any capitation payments remitted to the physician after the termination date must be refunded to Horizon NJ Health.
13.1 Quality Improvement Program (QI)

Horizon NJ Health’s QI Program is designed to produce prospective, concurrent, and retrospective analyses of the plan’s activities in order to improve the quality of care and service members receive. The specific goals of the QI Program are to ensure that Horizon NJ Health is:

- Providing health care that is medically necessary with an emphasis on the promotion of health in a safe, effective and efficient manner
- Assessing the appropriateness and timeliness of the care and services being provided
- Promoting members’ ability to maintain themselves in the least restrictive, most integrative setting of their choice
- Optimizing care delivery for members with special and/or complex care needs
- Identifying members’ needs and coordinating care to address the needs of the member
- Focusing on the quality of medical care and services provided to all members
- Working to identify and reduce potential health care disparities within its membership by gender, race, ethnicity, primary language, and disability status
- Striving to improve member and provider satisfaction
- Maintaining oversight of delegated entities
- Maintaining oversight of the credentialing and recredentialing of providers and practitioners
- Meeting NCQA accreditation requirements
- Working to improve plan performance on HEDIS, Star Rating, CAHPS, Health Outcome Surveys (HOS), and Performance Improvement Projects (PIP)

Primary authority for the ongoing operation of the QI Program rests with the senior medical director. The day-to-day administrative management of the program is the responsibility of the Medical Director of Quality Management. The program is supported by the Quality Improvement Committee (QIC), which meets at least 10 times per year and is comprised of senior management, as well as Horizon NJ Health medical directors and network physicians. One of the functions of this committee is to present an annual program description and a program evaluation of the QI Program and plan to the board of directors for feedback and approval. Annual evaluation includes the review of all quality improvement activities conducted during the year and progress toward our goals and objectives, as outlined in the program and plan descriptions. The committee also oversees annual revisions of the QIC work plan and quarterly updates of progress toward improvements. Delegated entities present program evaluation, program description, goals and objectives annually to the QIC committee.

The specific components in place to support the QI Program goals include credentialing and recredentialing standards for providers and hospitals, office care and medical record review standards for PCPs, ongoing education for providers and members, ongoing reviews of care provided and focused studies/audits to identify initiatives for quality improvement activities. In addition, internal policies and procedures are developed to communicate program objectives and inform staff of procedures.

horizonNJhealth.com/for-providers/programs/quality-improvement-program

13.1.1 Quality Improvement Program Performance Monitoring

Horizon NJ Health’s Quality Improvement (QI) Program is designed to assess and improve HEDIS (Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set) measures and CMS Star Rating, member satisfaction based on the CAHPS (Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems) survey and practitioner satisfaction based on a satisfaction survey and focus groups. The QI Program also implements initiatives that improve the safety of our members in all settings and prepares for accreditations that require evaluation of all processes and opportunities for improvement.

The Quality Improvement Program is intended to:

- Expand access and enhance the quality of health care
- Enhance customer satisfaction
- Maximize the safety and quality of health care delivered to members
- Improve efficiency and effectiveness
- Fulfill quality-related reporting requirements of accrediting bodies and other local, state and federal regulatory and external review organizations

The annual Quality Improvement Program Work Plan describes specific activities that Horizon NJ Health will assume to meet the established goals. The annual Quality Improvement Program evaluation assesses how well Horizon NJ Health performed at achieving goals in the work plan.

Horizon NJ Health’s Quality Improvement Program uses HEDIS (Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set) measures that the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) established. HEDIS results are based on statistically valid samples of members. Certified auditors rigorously audit HEDIS results, using a process designed by NCQA. HEDIS was created as a tool to collect data about the quality of care and services provided by the health plan. This set of standardized measures compares health plans’ performance on important dimensions of care and service.
Providers and practitioners should use appropriate coding when submitting claims visits or encounters. In addition, all visits, tests, or immunizations should be completed timely according to the recommended standard(s) of care. For more detailed information regarding HEDIS, please visit horizonNJhealth.com/for-providers or call 1-844-754-2451.

Periodically, the Quality Department reaches out to providers about programs that help promote goals such as improved quality and efficiency. Providers should review horizonNJHealth.com/for-providers or also speak with the Quality Department about participation in these programs.

### 13.2 Occupational Safety and Health Administration

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has established certain standards and guidelines to ensure that the work environment remains safe, healthy, clean and sanitary. Our physicians and providers must follow these guidelines so that all office employees are protected against potential health hazards resulting from exposure to blood and certain body fluids, including blood-borne pathogens.

### 13.3 Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act

All laboratory testing sites providing services to Horizon NJ Health members must have either a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA) certificate of waiver or a certificate of registration along with a CLIA identification number. A physician with a certificate of waiver shall provide only the types of tests permitted under the terms of their waiver. The tests permitted under the certification of waiver are listed below.

1. Dipstick or tablet reagent urinalysis (non-automated) for the following: Bilirubin, Glucose, Hemoglobin, Ketone, Leukocyte, Nitrite, pH, Protein, Specific gravity and Urobilinogen
2. Fecal occult blood
3. Ovulation test – visual color comparison tests
4. Urine pregnancy test – visual color comparison tests
5. Erythrocyte sedimentation rate, non-automated
6. Hemoglobin
7. Blood count; Spun Microhematocrit
8. Blood glucose (FDA-cleared home use devices)

All other tests of moderate to high complexity and provider microscopies require a certificate of registration, along with a CLIA identification number. For information on CLIA rules and regulations, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) hotline number is 1-877-267-2323.

### 13.4 Utilization Management Program and Controls

The HMO medical delivery system is designed to allow a smooth transition from the traditional medical health care New Jersey Medicaid fee-for-service delivery system into managed health care service. An important component of Horizon NJ Health’s health care delivery system is the ability to provide a thorough and detailed mechanism to effectively review, monitor and manage the availability, accessibility, appropriateness, efficiency and quality of health care within the managed care delivery system. Identified are utilization management programs and initiatives, which represent primary elements of our Quality Improvement Program and Utilization Management Program (QIC-UM) for members.

The following programs and initiatives have been carefully developed and constitute fundamental aspects of the Utilization Management program:

- Care coordination
- Concurrent review program
- Prior authorization process – DME, short procedure requests, etc.
- Discharge planning
- Drug utilization review program
- Patient hospital generic quality improvement guideline screens
- Retrospective review program
- Infectious disease program

#### 13.4.1 Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP)

- Members enrolled in Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) receive all eligible benefits for both Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare and Medicare Advantage and do not incur any cost sharing or copayments as part of the dual special needs program. Additional benefits available to Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) members may include:
  - Over The Counter Quarterly allowance for purchase of certain health care items
  - Medicaid Drug Wrap services to cover medications not covered by Medicare
  - Additional visits for foot / podiatry care

**FIDE-SNP Care Management**

Horizon NJ Total Care (HMO SNP) requests the PCP’s ongoing participation to ensure that FIDE-SNP members have comprehensive access to services and meaningful coordination of care.
All Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) members are enrolled in Care Management and are assigned a Care Manager. Depending on their level of risk stratification (based on a health assessment), members may be visited in their home/community setting by their Care Manager. The member’s individualized plan of care is developed in collaboration with the member, their care manager and the member’s PCP.

The PCP is responsible for:

-Reviewing the proposed care plan faxed (or accessed via NaviNet) to them from Horizon NJ Total Care (HMO SNP) for their patient
-Providing any necessary additional information about the member's care to ensure the care plan is complete and accurate
-Updating each care plan as needed by faxing to FIDE-SNP Care Management or updating in NaviNet
-Discussing the care plan with the Horizon NJ Total Care (HMO SNP) member for whom he or she provides care
-Communicating with the Interdisciplinary Care Team as requested to ensure optimal coordination of care
-Encouraging member participation in care management

For assistance from the Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) Care Management Department please call: 1-888-621-5894 (TTY 711), Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

13.5 Special Needs Program

Our Pledge to Special Needs Members

Horizon NJ Health strives to ensure that services provided to special needs members are equal in quality and accessibility to services provided to all Horizon NJ Health members.

Who are Horizon NJ Health’s Special Needs Members?

Adults with special needs are individuals who have complex/chronic medical conditions requiring specialized health care services. These individuals may have physical, mental, or developmental disabilities and/or substance use disorder issues. Children with special needs are individuals who have or are at increased risk of having a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional condition and who require more health and related services than the general population.

Horizon NJ Health identifies special needs members through the following:

- State file of Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) members
- State file of Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCPP) members
- Identified through the State file of Program Status Codes for the Aged
- Referrals from State agencies
- Referrals from specialists, PCPs and other community agency case managers for DDD, DCPP and the Aged, i.e., County-based care managers, Special Child Health Services
- Internal department referrals from Pharmacy, Disease Management, Utilization Review, etc.

Providers should refer members with special needs to network behavioral health providers who are experienced with servicing enrollees with special needs. For assistance, please call Horizon NJ Health Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091.

How Can the Special Needs Program Help?

Care Management will be the primary contact for coordination of any services required by the special needs member. If you have a patient who is enrolled with Horizon NJ Health and has a physical and/or developmental disability or catastrophic illness, you may contact Care Management at 1-800-682-9094 x89634 to request an evaluation. A Care Manager (nurse/social worker) will conduct a Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) by phone. The screening will determine the level of care management the member requires.

Care Management will provide assistance with:

- Referrals to special care facilities for highly specialized care
- Standing referrals for long-term specialty care
- Provisions for all medically necessary dental services for members with developmental disabilities
- Referrals to behavioral health providers experienced with servicing enrollees with special needs

Transition planning is intended to transition the member into Horizon NJ Health. Transition planning includes, but is not limited to:

- Review of existing claims through the State Data Exchange Database
- A plan to ensure continuous care during the transfer of coverage
- Assurance that required durable medical equipment, (e.g., wheelchair, ventilator, etc.), is delivered
Planning shall be completed within a timeframe appropriate to the enrollee's condition, but in no case later than 10 business days from the effective date of enrollment or within 30 days after special health care conditions are identified.

After a member has been determined as having special needs, a CNA will be performed by the care manager. This review is conducted by phone and a form is completed with the information. The CNA includes, but is not limited to:

- Review of diagnoses to determine physical condition
- Review of psychosocial and developmental functioning
- Evaluation of existing medical/community relationships or linkages
- Review of pharmaceutical, dental, vision and other medical health needs
- Review of preventive health services

Horizon NJ Health will use the Health Needs Survey to assign each identified special needs member to one of the following three levels:

- Level 1 - Low complexity
- Level 2 - Moderate complexity
- Level 3 - High complexity

All care plans typically involve coordination of services for preventive care, psychosocial, life planning, barriers to care, health literacy, and self-management.

The Care Manager (CM), in collaboration with the PCP or specialist, will develop a plan of care that addresses both the physical and psychosocial needs of the special needs member. The plan will also serve as a means of identifying appropriate community resources. The PCP/specialist will receive a copy of the care plan to use as a reference when making appointments with various providers.

Who Conducts Follow-Up?

Once the care plan has been developed, the CM will follow up with the member/family to assess whether or not the member is achieving expected results and contact the PCP/specialist to discuss the case as needed. The care plan will be updated as the needs of the member change.

Can Nonparticipating Physicians Render Service?

Horizon NJ Health encourages the use of participating physicians; however, nonparticipating physicians may be used if the following conditions exist:

- An existing relationship has been established between the special needs member and a nonparticipating physician and;
- There is not an appropriate physician to render the needed service within the network.

Who Should You Contact?

The following phone and fax numbers will enable you to directly access the CM:

Phone: 1-800-682-9094 x89634
Fax: 1-609-538-3035

Please keep in mind that the CM should be your primary point of contact and they are available to assist you in caring for your patients. For after-hours concerns, there is clinical staff available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to address any urgent or emergent needs. This staff can be reached at 1-800-682-9094.

13.6 Medical Home

A medical home is an approach to providing health care services to ensure that differently-abled members receive care that is family-centered, accessible, continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, compassionate and culturally competent in a managed care environment. Horizon NJ Health is committed to educating and training network physicians, facilities, administrators and office staff on how to improve the delivery of services to members who are differently-abled by applying the concepts of a medical home.

The Horizon NJ Health Medical Home objectives are:

- To provide knowledge to network physicians and facilities on how to ensure that differently-abled members have medical homes in a managed care environment
- To enhance skills for developing sustainable medical homes
- To enhance skills for identifying and developing community resources and networks
- To illustrate the importance of a collaborative effort between Horizon NJ Health, network physicians, facilities, members, their families and community resources

Note: A refinement of this concept is the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH), which adds data management. Horizon NJ Health is engaging with providers to promote the PCMH concept.

The Horizon NJ Health Medical Home Components

Family-Centered: Horizon NJ Health and network physicians recognize that the family is the constant. The family is the principal caregiver and center of strength and support.

Accessible: Horizon NJ Health and network physicians ensure that care is personally, physically and geographically accessible.
**Continuous:** Horizon NJ Health and network physicians assist members and families with transition planning with home, school, adult services and other network physicians and facilities.

**Coordinated:** Horizon NJ Health and network physicians connect members and families with all needed services. These services can include specialty care and community-based services, as well as family support and advocacy groups.

**Compassionate:** Horizon NJ Health and network physicians demonstrate sincerity, respect and a caring attitude.

### 13.7 Care Management

Complex Care Management is a collaborative process that assesses, plans, implements, coordinates, monitors and evaluates options and services to meet a member’s clinical and medical needs. The primary focus is the coordination of quality health care in the most cost-effective manner for members with complex medical conditions. The intensity of care management activities varies based on a multitude of factors including, but not limited to:

- Clinical features of the individual case as reported by a member or attending/treating provider
- Evaluation/treatment setting resources available
- The member’s clinical needs and situation
- The opportunity for care management intervention to have a positive impact on the member’s circumstances

The purpose of this program is to direct and coordinate the delivery of cost-effective, quality-driven health care services for complex medical cases. The main objectives of care management are to:

- Ensure timely access to appropriate levels of care
- Manage health care benefits effectively
- Identify needs that follow an acute care period
- Assist with interventions for long-term health problems
- Balance cost versus quality of care issues
- Maintain continuity of care

Horizon NJ Health is able to identify complex cases by utilizing the following tools:

- Concurrent review during inpatient hospital admissions
- Phone requests from PCP or specialist
- Hospital inquiries for benefit or precertification information
- Member services phone inquiries
- Utilization Reports
- Requests for durable medical equipment information

The Care Manager gathers information relative to the case, assesses requested services, suggests alternative care plans when appropriate, advocates for the members and monitors provision of services as needed. By continually evaluating each specific case, the Care Manager will make appropriate determinations regarding when the member no longer needs specific care management. To come to this conclusion, the Care Manager will review the member’s condition, the physician’s recommendations and anticipated future course of action and, if possible, personally contact members to review their medical situation with them. To contact a Care Manager, please call 1-800-682-9094 x89634.

Providers in value-based arrangements (PCMH, ACO, EOC), risk arrangements, or similar value-based programs, may be given cost of care data pertinent to their members even if such costs are associated with providers outside their particular value-based program. Any Provider objecting to the production of their data to value-based providers must notify Horizon NJ Health in writing, no later than July 30 of each year, to:

**Director, Provider Contracting and Strategy**
1700 American Blvd.
Pennington, NJ  08534

### 13.7.1 MLTSS Care Management

Horizon NJ Health provides every MLTSS member with a Care Manager and care management team, including a Clinical Care Coordinator. The Care Manager, usually a nurse or social worker, leads the coordination of all primary, acute, behavioral and long term services and supports for the member.

A Service Plan of Care is developed based on the member’s health status and health care needs. The role of the provider (Primary Care Physician, specialist or other provider) is very important. The member, along with his/her Care Manager, will work together to develop a plan of care. The plan of care will outline the member’s health care needs, what services the member may receive, frequency of service and name of provider decided upon by the member. MLTSS Services will be provided within 30 calendar days of enrollment, except for residential modification and vehicle modification. The plan of care is facilitated by the Care Manager, who ensures direct involvement of the member, member’s family and/or authorized representative. The Care Manager is responsible for facilitating placement/services based on assessed needs and member’s preference. The provider may receive a copy of the plan of care via fax.
The Care Manager will make a face-to-face visit every 90 days or 180 days, depending on the member’s setting of residence. The Care Manager will periodically review the member’s plan of care at least every 90 days or sooner and make updates as warranted if there are changes in the member’s condition and service needs. Horizon NJ Health members must use in-network, contracted providers to get covered MLTSS services.

Horizon NJ Health ensures that its MLTSS Care Managers work in a conflict-free environment. Care Managers cannot work directly with members who are blood relatives or related by marriage. They also cannot be a direct-paid caregiver or be financially responsible for or empowered to make financial or health-related decisions on behalf of a member they are assigned to.

13.8 Infectious Disease Program
The purpose of the HIV/AIDS Complex Care Management Program is to provide confidential care management specific to this disease process. All members with a diagnosis of HIV or AIDS are eligible for this program. Horizon NJ Health works in collaboration with Ryan White Care grantees to coordinate health care services and provide community linkages.

Goals
The goal of the HIV/AIDS Complex Care Management Program is to help enrollees regain and maintain functional health in a quality, cost-effective manner.

• Educate enrollees regarding appropriate preventive services
• Coordinate services for enrollees including, but not limited to:
  - PCP follow up
  - Specialist referrals
  - Ancillary services
  - Pharmacy
  - Community linkages/resources
  - Mental health/substance use disorder services
  - Review and assist enrollees with compliance issues, including medication adherence and follow up with specialist visits

Program Enrollment
2. Member identification will be multifaceted, utilizing self-referral, inpatient information, emergency room information, primary care physician or specialist outreach, etc.
3. Referrals will be accepted from both internal and external sources, including:

- Member self-referrals
- Utilization Management
- Care Management
- Pharmacy
- Horizon NJ Health physicians and other health care providers

Stratification
A member receives an outreach call from an R.N./Care Manager to educate the member about the Complex Care Management Program. The member has the option of accepting or declining enrollment into the program. Enrollees are risk stratified, based on past and/or potential utilization.

Level 3: One or more inpatient or emergency room admissions within six months, with ICD-10 code B20
Level 2: Newly diagnosed HIV
Level 1: Well-controlled HIV

Confidentiality
To ensure confidentiality, all persons assessed will be asked to repeat their Social Security Number or date of birth. Information for members identified with HIV/AIDS will be maintained with strict confidentiality and respect. No member’s medical information will be shared with anyone who is not personally involved in their medical process. Members will identify persons who may speak on their behalf (e.g., case managers at clinics, caregivers and legally designated persons).

13.9 Disease Management
The Disease Management program has been established to coach and educate low- to moderate-risk members in the management and treatment of their disease.

Members are referred through:

- Primary care physicians/specialists
- ER/IP reports
- Encounter claims
- Care Management/Utilization Review
- Pharmacy claims
- Health Needs Survey

The Disease Management Education programs are:

- Diabetes (NCQA-identified)
- Congestive heart failure (CHF)
- Hypertension
- Asthma (NCQA-identified)
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- HIV/Sickle cell/Hepatitis
The goals of the Disease Management programs are:

- To educate both members and providers in health management based on nationally recognized standards of care
- To promote an optimal, realistic level of an individual’s wellness and functionality
- To promote behavior modification and facilitate member and provider communication
- To enable the member/family to make independent, informed health care decisions
- To provide a disease prevention and wellness education program that will improve the quality of health for our members
- To promote the cost-effective utilization of financial and human resources
- To improve overall member and provider satisfaction with Horizon NJ Health

13.9.1 Congestive Heart Failure Disease Management

The Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) Disease Management has been implemented to better manage members with CHF through education and member support services.

This service is based on the ACC/AHA Guideline Update for the Diagnosis and Management of Congestive Heart Failure in the adult evidence-based standards of care. References to these guidelines are available on the Horizon NJ Health website and in Appendix A of this manual.

The service is staffed with nurses who identify CHF members by inpatient admissions, physician referrals and member self-referrals. The nurses perform global health assessments of the member’s medical, psychosocial and pharmaceutical data. Individual care plans are then established for these members to track the progress of their disease management. All CHF members will receive member health education and services through the health educators via letters and phone calls. They may, if appropriate, receive a scale to empower the member to maintain weight control and detect unexplained weight gains that may lead to future complications. The program is not intended to replace any CHF instructions or education provided by primary care physician or specialists; rather, it is intended to manage the member’s care in a collaborative effort with the primary care physician and/or specialist.

Please call to enroll any Horizon NJ Health member who has been diagnosed with CHF in Horizon NJ Health’s CHF Disease Management. Also, please encourage members to call to enroll directly. The CHF Disease Management Department can be reached at 1-800-682-9094.

13.9.2 Diabetes Disease Management

The service is based on ADA Clinical Practice Recommendations. A summary of revisions for Clinical Practice Recommendations and Additions to the Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes are:

- A section on driving and diabetes has been added.
- A section and table on common comorbidities of diabetes has been added.
- A table listing properties of non-insulin therapies for hyperglycemia in type 2 diabetes has been added.

Revisions to the Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes—2015

In addition to many small changes related to new evidence since the prior year, and to clarify recommendations, the following sections have undergone major changes:

- The introduction was revised to more clearly describe processes for systematic evidence review, to link to the evidence table for changes since 2011, and to link to opportunities for public comment on the Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes—2012.
- Section V.D.2. Therapy for Type 2 Diabetes was revised to include more specific recommendations for starting and advancing pharmacotherapy for hyperglycemia.
- Section X. Strategies for Improving Diabetes Care was revised to reflect growing evidence for the effectiveness of restructuring systems of chronic care delivery.

Revised Position Statement

- A revised position statement, “Diabetes Management at Camps for Children with Diabetes,” has been added.

New Position Statement

- A new position statement, “Driving and Diabetes,” has been added.

Current criteria for the diagnosis of diabetes

- A1C ≥ 6.5%. The test should be performed in a laboratory using a method that is National Glycohemoglobin Standardization Program (NGSP)-certified and standardized to the Diabetes Control and Complications Trial (DCCT) assay; or
- Fasting plasma glucose (FPG) ≥ 126 mg/dL (7.0 mmol/l). Fasting is defined as no caloric intake for at least eight hours; or
• Plasma glucose ≥200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/l) during an oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT). The test should be performed as described by the World Health Organization using a glucose load containing the equivalent of 75 g anhydrous glucose dissolved in water; or
• In a patient with classic symptoms of hyperglycemia or hyperglycemic crisis, a random plasma glucose ≥200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/l); or
• In the absence of unequivocal hyperglycemia, the result should be confirmed by repeat testing.

The Horizon NJ Health Diabetes Disease Management team can be reached at 1-800-682-9094. References to these guidelines are available on the Horizon NJ Health website and in Appendix A of this Manual. The diabetes clinical guidelines can also be viewed at: diabetes.org.

13.9.3 Asthma

The Asthma Program is designed to identify people with asthma through medical and pharmacy claims data, and then provide educational interventions aimed at improving compliance and reinforcing the education provided by the clinician.

Enrollment

Upon identification of a person with asthma, an assessment of medical and pharmacy utilization is done to determine risk category. Horizon NJ Health staff perform telephonic education of members with asthma. A specialist referral is strongly recommended for high-risk members with asthma (see following criteria).

Horizon NJ Health recommends that a patient be referred to a pulmonologist or allergist when he/she:
• Has an ICU admission, intubation or life-threatening asthma exacerbation; or
• Has had two or more emergency room visits in the past six months; or
• Has had a hospital admission in the past six months; or
• Has poorly controlled asthma (i.e., there is an adequate medication regimen but the patient is still having recurring symptoms using a relief inhaler ≥2 times per week, or has persistent nighttime awakening with symptoms); or
• Has a history of steroid dependency due to asthma of three months or more and/or > or = three trials of steroid “burst” therapy; or
• Has a high-risk pregnancy and a history of asthma; or
• Has complicating co-morbidities, such as severe rhinitis, severe sinusitis, sleep apnea, GERD, and/or a history of smoking. There are problems with differential diagnosis or atypical signs and symptoms.
• Has problems with differential diagnosis or atypical signs and symptoms. Members with asthma who require self-monitoring are eligible for a peak flow meter through the provision of a prescription from the clinician. Peak flow meter use and peak flow zones can be taught by the clinician or the dispensing pharmacist. The optichamber spacer and masks may also be obtained from any participating pharmacy with a written prescription. Education regarding the proper use of this equipment is essential to the provision of these devices. Children who require medication during school time may have a duplicate peak flow meter and medication if the clinician provides a prescription noting “duplicate needed for school use.” An asthma treatment plan must be provided to the school nurse to allow the child to have medication during school time. Physicians are encouraged to order metered dose inhalers (MDIs) with spacers versus nebulizers for those members with asthma that are over the age of five and do not have any cognitive and/or physical disabilities that would prevent them from properly utilizing an MDI with spacer. The physician is responsible for educating the member/family of proper MDI/spacer technique.

An annual asthma intervention letter is sent to the physician and member when pharmacy data has determined that the member has been utilizing excessive beta2-agonists.

Horizon NJ Health’s pharmacy benefits cover spacers, peak flow meters, nebulizer equipment and supplies.
Medications covered by Horizon NJ Health

**Quick-Relief Medications**
- Albuterol MDI
- Ventolin HFA
- Xopenex Neb

**Long-Term Control Medications**
- Advair
- Asmanex
- Cromolyn
- Flovent
- Montelukast
- Nedocromil
- Pulmicort Neb (age 8 and younger)
- Prednisolone
- Prednisone
- Qvar
- Serevent
- Sustained Release Theophylline

### 13.9.4 COPD Disease Management

Horizon NJ Health established the Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Management Service to improve the quality of life of its members with COPD, reduce hospitalizations and emergency room visits and provide education about COPD and proper drug therapy.

The program was developed and is based on the Global Strategy for the Diagnosis, Management and Prevention of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (December 2007). The program focuses on the five components of effective management: assess and monitor disease, reduce risk factors, manage stable COPD, manage exacerbations and recommendations in primary care.

For further information, please see [goldcopd.com](http://goldcopd.com). References to these guidelines are available on the Horizon NJ Health website and in Appendix A in this Manual.

Members are identified based on claims/encounter data, pharmacy claims and member and PCP referral. Risk stratification determines the appropriate level of intervention for each member eligible based on their functional status and PFT findings.

For more information on the Horizon NJ Health COPD service or to enroll your patients, please call 1-800-682-9094.

### 13.9.5 Hypertension Disease Management

Horizon NJ Health established the Hypertension Management Service to improve the quality of life of its members with hypertension, reduce hospitalizations and emergency room visits and provide education about hypertension and proper drug therapy. The service was developed and is based on the seventh report of the Joint National Committee on Prevention Detection, Evaluation, and Treatment of High Blood Pressure (2005).

For further information, please see nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/hypertension. References to these guidelines are available on the Horizon NJ Health website and in Appendix A in this manual.

For more information on the Horizon NJ Health hypertension service or to enroll your patients, please call 1-800-682-9094.

### 13.10 Horizon Healthy Journey

Horizon Healthy Journey is the population health program sponsored by Quality Management. The goal of this program is to reach out, engage and educate members and providers on the importance of preventive visits, chronic condition management, medication adherence and timeliness of visits. Results and Recognition, Rewards and Incentives, and Health and Wellness Program for Children are just a few of the programs managed through the Horizon Healthy Journey Program. For more information on the Horizon Healthy Journey program, please call 1-844-754-2451.
### 13.11 EPSDT Program and Guidelines

Horizon NJ Health primary care physicians must furnish Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)-equivalent services. EPSDT is a federally mandated, comprehensive child health program for Medicaid recipients from birth through under the age of 21. According to section 1905 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1936(d)) and federal regulation 42 CFR 441.50 et seq., EPSDT services include the following:

#### Health Services

A comprehensive health and developmental history including assessments of both physical and mental health development and the provision of all diagnosis and treatment services that are medically necessary to correct or ameliorate a physical or mental condition are identified during a screening visit.

1. Comprehensive, unclothed physical examination including:
   - Vision and hearing screening
   - Dental inspection
   - Nutritional assessment

2. Appropriate immunizations according to age, health history and the schedule established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for pediatric vaccines. (See Appendix A Preventive & Clinical Guidelines.) Physicians must adjust for periodic changes in recommended types and schedule of vaccines. Immunizations must be reviewed at each screening examination as well as during acute care visits; necessary immunizations must be administered when not contraindicated. Deferral of administration of a vaccine for any reason must be documented.

3. Appropriate laboratory tests: A recommended sequence of screening laboratory examinations must be provided. The list of screening tests is not all-inclusive; additional laboratory tests may be appropriate and medically indicated (e.g., for ova and parasites) and shall be obtained as necessary.
   - Hemoglobin/hematocrit
   - Urinalysis
   - Tuberculin test – intradermal, administered annually and when medically indicated
   - Blood lead screening using blood lead level determinations must be completed for every Horizon NJ Health member younger than six years of age. (See Appendix A Preventive & Clinical Guidelines.) Please refer to Section 3.18 Outpatient Laboratory Services.


5. Referral for further diagnosis and treatment or follow up of all correctable abnormalities, which are treatable/correctable or require maintenance therapy uncovered or suspected. (Referral may be to the physician conducting the screening examination or to another physician, as appropriate.)

6. EPSDT screening services shall reflect the age of the child and be provided periodically, according to the following schedule:
   - Neonatal exam
   - Under 6 weeks
   - 2 months
   - 4 months
   - 6 months
   - 9 months
   - 12 months
   - 15 months
   - 18 months
   - 24 months
   - Annually through age 20

At a minimum, the primary care physician must provide the following screenings and services to children from birth to under the age of 21 in accordance with the EPSDT screening services schedule.

#### Vision Services

A vision screening includes diagnosis and treatment for defects in vision, including eyeglasses. Vision screening in an infant is defined as an eye examination and observation of responses to visual stimuli. In an older child, screening for distant visual acuity and ocular alignment shall be done for each child beginning at age three.

#### Dental Services

A dental screening is defined, at a minimum as observation of tooth eruption, occlusion pattern, and presence of cavities or oral infection. A referral to a dentist at the eruption of the first tooth or by one year of age is mandatory.

#### Hearing Services

A hearing screening includes the diagnosis and treatment of defects in hearing, including hearing aids. For infants identified as at risk for hearing loss through the New Jersey Newborn Hearing Screening Program, hearing screening should be conducted prior to 3 months of age using professionally recognized audiological assessment techniques. For all other children, hearing screening means, at a minimum, observation of an infant’s response to auditory stimuli and audiogram for a child 3 years of age and older. Speech and hearing assessment shall be part of each preventive visit for an older child.
Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder

A mental health/substance use disorder (MH/SUD) screening includes an assessment documenting pertinent findings. When there is an indication of possible MH/SUD issues, an MH/SUD screening tool(s) shall be used to evaluate the member. Please refer to the Horizon NJ Health website for a copy of the Horizon NJ Health Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Well-Being Screening Tool.

Other Considerations

The primary care physician must provide other necessary health care, diagnostic services, treatment and other measures to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental/substance use disorder illnesses and conditions discovered by the screening services.

Lead Screening

Verbal Risk Assessment: A verbal risk assessment shall be performed for lead toxicity at every periodic visit between the ages of six and 72 months, as indicated on the schedule. See Appendix A Preventive & Clinical Guidelines. The verbal risk assessment includes, at a minimum, the following types of questions:

- Does your child live in or regularly visit a house built before 1978? Does the house have chipping or peeling paint?
- Was your child’s day care center/preschool/babysitter’s home built before 1978? Does the house have chipping or peeling paint?
- Does your child live in a house built before 1978 with recent, ongoing or planned renovation or remodeling?
- Have any of your children or their playmates had lead poisoning?
- Does your child frequently come in contact with an adult whose job or hobby involves exposure to lead? Examples include construction, welding, pottery or other trades practiced in your community.
- Do you give your child home or folk remedies that may contain lead?

Providers are expected to surpass 80 percent compliance for two consecutive six-month periods for obtaining a lead screen prior to the child’s second birthday.

Generally, a child’s level of risk for exposure to lead depends on the answers to the above questions. If the answers to all questions are negative, a child is considered at low risk for high doses of lead exposure.

If the answers to any question are affirmative or “I don’t know,” a child is considered at high risk for high doses of lead exposure. Regardless of risk, each child must be tested according to the age groups specified in the state contract. A child’s risk category can change with each administration of the verbal risk assessment.

Important Lead Testing Reimbursement Facts

Horizon NJ Health reimburses $10 for the in-office collection of blood for lead screening. The current lead screening CPT codes and modifiers include:

- 36405 59 Venipuncture for lead screening for children under three years of age, scalp vein
- 36406 59 Venipuncture for lead screening for children under three years of age, other vein
- 36410 59 Venipuncture for lead screening for children three years of age or older
- 36415 59 Collection of venous blood by Venipuncture for lead screening for children 3 years and older
- 36416 59 Collection of capillary blood specimen for lead screening (finger, heel, and ear stick)
- 83655 52 Lead test (diagnosis code required)

If your office has any difficulty submitting this claim electronically, leave out the decimal point. Use all the code numbers. Please call Horizon NJ Health with any questions or issues regarding reimbursement.

Relevant LabCorp Information

Please remember to use the correct form for LabCorp lead testing. Utilize the Heavy Metal Request form and indicate the source of the blood (venous or capillary). You can order these forms from the LabCorp Customer Service line at 1-800-631-5250.

LabCorp can customize this form with your provider information. LabCorp can also customize this form to include any other labs you may wish to include at your request. For example, if you routinely ask for a hemoglobin and hematocrit with a lead screen, you can ask LabCorp to add this test to the Heavy Metal Request form for you. You could also add CBC and urinalysis to coordinate your EPSDT lab requirements.

Note: For NJ FamilyCare B and C members, EPSDT coverage is limited to preventive screening and diagnostic services, medical examinations, immunizations, dental, vision, lead screening and hearing services. The EPSDT examination includes only those treatment services identified through the examination that are a covered benefit under the Horizon NJ Health benefit package or the New Jersey Medicaid fee for service program. Other services identified through an EPSDT examination that are not a covered benefit under Horizon NJ Health or Medicaid fee for service are not covered.

Note: For NJ FamilyCare D members, EPSDT coverage is limited to well-childcare visits, including immunizations, lead screenings and treatments. Private-duty nursing, an EPSDT service, is included only with prior authorization.
13.12 New Jersey Vaccines for Children Program (VFC)

The VFC Program provides vaccines for children from birth through 18 years of age who are enrolled in Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare A as well as uninsured children and children who are American Indian or Alaskan Native. The VFC program is a federally funded, state-operated vaccine supply program. The VFC program supplies most routinely recommended vaccines at no cost to all public and private health care physicians. Horizon NJ Health will reimburse physicians for the administration fee of covered vaccines.

For NJ FamilyCare A children, providers must enroll in the VFC program and use the free vaccine if it is covered by VFC. The State DHS will not pay Horizon NJ Health for the reimbursements it gives providers for any administration fees. For non-VFC vaccines, Horizon NJ Health will reimburse providers for vaccines and vaccine administrations.

Physicians participating in the VFC program must agree to comply with the following:

• Screen the parent/guardian of the child to determine VFC eligibility
• Maintain records of all children immunized with a VFC vaccine (these records must be made available to public health officials upon request)
• Comply with the recommended immunization schedule, as established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and state law
• No charge for VFC-supplied vaccines
• Provide vaccine information materials and maintain records in accordance with the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Act
• Comply with state ordering, accountability or quality assurance requirements through NJIIS
• Providers no longer enrolled in VFC must notify us in writing within seven days of disenrollment.

Horizon NJ Health
Attn: PC&S
1700 American Blvd.
Pennington, NJ 08534

Or via fax: 1-609-583-3004

The VFC program no longer provides vaccines for children enrolled in NJ FamilyCare B, C, or D. For these members, providers must obtain all vaccines from traditional market sources and administer them, and Horizon NJ Health will reimburse providers for the vaccines and the vaccine administration. If a provider office is not able to independently obtain the necessary vaccines, it can give a prescription to a member and administer the vaccine after obtaining it – only with prior authorization – through the member’s prescription coverage. For authorization, please contact the Pharmacy Department at 1-800-682-9094.

13.13 VFC Immunizations

Under the VFC program, the following CPT codes are to be used when billing for the administration fee for immunizations. The codes below are arranged to depict which vaccines and reimbursements are appropriate for patients under the age of 19 and which cover those over the age of 19. When billing for members over the age of 19 or if the immunization is not covered under the Vaccines for Children program, please note the appropriate codes on the table. (If the provider receives vaccines free of charge from a local health department or other finding source, none of this applies.)

CPT Code Vaccine

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90685 Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, split virus, preservative free, when administered to children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use (Code Price is per .25 ml) (Fluzone)

90687 Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, split virus, when administered to children 6-35 months of age

90688 Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use

90696 Diphtheria, tetanus toxoids, acellular pertussis vaccine and poliovirus vaccine, inactivated (DTaP-IPV)

90686 Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, split virus, preservative free, when administered to children 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use

90698 Diphtheria, tetanus toxoids, and acellular pertussis vaccine, Haemophilus influenzae type B, and poliovirus vaccine, inactivated (DTaP, Hib, IPV), for intramuscular use

90700 DTaP
90707 MMR
90710 MMRV
90713 Inactivated IPV
90714 Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids (Td) adsorbed, preservative free, for use in individuals 7 years or older, intramuscular use
90715 Tdap (11-18 yrs.)
90716 Varicella virus vaccine
90717 Yellow fever vaccine
90723 DTaP-Hep B-IPV (Pediarix)
90732 Pneumococcal, Polysaccharide vaccine, 23 valent, adult or immunosuppressed patient for subcutaneous or intramuscular use
90734 Meningococcal conjugate vaccine, serogroups A, C, Y and W-135 (tetravalent), for intramuscular use
90735 Hepatitis B, Adolescent (2-dose schedule)
90744 Hepatitis B, Peds/Adolescent dosage (3-dose schedule) intramuscular use
90746 Hepatitis B, Adult
G9142 Influenza A (H1N1) vaccine
Q2035 Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, 3 years and above, intramuscular use
Q2036 Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, 3 years and above, intramuscular use
Q2037 Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, 3 years and above, intramuscular use
Q2038 Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, 3 years and above, intramuscular use
Q2039 Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, 3 years and above, intramuscular use

For information regarding the Vaccines for Children Program call 1-609-826-4862 or fax 1-609-826-4867.

13.14 Immunizations After the Age of 19

When billing for members over the age of 19 or if the immunization is not covered under the Vaccines for Children program, use the following CPT codes. (If the provider receives vaccines free of charge from a local health department or other finding source, this does not apply.)

**Code Vaccine**

90632 Hepatitis A, Adult
90633 Hepatitis A vaccine, pediatric/adolescent dosage, 2-dose schedule, for intramuscular use
90634 Hepatitis A vaccine, pediatric/adolescent dosage, 3-dose schedule, for intramuscular use
90636 Hepatitis A and B, Adult
90645 Hib vaccine Hb0C conjugate (4 dose) for intramuscular use
90646 Hib vaccine Hb0C conjugate (4 dose) for intramuscular use
90647 Hib, PRP-OMP conjugate 3-dose schedule
90648 Haemophilus influenzae B (Hib) PRP-t
90649 Human papillomavirus (19-26 yrs., females only)
90650 Human papillomavirus (HPV) bivalent for intramuscular use
90654 Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, for intradermal use
90656 Influenza
90658 Influenza, 3 years and above, IM/jet injection
90660 Influenza virus vaccine live, intranasal
90662 Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free
90670 Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, 13valent, for intramuscular use
90672 Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, live, for intranasal use (Code price is per dose) (Flumist)
90680 Rotavirus vaccine, tetravalent, live, for oral use
90681 Rotavirus vaccine, human, attenuated, 2-dose schedule, live, for oral use
90686 Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, split virus, preservative free, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use (Code Price is per 0.5mL)
90688 Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use
90696 Diphtheria, tetanus toxoids, acellular pertussis vaccine and poliovirus vaccine, inactivated (DTaP-IPV)
90698 Diphtheria, tetanus toxoids, and acellular pertussis vaccine, Haemophilus influenzae type B, and poliovirus vaccine, inactivated (DTaP, Hib, IPV), for intramuscular use
90701 DTP
90704 Mumps
90705 Measles virus vaccine, live, for subcutaneous use
90706 Rubella virus vaccine, live, for subcutaneous use
90707 MMR
90712 Poliovirus vaccine, (any type(s)) (OPV), live, for oral use
90713 Poliovirus vaccine, inactivated (IPV), for subcutaneous or intramuscular use
90714 Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids (Td) adsorbed, preservative free, when administered to individuals 7 years or older, for intramuscular use
90715 Tdap
90716 Varicella
90718 Td, adsorbed for use in individuals 7 years or older for intramuscular or jet injection
90720 DTP-Hib
90732 Pneumococcal, Polysaccharide vaccine, 23 valent, adult or immunosuppressed patient for subcutaneous or intramuscular use
90733 Meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (any group(s)), for subcutaneous use
90734 Meningococcal conjugate vaccine, serogroups A, C, Y and W-135 (tetavalent), for intramuscular use
90736 Zoster (shingles) vaccine, live, for subcutaneous injection
90746 Hepatitis B, Adult
90747 Hepatitis B (Dialysis or HIV), immuno-suppressed patient dosage (4-dose schedule) for intramuscular use
90748 Hepatitis B and Haemophilus influenza b vaccine (Hep B-hib), for intramuscular use
Q2035 Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, 3 years and above, intramuscular use
Q2036 Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, 3 years and above, intramuscular use
Q2037 Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, 3 years and above, intramuscular use
Q2038 Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, 3 years and above, intramuscular use
Q2039 Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, 3 years and above, intramuscular use

13.15 New Jersey Immunization Information System

The New Jersey Immunization Information System (NJIIS) is a mandated statewide, web-based immunization registry designed to capture immunization histories of all New Jersey children, regardless of where they receive their vaccinations. There are no software costs or user fees for physicians to use the NJIIS. Children are entered into the registry at birth through a linkage with the electronic birth record process. Health care providers can initiate a registry record in their practice when a vaccine is administered to a child. The benefits to health care providers are:

- Access real-time clinical immunization information and current vaccine recommendations
- Reduce paperwork and staff time in obtaining records and responding to record requests
- Instantly print a child’s official immunization record for school enrollment
- Consolidate immunizations from all providers to complete the child’s immunization history
- Enable accurate immunization assessment
- Help interpret the complex immunization schedule
- Electronic interfaces with health plans, WIC and the Child Lead Program
- Access child’s preventive health history, such as TB and lead test results
- Quick access to newborn hearing screening results
- Electronically submit newborn hearing “lost to follow-up” form
- Automated vaccine inventory adjusts each time a shot is administered
- Ability to electronically generate VFC eligibility form
- Online vaccine ordering and inventory management

For more information, visit NJIIS online at njis.nj.gov.
13.16 Prenatal Program – Mom’s GEMS

Mom's Getting Early Maternity Services (GEMS) prenatal program is available to all pregnant Horizon NJ Health members. This program is designed to improve birth outcomes for Horizon NJ Health members through the provision of appropriate maternity care services.

The key components to this program are:
- Medical care coordination
- Care management
- Health education
- Outreach
- Social/psychological counseling referrals

Primary Care Providers

Visit horizonNJhealth.com/findadoctor, to help members who are pregnant obtain appropriate prenatal care.

Ob/Gyn Physicians

All members must receive prenatal care within their first trimester. All newly enrolled members must receive prenatal care within their first trimester or within 42 days of enrolling in Horizon NJ Health.

The postpartum visit must be completed on or between 21 and 56 days after delivery.

All Ob/Gyn physicians must notify Horizon NJ Health of members who present for prenatal care after the first contact and must receive precertification for the remainder of the services. Upon the initial prenatal visit with a Horizon NJ Health member, the physician is required to complete a pregnancy risk assessment (PRA).

At Horizon NJ Health, the Pregnancy Risk Assessment (PRA) serves to:
- Coordinate care
- Obtain baseline information about the member
- Initiate care management with the goal of improving birth outcomes
- Provide Ob/Gyn physicians with a method to guarantee payment for eligible services
- Promote early and accurate identification of prenatal risk factors
- Reduce administrative burden on obstetric practices

In addition, the use of a common risk assessment tool will allow the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services/Medicaid to gather information and learn more about Medicaid-eligible pregnant women in New Jersey.

The (PRA) and the WIC referral form must be completed within seven days of the initial prenatal visit. The completed PRA must be sent to Family Health Initiatives (FHI) at 1-856-675-5286. The preferred method is electronic submission. An updated PRA form must also be completed if there are changes or updates to the members’ pregnancy.

The PRA is a state-derived assessment form that is sent to Family Health Initiatives (FHI), a subsidiary of the Southern NJ Perinatal Cooperative, to collect state required information for provider reimbursement. FHI is responsible for form processing, data management and training. For questions about the PRA form or process, please contact the FHI at 1-856-675-5286 or pra@snjpc.org. You can view the PRA training manual at njperinatalriskassessment.org or request on site or virtual training by contacting FHI.

If the PRA is not received, Horizon NJ Health will not pay for any professional charges related to prenatal and/or postpartum visits. If the PRA is received after seven days of the initial Horizon NJ Health visit, Horizon NJ Health will only pay for the subsequent care provided after the date that the PRA is received by Horizon NJ Health.

The GEMS Global Authorization now covers up to three OB Ultrasounds for non high-risk pregnancies, and up to 13 total for confirmed or suspected high-risk pregnancies. To secure a GEMS Global Authorization, you must submit a PRA to FHI in a timely manner. The PRA will be utilized to initially determine risk.

For OB Ultrasounds beyond what is covered in the GEMS Global Authorization, use Utilization Management Tool. OB Ultrasounds will not be authorized without a PRA on file. Please remember that Horizon NJ Health has 14 calendar days to respond to each authorization request.

Horizon NJ Health reserves the right to audit medical records for documentation supporting medical necessity. If such documentation is not available or the service is deemed not medically necessary, we will recover payment(s). Additionally, we will continue to monitor trends from claims data to ensure that utilization continues to be medically appropriate. In the event that utilization trends change, we may further modify authorization requirements and processes.
Postpartum

Well Mom/Well Baby Home Visit Referral Coordination

Please contact your assigned GEMS Care Manager for assistance in requesting postpartum home and newborn visits. Postpartum visits need to occur within 21 and 56 days post-delivery for payment. If visits have not been scheduled, we ask that you assist the member in scheduling them.

If you need supplies or more information regarding the Mom's GEMS prenatal program, contact Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091.

If a member does not have a Mom's GEMS authorization, please confirm that a PRA has been sent to FHI and if urgent authorization for OB/US services is needed, please contact the Prior Authorization Unit at 1-800-682-9094 and assistance will be provided.

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- Fetal biophysical profile
- Professional delivery fees
- Non-stress test
- Perinatal consult
- Prenatal and Postpartum visit
- RhoGam
- Breast pumps
- Vaccines (clinically required)

All other procedures require a referral and authorization when performed by a participating physician and billed using a valid CPT or HCPC code.

- For non-obstetrical Radiology Tests please refer to NIA.

Frequently Used Obstetrical Codes

59425 Antepartum Care Only: 4-6 visits
59426 Antepartum Care Only: 7 or more visits
59409 Regular Vaginal Delivery
59430 Postpartum Care Visit Only
59514 Cesarean Section Delivery Only
59409, 59612 Vaginal After Cesarean Delivery (First Newborn)
59510, 59514, 59515, 59618, 59620, 59622 Vaginal After Cesarean Delivery (Subsequent Newborn)
14.1 Introduction to Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP)

Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP), a Fully Integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (FIDE-SNP), is a Medicare Advantage plan that integrates all covered Medicare and Medicaid managed care benefits into one health plan.

Among the most important features of the plan are:

- A team of doctors, specialists and Care Managers working together for the FIDE-SNP member
- A Model of Care (MOC) that calls for individual care plans for members
- All the same member rights available to Medicare and Medicaid recipients
- Zero dollar cost share: no copayments, premiums or deductibles for virtually all services including prescriptions services
- Same comprehensive dental benefits as offered to NJ FamilyCare members
- No referrals needed

FIDE-SNP members can see any provider in any county as long as the providers are part of Horizon’s FIDE-SNP provider network.

Those who wish to enroll in Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) can call 1-877-234-1240.

14.2 Individuals Eligible To Enroll

To be eligible for Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP), an enrollee must:

- Be a full-time New Jersey resident residing in one of the counties in which the program is available
- Have Medicare Parts A and B
- Have NJ FamilyCare (Medicaid) eligibility
- Not be diagnosed with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) at the time of enrollment
- Not be enrolled in a breast cancer or cervical cancer waiver program
- Not be enrolled in a PACE (Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly) program

FIDE-SNP members may also be eligible for Managed Long Term Services & Supports (MLTSS); those who are enrolled as MLTSS members must meet nursing facility level of care. For more information about MLTSS eligibility, please consult Section 2.1.1 (Eligibility Requirements for MLTSS Membership) of this Manual.

14.2.2 ID Card

Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) members receive an identification card with the prefix “YKU” in front of their ID numbers.

14.2.3 Deeming Periods and Deemed Members

A Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) member who loses Medicaid eligibility is known as a deemed member. A deemed member will remain in the Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) plan for a period of time not to exceed two calendar months.

Benefits during this deeming period will be Medicare only. During the Deeming Period (60 days) Horizon will continue to provide all appropriate Medicare Advantage plan covered benefits. However, during this period the deemed member will not continue to receive Medicaid benefits (including MLTSS).

If during the 60 days the member regains Medicaid eligibility their benefit eligibility will be retroactive to the date they lost Medicaid eligibility. If they do not regain Medicaid eligibility after 60 days they will be involuntarily disenrolled from the FIDE-SNP program.

Participating providers should not request payment for any services during this deeming period. If the member is reinstated back into full FIDE-SNP status Horizon will reprocess claims for any services provided during this deeming period.

14.3 Benefits

Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) members receive all benefits provided under original Medicare including:

- Medicare Part A: Hospital Services
- Medicare Part B: Outpatient and Physician Services

In addition, members will receive Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage and all benefits provided under NJ FamilyCare (including dental benefits) as well as these enhanced benefits in 2019:

- $0 for all prescription drugs on formulary
- Medicaid Wrap Drug Coverage – select prescriptions and over-the-counter (OTC) drugs at zero cost when a provider writes a prescription (see Medicaid Wrap Drug Coverage List 2019)
- A $245 per quarter allowance to spend on OTC personal health items from the Health Products Benefit catalog
- A $250 per quarter allowance on an OTC benefit card to use towards the purchase of eligible OTC items at select retailers
- Fitness and exercise programs
- Telemedicine
- A 24/7 Nurse Line
- Routine podiatry (8 visits per year)
- Worldwide coverage for emergency/urgent care
14.4 Care Management/Model of Care Information

14.4.1 Goals of FIDE-SNP Care Management
The goal of Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) Care Management is to:

- Improve members’ health outcomes
- Efficiently coordinate the care members receive
- Keep members in the community
- Improve members’ experience with care
- Improve quality
- Reduce unnecessary costs

Dual-eligible beneficiaries may be more likely to require multiple large-dollar health care services when their care is not managed efficiently. Some activities that may contribute to increased costs include:

- Frequent emergency room visits
- Readmissions to the hospital
- Stays in a long-term care facility
- Nonadherence to prescribed medications
- Multiple comorbidities (including behavioral health)
- Lack of caregiver support

14.4.2 Model of Care
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require that all FIDE-SNP plans have a Model of Care that contains the guiding principles and standards of care for Horizon’s FIDE-SNP Program components.

The following components are covered under Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) Model of Care (MOC):

- Care Management
- Finance
- Network
- Operations
- Pharmacy
- Quality

The MOC is comprised of clinical and non-clinical elements:

- Care Coordination
- Description of the FIDE-SNP Population
- FIDE-SNP Provider Network
- Quality Measurement & Performance Improvement

14.4.3 The Role of the PCP in the MOC
The PCP has an important role in assuring the effectiveness of the MOC. Some of the PCP’s most important responsibilities are to:

- Receive calls from the member’s Care Manager
- Review the completed Health Needs Survey
- Review and comment on the Plan of Care
- Serve as an important participant on the member’s Interdisciplinary Care Team (ICT), comprised of internal and external attendees that impact the member’s Plan of Care
- Attend and participate in weekly ICT Meetings
- Assure ongoing participation from members and providers, which is essential to the success of the MOC

Horizon NJ Total Care (HMO SNP) requests the PCP’s ongoing participation to ensure that FIDE-SNP members have comprehensive access to services and meaningful coordination of care. The PCP is responsible for:

- Reviewing the proposed care plan faxed (or accessed via NaviNet) to them from Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) for their member
- Providing any necessary additional information about the member’s care to ensure the care plan is complete and accurate
- Updating each care plan as needed by faxing or updating in NaviNet
- Discussing the care plan with the Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) member for whom he or she provides care
- Communicating with the ICT as requested to ensure optimal coordination of care
- Encouraging member participation in care management

For assistance from the Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) Care Management Department, please call 1-888-621-5894 (TTY 711), Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

14.5 FIDE-SNP Provider Network Information
Horizon BCBSNJ has contracted with providers across New Jersey to create a new network to serve FIDE-SNP members. Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) members will be able to access all participating providers in the FIDE-SNP network.

Members will be required to select a PCP.

To get the most up-to-date information about Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP)’s network providers, go to directory.horizonNJhealth.com, and on the Physicians tab, select Choose a Plan to Start. Under that tab, select Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) to find a list of network providers.

For more information on the FIDE-SNP Provider Network, please call FIDE-SNP Provider Services at 1-855-955-5590.
14.5.1 Network Participation and Medicare Participation

Horizon BCBSNJ’s Credentialing Department reviews the CMS Opt Out List on a quarterly basis. Our Credentialing Committee reviews the files of those physicians or health care professionals who have opted out of (or have been excluded from) Medicare. As stated in our Credentialing and Recredentialing Policy for Participating Physicians and Health Care Professionals, “Physicians and health care professionals who have opted out of Medicare may not participate in the Horizon Managed Care Network.” Physicians or health care professionals who have opted out of (or have been excluded from) Medicare will be terminated from the Horizon Managed Care Network.

14.6 FIDE-SNP Remittance Advice Information

An example of the Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) Remittance Advice is below. It shows the fields and explanations of benefits and payments that are specific to FIDE-SNP claims. Please remember that no copayments or deductibles may be billed or collected for any members of this plan.

14.7 Claims/Grievances/Appeals

For information about billing and filing claims, please consult Section 9 of this Manual. Below are some addresses that providers can use for correspondence regarding different aspects of Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP).

Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP)
Claims Processing Department
PO Box 24080
Newark, NJ 07101-0406

Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP)
Appeals and Grievances
PO Box 24079
Newark, NJ 07101-0406

Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP)
Misc Member/Provider Correspondence
PO Box 24081
Newark, NJ 07101-0406
14.7.1 Grievance Resolution

Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) has a system and procedure for the resolution of grievances by members and physicians. The grievance procedure is available to all members and physicians; timely resolution will be executed as soon as possible and will not exceed 48 hours from initiation of the grievance for urgent cases and 30 days for all other issues. For grievances related to Medicaid benefits, please refer to Section 10 of this manual. For Medicare benefit grievances, please see below:

When a member is dissatisfied with care or service received, a grievance can be initiated through any of the following means:

- Call a Horizon NJ Health representative at 1-855-355-5599 for MLTSS members. Non-MLTSS members can call 1-800-543-5656 (TTY 711).
- Send a written letter to:
  
  Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP)
  PO Box 24081
  Newark, NJ 0710-0406

For provider grievances related to administrative issues, quality of care, actions, sanctions or terminations, refer to Section 12.29 and Section 12.30. Horizon NJ Health is required by the State contract to investigate all grievances and alleged incidents reported by or related to our members, which may include:

- A phone call to the health care practitioner or facility by Provider Contracting & Strategy to clarify the circumstances of the complaint
- A Request for medical records and/or written response from the health care practitioner or facility, which is due within 10 calendar days
- A site visit

Within the grievance process, a vital part of the resolution is the assistance of a health care practitioner or facility. Using the information from the member and provider, all grievances are thoroughly investigated. After all the information is gathered, a medical director will determine if there is a quality issue.

14.7.2 Utilization Management Member Appeals Process for FIDE-SNP

Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) has appeals policies to receive and adjudicate utilization management appeals made by members or, with the member's documented consent, providers who are acting on behalf of members. This procedure ensures timely resolution, provides easy access and offers prompt, fair and full investigation of member appeals. The procedures are the same as those outlined in Section 10.2 with the following additions:

All written appeals must be submitted to:

Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP)
UM Appeals
PO Box 10196
Newark, NJ 07101

If the appeal is not resolved to the member's satisfaction, Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) will provide a written explanation of how to proceed to the next steps. There are two processes, one Medicare-based and one Medicaid-based, that are available to members depending on the benefit/service that was denied. If an appeal is upheld, members will be notified of their right to proceed to subsequent levels of appeal for both Medicare and Medicaid.

Internal appeals which are upheld, partially or in whole, are automatically sent to the CMS Independent Review Entity (IRE) through MAXIMUS, Inc. for review and determination in compliance with the Medicare portion of the member's FIDE-SNP benefit. This review is binding if the determination is overturned by the IRE.

14.7.3 Horizon Medicare Advantage Member Appeals

Members have the right to appeal any decision regarding our reimbursement or our denial of coverage based on medical necessity. Appeals may be requested verbally or in writing.

Medical records and your professional opinion should be included to support the appeal. Based on the medical circumstances of the case, a Horizon BCBSNJ physician reviewer will determine if the request qualifies as an expedited appeal. However, the member, physician or other authorized representative acting on behalf of the member may request an expedited appeal based on the medical circumstances of the case. If coverage of services is denied, you must inform your Medicare Advantage patient of their appeal rights. Members will also receive a notice of denial from Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP). At each patient encounter with a Medicare Advantage enrollee, you must notify the enrollee of that, upon request, a detailed written notice from the Medicare Advantage organization regarding the enrollee's benefits levels will be communicated in writing as part of each coverage determination and/or appeal determination notification.
14.7.4 Medical Appeals for Medicare Services

Generally, we have 30 days to process an appeal pertaining to the denial of a requested service (pre-service appeal for service), and 60 days to process an appeal pertaining to post-service denial of claim payment (appeal for payment).

Expedited appeals are processed within 72 hours. To file an expedited appeal, the member may call Member Services at 1-800-365-2223. Appeals for payment may not utilize the expedited process.

Pre- and Post-Service medical appeals may be faxed to 1-609-583-3028 or mailed to:
Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP)
Utilization Management Member Appeals
PO Box 10196
Newark, NJ 07101

A completed Appointment of Representative (AOR) form or other court-appointed document indicating the member's consent may be required for a physician to request post-service appeals on behalf of the member.

Integrated Appeals for Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP)

Because Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) members have Medicare and receive assistance from Medicaid, appeals for these members may follow both processes concurrently. Standard appeals requests should be sent within 60 days of denial notice or from date of discharge from a facility. Standard determinations are rendered within 30 calendar days. Decisions on expedited reconsiderations are reached within 72 hours or sooner depending upon the medical exigencies.

14.7.5 Additional Appeal Rights for Medicaid Services

Members enrolled in the Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) plan also have the right to file for a State Fair Hearing (Medicaid). State Fair Hearings (Medicaid) must be requested within 120 days of a Horizon BCBSNJ appeal determination letter about a Medicaid service. Members have the right to represent themselves at the State Fair Hearing (Medicaid) or to be represented by an attorney, family, friend or other spokesperson.

Requests for State Fair Hearings (Medicaid) must be made to:

New Jersey Department of Human Services
Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services
Fair Hearing Services
PO Box 712
Trenton, NJ 08625-0712

For continuation of benefits, the appeal request must be made on or before the final day of the previously approved authorization, or within 10 calendar days of the notification of adverse benefit determination, whichever is later.

Requests for continuation of benefits must be received within 10 days of the notice of action or before the end of the authorization in question whichever is later.

14.8 Quality Management and Performance Improvement

14.8.1 Quality Improvement Program

The Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) Quality Improvement Program (QIP) is a coordinated and comprehensive program designed to oversee and evaluate execution of the Model of Care (MOC). The QIP assists the responsible business segments in reaching their applicable goals by collaborating to develop a process for continuous collection, analysis and evaluation of performance based on the MOC. Applicable business units will utilize their respective work plans to identify, monitor, assess and improve the quality and appropriateness of care and services provided to dual-eligible members with special needs. QIP will oversee these work plans. The program’s success is accomplished by setting standards and monitoring outcomes. The QIP program utilizes the program description, the MOC, the QIP work plan, the CMS Five-Star work plan, and the annual program evaluation in order to detect whether the overall MOC structure effectively meets the beneficiaries’ unique health care needs.

14.8.2 Clinical Quality Program

Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) has a Clinical Quality Program that assists providers in improving their Quality Performance through various clinical transformation initiatives. For more info, contact the Quality Management Department toll free at 1-844-754-2451 (TTY 711), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
14.8.3 Evaluating the Effectiveness of the Model of Care

Measures of Program Effectiveness may include:

- HEDIS/Star Rating
- Member Satisfaction / Heath Outcomes Survey (HOS)
- Member Participation rate in Case Management
- Emergency Room Utilization rate
- Readmission rate
- Medication Adherence
- Provider Satisfaction
- Medical Cost Ratio / Medical Loss Ratio (MCR / MLR)
- Appeals & Grievances
- Complaints To Medicare (CTM)
- Medication Therapy Management

14.8.4 Model of Care (MOC) Measures

The Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) Quality Improvement Program (QIP) will review all relevant quality performance measures when evaluating effectiveness. The metric goal for all measures 75th National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) percentile and the benchmark is 90th NCQA percentile. Sample measures and metrics:

- All Cause Readmission Rate
- Health Needs Survey within 90 days of enrollment and annually
- Medication Therapy Management (MTM) program
- Diabetes Treatment, A1c, LDL-C, Eye Exam, Nephropathy screening
- Care for Older Adults – Medication Review, Functional Status Assessment, and Pain Screening
- Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Survey Results

14.8.5 Additional FIDE-SNP HEDIS Measures

The business segments analyze additional metrics to assist in reaching goals. The HEDIS (Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set) measures identified help assess the population and possible barriers to care. These are assessed and reassessed annually using the 50th to 75th national percentile ratings depending on the plan's performance history with that metric.

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National Institute of Health CLINICAL GUIDELINES ON THE IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION, AND TREATMENT OF OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY IN ADULTS | [http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/136/1/e275](http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/136/1/e275)  
| Perinatal Care                | Horizon BCBS of NJ, Clinical Practice Guidelines, Section Non on Preventive Health Guidelines: “Clinical Practice Guidelines for Perinatal Care  
State of New Jersey Department of Health Prenatal Care | [https://services3.horizon-bcbsnj.com/hcm/Clinical.nsf](https://services3.horizon-bcbsnj.com/hcm/Clinical.nsf)  
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# Appendix B – Glossary of Terms

The following glossary of terms is used in conjunction with this manual and in Horizon NJ Health provider contracts.

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<td>means any entity, as previously identified or as identified in the future by HMO as an affiliate, which owns or is owned by HMO, directly or indirectly, and any entity, as previously identified or as identified in the future by HMO as an affiliate, which is under common ownership, directly or indirectly, with HMO.</td>
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<td>Capitation</td>
<td>means the prospective payment for primary care services (as defined herein) made at a predetermined, monthly rate reflecting the number of persons in a primary care provider (PCP)'s panel (as defined herein).</td>
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<td>Claim</td>
<td>means a request for payment of charges for services rendered or supplied, provided by a provider to a member.</td>
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<td>Clean claim</td>
<td>means a claim that has no defect or impropriety, including any lack of required substantiating documentation or particular circumstance requiring special treatment that prevents timely payment being made on the claim. A “clean claim” is a claim, or part of a claim, which can be paid exactly as submitted without the need for further documentation or explanation.</td>
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<td>CMS</td>
<td>means the Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services of the United States government.</td>
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<td>Coinsurance</td>
<td>means a percent of the payment (as defined herein) that a member is responsible to pay for covered services.</td>
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<td>Consultation (dental)</td>
<td>means, in the case of dentistry, a referral to a dentist that provides dental services to special needs patients. A member cannot be denied access to the consultation or when needed to medically necessary services provided by that specialty provider.</td>
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<td>Contested claim</td>
<td>means a claim, or part of a claim, that has not been adjudicated because it has a material defect or impropriety. A “contested claim” is a claim, or part of a claim, which cannot be paid because further documentation or explanation is necessary before the claim can be considered a clean claim.</td>
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<td>Copayment</td>
<td>means a specified dollar amount that a member is responsible to pay for covered services.</td>
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<td>Covered service</td>
<td>means those medically necessary health care services, as set forth in the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare contract, which shall be no broader or narrower than the services to which members are entitled under the New Jersey Medicaid program unless expressly provided in the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare contract or set forth in the Provider Manual.</td>
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<td>Declined claim</td>
<td>means a claim that is not covered because the member is not a covered member, the member has not used a Horizon NJ Health network provider, the particular service is not a covered service under the member’s contract or requested information or documentation has not been submitted in a timely manner.</td>
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<td>Dental records</td>
<td>means the complete, comprehensive records of dental services, to include chief complaint, treatment needed and treatment planned to include charting of hard and soft tissue findings, diagnostic images to include radiographs and digital views and to be accessible on site of enrollees participating dentist and in the records of a facility for enrollees in a facility.</td>
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<td>Emergency services</td>
<td>shall mean health care services required to treat a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity including, but not limited to, severe pain, psychiatric disturbances and/or symptoms of substance use disorder, such that a prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in: placing the health of the individual (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy; serious impairment to bodily functions; or serious dysfunction of a bodily organ or party. With respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions, an emergency exists when there is inadequate time to affect a safe transfer to another hospital before delivery; or the transfer may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or the unborn child.</td>
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<td>Health benefit plan</td>
<td>means the contract describing the benefits partially or wholly insured, underwritten by the State of New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services and administered by Horizon NJ Health of which you have received or will receive written notice that this agreement applies.</td>
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<td>Medical emergency</td>
<td>means health care services required to treat a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity including, but not limited to, severe pain, psychiatric disturbances and/or symptoms of substance use disorder, such that a prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in: placing the health of the individual (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy; serious impairment to bodily functions; or serious dysfunction of a bodily organ or part. With respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions, an emergency exists when there is inadequate time to affect a safe transfer to another hospital before delivery; or the transfer may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or the unborn child.</td>
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<td>Member</td>
<td>means an enrolled participant in the HMO relating to the managed Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare programs.</td>
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<td>Network hospital</td>
<td>means a hospital that has a contractual arrangement with Horizon NJ Health to provide covered services for certain inpatient and outpatient hospital services.</td>
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<td>Panel</td>
<td>means the group of members who have notified Horizon NJ Health that they have selected you to be their PCP or who may be assigned to you.</td>
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<td>Participating physician</td>
<td>means a physician who has a contractual arrangement with HMO relating to the managed Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare programs.</td>
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<td>means the amount payable to you for covered services, which shall be either of the following types: (i) provider’s billed charges or Horizon NJ Health’s applicable fee, whichever is less; or (ii) capitation. You acknowledge that the type of payment generally and the type of payment for any particular covered service is determined by Horizon NJ Health and is subject to revision from time to time.</td>
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<td>Primary care provider</td>
<td>means any duly licensed medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO) who has entered into a physician agreement with the HMO relating to the managed Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare programs, and who is responsible for providing all required primary care services to enrollees, including periodic examinations, preventive health care and counseling, immunizations, diagnoses and treatment of illness or injury, coordination of overall medical care, record maintenance, initiation of referrals to specialty providers and for maintaining continuity of patient care.</td>
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| **Primary care services**     | means the following medically necessary basic health care services:  
• All primary ambulatory care visits and routine office procedures; periodic physical examinations;  
• Appropriate referrals to specialty physicians and other health care providers, who have an agreement with HMO relating to the managed Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare programs to provide services to members. In the case of a medical emergency, no prior authorization or approval is required for referral to a non-affiliated provider. Horizon NJ Health shall periodically supply to the physician a list of primary care and specialty physicians affiliated with the managed Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare programs;  
• Provision or arrangement for primary care services 24 hours a day, seven days per week;  
• Obtain lab specimens for lab studies, including pap smears and phlebotomy services; and  
• Supervise, coordinate and manage the member's care. |
| **Specialty physician**       | means a duly licensed medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO), other than a PCP, who has entered into a physician agreement with the HMO relating to the managed Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare programs, and who is responsible for providing health care services that are ordered and approved by the PCP or Horizon NJ Health. |
| **Specialty physician services** | means those medically necessary covered services provided by participating physicians, which are not primary care services.                                                                                                 |
| **You, provider, provider/subcontractor** | means the physician bound by this agreement.                                                                                                                                                                      |
# Appendix B – Glossary of Terms

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<td>Fee-for-service payment</td>
<td>shall mean the fee-for-service payments set forth in Appendix B for covered services that are ancillary services as set forth in Appendix A.</td>
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<td>Medical facility(ies)</td>
<td>means the health care facilities where a provider provides or arranges covered services for members.</td>
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<td>Medically necessary</td>
<td>means services or supplies received by a member whose HMO, through Horizon NJ Health, determines to be: (1) consistent with the symptoms or diagnosis and treatment of the member's condition, disease, ailment or injury; (2) appropriate with regard to standards of good medical practice within the community; (3) not primarily for the convenience of the member, his/her physician, hospital or other health care provider; and (4) the most appropriate supply or level of service that can be safely provided to the member in the least costly setting, or as otherwise provided in the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare contract.</td>
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<td>means the programs established by Horizon NJ Health to monitor and enhance the quality of health care services provided to members and those methodologies used to improve the effective, efficient use of the health care delivery system and covered services including, but not limited to, pre-review, concurrent review and retrospective review as well as discharge planning, as applicable, consistent with the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare contract.</td>
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<td>shall mean health care services required to treat a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity including, but not limited to, severe pain, psychiatric disturbances and/or symptoms of substance use disorder, such that a prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in: placing the health of the individual (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy; serious impairment to bodily functions; or serious dysfunction of a bodily organ or party. With respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions, an emergency exists when there is inadequate time to affect a safe transfer to another hospital before delivery; or the transfer may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or the unborn child.</td>
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Appendix C - Contract Compliance

The State of New Jersey requires that the provider/subcontractor agrees to serve enrollees in New Jersey’s managed care program and, in doing so, to comply with all of the following provisions:

1.0 Subjection of provider contract/subcontract

The provider contract/subcontract shall be subject to the applicable material terms and conditions of the contract between the contractor and the State and shall also be governed by and construed in accordance with all laws, regulations and contractual obligations incumbent upon the contractor.

2.0 Compliance with federal and state laws and regulations

The provider/subcontractor agrees that it shall carry out its obligation as herein provided in a manner prescribed under applicable federal and State laws, regulations, codes and guidelines, including New Jersey licensing board regulations, the Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare State plans, and in accordance with procedures and requirements that may from time to time be promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

3.0 Approval of provider contracts/subcontracts and amendments

The provider/subcontractor understands that the State reserves the right in its sole discretion to review and approve or disapprove this provider contract/subcontract and any amendments thereto.

4.0 Effective date

This provider contract/subcontract shall become effective only when the contractor’s agreement with the State takes effect.

5.0 Non-renewal/termination of provider/subcontract

The provider/subcontractor understands that the contractor shall notify DMAHS at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the suspension, termination or voluntary withdrawal of the provider/subcontractor from participation in the contractor’s network. If termination was “for cause,” the contractor’s notice of DMAHS shall include the reasons of the termination. Provider resource consumption patterns will not constitute “cause” unless the contractor can demonstrate that it has in place a risk adjustment system that takes into account enrollee health-related differences when comparing across providers.

6.0 Enrollee-provider communications

a. The contractor shall not prohibit or restrict the provider/subcontractor from engaging in medical communications with the provider’s/subcontractor’s patient, either explicitly or implied, nor shall any Provider Manual newsletter, directives, letters, verbal instructions or any other form of communications prohibit medical communications between the provider/subcontractor and the provider’s/subcontractor’s patient.

Providers/subcontractors shall be free to communicate freely with patients about their health status, medical care or treatment options, regardless of whether benefits for that care or treatment are provided under the contract, if the professional is acting within the lawful scope of practice. Providers/subcontractors shall be free to practice their respective professions in providing the most appropriate treatment required by their patients and shall provide informed consent within the guidelines of the law, including possible positive and negative outcomes of the various treatment modalities.

b. Nothing in this section shall be construed:

i. To prohibit the enforcement, including termination, as part of a provider contract/subcontract or agreement to which a health care provider is a party, of any mutually agreed-upon terms and conditions, including terms and conditions requiring a health care provider to participate in and cooperate with, all programs, policies and procedures developed or operated by the contractor to assure review, or improve the quality and effective utilization of health care services (if such utilization is according to guidelines or protocols that are based on clinical or scientific evidence and the professional judgment of the provider), but only if the guidelines or protocols under such utilization do not prohibit or restrict medical communications between providers/subcontractors and their patients; or

ii. To permit a health care provider to misrepresent the scope of benefits covered under this provider contract/subcontract or to otherwise require the contractor to reimburse providers/subcontractors for benefits not covered.
7.0 Restriction on termination of provider contract/subcontract by contractor

The contractor shall not terminate this provider contract/subcontract for either of the following reasons:

a. Because the provider/subcontractor expresses disagreement with the contractor’s decision to deny or limit benefits to a covered person or because the provider/subcontractor assists the covered person to seek reconsideration of the contractor’s decision; or because the provider/subcontractor discusses with a current, former or prospective patient any aspect of the patient's medical condition, any proposed treatments or treatment alternatives, whether covered by the plan or not, policy provisions of the plan, or the provider/subcontractor’s personal recommendation regarding selection of a health plan based on the provider/subcontractor’s personal knowledge of the health needs of such patients.

b. Because the provider/subcontractor engages in medical communications, either explicit or implied, with a patient about medically necessary treatment options or because the provider/subcontractor practices its profession in providing the most appropriate treatment required by its patients and provided informed consent within the guidelines of the law, including possible positive and negative outcomes of the various treatment modalities.

8.0 Termination of provider contract/subcontract by state

The provider/subcontractor understands and agrees that the State may order the termination of this provider contract/subcontract if it is determined that the provider/subcontractor:

a. Knowingly or with intent takes any action or fails to prevent an action that threatens the health, safety or welfare of any enrollee, including significant market abuses;

b. Takes any action that threatens the fiscal integrity of the Medicaid program;

c. Has its certification suspended or revoked by DOBI, DHSS and/or any federal agency or is federally debarred or excluded from federal procurement and non-procurement contracts;

d. Becomes insolvent or falls below minimum net worth requirements;

e. Seeks protection or has a proceeding brought against it involuntarily, under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code;

f. Materially breaches the provider contract/subcontract; or

g. Violates state or federal law.

9.0 Non-discrimination

The provider/subcontractor shall comply with the following requirements regarding non-discrimination:

a. The provider/subcontractor shall accept assignment of an enrollee and not discriminate against eligible enrollees because of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, age, sex or physical or mental handicap in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC 2000d, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 USC Section 94, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), 42 USC Section 12132, and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, or as otherwise provided by law or regulation.

b. ADA Compliance. The provider/subcontractor shall comply with the requirements of the ADA. In providing health care benefits, the provider/subcontractor shall not directly or indirectly, through contractual, licensing or other arrangements, discriminate against Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare beneficiaries who are “qualified individuals with a disability” covered by the provisions of the ADA. The contractor shall supply a copy of its ADA compliance plan to the provider/subcontractor. A “qualified individual with a disability,” as defined pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sec.12131, is an individual with a disability who, with or without reasonable modifications to rules, policies or practices, the removal of architectural, communication or transportation barriers, or the provision of auxiliary aids and services, meets the essential eligibility requirements for the recipient of services or the participation in programs or activities provided by a public entity. The provider/subcontractor shall submit to the State a written certification that it is conversant with the requirements of the ADA, that it is in compliance with the law and that it has assessed its provider network and certifies that the providers meet ADA requirements to the best of the provider’s/subcontractor’s knowledge. The provider/subcontractor warrants that it will hold the State harmless and indemnify the State from any liability that may be imposed upon the State as a result of any failure of the provider/subcontractor to be in compliance with this Act. Where applicable, the provider/subcontractor must abide by the provisions of section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, regarding access to programs and facilities by people with disabilities.
c. The provider/subcontractor shall not discriminate against eligible persons or enrollees on the basis of their health or mental health history, health or mental health status, their need for health care services, amount payable to the provider/subcontractor on the basis of the eligible person’s actuarial class or pre-existing medical/health conditions.

d. The provider/subcontractor shall comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the regulations (45 CFR Parts 80 and 84) pursuant to that Act, and the provisions of Executive Order 11246, Equal Opportunity, dated September 24, 1965, the New Jersey anti-discrimination laws, including those contained within N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 through N.J.S.A. 10:2-4, N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 10:5-38, and all rules and regulations issued thereunder, and any other laws, regulations or orders that prohibit discrimination on grounds of age, race, ethnicity, mental or physical disability, sexual or affectional orientation or preference, marital status, genetic information, source of payment, sex, color, creed, religion, or national origin or ancestry. The provider/subcontractor shall not discriminate against any employee engaged in the work required to produce the services covered by this provider contract/subcontract, or against any applicant for such employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, age, ancestry, sex, marital status, religion, disability or sexual or affectional orientation or preference.

e. The contractor and provider/subcontractor shall not discriminate with respect to participation, reimbursement or indemnification as to any provider who is acting within the scope of the provider's/subcontractor's license or certification under applicable State law, solely on the basis of such license or certification. This paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit an organization from including providers/subcontractors only to the extent necessary to meet the needs of the organization's enrollees or from establishing any measure designed to maintain quality and control costs consistent with the responsibilities of the organization.

f. Scope. This nondiscrimination provision shall apply to but not be limited to the following: recruitment, hiring, employment upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship included in PL 1975, Chapter 127.

g. Grievances. The provider/subcontractor agrees to forward to the Department copies of all grievances alleging discrimination against enrollees because of race, color creed, sex, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual or affectional orientation or physical or mental handicap for review and appropriate action within three business days of receipt by the provider/subcontractor.

10.0 Obligation to provide services after the period of the contractor’s insolvency and to hold enrollees and former enrollees harmless

a. The provider/subcontractor shall remain obligated to provide all services for the duration of the period after the contractor's insolvency, should insolvency occur, for which capitation payments have been made and for any hospitalized enrollee, until the enrollee has been discharged from the inpatient provider.

b. The provider/subcontractor agrees that under no circumstances (including, but not limited to, nonpayment by the contractor or the state, insolvency of the contractor or breach of agreement) will the provider/subcontractor bill; charge; seek compensation, remuneration or reimbursement from; or have recourse against enrollees or persons acting on their behalf, for covered services other than provided in this Section.

c. The provider/subcontractor agrees that this provision shall survive the termination of this agreement regardless of the reason for termination, including insolvency of the contractor, and shall be construed to be for the benefit of the contractor or enrollees.

d. The provider/subcontractor agrees that this provision supersedes any oral or written contrary agreement now existing or hereafter entered into between the provider/subcontractor and enrollees or persons acting on their behalf, insofar as such contrary agreement relates to liability for payment for or continuation of covered services provided under the terms and conditions of this continuation of benefits provision.

e. The provider/subcontractor agrees that any modification, addition, or deletion to this provision shall become effective on a date no earlier than 30 days after the approval by the State.

f. The provider/subcontractor shall comply with the prohibition against balance billing, as described within the payment-in-full provision of N.J.S.A. 30:D-6(c).
11.0 Inspection
The provider/subcontractor shall allow the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and other authorized State agencies, or their dually authorized representatives, to inspect or otherwise evaluate the quality, appropriateness and timeliness of services performed under the provider contract/subcontract and to inspect, evaluate and audit any and all books, records and facilities maintained by the provider/subcontractor pertaining to such services, at any time during normal business hours (and after business hours when deemed necessary by DHS or DHHS) at a New Jersey site designated by the State. Inspections may be unannounced for cause.

The subcontractor shall also permit the State, at its sole discretion, to conduct onsite inspections of facilities maintained by the provider/subcontractor, prior to approval of their use for providing services to enrollees.

Books and records include, but are not limited to, all physical records originated or prepared pursuant to the performance under this provider contract/subcontract, including working papers, reports, financial records and books of account, medical records, dental records, prescription files, provider contracts/subcontracts, credentialing files and any other documentation pertaining to medical, dental and nonmedical services to enrollees. Upon request, at any time during the period of this provider contract/subcontract, the provider/subcontractor shall furnish any such record or copy thereof to the Department or the Department’s External Review Organization within 30 days of the request. If the Department determines, however, that there is an urgent need to obtain a record, the Department shall have the right to demand the record in less than 30 days, but no less than 24 hours.

12.0 Medical record administration
12.1 Records maintenance
All medical records maintained by Horizon NJ Health providers must be in compliance with standards based on state and federal regulations as well as the guidelines of national accrediting agencies (i.e., NCQA, URAC).

12.2 Retention of medical records
a. Medical records must be protected against loss, destruction or unauthorized use and retained for at least 10 years after discharge of a patient or until the member reaches 23 years, whichever is longer.

b. If an audit, investigation, litigation or other action involving the records is started before the end of the retention periods, the records shall be retained until all issues arising out of the action are resolved or until the end of the retention period, whichever is later.

c. Records will be stored in appropriate areas, confidentiality will be maintained and access will be directed only to those individuals identified as needing access to the records.

d. If an enrollee disenrolls from the contract, the provider/subcontractor shall release medical records of the enrollee as may be directed by the enrollee, authorized representatives of the Department and appropriate agencies of the State of New Jersey and the federal government. Release of records shall be consistent with the provision of confidentiality expressed in Section 17, confidentially and at no cost to the enrollee.

13.0 Data reporting
The provider/subcontractor agrees to provide all necessary information to enable the contractor to meet its reporting requirements, including specifically with respect to encounter reporting. The encounter data shall be in a form acceptable to the State.

14.0 Disclosure
a. The provider/subcontractor further agrees to comply with the Prohibition on Use of Federal Funds for Lobbying provisions of the contractor’s agreement with the State.


15.0 Limitations on collection of cost-sharing
The provider/subcontractor shall not impose cost-sharing charges of any kind upon Medicaid or NJ FamilyCare A and B enrollees. Personal contributions to care for NJ FamilyCare C enrollees and copayments for NJ FamilyCare D enrollees shall be collected in accordance with the attached schedule.
16.0 Indemnification by Provider/subcontractor

a. The provider/subcontractor agrees to indemnify the State, its officers, agents and employees and enrollees and their eligible dependents from any and all claims or losses occurring or resulting from its negligence in furnishing or supplying work, services, materials or supplies in connection with the performance of this provider contract/subcontract.

b. The provider/subcontractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers, agents and employees and enrollees and their eligible dependents from liability deriving or resulting from its insolvency or inability or failure to pay or reimburse any other person, firm or corporation furnishing or supplying work, services, materials or supplies in connection with the performance of this provider contract/subcontract.

c. The provider/subcontractor agrees further that it will indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers, agents and employees and enrollees and their eligible dependents from any and all claims for services for which the provider/subcontractor receives payment.

d. The provider/subcontractor agrees further to indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers, agents and employees and enrollees and their eligible dependents from all claims, damages and liability, including costs and expenses, for violation of any proprietary rights, copyrights or rights of privacy arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use or disposition of any data furnished to it under this provider contract/subcontract, or for a libelous or otherwise unlawful matter contained in such data that the provider/subcontractor inserts.

e. The provider/subcontractor shall indemnify the State, its officers, agents and employees and enrollees and their eligible dependents from any injury, death, losses, damages, suits, liabilities judgments, costs and expenses, claims of negligence and willful acts or omissions arising out of the alleged violation of any State or federal law or regulation. The provider/subcontractor shall also indemnify the State from any claims of alleged violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act by the subcontractor/provider.

17.0 Confidentiality

a. General. The provider/subcontractor hereby agrees and understands that all information, records, data and data elements collected and maintained for the operation of the provider/subcontractor and the contractor and the Department and pertaining to enrolled persons, shall be protected from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with the provisions of 42 CFR Part 1396(a)(7)(Section 1902(a) (7) of the Social Security Act), 42 CFR Part 431, subpart F, N.J.S.A. 30:4D-7(g) and N.J.S.A. 10:49-9.4. Access to such information, records, data and data elements shall be physically secured and safeguarded and shall be limited to those who perform their duties in accordance with provisions of this provider contract/subcontract, including the Department of Health and Human Services and to such others as may be authorized by DMAHS in accordance with the applicable law. For enrollees covered by the contractor's plan who are eligible through the Division of Youth and Family Services, records must be kept in accordance with the provision under N.J.S.A. 9: 6-8.10a and 9:6-8.4 and consistent with the need to protect the enrollees’ confidentiality.

b. Enrollee-Specific Information. With respect to any identifiable information concerning an enrollee that is obtained by the provider/subcontractor, it: (a) shall not use any such information for any purpose other than carrying out the express terms of this provider contract/subcontract, (b) shall promptly transmit to the Department all requests for disclosure of such information: (c) shall not disclose, except as otherwise specifically permitted by the contract, any such information to any party other than the Department without the Department's prior written authorization specifying that the information is releasable under Title 42 CFR, Section 431, 300et seq., and (d) shall, at the expiration or termination of the contract, return all such information to the Department or maintain such information according to written procedures sent by the Department for this purpose.

c. Employees. The provider/subcontractor shall instruct employees to keep confidential information concerning the business of the State, its financial affairs, its relations with its enrollees and employees, as well and any other information, which may be specifically classified as confidential by law.
d. Medical records and management information data concerning Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled pursuant to this provider contract/subcontract shall be confidential and shall be disclosed to other persons within the provider’s/subcontractor’s organization only as necessary to provide medical care and quality peer or grievance review of medical care under the terms of this provider contract/subcontract.

e. The provisions of this article shall survive the termination of this provider contract/subcontract and shall bind the provider/subcontractor so long as the provider/subcontractor maintains any individually identifiable information relating to Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare beneficiaries.

18.0 Clinical laboratory improvement
The provider/subcontractor shall ensure that all laboratory testing sites providing services under this provider contract/subcontract have either a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) certificate of waiver or certificate of registration along with a certificate of waiver and will provide only those tests permitted under the terms of their waiver. Laboratories with certificates of registration may perform a full range of laboratory tests.

19.0 Fraud, waste and abuse
a. Billions of dollars are lost to health care fraud each year. Fraud by providers and members diverts and wastes health care dollars, threatens America’s health care system and victimizes consumers. All suspected fraudulent activity should be immediately reported to the Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ Fraud Hotline:
   Horizon BCBSNJ Fraud Hotline
   1-800-624-2048
   When reporting suspected fraud, please remember to include the names of all applicable parties involved, including the names of the provider, patient and insured individual. Specify which person you believe is committing the fraud, identify dates of service or items in question and describe, in as much detail as possible, why you believe a fraud may have been committed. If possible, include your name, telephone number and address so we can contact you if we have any questions during the investigation.
   We will treat any information you provide with strict confidentiality and will not release any medical information without lawful authorization. When reporting suspected insurance fraud, you may remain anonymous. If you opt to provide your contact information, we will attempt to maintain confidentiality to the extent legally possible.

b. The provider/subcontractor agrees to assist Horizon NJ Health as necessary in meeting its obligations under its contract with the State to identify, investigate and take appropriate corrective action against fraud and/or abuse (as defined in 42 CFR 456.2) in the provision of health care.

c. If the State has withheld payment and/or initiated a recovery action against the provider/subcontractor or withheld payments pursuant to 42 CFR 456.23 and NJAC 10:49-9.10(a), Horizon NJ Health shall have the right to withhold payments for the provider/subcontractor and/or forward those payments to the State.

20.0 Third party liability
a. The provider/subcontractor shall utilize, whenever available, and report any other public or private third party sources of payment for services rendered to enrollees.

b. Except as provided in subsection 3 below, if the provider/subcontractor is aware of third party coverage, it shall submit its claims first to the appropriate third party before submitting a claim to the contractor.

c. In the following situations, the provider/subcontractor may bill the contractor first and then coordinate with the liable third party, unless the contractor has received prior approval from the State to take other action.

   i. The coverage is derived from a parent whose obligation to pay support is being enforced by the Department of Human Services.

   ii. The claims are for prenatal care for a pregnant woman or for preventive pediatric services (including EPSDT services) that are covered by the Medicaid program.

   iii. The claims are for labor, delivery and postpartum care and do not involve provider costs associated with the inpatient provider stay.

   iv. The claim is for a child who is in DCPP support out-of-home placement.

   v. The claim involves coverage or services mentioned in 3.a, 3.b, 3.c, or 3.d above in combination with another service.

   d. If the provider/subcontractor knows that the third party will neither pay for nor provide the covered service and the service is medically necessary, the provider/subcontractor may bill the contractor, without having received a written denial from the third party.
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e. Sharing of TPL information by the provider/subcontractor.
   i. The provider/subcontractor shall notify the contractor within 30 days after learning that an enrollee has health insurance coverage not reflected in the health insurance provided by the contractor or casualty insurance coverage, or any change in the enrollee's health insurance coverage.
   ii. When the provider/subcontractor becomes aware that an enrollee has retained counsel, who either may institute or has instituted a legal cause of action for damages against a third party, the provider/subcontractor shall notify the contractor in writing, including the enrollee's name and Medicaid identification number, date of accident/incident, nature of injury, name and address of enrollee's legal representative, copies of pleadings and any other document related to the action in the provider's/subcontractor's possession or control. This shall include, but not be limited to (for each service date on or subsequent to the date of the accident/incident), the enrollee's diagnosis and the nature of the service provided to the enrollee.
   iii. The provider/subcontractor shall notify the contractor within 30 days of the date it becomes aware of the death of one of its Medicaid enrollees age 55 or older, giving the enrollee's full name, Social Security Number, Medicaid identification number, and date of death.
   iv. The provider/subcontractor agrees to cooperate with the contractor's and the State's efforts to maximize the collection of third party payment by providing to the contractor updates to the information required by this section.
A. Dental Services

Horizon NJ Health offers comprehensive dental services to NJ FamilyCare A, B, C, D, and ABP members as well as MLTSS members and Horizon NJ TotalCare (HMO SNP) members. These services include preventive, diagnostic, restorative, endodontic, periodontal, prosthodontic, oral surgical, and adjunctive dental services. Some procedures require prior authorization. When necessary, orthodontic services are age-restricted (covered for members under 21 years of age or as allowed by Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) and only approved with adequate documentation of medical necessity. Referral to a dentist is mandatory when a member reaches 1 year of age and annually thereafter.

Dental services include an initial examination and any required dental services determined to be medically necessary. A referral to a dental specialist or dentist that provides dental treatment to patients with special needs shall be allowed when a Primary Care Dentist (PCD) requires a consultation for services by that provider. Any PCP or PCD may refer a member to a participating dental specialist. All dental specialists are required to have a current NJ specialty permit and to be either board eligible or board certified. All general dentists and dental specialists are listed in the Doctor & Hospital Finder at horizonNJhealth.com/findadoctor. NJ FamilyCare C and D members are responsible for a $5 copayment for dental services with the exception of diagnostic and preventive dentistry services.

Additional diagnostic, preventive and periodontal services shall be available beyond the frequency limitations of every six months and be allowed four times a rolling year to enrollees with special needs when medical necessity for these services is documented and submitted for consideration. Documentation shall include the expected prognosis and improvement in the oral condition associated with the increased frequency for the requested service. As part of the State contract with Horizon NJ Health, members have the option to obtain a second opinion for diagnosis and treatment of dental conditions that are treated within a dental specialty.

The Plan may arrange for the member to obtain a second opinion outside the network at no cost to the member when the plan’s network of providers does not have a provider located in the member’s geo-access area to provide the services the member needs. Every effort will be made to locate an in-network provider. Members who seek self-initiated care from a nonparticipating dentist or a non-covered service will be responsible for the cost of the care.

Horizon NJ Health publishes a searchable Provider Directory at horizonNJhealth.com. All dental providers including dental specialists are listed and the information is updated daily. Printed copies of the Provider Directory are available by calling Provider Services at 1-800-682-9091.

Caries Risk Assessment is provided by the PCD and is billed using a CDT procedure code. The reimbursement will be the same regardless of the determined risk level. The risk assessment must be provided on the same date of service as the oral evaluations (D0120, D0145, and D0150) by a PCD and is linked to the provider not the member. It may be provided a second time with prior authorization and documentation of medical necessity.

The American Dental Association (ADA) Caries Risk Assessment Tool Form (Age >6) for dentist, ADA Caries Risk Assessment Tool Form (Age 0-6) for dentist, American Academy of Pediatrics Oral Health Risk Assessment Tool for PCPs and the New Jersey Orthodontic Evaluation HLD (NJ-Mod2) Index Form are available at the end of this Appendix, at horizonNJhealth.com in the For Providers tab; select Resources and then Forms.

SKYGEN USA administers dental services for Horizon NJ Health members and coordinates all precertifications for the provision of inpatient dental care. The SKYGEN USA Provider Portal is at pwp.sciondental.com. Email: providerportal@skygenusa.com

Providers who have registered for the portal can:

- Automate their office scheduling and billing
- Check patient eligibility and treatment history
- Download and print office documents
- Get paid electronically with Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
- Submit authorization requests
- Submit claims electronically
- View the status of claims and authorizations

Providers can also contact SKYGEN USA by telephone to obtain more information about covered benefits, claims, and authorizations.

SKYGEN USA: 1-855-878-5368

Paper dental claims can be mailed to:

SKYGEN USA
PO Box 299
Milwaukee, WI 53201

NJ FamilyCare C and D members are responsible for a $5 copayment for dental services with the exception of diagnostic and preventive dentistry services.
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B. Dental Director

Horizon NJ Health shall retain on staff at all times a Dental Director who is currently licensed in New Jersey as a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) or Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD). The Dental Director must have practiced in New Jersey and is responsible for:

- The development, implementation and interpretation of dental policies and procedures to guide and support the provision of dental care
- Oversight or shared oversight of dental provider recruitment activities
- Reviewing all dental provider applications and making recommendations to those with provider contracting authority regarding credentialing and recredentialing of all dental providers
- Surveillance of provider performance in their provision of dental care to members
- Administration of all Horizon NJ Health dental activities
- Continuous assessment and improvement of the quality of dental care provided to members
- Serving on the Quality Management Committee
- Oversight of dental providers’ orientation, education and in-service training
- Ensuring that adequate staff and resources are available for the provision of dental care
- The review and approval of studies and responses to DMAHS concerning quality matters
- Representing Horizon NJ Health at meetings of the DMAHS Dental Advisory Council and at local dental societies and associations
- Monitoring performance of SKYGEN USA or that of any other dental contractor or vendor; providing direction to dental contractor or vendor; ensuring that any decisions are made in a timely and clinically important manner; addressing dental issues at the level of the contractor or vendor
- Verifying on a monthly basis that dental providers and subcontractors have not been suspended, disqualified, terminated or otherwise excluded from Medicaid, Medicare, or any other federal or state health care programs
- Coordinating and conducting public appearances on Horizon NJ Health’s Care-A-Vans, the mobile health units that travel throughout New Jersey to provide on-site dental screenings to NJ FamilyCare members and community members at select events

Any dentist with certification in the following specialties: Endodontics, Oral Surgery/OMFS, Periodontics, and Prosthodontics must have, or have confirmation of application submission of, valid DEA and CDS certificates.

Mobile Dental Practice and Mobile Dental Van Definitions:

Mobile Dental Practice (utilizing portable equipment) is a provider traveling to various locations and utilizing portable dental equipment to provide dental services outside of a dental office/clinic in settings to include but not limited to facilities, schools and residences.

- Facilities: These providers are expected to provide on-site comprehensive dental care (to include intra-oral radiographs), necessary dental referrals to general dentists or specialists and emergency dental care in accordance with all New Jersey State Board of Dentistry regulations and the NJ FamilyCare MCO Contract. The sites served by the Mobile Dental Practice must allow Member access to treatment and allow for continuity of care.

- Schools: These locations are not considered a dental home and are limited to providing the following services: oral assessment/screening, prophylaxis, fluoride treatment, emergency care and referral to the member’s dental home when known or their MCO for assistance in locating a dentist.

- Private Residences and other residential settings: These providers are expected to provide on-site dental care for the homebound based on patient safety and ability to tolerate procedures outside of a clinical setting.

- The MCO is responsible for assisting the member, family, facility or school in locating a dentist when referrals are issued. Patient records must be maintained at the facility when this is a long term care facility, skilled nursing facility or school and duplicates may also be maintained in a central and secure area in accordance with State Board of Dentistry regulations. The provider must submit documentation to the MCO of all locations they visit and serve and include the days and times for each location, except when a visit is to a residence.

Mobile Dental Practice (utilizing van) is a vehicle specifically equipped with stationary dental equipment and is used to provide dental services within the van.

- Providers using a mobile dental van to render dental services must also be associated with a dental practice that is located in a “brick and mortar” facility located in New Jersey that serves as a dental home offering comprehensive care, emergency care and appropriate dental specialty referrals to the mobile dental van’s patients of record (Members). They must demonstrate their ability to render dental treatment services and assist with dental referrals as needed.

- An exception to the brick and mortar requirements can be considered for providers using mobile dental vans that demonstrate they are only providing dental services to NJ FamilyCare enrollees residing in a long term care
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facility or that are in a private residence/group home and unable to travel.

• The distance between the dental practice and the sites and locations served by the mobile dental van must not be a deterrent to the Member accessing treatment and allow for continuity of care by meeting the network standards for distance in miles as described in section 4.8.8 Provider Network Requirements.

• When a mobile dental van is used for school visits, health fairs or other one-time events, services will be limited to oral screenings, exams, fluoride varnish/topical fluoride treatment, prophylaxis and palliative care to treat an acute condition. State Board regulations must still be followed and patient records are to be maintained in accordance with State Board of Dentistry regulations.

Providers utilizing Mobile Dental Vans must submit to the MCO documentation of all locations they will visit including the days and times (except when visit is to homebound members).

Provisions will be granted for visits to a Member’s place of residence, long term care facility, skilled nursing facility or medical day care facility when medically necessary and where available. The contractor must monitor on an annual basis the standard of dental care rendered and ensure that needed referrals for dental treatment that cannot be provided by a mobile dental practice occur. Dental services may be provided in these settings through the following modalities

Noncompliant members

Contact Member Services when a member does not abide by the member responsibilities, continues with disruptive behavior at the provider's practice or refuses to comply with the recommended treatment program. Member Services will contact the member to discuss his or her responsibilities as a Horizon NJ Health member and seek to find a resolution to the situation.

Member Services: 1-800-682-9090 (TTY 711), 24 hours, seven days a week

A healthy relationship between a provider and a member is important. If the provider believes that he or she cannot have a healthy relationship with a member, the provider may ask that the member receive treatment from another provider. Other circumstances in which a provider may request that a member be changed to another provider include:

• Inability to solve conflicts between the member and his or her dentist

• If a member fails to comply with oral health care instructions, where such non-compliance prevents the dentist from safely or ethically proceeding with the member’s oral health care services

• If a member has taken legal action against the provider

C. NJ Smiles

NJ Smiles is a directory listing every pediatric and general dentist seeing children through 6 years of age who participates with Horizon NJ Health. The directory is available on horizonNJhealth.com/membersupport.

Dental services may not be limited to emergency services. Dental screening by the PCP in this context means, at a minimum, observation of tooth eruption, occlusion pattern, presence of caries, or oral infection.

a. A referral to a dentist by one year of age or soon after the eruption of the first primary tooth is mandatory and at a minimum a dental visit twice a year with follow up during well child visits to ensure that all needed dental preventive and treatment services are provided thereafter through the age of 20.

b. A referral to a dental specialist or dentist that provides dental treatment to patients with special needs shall be allowed when a PCD requires a consultation for services by that specialty provider.

Fluoride varnish application will be combined with risk assessment and referral to a dentist that treats children under the age of six and will be linked to well child visits for children through the age of six.

1. These three services will be reimbursed as an all-inclusive service billed using CPT code 99188 and can be provided up to four times a year. This frequency does not affect the frequency of this service by the dentist. Training for Caries Risk Assessment, Fluoride Varnish & Counseling is available online by visiting smilesforlifeoralhealth.org, click Learn Online then select Course Six: Caries Risk Assessment, Fluoride Varnish & Counseling.

2. PCPs are required to refer members by 12 months of age to a dentist for a dental visit. Every quarter PCPs receive a list of members that have not had a dental appointment in the past 12 months. PCPs are required to assist the member with getting a dental appointment.

3. Bidirectional communication between PCPs and PCDs is required between these provider groups.

4. Prescribing fluoride supplements is based on access and use of fluoridated public water. PCPs and PCDs should be aware of the towns that fluoridate their water. According to the NJ Dental Association, the following locations have fluoridated water:

• Atlantic County: Atlantic City, Egg Harbor City

• Burlington County: McGuire Air force base, Willingboro, Mt. Laurel, Fort Dix and Aqua

• Gloucester County: Washington
5. PCDs and PCPs are responsible to counsel parents and guardians of young children on oral health, age appropriate oral habits and safety to include what dental emergencies are and use of the emergency room for dental services.

6. The caries risk assessment service shall also be allowed by the PCD and is billed using a CDT procedure code. The reimbursement will be the same regardless of the determined risk level. The risk assessment must be provided at least once per year in conjunction with an oral evaluation service by a PCD and is linked to the provider not the member. It may be provided a second time with prior authorization and documentation of medical necessity.

D. Fluoride Varnish Provider Incentive Program

In an effort to help quell the alarming rate of early childhood caries for Horizon NJ Health members under the age of 6, Horizon NJ Health has developed a pediatric fluoride varnish program. This program encourages trained non-dental providers in pediatric practices to apply fluoride varnish to children’s teeth, perform caries risk assessments and refer our young members to a dental home.

Horizon NJ Health is offering reimbursement to trained pediatrician offices when their pediatricians, nurse practitioners or physician assistants or other trained medical staff apply fluoride varnish to the teeth of Horizon NJ Health members at well-child visits through age 5. Pediatricians will receive $15 for each fluoride varnish application up to four times a rolling year. Pediatricians are also encouraged to discuss with patients the importance of nutrition and oral hygiene and provide anticipatory guidance.

Providers will receive compensation for members under age 6 who visit a dentist within 60 days of the application of fluoride varnish. Providers receive $10 per child for dental visits within 30 days of their physician visit and $5 for dental visits within 31 to 60 days.

In order to receive CME training credit (in some cases) and collect the reimbursement, practitioners must complete the following online training and assessment:

- Go to smilesforlifeoralhealth.org and click Course Six in the right column – Caries Risk Assessment, Fluoride Varnish & Counseling.
- One provider per facility may complete the curriculum and agree to train their colleagues.
- After completing the curriculum, that provider must sign the Fluoride Varnish Attestation Form attesting that they completed the training and agree to train the other providers in their office.

Once the training is complete, the PCP should fax the attestation to 1-609-583-3024. All providers under the PCP’s TIN should be listed on the attestation form. Please use CPT code 99188. A copy of the form is on the Horizon NJ Health website in the For Providers tab, select Resources and then Forms.

Note that providers who have not completed the training are not eligible for reimbursement.

E. Dental Prior Authorization Procedures for SHCN Members to Access Care in an OR/ASC

All dental services requiring prior authorization should be submitted to:
Horizon NJ Health
PO Box 362
Milwaukee, WI 53201

When submitted prior-authorizations, remember to:

- Report CDT procedure code D9999 to request prior authorization on ADA 2012 Claim/prior-authorization form.
- Report the beneficiary’s medical condition and related diagnosis codes on office letterhead.
- Report on office letterhead how the clinical presentation of the beneficiary prevents the beneficiary from receiving dental treatment in an office or clinic setting, including reason(s) why other levels of sedation are not an option.
- Report the planned or expected treatment (e.g., oral examination, cleaning, restorative dental treatment, extractions) to be provided during the hospital visit and a summary of the beneficiary’s most recent dental history, including dental treatment provided in the last 12 calendar months.

To ensure services rendered in a hospital operating room or outpatient facility meet the criteria for medical necessity, submit an authorization for procedure code D9999 and include the required documentation supporting the treatment plan. Required documentation includes X-rays, letter of medical necessity, general anesthesia attestation form, treatment plan, diagnosis and facility ID.
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A signed informed consent along with the dental diagnosis codes are also required.

**Dental Diagnosis Codes:**
520.0, 520.1, 520.2, 520.3, 520.4, 520.5, 520.8, 520.9, 521.00, 521.01, 521.02, 521.03, 521.04, 521.05, 521.06, 521.07, 521.08, 521.09, 521.10, 521.11, 521.12, 521.13, 521.14, 521.15, 521.20, 521.21, 521.22, 521.23, 521.24, 521.25, 521.30, 521.31, 521.32, 521.33, 521.34, 521.35, 521.40, 521.41, 521.42, 521.49, 521.5, 521.6, 521.7, 521.81, 521.89, 521.9, 522.0, 522.1, 522.2, 522.3, 522.4, 522.5, 522.6, 522.8, 522.9, 523.00, 522.01, 523.10, 522.11, 523.20, 523.21, 523.22, 523.23, 523.24, 523.25, 523.30, 523.31, 523.32, 523.33, 523.40, 523.41, SHCN Clinical Criteria and Medical Exception

**ICD 10 Codes**
The codes which relate to clinical criteria for medical exceptions/disabilities/special needs are listed below:


You may submit authorizations along with any required documentation directly to Horizon NJ Health through our Provider Web Portal: pwp.sciondental.com. In an emergency, fax the authorization request for D9999 (submitted on an ADA Dental Claim form), along with all required documentation to 1-866-899-6186.

To ensure services rendered in a hospital operating room or outpatient facility meet the criteria for medical necessity, submit an authorization for procedure code D9999 and include the required documentation supporting the treatment plan. Required documentation includes X-rays, letter of medical necessity, general anesthesia attestation form, treatment plan, diagnosis and facility ID.

Providers shall be reimbursed for costs of pre-op and post-op costs related to Operating Room (OR) services. Prior authorization will not be required for restorative care. Informed consent will be obtained and OR procedures to be subject to post-payment review.

Providers may receive reimbursement for the cost of providing oral hygiene instructions to caregivers to maintain a patient’s overall oral health between dental visits. In situations where the treating dentist recommends a non-standard, specialized toothbrush to improve a member’s oral hygiene, Horizon NJ Health will include these devices as a benefit. Such provisions shall include designing and implementing a “dental management” plan, coordinated by the Horizon NJ Health Care Manager, for overseeing a patient’s oral health. A Care Manager will be assigned to members requiring these additional services and reimbursed by report to the Horizon NJ Health Dental Director.

You may submit authorizations along with any required documentation directly to Horizon NJ Health through our Provider Web Portal: pwp.sciondental.com. In an emergency, fax the authorization request for D9999 (submitted on an ADA Dental Claim form), along with all required documentation to: 1-866-899-6186.

**Prorated Basis for Dental Services**
Horizon NJ Health will pay on a prorated basis for dental services that have a dental lab component, including cast crowns, fixed and removable prosthetics, retainers, and habit appliances based on the stage of completion, if an enrollee dies or does not return to complete these services within three months from the last office visit for that service. For cast restorative and fixed prosthodontics, the prorate shall be 10 percent of the total payment for preparation of tooth with or without temporary, 85 percent of the total payment for impression and 95 percent of the total payment for completed not inserted. For removable prosthodontics, the prorate shall be 10 percent of the total payment for impression, 55 percent of the total payment for bite registration, 75 percent of the total payment for “try-in” stage and 85 percent of the total payment for completed not inserted. For appliances and retainers, the prorate shall be 10 percent of the total pay.

This information will be available in the Member Handbook and by visiting horizonNJhealth.com/for-providers.

**Prior Authorizations**
A list of dental services that require prior authorization can be obtained from SKYGEN USA at the above address or by calling 1-855-878-5368. Consideration for prior authorization shall be based on medical necessity. Consideration for prior authorization of services should consider the overall general health, patient compliance and dental history, condition of the oral cavity and complete treatment plan that is both judicious in the use of program funds and provides a clinically acceptable treatment outcome.

The dental treatment plan provided shall be in accordance with the ethical and professional standards of the dental profession and meet the same high standards of quality normally provided to the community at large.

In situations where a complex treatment plan is being considered, the provider may sequentially submit several prior authorization requests, one for each of the various stages of the treatment. Those services that require prior
Authorization are defined as “non-routine services.” Prior authorization requests cannot be transferred from one dentist to another. Horizon NJ Health will not impose an arbitrary number of attempted dental treatment visits by a Primary Care Dentist (PCD) as a condition prior to the PCD initiating any specialty referral requests. The referring dentist is not obligated to supply diagnostic documentation similar to that required for a prior authorization request for treatment services as part of a referral request. The dentist receiving the referral is not obligated to prepare and submit diagnostic materials in order to approve or reimburse for a referral.

All final decisions regarding denials of referrals, prior authorizations, treatment and treatment plans for nonemergency services shall be made by a licensed New Jersey dentist/dental specialist. Prior authorization decisions for non-emergency services shall be made within fourteen (14) calendar days or sooner as required by the needs of the member.

All dental services requiring prior authorization should be submitted to:

Horizon NJ Health
PO Box 362
Milwaukee, WI 53201

How to Submit Dental Claims Requiring Prior Authorization

Prior authorization request forms with applicable X-rays should be submitted to Horizon NJ Health. Do not staple X-rays to the forms. A copy of all dental prior authorization forms should be maintained by the dentist. Prior authorization request forms received by Horizon NJ Health will be reviewed by the dental consultant. Upon completion of the review, the dentist will be notified of a decision in writing.

All questions concerning prior authorizations may be directed to:

Horizon NJ Health
PO Box 362
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Or call: 1-855-878-5368

Horizon NJ Health has policies and procedures for prior authorization and mechanisms to ensure consistent application of service criteria for authorization decisions. Prior authorization shall be conducted by a currently licensed NJ Dentist, who is appropriately trained in the principles, procedures and standards of utilization review.

F. Dental Treatment Plan

In accordance with good dental practice, a treatment plan shall be developed and described for each patient on the ADA 2012 Claim Form following a comprehensive examination. Any dental treatment plan, including those not requiring prior authorization, may be reviewed by Horizon NJ Health dental consultants. In those instances where prior authorization is necessary, a Horizon NJ Health dental consultant may modify the dentist’s treatment plan if the documentation provided supports the provision of a different service(s) than the one(s) requested for approval. Such modifications are designed to provide dental treatment to the member that is adequate for the correction of the problem, that can be expected to last for the longest period of time and represents, in the opinion of the dental consultant(s), the most judicious application of Horizon NJ Health reimbursement. If in the professional judgment of the dentist, such modification is not appropriate, the dentist may request another review by the dental consultant. A further review by the Dental Director may be requested.

In any dental treatment plan, the dentist must discuss the proposed treatment plan and receive approval from the member and/or family member/guardian before submission for authorization, after authorization is received and prior to initiation of treatment. It is suggested that the dentist have the member sign the office records or a separate statement that the treatment plan meets with his/her approval, since no alteration of the treatment plan will be reimbursed based on the subsequent rejection of all or part of that treatment plan by the member or family member/guardian.

Consideration for development of a dental treatment plan shall be based upon the least costly treatment fulfilling the requirements of the specific situation. On the basis of post utilization review, any dental treatment plan, including those not requiring prior authorization, may be reviewed by Horizon NJ Health dental consultants to determine appropriateness of treatment. If the treatment is not appropriate, the payment shall be recovered.

Consideration for prior authorization of services should consider the overall general health, patient compliance and dental history, condition of the oral cavity and complete treatment plan that is both judicious in the use of program funds and provides a clinically acceptable treatment outcome. In situations where a complex treatment plan is being considered, the provider may sequentially submit several prior authorization requests, one for each of the various stages of the treatment.

Authorization for a dental treatment plan does not guarantee eligibility for payment under Horizon NJ Health. It is recommended that, on the first visit of each month, eligibility should be checked by calling Provider Services at 1-855-878-5368 or through the Provider Portal at pwp.sciondental.com.
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G. Continuity of Care

If a member transfers from another plan to Horizon NJ Health with an approved authorization for services, providers are required to submit this approval to obtain authorization from Horizon NJ Health to enable accurate processing of the future claim.

- Submit the new prior authorization request before expiration of the prior plan approval, or if no expiration, no more than 180 calendar days from the date of the previous approval by the previous MCO.
- Submit the new prior authorization request through normal Horizon NJ Health authorization process including evidence of the prior approval, the requested CDT codes, and CDT code D2999.
- Code D2999 is for purposes of authorization only and will not be payable on a claim.
- Please note that this does not apply to or change the existing process for comprehensive orthodontic transfer of care.

H. Orthodontic Services

The following standards and procedures apply to the provision of orthodontic services for children in NJ FamilyCare programs.

Orthodontic Consultation - A visual examination and completion of the HLD (NJ-Mod2) assessment tool by the attending provider or a provider in the same group who will be providing the service will be considered a consultation (D9310) and does not require prior authorization. The consultation can be provided once a year and will be linked to the provider and not to the patient, which allows for a second opinion with a different provider.

Pre-Orthodontic Treatment Visit - (for diagnostic workup, clinical evaluation, orthodontic treatment plan and completion of HLD (NJ-Mod2) assessment tool) is required for consideration of interceptive and comprehensive orthodontic treatment. It is provided by the attending provider or a provider in the same group who will be providing the service and includes the visual examination and completion of the HLD (NJ-Mod2) assessment tool.

For comprehensive orthodontic treatment, if the total score on the HLD (NJ-Mod2) Assessment Tool is equal to or greater than 26, the pre-orthodontic treatment work-up can proceed. A total score of less than 26 points on the HLD (NJ-Mod2) assessment tool requires that documentation of the extenuating functional difficulties and/or medical anomaly is included in the submission.

- The pre-orthodontic treatment visit does not require prior authorization and should occur with the expectation that the case will be completed prior to the client exceeding the age of eligibility for the benefit.
- This service can be provided once a year and will be linked to the provider and not to the patient.
- The pre-orthodontic treatment visit includes the consultation; therefore, consultation will not be reimbursed separately.

Orthodontic Treatment Services - Coverage for orthodontic services is based on active eligibility and age of member at time of service. Harmful Habit Appliances, Limited, Interceptive and Comprehensive orthodontic services must be prior authorized. Limited orthodontics will be considered for treatment in all of dentition’s stages and Interceptive orthodontic services will be considered for the treatment of the primary and transitional dentition. Comprehensive orthodontic services will be considered for treatment of the late transitional and permanent dentition.

Minor Treatment to Control Harmful Habits

Approval for treatment to control harmful habits when not part of a limited, interceptive or comprehensive orthodontic case will include removable or fixed appliances, insertion, all adjustments, repairs, removal, retention and treatment visits. Replacement of appliances due to loss or damage beyond repair also requires prior authorization and can be considered once for each arch or unit.

For prior authorization request a narrative to include the clinical findings, diagnosis, treatment plan, and estimated time for treatment with prognosis along with diagnostic photographs and/or models shall be submitted. Prior authorization determinations shall be made and notice provided to the provider within ten (10) days of receipt of all necessary information.

In cases where prior authorization is denied, the denial documentation must contain a detailed explanation of the reason(s) for denial; indicate whether additional information is needed and the process for reconsideration. Additionally, denial documentation must include the name and contact information of the dental consultant that reviewed and denied the treatment request which will allow the provider an opportunity to discuss the case. An approved case must be started within six (6) months of receiving the approval.

Limited Orthodontic Treatment

Limited orthodontic treatment can be considered for minor treatment to control harmful habits in the primary dentition or mixed dentition and for correction of anterior crossbite in the permanent dentition that demonstrates severe conditions as noted under 4.2.11A.

For prior authorization, the following shall be submitted:

- Narrative of clinical findings, treatment plan and estimated treatment time
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- Diagnostic photographs
- Diagnostic X-rays or digital films of the entire dentition
- Diagnostic study models or diagnostic digital study cast images with measuring tool in place to demonstrate measurement as noted on assessment tool
- The referring dentist must provide on letterhead attestation that all needed preventive and dental treatment services have been completed. A copy must be submitted with the orthodontic treatment request.

The reimbursement for the service includes the appliance, insertion, all adjustments, repairs, removal, retention and treatment visits. As a result, the case shall be completed even if eligibility is terminated. Replacement of retainers or removable appliances due to loss or damage beyond repair requires prior authorization and can be considered once for each arch without additional cost to the patient.

If it is determined that limited orthodontic treatment is part of a comprehensive treatment plan for the permanent dentition, it will be considered as part of the comprehensive case and not approved or reimbursed separately. In this case, the prior authorization should be submitted for comprehensive orthodontic treatment with an attached treatment plan that indicates the limited treatment phase.

Upon completion of the case, pre-treatment and post-treatment photographs must be submitted.

Interceptive and Comprehensive Orthodontic Treatment

For prior authorization requests the following shall be submitted:
- The completed HLD (NJ-Mod2) assessment tool
- Narrative of clinical findings for dysfunction or deformity and dental diagnosis
- The comprehensive orthodontic treatment plan and estimated treatment time
- Attestation from the referring dentist that all needed preventive and dental treatment services have been completed
- Diagnostic study models or diagnostic digital study models with measuring tool in place to demonstrate measurement as noted on HLD (NJ-Mod2) assessment tool
- Diagnostic photographs
- Diagnostic X-rays, digital X-rays or cephlometric film with tracing (when applicable); and

When applicable:
- Medical diagnosis and surgical treatment plan
- Detailed documentation from a mental health professional as described in the managed care contract indicating the psychological or psychiatric diagnosis, treatment history and prognosis and an attestation stating and substantiating that orthodontic correction will result in a favorable prognosis of the mental/psychological condition establishing medical necessity.

Interceptive Orthodontics

Approval for the interceptive treatment when not part of the comprehensive case will include all appliances, insertion, all adjustments, repairs, removal, retention and treatment visits and initial retainers. As a result, the case shall be completed even if eligibility is terminated. Replacement of retainers or removable appliances due to loss or damage beyond repair requires prior authorization and can be considered once for each arch without additional cost to the patient.

If it is determined that interceptive orthodontic treatment is part of a comprehensive treatment plan, it will be considered as part of the comprehensive case and not approved or reimbursed separately. In this case, the prior authorization should be submitted for comprehensive orthodontic treatment with an attached treatment plan that indicates the interceptive treatment phase.

Upon completion of the case, pre-treatment and post-treatment diagnostic photographs must be submitted.

Comprehensive Orthodontics

Eligibility should be checked prior to each visit.

The comprehensive case will include all appliances, insertion, all adjustments, repairs and removal as well as the retention phase of treatment. Initial retainer(s) are included with the service; however replacement of retainers or removable appliances due to loss or damage beyond repair requires prior authorization and can be considered once for each arch without additional cost to the patient.

Reimbursement for orthodontic services includes the placement and removal of all appliances and brackets; therefore, should it become necessary to remove the bands due to loss of eligibility, non-compliance or elective discontinuation of treatment by the parent, guardian or patient, the appliance can be removed at no additional charge because reimbursement for comprehensive orthodontics includes this service. In cases where treatment is discontinued, a “Release from Treatment” form must be provided by the dental office that documents the reason for discontinuing care and releases the dentist from the responsibility of completing the case. The release form must be reviewed and signed by parent/guardian and patient and a copy maintained in the patient’s records.
Beginning a Case

Prior authorization for comprehensive orthodontic treatment will only be considered for the permanent dentition. As an exception, cases with late mixed dentition will require documentation of the planned treatment for the existing primary teeth and the reason for starting treatment prior to their natural exfoliation.

In addition to submission requirements already noted, the following must be met:

- The prior authorization request to start a case must include treatment visits. Treatment visits will be considered for intervals of 12 months or visits. The maximum number of treatment visits to be considered on any one prior authorization is 23.
- Attestation from referring general dentist that all needed preventive and dental treatment services have been completed
- The case start date is considered to be the banding date, which must occur within six months of approval
- Twenty-four (24) months of active treatment are expected to be adequate to complete most cases with reimbursement for a maximum of 36 visits. This includes active and retention phase of treatment and is based on eligibility and age limit for the benefit
- If re-banding is planned, a new treatment plan, estimated treatment time and documentation to support the treatment change

A case in treatment cannot be denied if the patient is eligible for orthodontic coverage based on age.

Orthognathic Surgical Cases with Comprehensive Orthodontic Treatment

The surgical consult, treatment plan and approval for surgical case must be included with the request for prior authorization of the orthodontic services.

Prior authorization and documentation requirements are the same as those for comprehensive treatment and shall come from the treating orthodontist.

The parent/guardian and patient should understand that loss of eligibility at any time during treatment will result in the loss of all benefits and payment by the NJ FamilyCare program.

Documentation for Completion of Comprehensive Cases – Final Records

Attestation of case completion must be submitted on the provider's letterhead to document that active treatment had a favorable outcome and that the case is ready for retention. Procedure code D8680, orthodontic retention shall be submitted on the visit to remove the bands and place the case in retention.
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The following must be submitted:

• Pre-treatment and final diagnostic photographs and panoramic radiograph
• Final diagnostic study models or diagnostic digital study models

If this is not received, reimbursement provided may be recovered until required documentation is submitted.

Behavior Not Conducive to Favorable Treatment Outcomes

It is the expectation that the case selection process for orthodontic treatment take into consideration the patient’s ability over the course of treatment to:

• Tolerate the treatment
• Keep multiple appointments over several years
• Maintain an oral hygiene regimen
• Be cooperative and complete all needed preventive and treatment visits

If it is determined that the patient is exhibiting non-compliant behavior such as multiple missed orthodontic and general dental appointments, continued poor oral hygiene, and/or failure to maintain the appliances and/or untreated dental disease, a letter must be sent to the parent/guardian that documents the factors of concern and the corrective actions needed and that failure to comply can result in discontinuation of treatment with de-banding. A copy must be sent to the HMO. If the case is discontinued, the “Release from Treatment” form should be signed by parent/guardian. The reimbursement for appliance placement includes their removal; however, prior authorization to allow reimbursement can be considered when removal is by a provider that did not start the case.

I. Medical Versus Dental Services

Horizon NJ Health recognizes that medical conditions may exist that can exhibit one or more dental components. These dental components/conditions may be 1) causative to the medical situation of the patient, 2) completely unrelated, or 3) the sequelae of the medical condition or its treatment.

A physician or oral surgeon may perform procedures that may be considered medical or dental (e.g., surgical procedures for fractured jaw, removal of cyst, or provision of maxillofacial prosthetics). Please see Section 8.2 Precertification Process to obtain the authorization process or you may call the Horizon NJ Health Utilization Management Department at 1-800-682-9094.

A broad definition of dental services would be those procedures used to treat the dental structures, including primary and permanent dentition and supporting structures including the periodontium and alveolar bone.

Specific procedures that would fall under the category of dental treatment are:

• Restoration of tooth structure lost by decay, fracture, attrition or erosion using synthetic materials. This can include intra-coronal restorations, such as amalgam, gold or composite, full or partial coverage crowns and tooth strengthening and retention enhancement for endodontically treated teeth.
• Endodontic treatment of teeth, including re-treatment, if necessary, and any necessary periapical or sectioning surgical intervention
• Surgical services and post-op treatment performed on the dental supporting structures that include treatment of periodontal disease, osseous surgery and any other surgery to the periodontium
• Replacement of missing teeth using full dentures, removable partial dentures or fixed prostheses and related services
• Removal of teeth and re-implantation of teeth and associated services
• Orthodontic treatment, even if a component of an eligible medical condition or treatment

Obtain authorization by calling Horizon NJ Health’s Utilization Management Department at least five business days prior to the inpatient or outpatient procedure if the procedure requires anesthesia or is performed in an inpatient setting or non-participating ambulatory surgical center. Utilization Management Department: 1-800-682-9094

J. Member Appeals Process

Horizon NJ Health has developed and implemented appeal policies to receive and adjudicate utilization management appeals made by members or health care professionals acting on behalf of members with the member’s documented consent. This procedure will ensure timely resolution, be easily accessible and provide prompt, fair and full investigation of member appeals.

The procedure to process an appeal is as follows:

1. A member or health care professional acting on behalf of a member with the member’s documented consent may submit an appeal within 60 days of receiving a denial letter for a dental or orthodontic procedure or out-of-network provider. Hospitals may obtain consent from the covered person prior to
receiving hospital services. The consent is valid for all stages of internal and external appeals. Patients may revoke consent at any time. Members can verbally appeal adverse utilization management determinations. All appeals from a physician must be submitted with a written signed consent from the member except when the request is for an expedited resolution.

PCDs and/or all other health care professionals must provide the covered person notice of an appeal whenever an appeal is initiated and again each time the appeal is continued to the next stage, including any appeal to an IURO. All written appeals must be submitted to the following address:

Horizon NJ Health
Appeals Unit
PO Box 295
Milwaukee, WI 53201

2. A member may also make an appeal or grievance by contacting Member Services at 1-800-682-9090 for assistance with writing the appeal.

3. All appeals (regardless of level or type) must include the following information:

• Name, address and phone number (if applicable) of the member(s) and/or dentist(s)/physician(s) making the appeal
• Member identification number
• Date(s) of service
• Name(s) of dentist/physician, vendor or facility
• Specific details regarding the actions in question
• The nature and reasoning behind the appeal
• The desired outcome
• Supporting documentation, i.e., dental record
• Consent form

The procedure for handling non-Utilization Management (administrative) appeals for dental services is the same as that used for medical services. More information about the appeals process can be found in Section 10.0 (Complaint and Appeals Process) of this Manual.
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### Overall assessment of dental caries risk:

- Low
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### Patient Instructions:

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Caries Risk Assessment Form (Age >6)

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## Instructions for Caregiver: [Instructions go here]
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Oral Health Risk Assessment Tool

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has developed this tool to aid in the implementation of oral health risk assessment during health supervision visits. This tool has been subsequently reviewed and endorsed by the National Interprofessional Initiative on Oral Health.

Instructions for Use

This tool is intended for documenting caries risk of the child, however, two risk factors are based on the mother or primary caregiver’s oral health. All other factors and findings should be documented based on the child.

The child is at an absolute high risk for caries if any risk factors or clinical findings, marked with a □ sign, are documented yes. In the absence of □ risk factors or clinical findings, the clinician may determine the child is at high risk of caries based on one or more positive responses to other risk factors or clinical findings. Answering yes to protective factors should be taken into account with risk factors/clinical findings in determining low versus high risk.

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**RISK FACTORS**

- □ Mother or primary caregiver had active decay in the past 12 months
  - □ Yes □ No
- □ Mother or primary caregiver does not have a dentist
  - □ Yes □ No
- □ Continual bottle/sippy cup use with fluid other than water
  - □ Yes □ No
- □ Frequent snacking
  - □ Yes □ No
- □ Special health care needs
  - □ Yes □ No
- □ Medicaid eligible
  - □ Yes □ No

**PROTECTIVE FACTORS**

- □ Existing dental home
  - □ Yes □ No
- □ Drinks fluoridated water or takes fluoride supplements
  - □ Yes □ No
- □ Fluoride varnish in the last 6 months
  - □ Yes □ No
- □ Has teeth brushed twice daily
  - □ Yes □ No

**CLINICAL FINDINGS**

- □ White spots or visible decalcifications in the past 12 months
  - □ Yes □ No
- □ Obvious decay
  - □ Yes □ No
- □ Restorations (fillings) present
  - □ Yes □ No

**ASSESSMENT/PLAN**

**Caries Risk:**

- □ Low □ High

**Completed:**

- □ Anticipatory Guidance
- □ Fluoride Varnish
- □ Dental Referral

**Self Management Goals:**

- □ Regular dental visits
- □ Dental treatment for parents
- □ Brush twice daily
- □ Use fluoride toothpaste
- □ Wean off bottle
- □ Less/No juice
- □ Only water in sippy cup
- □ Drink tap water
- □ Healthy snacks
- □ Less/No junk food or candy
- □ No soda
- □ Xyitol

**Treatment of High Risk Children**

If appropriate, high-risk children should receive professionally applied fluoride varnish and have their teeth brushed twice daily with an age-appropriate amount of fluoridated toothpaste. Referral to a pediatric dentist or a dentist comfortable caring for children should be made with follow-up to ensure that the child is being cared for in the dental home.

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Oral Health Risk Assessment Tool Guidance

Timing of Risk Assessment

The Bright Futures/AAP “Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care,” (ie, Periodicity Schedule) recommends all children receive a risk assessment at the 6- and 9-month visits. For the 12-, 18-, 24-, 30-month, and the 3- and 6-year visits, risk assessment should continue if a dental home has not been established. View the Bright Futures/AAP Periodicity Schedule—http://forbrightfutures.aap.org/clinical_practice.html.

Risk Factors

⚠️ Maternal Oral Health

Studies have shown that children with mothers or primary caregivers who have had active decay in the past 12 months are at greater risk to develop caries. This child is high risk.

Maternal Access to Dental Care

Studies have shown that children with mothers or primary caregivers who do not have a regular source of dental care are at a greater risk to develop caries. A follow-up question may be if the child has a dentist.

Continual Bottle/Sippy Cup Use

Children who drink juice, soda, and other liquids that are not water, from a bottle or sippy cup continually throughout the day or at night are at an increased risk of caries. The frequent intake of sugar does not allow for the acid it produces to be neutralized or washed away by saliva. Parents of children with this risk factor need to be counseled on how to reduce the frequency of sugar-containing beverages in the child’s diet.

Frequent Snacking

Children who snack frequently are at an increased risk of caries. The frequent intake of sugar/refined carbohydrates does not allow for the acid it produces to be neutralized or washed away by saliva. Parents of children with this risk factor need to be counseled on how to reduce frequent snacking and choose healthy snacks such as cheese, vegetables, and fruit.

Special Health Care Needs

Children with special health care needs are at an increased risk for caries due to their diet, xerostomia (dryness of the mouth, sometimes due to asthma or allergy medication use), difficulty performing oral hygiene, seizures, gastroesophageal reflux disease and vomiting, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and gingival hyperplasia or overcrowding of teeth. Premature babies also may experience enamel hypoplasia.

Protective Factors

Dental Home

According to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD), the dental home is oral health care for the child that is delivered in a comprehensive, continuously accessible, coordinated and family-centered way by a licensed dentist. The AAP and the AAPD recommend that a dental home be established by age 1. Communication between the dental and medical homes should be ongoing to appropriately coordinate care for the child. If a dental home is not available, the primary care clinician should continue to do oral health risk assessment at every well-child visit.

Fluoridated Water/Supplements

Drinking fluoridated water provides a child with systemic and topical fluoride exposure, a proven caries reduction intervention. Fluoride supplements may be prescribed by the primary care clinician or dentist if needed. View fluoride resources on the Oral Health Practice Tools Web Page http://aap.org/oralhealth/PracticeTools.html.

Fluoride Varnish in the Last 6 Months


Tooth Brushing and Oral Hygiene

Primary care clinicians can reinforce good oral hygiene by teaching parents and children simple practices. Infants should have their mouths cleaned after feedings with a wet soft washcloth. Once teeth erupt it is recommended that children have their teeth brushed twice a day. For children under the age of 3 (until 3rd birthday) it is appropriate to recommend brushing with a smear (grain of rice amount) of fluoridated toothpaste twice per day. Children 3 years of age and older should use a pea-sized amount of fluoridated toothpaste twice a day. View the AAP Clinical Report on the use of fluoride in the primary care setting for more information http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2014/08/19/peds.2014-1699.
Instructions for Completing the New Jersey Orthodontic Evaluation HLD (NJ-Mod2) Index Form

The intent of the HLD (NJ-Mod2) Index is to measure the presence or absence and the degree of the handicap caused by the components to be scored with the index and NOT to diagnose “malocclusion”. Presence of conditions 1 through 6A or a score total equal to or greater than 26 qualifies for medical necessity exception.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Only cases with permanent dentition will be considered (see comprehensive orthodontics for exception).
- A Boley Gauge or disposable ruler scaled in millimeters should be used;
- The patient’s teeth are positioned in centric occlusion;
- All measurements are recorded and rounded off to the nearest millimeter (mm);
- For sections 1 to 6A and 15 an X is placed if the condition exists and no further scoring is needed;
- For sections 6B to 14, indicate the measurement or if a condition is absent, a 0 is entered;
- The use of an assistant to record the findings is recommended;
- Diagnostic models are required with submission of prior authorization. Casts must be properly poured, adequately trimmed without voids or bubbles and marked for centric occlusion, or
- Diagnostic Digital models may be submitted to show right and left lateral, frontal and posterior and maxillary and mandibular occlusal views to include view with measuring tool;
- Diagnostic quality photographs to show facial, frontal and profile, intra-oral front, left and right side, maxillary and mandibular occlusal views (minimum of seven views).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM COMPLETION:

1. **Cleft Palate Deformity** – acceptable documentation must include at least one of the following: intraoral photographs of the palate, written consultation report by a qualified specialist or craniofacial panel. Score an X if present.

2. **Cranio-facial Anomaly** – acceptable documentation must include written report by qualified specialist or craniofacial panel and photographs. Score an X if present.

3. **Impacted Permanent Anterior Teeth** – demonstrate that anterior tooth or teeth (incisors and cusps) is or are impacted (soft or hard tissue); not indicated for extraction and treatment planned to be brought into occlusion. Arch space available for correction. Score an X if present.

4. **Crossbite of Individual Anterior Teeth** – demonstrate that anterior teeth or tooth (incisors and cusps) is or are in crossbite resulting in occlusal trauma with excessive wear, significant mobility or soft tissue damage. Score X if present. If these conditions do not exist it is to be considered an extopic eruption.
5. **Severe Traumatic Deviation** – damage to skeletal and or soft tissue as a result of trauma or other gross pathology. Include written report and intraoral photographs. Score an X if present.

6A. **Overjet greater than 9mm or mandibular protrusion (reverse overjet) greater than 3.5** – Overjet is recorded with the patient’s teeth in centric occlusion and is measured from the labial of the lower incisors to the labial of the corresponding upper central incisors. This measurement should record the greatest distance between any one upper central incisor and its corresponding lower central or lateral incisor. If the overjet is greater than 9mm or mandibular protrusion (reverse overjet) is greater than 3.5mm, score an X if present.

6B. **Overjet equal to or less than 9mm** – overjet is recorded as in condition in 6A. The measurement is rounded to the nearest millimeter and entered on the score form.

7. **Overbite** – A pencil mark on the tooth indicating the extent of the overlap facilitates the measurement. It is measured and rounded off the nearest millimeter and entered on the score form. “Reverse” overbite may exist and should be measured and entered on the score form.

8. **Mandibular protrusion (reverse overjet) equal to or less than 3.5mm** – Mandibular protrusion (reverse overjet) is recorded as a condition in 6A and rounded to the nearest millimeter. Enter the score on the form and multiply it by five (5).

9. **Open Bite in millimeters** – This condition is defined as the absence of occlusal contact in the anterior region. It is measured from the incisal edge of a maxillary central incisor to the incisal edge of a corresponding mandibular incisor, in millimeters. Enter the measurement on the score form and multiply by four (4). If case is such that measurement is not possible, measurement can usually be estimated.

10. **Ectopic Eruption** – Count each tooth, excluding third molars. Each qualifying tooth must be more than 50% blocked out of the arch. Enter the number of qualifying teeth on the score form and multiply by three (3). If anterior crowding (see condition #11) also exists in the same arch, score the condition that scores the most points. **DO NOT COUNT BOTH CONDITIONS**. However, posterior ectopic teeth can still be counted separately from anterior crowding when they occur in the same arch.

11. **Deep Impinging Overbite** – destruction of soft tissue on palate is present. Submit intraoral photographs of tissue damage/impingement. The presence of deep impinging overbite is indicated by a score of three (3) on the score form.

12. **Anterior Crowding** – Arch length insufficiency must exceed 3.5mm. Mild rotations are not to be scored as crowded. Score one (1) for a crowded maxillary arch and/or one for a
crowded mandibular arch. Enter the total on the score form and multiply by five (5). If ectopic eruption exists in the anterior region of the same arch, count the condition that scores the most points. **DO NOT COUNT BOTH CONDITIONS.** However, posterior ectopic teeth can still be counted separately from anterior crowding when they occur in the same arch.

13. **Labio-Lingual Spread** – A Boley Gauge (or disposable ruler) is used to determine the extent of deviation from a normal arch. Where there is only a protruded or lingually displaced anterior tooth, the measurement should be made from the incisal edge of that tooth to the normal arch line. Otherwise, the total distance between the most protruded anterior tooth and the most lingually displaced adjacent anterior tooth is measured. In the event that multiple anterior crowding of teeth is observed, all deviations from the normal arch should be measured for the labio-lingual spread, but only the most severe individual measurement should be entered on the score form.

14. **Posterior Unilateral Crossbite** – This condition involves two or more adjacent teeth, one of which must be a molar. The crossbite must be one in which the maxillary posterior teeth involved may either be both palatal or both completely buccal in relation to the mandibular posterior teeth. The presence of posterior unilateral crossbite is indicated by a score of four (4) on the score form. **NO ADDITIONAL SCORE FOR BI-LATERAL CROSSBITE.**

15. **Psychological factors affecting child’s development** – This condition requires detailed documentation by a mental health provider as described in the managed care contract that contains the psychological or psychiatric diagnosis, treatment history and prognosis. An attestation from the mental health provider must state and substantiate that orthodontic correction will result in a favorable prognosis of the mental/psychological condition.
**NJ ORTHODONTIC ASSESSMENT TOOL - HLD (NJ-Mod2)**

**All needed preventive and dental treatment must be completed – attach attestation**

Name: __________________________ Medicaid ID #: __________________________
Age: _______ Sex: M / F Class/Type of Case: ___________________________
Treatment: Comprehensive / Interceptive Name of General Dentist: _______________________
Name of orthodontist:  ________________________ Billing Provider #: __________________

**Notes:** Follow instructions for completing form found in newsletter. Conditions 1-6A are automatically qualifying conditions and need no further scoring. Indicate with an X when the conditions in 1-6A or 15 are present. Conditions 6B-14 must total 26 or more.

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☐ Medical exceptions with score total less than 26 (check one)
   ____ Dental diagnosis   ____ Medical diagnosis   ____ Clinical significance or functional impairment

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