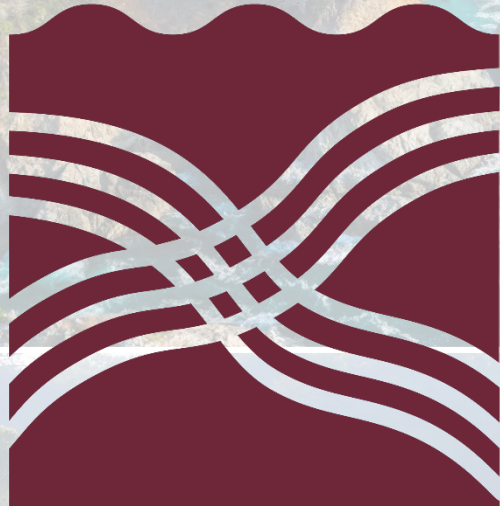


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# New Provider Orientation

Provider Relations  
January 2022

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# About Us



## **Mission:**

*To help our members, and the communities we serve, be healthy.*

## **Vision:**

*To be the most highly regarded managed care plan in California.*

# Organizational Goals

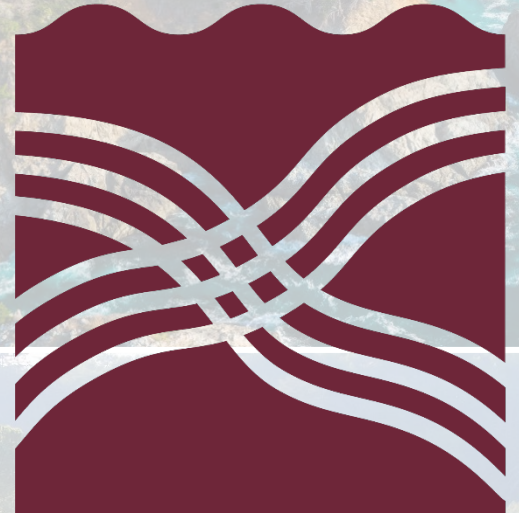




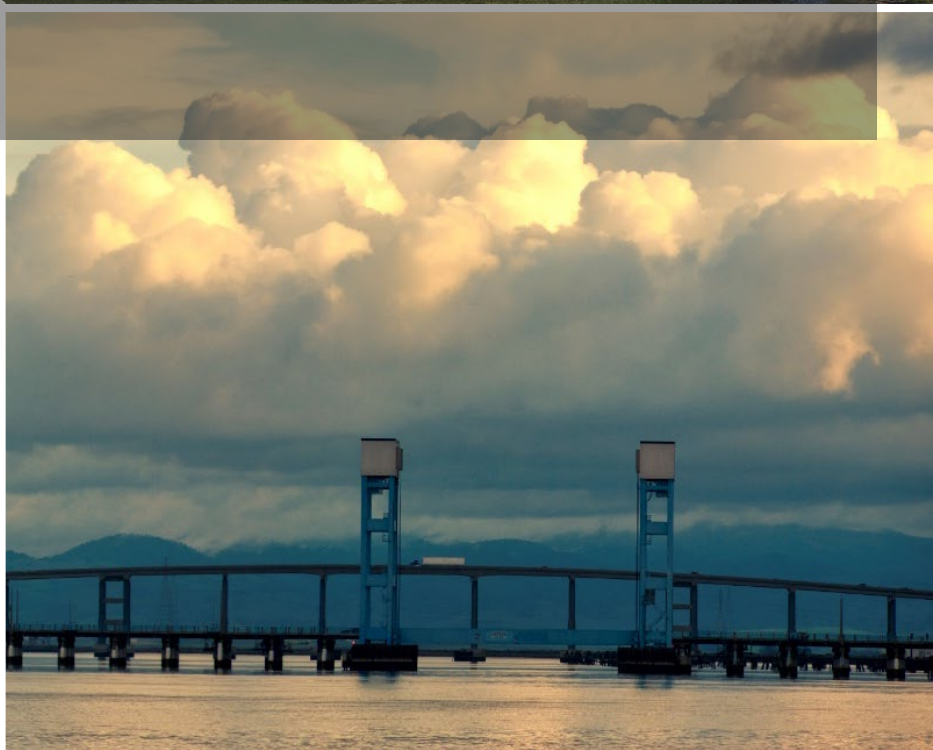
# Member Services



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# Member Services

## Member Services



In-person interpretive services are available (if patient meets criteria) by prior arrangement for hearing impaired or foreign languages

Primary Care Assignment

Member education

Over the phone interpretive services for foreign language is available for all patients

Member complaint/grievance

Issue ID cards and member literature

Eligibility verification and clarification



# Membership

## DIRECT MEMBERS

Members not assigned to a PCP are referred to as “Direct Members”

Members with a Share of Cost (SOC)

1<sup>st</sup> month eligibility, if they haven’t picked a PCP

Long Term Care (LTC) residents

Foster care children, if known to PHC

Specific medical conditions such as transplant or ESRD

Direct Members do not need RAFs

## WHO ARE OUR MEMBERS?

Medi-Cal Recipients

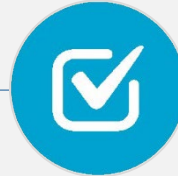
February 1, 2021 PHC, at the request of DHCS, changed special members to direct members. This is only a name change.



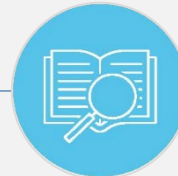
# Primary Care Provider (PCP) Assignment



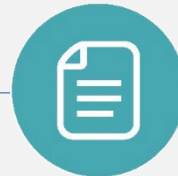
Members who are assigned to a unique PCP site are called “Case Managed” members



Members select their PCP from a list of practices that are open.



Members who do not select a PCP will be assigned based on home zip code to a practice open to new members.



The PCP is responsible for the management of patient’s care. The PCP office issues Referral Authorization Form (RAF) for specialty care.



# Accessibility

**Preventive Care** – within 10 business days of request

**Routine Care** – within 10 business days of request

**Prenatal Care** – within 10 business days of request

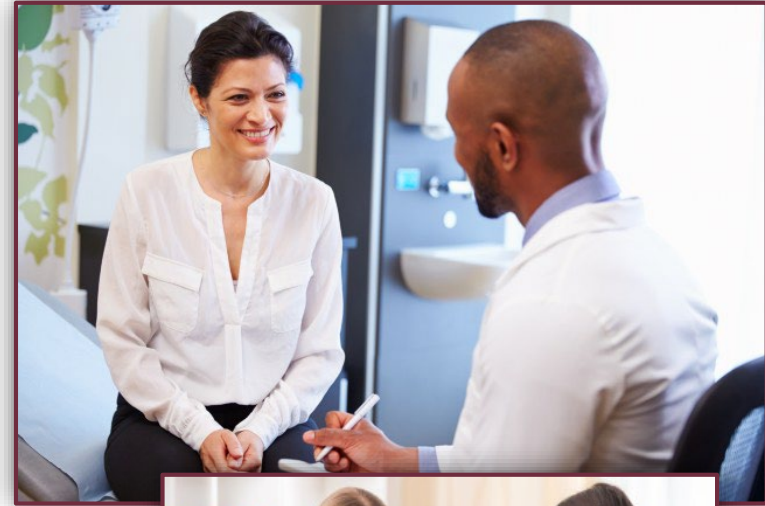
**Newborn Care** – newborns discharged from hospital should be seen within 48 hours of discharge

**Emergent Visit** – immediate treatment or referral to an appropriate emergency services provider

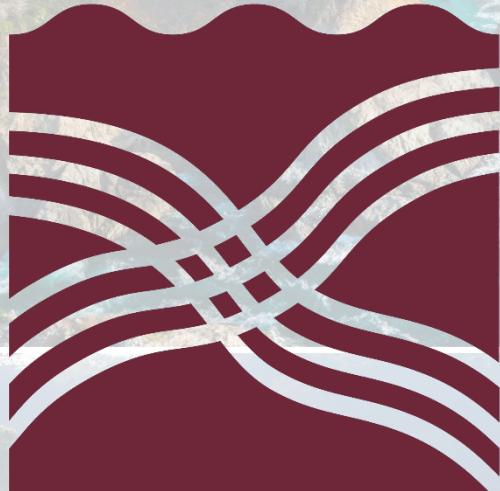
**Same Day Appointments** – open access appointments available same day or advanced access appointment scheduling if patient prefers

**Specialty Care** – within 15 business days

**Urgent Care** – within 48 hours



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# Health Services



# Health Services

## Utilization Management

- RAFs
- TARs
- (707) 863-4133

## Care Coordination

- Complex Case Management
- Disease Management Program
- Enhanced Care Management (ECM)
- (800) 809-1350

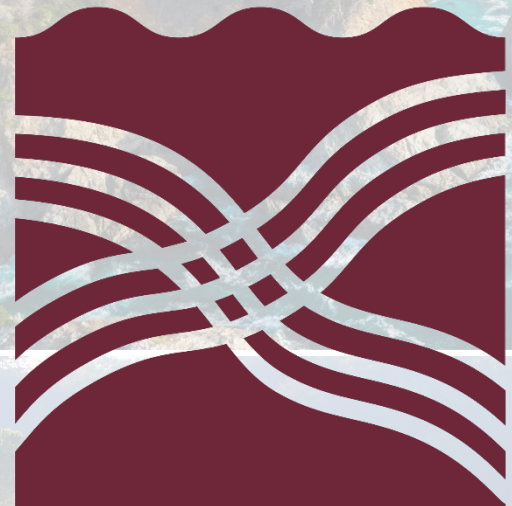
## Quality Improvement

- HEDIS
- QIP
- (707) 863-4213

## Population Health

- Health Education
- Community Outreach
- (855) 798-8764

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Claims



# How to Submit Claims

## Electronic Claims

- ✓ Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
- ✓ Submission of HIPAA-compliant 5010 version 837P File
- ✓ Preferred submission method for faster reimbursement

Contact EDI Enrollment and Testing at:

Phone: (707) 863-4527 or

[EDI-Enrollment-Testing@partnershiphp.org](mailto:EDI-Enrollment-Testing@partnershiphp.org)

## Paper Claims

- ✓ Submission of CMS-1500 format only
- ✓ Send to: Partnership HealthPlan (Medi-Cal)

P.O. Box 1368

Suisun City, CA

94585-1368

## Provider Support

- General Claims information
- Denied Claims
- Claims Submission Process
- Remittance Advice (RAs)
- CHDP
- Claims Inquiry Form (CIF)

## Services provided by EDI

- Assists providers with the set-up of electronic billing
- Supports each provider that is currently billing electronically
- Works with provider's clearing house
- 835 files
- 837 submission files

**Claims Customer Service Phone Number:**

(707) 863-4130



# Claims Mailing Addresses and Limits



**Partnership HealthPlan (Medi-Cal)**  
P.O. Box 1368, Suisun City CA 94585-1368

Billing limit = 365 days.  
This will apply to claims for date of service on or after 07/1/2014.

PCP-QIP – note to receive PCP-QIP credit, billing limit is 90 days.

Paper Claims, CIFs and Appeals can be sent to address above.

**“Clean” claims are processed within  
30 days of receipt  
Current Version CMS 1500**





# Claim Inquiry Form (CIF) and Appeals

## CIF/eCIF - 1<sup>st</sup> Level

- Use eCIF feature on the Provider Portal.
- Supporting documents can be uploaded when submitting an eCIF. Turnaround, if error free, is 45 working days.
- Providers have 6 months to eCIF from the date on original RA. Failure to eCIF within 6 months is subject to automatic denial.

## Re-CIF - 2<sup>nd</sup> Level

- Providers have a one time window of 90 days from the date of eCIF determination to re-CIF. Turnaround for re-CIFs is 45 working days.
- Paper CIF (least preferred method), Claims Inquiry Form #60-1 (03/07), can be obtained from State (Medi-Cal) who owns and maintains the form.

## Appeals - 3<sup>rd</sup> Level

- Providers may submit a claim appeal if re-CIF denied. Appeals must be submitted in writing within 90 days of the re-CIF denial.
- Must use Medi-Cal Appeal Form #90-1 (03/07). Failure to submit an appeal within 90 days will result in denial. Turnaround for Claims Appeals is 45 working days.
- Appeals must have a signature by the provider/person authorized by the provider.



# Provider Relations



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# Provider Relations

Contracting/  
network  
development

Credentialing  
activities

Provider  
education

On-site visits,  
trainings and  
meetings

Provider  
database  
directory  
maintenance

eSystems  
applications  
(Provider  
Portal)

Provider  
Newsletter  
and Bulletins

Cultural and  
Linguistic  
Services

Provider  
Dispute  
Resolution

Provider  
Manual

Electronic  
Funds  
Transfer  
(EFT) via FIS  
1-877-330-  
4950

Provider  
Support

# Provider Communication



## Provider Newsletter

<http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/Medi-Cal/Pages/default.aspx>



## Provider Bulletins

<http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/Medi-Cal/Pages/Provider-Bulletins.aspx>



## Provider Updates



## Policies

<http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/Policies/Pages/default.aspx>

**PROVIDER RELATIONS**

**Supporting our Providers**

The Provider Relations Department is responsible for supporting PHC providers in helping keep the communities we serve, be healthy. The department is responsible for contracting, credentialing, provider education and the Provider Directory. If you have any questions, please reach out to your Provider Relations Representative or call the Provider Relations Department at 707-863-4100.

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**Provider Resources**

- Provider Manuals
- Provider Bulletin
- PHC Provider Learning Portal
- Provider Representative Territory
- Provider Changes Requirements
- Cultural Competency for Providers
- Telehealth Toolkit
- New Provider Education Packet
- Interpretive Services | Adding Video App to Device
- Video App Request Form | VRI Training Video

**Provider Directory**

- Medi-Cal Provider Directory

**Policy Updates**

- 2022 Policy Updates
- 2021 Policy Updates
- 2020 Policy Updates

**Additional Resources**

- Provider Grievance Process
- BHT Provider Best Practices
- HIPAA/Fraud, Waste and Abuse
- Quality Measure Highlights
- Anti Bias Strategies for Providers

**Provider Newsletter**

- Winter 2021 Provider Newsletter
- Fall 2021 Provider Newsletter
- Summer 2021 Provider Newsletter
- Spring 2021 Provider Newsletter

**Forms**

- Common Forms
- NEMT Required Justification Form (PCS)
- Provider Request to Discharge Member
- Medicare/Medi-Cal Crossover Claim Form
- Medical Equipment Distribution Services Guidelines | Request Form | Instructions
- Growing Together Referral Form
- Referral Authorization Form (RAF)
- Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) Form
- Missed Appointment Form
- Provider Change Form
- Interested in Contracting with PHC? Click here
- PHC Contracted Providers Adding New Sites, click here
- PCP-Beacon Referral Form



# Provider Emergency Notification (PEN)

The Provider Emergency Notification (PEN) is designed for the PCP network to notify PHC the status of the site during a State of Emergency, Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS), office closure due to COVID-19 or devastation such as fire, earthquake or flood.

**It is important to send your notification e-mail the night before possible closure or before 9 a.m. the following morning.**

In an Emergency we encourage you to notify PHC of your clinic's status with the following information:

- Daily clinic status (open or closed)
- Alternative phone numbers (if applicable)

[PEN-NR@partnershiphp.org](mailto:PEN-NR@partnershiphp.org) - **Northern Region** counties (Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc, Humboldt, Trinity, Shasta, Lassen)

[PEN-SR@partnershiphp.org](mailto:PEN-SR@partnershiphp.org) - **Southern Region** counties (Mendocino, Lake, Sonoma, Napa, Yolo, Solano, Marin)

# Provider Relations Directory

On January 1, 2018, PHC launched our new searchable Online Provider Directory with interactive tools. If you believe that you have found an error email [PHCDirectory@partnershiphp.org](mailto:PHCDirectory@partnershiphp.org).


**BASIC SEARCH - PRIMARY OR SPECIALTY CARE PROVIDER**


a. Complete all required fields with a "\*" **\***


b. You can narrow your search by entering more information in other fields


c. To search for a PCP Site Location or Specialist Site Location, [click here](#)

Click [here](#) for Glossary of Terms.

\* Provider Type 


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Accepting New Patients

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Specialty 


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City 

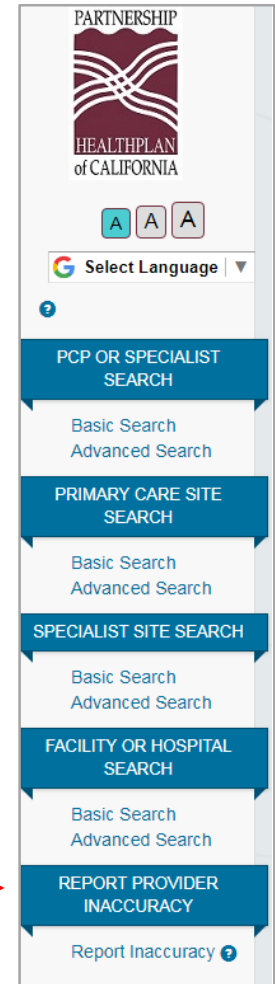
Detect My Location

Zip Code 

County 


-Select- 

The online directory is updated daily to reflect changes made the previous business day.



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Select Language 

PCP OR SPECIALIST SEARCH

Basic Search  
Advanced Search

PRIMARY CARE SITE SEARCH

Basic Search  
Advanced Search


SPECIALIST SITE SEARCH

Basic Search  
Advanced Search

FACILITY OR HOSPITAL SEARCH

Basic Search  
Advanced Search

REPORT PROVIDER INACCURACY

Report Inaccuracy 


If you find an error you can report it by clicking **Report Inaccuracy** and completing the questions.



# Provider Relations Directory

**Directory Changes** can be submitted by completing an electronic change form to the changes provider email box ([changesproviders@partnershiphp.org](mailto:changesproviders@partnershiphp.org)) or by faxing the form to (707) 863-4599. Please ensure you are keeping us up to date with provider and clinic changes, moves, additions and closures as per DHCS regulatory requirements.

**PHC must be notified 90 days prior to closing the site.**

	<b>PROVIDER INFORMATION CHANGE FORM</b>	<i>For PHC Use Only</i>
		PR Rep: <input type="text"/> PHC # <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> PCP: <input type="checkbox"/> South <input type="checkbox"/> North <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> South <input type="checkbox"/> North <input type="checkbox"/> Non Visit Directory Validation

The Change form can be found at: <http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/Medi-Cal/Documents/OnDemandTrainingWebinars/Common%20Forms/Provider%20Information%20Change%20Form.pdf>



# Staying Healthy Assessments (SHA)

The Staying Healthy Assessment (SHA) is an (IHEBA) approved by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and is designed to help determine and meet any specific behavioral health education needs the patients might require. The SHA consists of seven age-specific pediatric questionnaires and two adult questionnaires. Our threshold languages are available on PHC website as well as information on other languages.



The SHA, through its set of questionnaire can help providers identify high-risk behavior, set priorities for behavior change, and refer patients for appropriate services.

PHC wants our providers to meet state regulations. The purpose of the SHA is to ensure Medi-Cal member's healthcare needs are met.

#### Timeline Requirements:

- Age 0 -17 - Within 120 days of enrollment.
- Age 7-12 yrs - 1<sup>st</sup> Scheduled Exam, after entering new age group.
- Adults/Seniors - within 120 days of enrollment, then every 3-5 years. PCP reviews and initials.

**The state may audit your office so make sure the SHA is being utilized.**

<http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/HealthServices/Pages/SHA-Training-for-Providers.aspx>

Eureka | Fairfield | Redding | Santa Rosa

# SHA Periodicity

DHCS Form Numbers	Periodicity	Administer	Administer /Re-Administer		Review
	Age Groups	Within 120 Days of Enrollment	1 <sup>st</sup> Scheduled Exam (after entering new age group)	Every 3-5 Years	Annually (intervening Years)
DHCS 7098 A	0 – 6 Mo	√			
DHCS 7098 B	7 – 12 Mo	√	√		
DHCS 7098 C	1 - 2 Yrs	√	√		√
DHCS 7098 D	3 - 4 Yrs	√	√		√
DHCS 7098 E	5 - 8 Yrs	√	√		√
DHCS 7098 F	9 -11 Yrs	√	√		√
DHCS 7098 G	12 - 17 Yrs	√	√		√
DHCS 7098 H	Adult	√		√	√
DHCS 7098 I	Senior	√		√	√



# California Children's Services Move to Whole Child Model

**Who** – California Children's Services (CCS) members who are already assigned to Partnership HealthPlan of California

**What** – The Whole Child Model (WCM) program is intended to integrate care for CCS children and their families for CCS and non-CCS conditions through care coordination and access to care.

**Where** – PHC's 14 counties

**When** – January 19, 2019

**Why** – California law (SB 586) mandated change for PHC and counties

## What Remains the Same

- ✓ CCS Counties will continue to determine program eligibility
- ✓ CCS services, benefits, and CCS-paneled providers
- ✓ CCS program eligibility requirements
- ✓ Medical Therapy Program/Unit (MTP/MTU) operation
- ✓ Authorization and case management for CCS services for children who are **NOT** PHC members

## What Changed

PHC will provide Case Management, Utilization Management (TARs), and Integration of CCS and non-CCS services.





# Blood Lead Screening

Federal and State law *requires* clinicians caring for Medi-Cal patients to conduct blood lead screening on **all** children at 12 and 24 months of age, and to talk about potential lead exposures at **every** well child visit from 6 months to 6 years of age.

Beginning January 1, 2021 PHC will reach out to all members aged 6 months to 6 years who have no recorded blood lead screening to recommend lead screening. PHC will pass this list to Primary Care Providers (PCP) who are expected to reach out to these members to remind them to get tested.

If providers elect not to order the screening, they must:

- document in detail the reason for not conducting the screening
- include the signature of the parent/guardian who refused the screening
- or the reason the signature could not be collected

PHC offers several Improvement Programs, including the Primary Care Provider Quality Improvement Program (PCP QIP) offering financial incentives, data resources, and technical assistance to providers who serve our members so that significant improvements can be made in the following areas:

Prevention and Screening

Chronic Disease Management

Appropriate Use of Resources

Primary Care Access and Operations

Patient Experience

For more information visit:

<http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/Quality/Pages/PCPQIPLandingPage.aspx>

<http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/Medi-Cal/Pages/ProviderEducationTrainingMaterials.aspx>





# Behavior Health Treatment (BHT) for Members Under the Age of 21

PHC is responsible for providing Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services for members under the age of 21.

Services include BHT services that are determined to be medically necessary to correct or ameliorate any physical behavioral conditions.

Providers can check member eligibility online through the provider portal:  
<https://provider.partnershiphp.org/UI/Login.aspx>

Refer to the provider directory for a list of contracted BHT providers:  
<http://www.partnershiphp.org/Members/Medi-Cal/Pages/Find-a-Primary-Care-Provider.aspx>



# Developmental Screening



All children enrolled in Medi-Cal are entitled to receive developmental screening, a required service for children under the Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit.

National guidelines recommend developmental screening for all children at nine months, 18 months, and 30 months of age and as medically necessary when risk is identified on developmental surveillance.

## CPT Code 96110.KX

- Payable per year, age (2 months to <20) without a TAR.
- Used for screening that does not include one of the nine screening tools approved by DHCS.
- Autism only screening, socio-emotional screens and other must use 96110.KX
- Paid fee for service (not part of PCP capitation).

## CPT Code 96110

- Payable per year, age (2 months to <20) without TAR.
- Used for screening that includes one of the nine screening tools approved by DHCS.
- Paid fee for service (not part of PCP capitation).

# Wellness & Recovery

Starting July 1, 2020, Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC), working with seven of its 14 member counties – **Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, and Solano** – will administer the substance use disorder (SUD) services program.

**Wellness & Recovery (W&R) Program** which includes:

- Outpatient treatment (licensed professional or certified counselor, up to nine hours per week for adults)
- Intensive outpatient treatment for individuals with greater treatment needs (licensed professional or certified counselor, structured programming, nine-19 hours per week for adults)
- Detoxification services (withdrawal management)
- Residential treatment (DHCS licensed facility, certified staff)
- Medically assisted treatment (methadone, buprenorphine, disulfiram, naloxone)
- Case management
- Recovery services (aftercare)



PHC members may be screened and connected to care by calling  
**Carelon Behavioral Health:**  
**(855) 765-9703**

# Mental Health

Beacon Health Options will change its name to **Carelon Behavioral Health** on March 1, 2023. Carelon Behavioral Health provides mental health care services.



Screens, then directs members to local Carelon Behavioral Health provider if **mild to moderate impairment** is determined.



Supports member's transition between levels of care from Carelon Behavioral Health to County Mental Health or vice versa.



Offers PCPs psychiatric decision support via telephone consultation with a Carelon Behavioral Health psychiatrist.



Medication management and diagnostic clarification.



Calls related to outpatient mental health services can be connected to Carelon Behavioral Health at **(855)-765-9703**.

Visit our Mental Health Services page for more resources:

<http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/BehavioralHealth/Pages/Mental-Health-Services.aspx>

# Community Resources



Members can access health education materials and community resources online at:

<http://www.partnershiphp.org/Members/Medi-Cal/Pages/Health%20Education/Health-Education---Members.aspx>

- Support Groups
- Emergency Response
- Vision Services
- Support Groups
- Veteran Services
- Children and Families
- Dental
- Disabilities
- Clothing and Personal Care
- COVID-19
- Transportation
- Utilities

# CaAIM

The **California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CaAIM)** initiative utilizes the Medi-Cal program to help address the multifaceted challenges facing California's most vulnerable residents such as individuals experiencing homelessness, behavioral health care access, children with complex care needs, the growing number of justice-involved populations who have significant clinical needs and the growing aging population.

A member must meet the DHCS criteria and PHC ECM Policy Guidelines outlined in MCCP2032 CaAIM Enhanced Care Management.

For more information go to <http://www.partnershiphp.org/Community/Pages/CaAIM.aspx>  
For Questions please contact [CaAIM@partnershiphp.org](mailto:CaAIM@partnershiphp.org).



# Laboratory and Vision Services



## Laboratory Services

- PHC members in Marin, Napa, Sonoma, Solano and Yolo counties are capitated to Quest Diagnostics for routine lab services.
- Members in Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, and Trinity counties can visit PHC contracted providers, Quest and Lab Corp for routine lab services.



## Vision Services

- PHC members are covered through Vision Services Plan (VSP).
- Members can refer to the provider directory for a list of contracted vision providers.
- No referral is necessary
- <http://www.partnershiphp.org/Members/Medi-Cal/Pages/Find-a-Primary-Care-Provider.aspx>



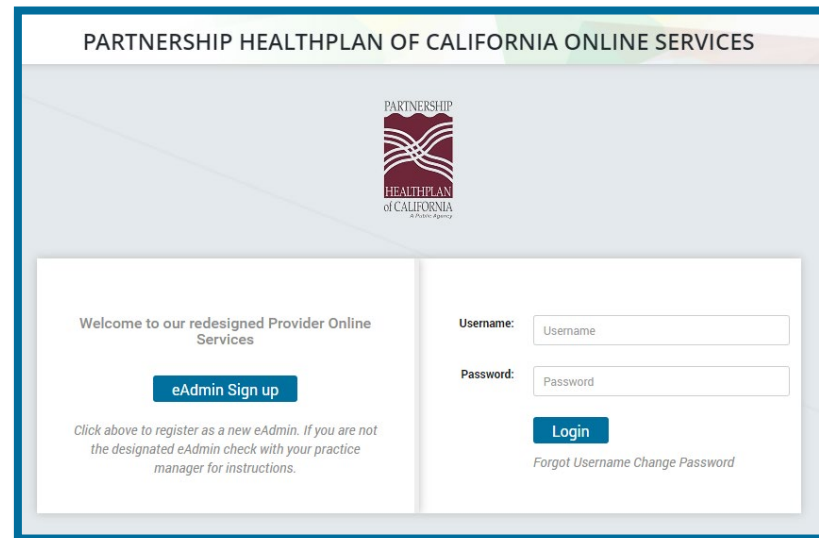
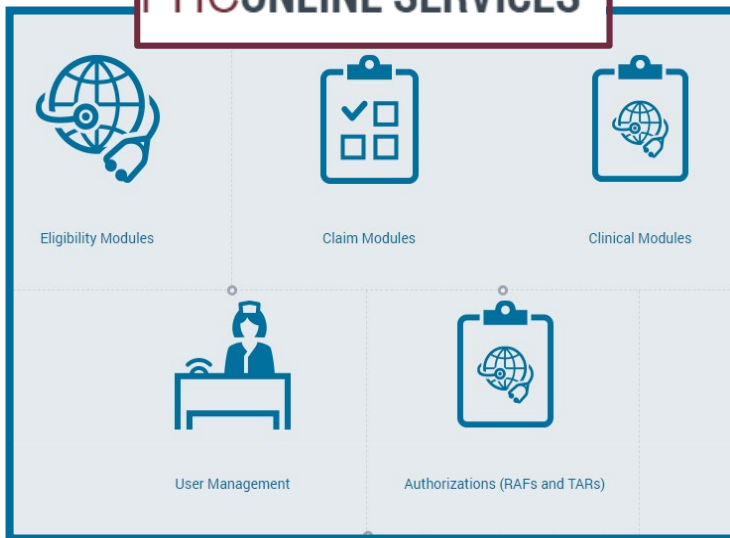
# Provider Portal



## Web-based platform for providers to:

- ✓ Check eligibility
- ✓ Capitation Reports
- ✓ Submit Referrals
- ✓ View status of authorizations
- ✓ View status of claims
- ✓ Submit eCIF (Claims Inquiry Form)

## PHCONLINE SERVICES



<https://provider.partnershipphp.org/UI/Login.aspx>

# eEligibility

Verify current and retroactive eligibility with PHC

## Identify member's PCP and other capitated entities:

<p><b>Quest Laboratories:</b> lab services</p>	<p><b>Vision Service Plan:</b> vision care</p>	<p>Hospital (if applicable)</p>	<p>Kaiser</p>	<p>Mental Health – outpatient mild-to-moderate Carelon Behavioral Health Health Options</p>
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## Verify Eligibility

<p>PHC Website <a href="https://provider.partnershiphp.org/UI/Login.aspx">https://provider.partnershiphp.org/UI/Login.aspx</a></p>	<p>(800) 557-5471 24hrs a day, 7 days a week</p>	<p>Monday thru Friday 8AM – 5PM (707) 863-4120</p>	<p>If not a PHC member contact the State of California <a href="http://www.medi-cal.ca.gov">www.medi-cal.ca.gov</a></p>
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## Referral Authorization Form

What is a RAF?

A RAF is a permission slip from PCP to a specialist when a member is capitated to a PCP

What does a RAF Cover?

RAF's only cover office visits, consultation, evaluations, follow-ups

When do I need a RAF?

A RAF is required anytime a member has an assigned PCP  
If a member switches PCP's during eligibility, a new RAF is needed from the new PCP

How long does it take PHC to review a RAF?

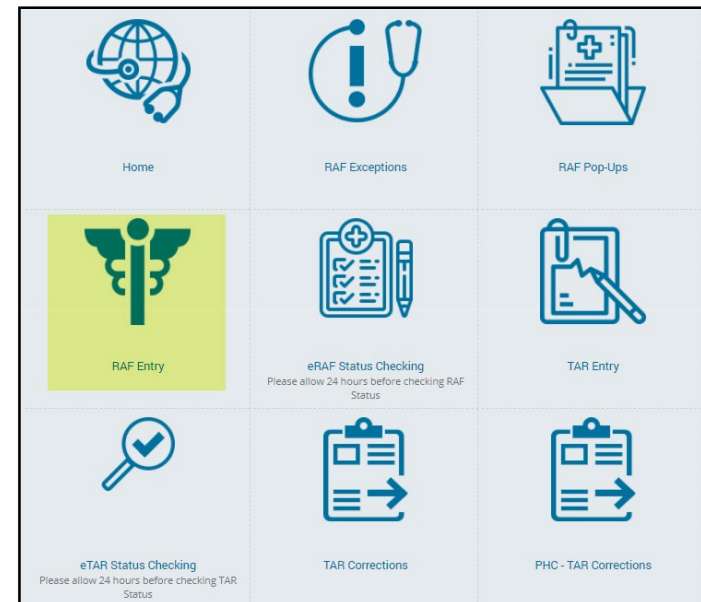
Regular RAF request can take *up to* 5 business days, 80% will auto adjudicate. "Urgent" RAFs will be reviewed with in 1 business day


Who submits the eRAF?

PCP submits eRAF on the provider portal:  
<https://provider.partnershiphp.org/UI/Login.aspx>

## Referral Authorization Form

- eRAFTs are submitted by the Primary Care Physician (PCP) to the specialist on the Provider Portal.
- PHC requires one RAF per member, per specialist.





### Cardiology

**Black – For Referral Staff**  
**Purple – For Referral Staff/Clinicians**  
**Blue – For Clinicians**

All referral requests should include:  
 Brief Summary of Relevant history (including detailed medication history), pertinent findings on physical exam, and pertinent laboratory data

**Cardiology- Chest Pain**  
 Do the following before referral, as appropriate:

- CBC, CMP, and lipid panel
- EKG (1 if normal; additional older EKG (if available) if EKG is not normal)
- Echocardiogram
- Appropriate stress test (should can be ordered before consultation): (E.g. Exercise stress test, stress echo, nuclear imaging with adenosine and/or Cardiolyte, depending on clinical scenario)

**Cardiology- Dilated Cardiomyopathy**  
 Do the following before referral, as appropriate:

- CXR
- EKG
- Echocardiogram
- CMP, CBC, TSH, HIV, BNP and lipid panel
- Urine toxicology screen

**Cardiology- Murmur of Possible Valvular Heart Disease**  
 Do the following before referral, as appropriate:

- EKG
- CXR
- Echocardiogram
- CBC, CMP and lipid panel

**Cardiology- Palpitation or syncope**  
 Do the following before referral, as appropriate:

- EKG
- Echocardiogram
- Results of 24 hour Holter monitor or event monitor or Zio Patch
- CBC, CMP, Lipid Panel and TSH

**Cardiology- Coronary Artery Disease- S/P Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) and/or Angioplasty (PCI)**  
 Do the following before referral, as appropriate:

- CBC, CMP, and lipid panel done in the past year
- EKG (1 if normal; additional older EKG (if available) if EKG is not normal)
- Echocardiogram

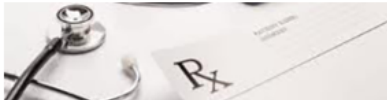
# eTAR Requirements

## UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT

The PHC Utilization Management (UM) program team serves to implement a comprehensive integrated process that actively evaluates and manages utilization of health care resources delivered to all members, and to actively pursue identified opportunities for improvement. The UM program serves our members by assuring that:

- Members receive the appropriate quantity and quality of healthcare services
- Service is delivered at the appropriate time
- The setting the service is delivered in is consistent with the medical care needs of our members

### Submitting Referrals and Authorizations



Please use our online system to submit Referral Authorization Forms (RAF) and Treatment Authorization Forms (TAR).

Click here to submit RAFs and TAR online  
[Treatment Authorization Request \(TAR\) Requirements](#)

### Forms



If online services are not available, please use RAF and TAR forms.

- Referral Authorization Form (RAF)
  - eRAF Request Form
- Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) Form
- Long-Term Care - TAR
- Behavioral Health Therapy (BHT) Fax Cover Sheet

### RAF/TAR Status



PHC's TAR/RAF inquiry system is available online.  
Click here to check RAF and TAR status.

### Endocrinology Guidelines



Project Echo  
PHC Endocrinology Referral Guidelines  
PHC Webinar: Guidelines for Endocrinology Referrals  
[Slides](#) | [Recording](#)

- Treatment Authorization Requests (TAR) are submitted by the rendering provider of the service prior to a provision of services unless emergent.

- TARs can be submitted through the Provider Portal:

<https://provider.partnershiphp.org/UI/Login.aspx>

- TAR requirements can be found on our website:

<http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/HealthServices/Pages/Utilization-Management.aspx>



# Medi-Cal Rx

As of January 1, 2022, Medi-Cal Pharmacy Benefits (Medi-Cal Rx) is administered through the Fee-For-Service (FFS) delivery system. For more information, go to <http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/Pharmacy/Pages/default.aspx>.

Magellan is the Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) for Medi-Cal Rx.

What changed?	What stayed the same?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Medi-Cal RX includes all Pharmacy services billed as a pharmacy claim, including but not limited to:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Outpatient drugs (prescription and over-the counter), including Physician if ordered from Pharmacy</li><li>✓ Administered Drugs (PADs)</li><li>✓ Enteral nutrition products</li><li>✓ Medical supplies</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The scope of existing Medi-Cal pharmacy coverage.</li><li>▪ Provision of pharmacy services billed on medical or institutional claims and/or as part of a bundled/all-inclusive billing structure in an inpatient or long-term care (LTC) setting, including Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) and other Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF), regardless of delivery system.</li><li>▪ Existing Medi-Cal managed care pharmacy carve-outs</li><li>▪ Any pharmacy services billed as a medical and/or institutional claim instead of a pharmacy claim.</li></ul>



# Compliance and Regulatory Affairs

## PRIVACY INCIDENTS

It is the acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of protected health information (PHI) in a manner not permitted under the HIPAA Privacy Rule, which compromises the security or privacy of PHI. Privacy incidents must be reported immediately even if you don't have all the details. When in doubt, report it to PHC:



Unsecure Email  
with PHI



Mistakenly sent  
fax with PHI



Computer breach



Malware detection

Report Discovery of Incident within 24 hours by:

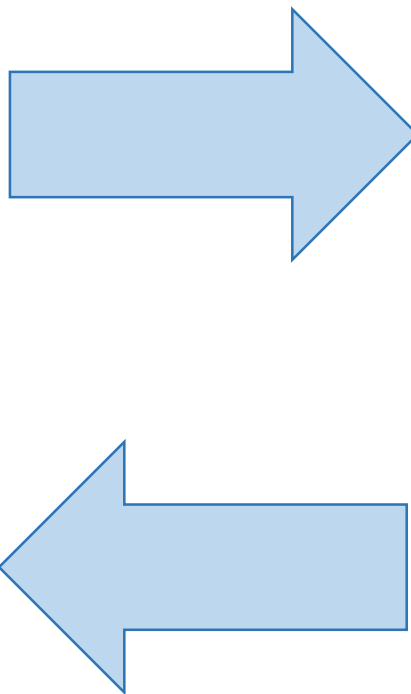
Email [RAC\\_Reporting@partnershiphp.org](mailto:RAC_Reporting@partnershiphp.org)

Fax (707) 863-4363

Anonymously at (800) 601-2146

# Data Sharing

PHC shares data with its providers through the Provider Portal and the PHC website.



PHC shares information with members through the Member Portal and the PHC website.



# Fraud, Waste and Abuse

## FRAUD

- An intentional act of deception, misrepresentation, or concealment in order to gain something of value.

## WASTE

- Over-utilization of services (not caused by criminally negligent actions) and the misuse of resources.

## ABUSE

- Excessive or improper use of services or actions that is inconsistent with acceptable business or medical practices. This refers to incidents that, although not fraudulent, they may directly or indirectly cause financial loss.

## Examples

- Charging excessive costs for services or supplies
- Billing for services at a higher rate than justified
- Providing medically unnecessary services

## Partners in Fighting Fraud

We ask our providers help us combat fraud by reporting suspicious and fraudulent activity. DHCS and CMS require us to maintain a robust anti-fraud plan and share it with our providers, members, and employees.

- PHC Anonymous Fraud Hotline (800) 601-2146
- Medi-Cal Fraud Issues (800) 822-6222
- Medicare Fraud Issues (800) 633-4221



# Contact Us

## Business hours

- Monday – Friday
- 8 AM – 5 PM

## Address

- 4665 Business Center Drive, Fairfield CA 94534

## Member Services

- (707) 863-4120

## Eligibility Verification

- (800) 557-5471

## Provider Relations

- (707) 863-4100

## PHC Website

- [www.partnershiphp.org](http://www.partnershiphp.org)

## FIS Integrated Payables (EFT)

- (800) 330-4950

## Carelon Behavioral Health

- (855) 765-9703

