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1. General Information and Requirements for Providers

The General Information and Requirements for Providers, Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook, is applicable to all provider types, and must be followed except where otherwise stated for a specific provider type. Should the handbook ever appear to contradict relevant provisions of Idaho or federal rules and regulations, the rules and regulations prevail. Any paper or digital copy of these documents is considered out of date except the version appearing on Gainwell Technologies Idaho Medicaid website.

Providers must follow their provider type or service specific handbook as located in the Provider Guidelines. Handbooks in addition to this one which always apply to providers include:

- General Billing Instructions; and
- Glossary.

Handbooks can only be used properly in context. Providers must be familiar with the handbooks that affect them and their services. The numbering in handbooks is also important to make note of as subsections rely on the content of the sections above them.

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Example

Section 1.2.3(a) The Answer requires the reader to have also read Section 1, Section 1.2 and Section 1.2.3 to be able to properly apply Section 1.2.3(a).
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References are included throughout the handbook for provider and staff convenience. Not all applicable references have been incorporated into the handbook. Not all references provided are equal in weight.

- Case Law: Includes references to court cases that established interpretations of law that states and providers would be required to follow.
- CMS Guidance: These references reflect various Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) publications that Idaho Medicaid reviewed in the formulation of their policy. The publications themselves are not required to be followed for Idaho Medicaid services.
- Federal Regulations: These references are regulations from the federal level that affected policy development. Usually these include the Code of Federal Regulations, the Social Security Act and other statutes. They are required to be followed.
- Idaho Medicaid Publications: These are communications from Idaho Medicaid to providers that were required to be followed when published. These are included in the handbook for historical reference. The provider handbook supersedes other communications unless the documents are listed in the Department’s Rules, Statutes, and Policies webpage under policies in Medicaid’s department library.
- Idaho State Plan: The State Plan is the agreement between the State of Idaho and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on how the State will administer its medical assistance program.
- Professional Organizations: These references reflect various publications of professional organizations that Idaho Medicaid reviewed in the formulation of their policy. Providers may or may not be required to follow these references, depending on the individual reference and its application to a provider’s licensure and scope of practice.
- Scholarly Work: These references are publications that Idaho Medicaid reviewed in the formulation of their policy. The publications themselves are not required to be followed for Idaho Medicaid services.
• State Regulations: These references are regulations from the state level that affected policy development. They usually include statute and IDAPA. They are required to be followed.
2. Provider Responsibilities

Providers are required to adhere to all applicable provisions of federal law including, but not limited to, the following as amended:

• Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
• Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 regarding education programs and activities;
• The Age Discrimination Act of 1975;
• Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
• The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;
• Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act;
• Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA);
• Sections 262 and 264 of Public Law 104-191;
• 42 USC Section 1320d;
• 45 CFR Subchapter C Administrative Data Standards and Related Requirements;
• False Claims Act (31USC 3729-3733);
• Section 12006(a) of the 21st Century Cures Act; and
• 42 CFR §455 Subpart B Disclosure of Information by Providers and Fiscal Agents.

Providers have the following, but not limited to, ongoing responsibilities:

• To review and abide by the contents of all Idaho Medicaid rules governing items and services under Medicaid;
• To abide by their provider agreement;
• To review and abide by the Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook;
• To review and abide by periodic provider Information Releases and other program notification issued by Medicaid such as the MedicAide Newsletter;
• To make records available to Medicaid upon request per the Documentation subsection;
• To abide by Provider Enrollment requirements including, but not limited to:
• Being licensed, certified, or registered with the appropriate state authority and to provide items and services in accordance with professionally recognized standards;
• To comply with the disclosure of Ownership and Controlling Interests;
• To keep Medicaid and Gainwell Technologies advised of the provider’s current address and telephone number per the Maintenance of Contact Information subsection;
• To sign every claim form submitted for payment or complete a signature-on-file form (including electronic signatures). See the General Billing Instructions, Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook for more information;
• To acknowledge when Medicaid is a secondary payer and agree to seek payment from other sources. See the General Billing Instructions, Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook for more information about third party liability;
• To accept Medicaid payment for any item or service as payment in full and to make no additional charge to participants or other parties for the difference. See the Participant Financial Responsibility section for more information;
• To not bill a Medicaid participant unless the item or service is non-covered or excluded by Medicaid, and the provider complies with the Participant Financial Responsibility section. See Non-Covered and Excluded Services, which includes a list of excluded services, for more information; and
• Medicaid participants cannot be billed for “no-show” or missed appointments nor can they enter into an agreement to be responsible for any resulting fees.
2.1. Employees and Contractors

Providers are responsible for the recruiting, hiring, firing, training, supervision, scheduling, and payroll for their employees, subcontractors, or agents. The Provider shall maintain general liability insurance coverage, worker’s compensation, and unemployment insurance, and shall pay all FICA taxes and state and federal tax withholding for its employees. The Provider agrees to bill only for service providers who have the qualifications required for the type of service that is being delivered.

Furthermore, providers assume sole responsibility for the actions of their employees and contractors on their behalf. This includes the accuracy of claims submitted as specified in the Idaho Medicaid Provider Agreement. The provider shall immediately repay the Department for any items or services determined to be improperly provided, documented, or claimed. In cases of suspected fraud, the Department may refer individual employees to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for further investigation and possible prosecution. Providers may also contact local law enforcement or take independent civil action against employees to recover losses caused by the employee.

2.1.1. References: Employees and Contractors

a) Idaho Medicaid Publications

2.2. Documentation

Providers are required to generate records at the time the service is delivered and maintain all records necessary to fully document the extent of services submitted for Medicaid reimbursement. This includes documentation of referrals made or received on behalf of Medicaid participants enrolled in the Healthy Connections (HC) Program. Services that haven’t been documented are considered to not have occurred and are not reimbursable. The person delivering the services and any supervising providers must legibly sign, date and time the documentation to attest that the records are a true and accurate account of the services delivered. Any records requiring amendment or corrections must be clearly and permanently identified as such while leaving the original contents of the document legible. Amendments and corrections are intended to provide clarification and cannot be used to add new services for billing or retroactively establish medical necessity. Amendments and corrections separately require the author to be clearly identified with their credentials, a signature and the date of the changes. Documentation created after a Department records request is made will not be accepted. Intentional deception or misrepresentation made with the knowledge that the deception could result in an unauthorized benefit constitutes fraud, and offending individuals will be referred for prosecution.

Handwritten or electronic signatures (including those captured by Electronic Visit Verification software certified by Sandata) are acceptable. Electronic signatures must meet the requirements in the Electronic Signatures subsection. Stamped and typed signatures are only allowed for providers with proof of a physical disability that prevents their signing. Records should be signed shortly after the service is provided with time allowed for transcription by a scribe. Signatures cannot be added to documents beyond that time frame, and scribes do not need to sign documents. If a handwritten signature is illegible, a provider may submit a signature log or attestation with requested records to support the identity of the signer. A signature log should have a typed list of provider names, titles and credentials followed by the corresponding handwritten signature. Signature attestations must be signed and dated by the author of the illegible signature. Attestations must include a statement of the document’s validity, the name and credentials of the author, the date of service being attested to and the participant’s name and Medicaid Identification Number (MID). Attestations can also be used as documentation for missing signatures.

Providers are required to retain records to document services submitted for Medicaid reimbursement for at least five years after the date of service. Upon request from the Department, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and any Department or CMS contractor providers must immediately provide documentation sufficient to substantiate the amount, duration, scope, and medical necessity of billed services. Documentation to support claims for services includes, but is not limited to, medical records, treatment plans, medical necessity justification, assessments, appointment sheets, patient accounts, financial records or other records regardless of its form or media. Medicaid may recoup the payment and apply a penalty if proper documentation cannot be produced by the provider.

Additional documentation requirements may vary by provider type and are listed in the appropriate sections of the Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook.

2.2.1. Electronic Signatures

Idaho Medicaid will accept electronic signatures for provider orders and records to meet the requirements for documentation. The individual whose name is on the electronic signature and the provider bear the responsibility for authenticity. Each provider must develop written
policies and procedures to assure complete, accurate, and authenticated records and at a minimum include:

- Security provisions to protect the use of an electronic signature by anyone other than the person to which the electronic signature belongs;
- The privacy and integrity of the record is protected;
- A list of which records will be maintained and signed electronically;
- How an e-signature code is assigned;
- How passwords are assigned and the frequency for which they are changed; and
- Access to the records for participants, the Department and others who are authorized by law.

As required by HIPAA-covered entities, the provider must ensure that the software program used is set up so that the signer cannot deny having signed the document in the future, the signer’s identity is guaranteed at the time the signature was generated, and that the document has not been altered since it was signed.

2.2.2. References: Documentation

a) CMS Guidance


b) Federal Regulations


c) Idaho Medicaid Publications


“If it is not documented, it has not been done, CMS.gov.” MedicAide Newsletter, October 2018,


d) State Regulations


2.3. Ordering, Referring and Prescribing Providers

As a condition of payment provider’s claims designated in the Provider Types and Specialties, Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook, require inclusion of an enrolled ordering, referring or prescribing (ORP) provider’s name and NPI. If the claims are submitted without an enrolled provider’s name and NPI, they will deny. Claims that come directly from Medicare to Idaho Medicaid will not require an enrolled ORP, but if the provider has to submit a claim manually it will deny without one.

Based on the State of Idaho’s medical licensing structure and statutes, the following individual provider types may order, refer, or prescribe healthcare services or supplies for participants of the Idaho Medicaid program. These services or supplies must be requested in accordance with the provider’s scope of practice and their licensure, which includes any certifications or credentials they possess. Eligible healthcare professionals are:

- Dentists;
- Licensed midwives;
- Nurse practitioners;
- Optometrists;
- Pharmacists;
- Physicians;
- Physician assistants;
- Podiatrists; and
- Psychologists (except school-based psychologists, who are exempt).

ORP providers must:

- Enroll with Idaho Medicaid as a billing provider, a non-billing ORP, or a crossover provider;
- Complete enrollment application;
- Complete Idaho Medicaid Provider Agreement; and
- Retain all documentation to support services ordered including the establishment of medical necessity for the services, equipment or supplies.

Billing providers must:

- Ensure all ORP providers are enrolled with Idaho Medicaid;
- Obtain the name and the NPI of the ORP provider and include it on claims; and
- Retain all documentation to support services billed.

Interns, students and non-licensed residents are not eligible to enroll as ORP providers. The teaching, admitting or supervising physician, however, can review their documentation and perform the order or referral on their behalf.

Note: Enrolled pharmacists will be able to prescribe and provide medical services within the specifications allowed under the Idaho Pharmacy Act. Actual billing for Idaho Medicaid payable drugs, medical supplies and services will continue to be billed under the enrolled Medicaid pharmacy or other associated business provider number.

2.3.1. References: Ordering, Referring and Prescribing Providers

a) CMS Guidance

“1.5.1.B. Ordering or Referring Physicians or Other Professionals (ORP).” Medicaid Provider Enrollment Compendium (MPEC). Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department


b) Federal Regulations

c) Idaho Medicaid Publications

d) State Regulations
2.4. Prohibition on Gifts to Participants

Providers are prohibited from offering gifts or incentives to participants and may be liable for a civil monetary penalty up to $10,000 per occurrence as well as exclusion from Federal programs for a period not to exceed ten (10) years. This includes waivers of co-payments and the transfer of items or services for free or below the fair market value. There are some allowances such as:

- Nominal gifts other than cash with a value up to $15 per item, but not more than $75 annually;
- Items or services that are offered on equal terms to the general public, regardless of insurance status;
- Payments between an employer and employee;
- Waivers of cost-sharing amounts without advertisement based on financial need;
- Incentives to promote the delivery of preventive care services for pre-natal or post-natal well-baby care or services in the Guide to Clinical Preventive Services by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF);
- Drug manufacturers that do not file claims with Medicaid; and
- A provider funded independent entity that furnishes services to the financially needy so long as the benefits are not dependent on using any particular provider’s services.

2.4.1. References: Prohibition on Gifts to Participants

a) Idaho Medicaid Publications


b) Federal Regulations


c) Office of the Inspector General Publications


2.5. Services for Immediate Family or Household Member

The Department reimburses providers based on the lesser of reasonable costs or customary charges for services and items. The definition for customary charges includes the provision for Medicare rates, which considers items and services furnished to an immediate family or household member to be without charge due to the relationship between the participant and the provider. Unless otherwise stated providers cannot be reimbursed for services rendered to a participant within their immediate family or household.

For physicians and non-physician practitioners this also includes services that would be incidental to their care. This section does not apply to a non-professional corporation regardless of the relationship with any employee, stockholder, officer or director. It does apply to a professional corporation, which is any corporation owned by healthcare professionals for the purpose of practicing medicine, midwifery, dentistry, podiatry, optometry or chiropractic care.

Providers are encouraged to consult their professional organization’s stance on these services as many organizations such as the American Medical Association consider the treatment of self or a close personal relationship to violate their ethical standards.

2.5.1. Immediate Family Definition

An immediate family member would be:

- A spouse;
- A natural, step, in-law or adopted child;
- A natural, step, in-law or adopted parent;
- A person acting in loco parentis;
- A natural, step, in-law or adopted sibling;
- A natural, step, in-law or adopted grandchild; or
- A natural, step, in-law or adopted grandparent.

The spouse of a brother-in-law or sister-in-law would not be considered an immediate family member. Familial bonds are considered to remain in effect in the event of the death of one of the parties.

2.5.2. Household Member Definition

A household member is anyone living in the provider’s residence with a relationship based on blood, adoption, marriage or employment. Roommates and renters are not considered a member of the provider’s household. However, services provided for a roommate or renter can still be excluded from reimbursement if they are an immediate family member.

2.5.3. References: Services for Immediate Family or Household Member

a) CMS Guidance

“Chapter 16 – General Exclusions from Coverage.” Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services,
b) Idaho Medicaid Publications


c) Professional Organizations


d) State Regulations


2.6. Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) Audits

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) implemented the Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) program to measure improper payments in the Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) by reviewing claim payments and participant eligibility determinations every three (3) years. CMS uses a Review Contractor (RC) to perform medical records collection, statistical calculations and medical data processing review of fee-for-service (FFS) claims. The RC will select a sample of claims and call affected providers to explain the process and establish a point of contact for the audit. The RC will then send the provider by fax or mail a written request detailing what documents are needed. Documentation must be submitted with the PERM coversheet by providers per the RC's instructions within seventy-five (75) calendar days. If the documentation submitted is insufficient to support the claim, additional documentation will be requested. Providers only have fourteen (14) days to comply with any additional requests. It is important that providers cooperate by submitting all requested documentation within the designated timeframe. Failure to provide the requested documentation in the designated time frame is in violation of Idaho Code Section 56-209h and the Idaho Medicaid Provider Agreement, which may result in disenrollment, investigation, recoupment and/or civil penalties.

The RC will have the claims and documentation reviewed by medical staff and certified coders to ensure payment was appropriate based on the Department’s policy, state and federal regulations and rules. Claims out of compliance will be recouped by the Department, and providers may be required to submit a corrective action plan to prevent the issue in the future. Additionally, the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the Medicaid Program Integrity Unit may investigate providers for suspected fraud or abuse. Providers are still entitled to their normal appeal rights with the Department.

The Department will monitor PERM audits and follow-up with providers and the RC as necessary. This includes reviewing the result of the audit and providing the RC additional information if it believes their findings are incorrect. Providers may email their State PERM contact at Jacquie.Kennedy-King@dhw.idaho.gov or CMS at PERMProviders@cms.hhs.gov for any provider specific questions.

2.6.1. References: Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM)

a) CMS Guidance


b) Federal Regulations


c) State Regulations
2.7. Prevention of Waste, Fraud and Abuse

Providers are responsible to establish, disseminate and enforce written policies to their employees, contractors and subcontractors that detect and prevent waste, fraud and abuse. Employee handbooks shall include reference to the laws in the written policies, protections for whistleblowers, and specific discussion of policies and procedures to comply with the False Claims Act of 1863 and Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. These handbooks must be available to all employees, contractors and agents.

Additionally, providers receiving payments of $5,000,000 or more must provide the Department annually with a written affidavit to attest their compliance with these laws. Each year the Division of Medicaid sends reminder letters to entities determined to meet this requirement.

Compliance with these laws is a condition of payment. Failure to comply will result in termination of your provider contract, and potential recoupment and penalties. Providers are encouraged to make use of the Office of Inspector General’s Compliance Resource Portal for best practices and complimentary trainings.

2.7.1. References: Prevention of Waste, Fraud and Abuse

a) Federal Regulations


b) Idaho Medicaid Publications


2.8. Self-Reporting Overpayments

Providers that are aware of an overpayment by the Department must immediately repay the improper amounts. If an overpayment is identified within the time frame allowed for a claim adjustment, providers should adjust their claims per the General Billing Instructions, Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook. If the overpayment is identified beyond the allowed adjustment period, providers must submit the Overpayment Form to Gainwell Technologies. Providers will be contacted by the Medicaid Program Integrity Unit within five (5) working days to discuss repayment.

Incentives are extended to providers who responsibly self-report including:
- Extended repayment terms;
- Waiver of civil monetary penalties;
  - Civil monetary penalties cannot be waived for criminal history background compliance cases, but an audit would not be done on all employees; and
- Quick resolution of overpayments.

Situations that could cause an overpayment include, but are not limited to:
- Incorrect coding or billing;
- Services provided by an unlicensed or excluded individual; and
- Claims submitted for services that didn’t occur.

2.8.1. References: Self-Reporting Overpayments

a) Idaho Medicaid Publications

3. Participant Financial Responsibility

Providers enrolled with Idaho Medicaid that provide items or services to a participant must bill any third-party liable payor and Idaho Medicaid. Any payment made by Idaho Medicaid must be accepted as payment in full. This also includes claims with third-party liability where Medicaid’s reimbursement methodology considers the third-party payment to have covered the claim in full and no additional amount is paid by Medicaid.

Unless stated otherwise by the Department (e.g. Idaho Medicaid co-pays and share of cost) no additional payment may be collected from the participant either before or after Medicaid payment, regardless of a separate contract between the participant and the provider for assumption of liability. This includes, but is not limited to:

- No-show or missed appointment fees;
- Other insurer’s co-pays;
- Failure on the part of the provider to submit a complete and correct claim to the Department or other payor;
- Failure by the provider to submit a complete and correct request for prior authorization from the Department or other payor;
- Claims voided by the provider;
- Failure of the provider to follow any payor’s policy or procedure; or
- Any recoupment or penalties the provider receives as a result of their action or inaction.

Providers may bill a participant when a third-party payment (e.g. automotive insurance adjustment) was made to the participant instead of the provider, in which case the participant may be billed for an amount equal to that payment.

Providers can bill participants for non-covered or excluded items and services. Prior to rendering services or providing items that are non-covered or excluded, providers must inform participants that what they are receiving is not covered under Medicaid. Providers may only bill non-covered and excluded services and items to the participant if the provider has notified the participant of their responsibility to pay in writing prior to rendering services. Idaho Medicaid does not have an official format, but the notice must specify the non-covered/excluded service or item, the cost of each service or item, and be signed by the participant. If the participant chooses to obtain services not covered or excluded by Medicaid, it is the participant’s responsibility to pay for the services. See the Non-Covered and Excluded Services section for more information.

Providers are exempt from the requirement to notify the participant in writing for services provided during any period where the participant was later found retroactively eligible for Medicaid coverage. However, providers must adhere to all other requirements of being a Medicaid provider. If the provider previously collected a payment that would not be allowed by Idaho Medicaid from a participant later found eligible, the payment must be refunded.

See the General Billing Instructions, Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook for more information about third-party liability, co-payments, share of cost and reimbursement methodologies.
3.1. Co-payments

Some participants may be subject to a co-pay. When verifying a participant’s eligibility a co-pay indicator of "Exempt" or $3.65 will be provided. Participants can only be charged a co-pay as specified by the provider handbook and when the reimbursement amount for the service is more than $36.50 in the Medicaid Fee Schedule.

Preventive services for wellness including exams for babies and children, immunizations or family planning services are excluded from co-pay. These services, however, are subject to a co-pay:

- Ambulance services for a non-emergency;
- Chiropractic;
- Emergency room services for a non-emergency;
- Podiatric;
- Eye and vision services provided by an optometrist;
- Physical and Occupational Therapy;
- Speech Language Pathology;
- Physician and Non-physician practitioner services;
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC); and
- Rural Health Clinics (RHC).

The provider of services is responsible for collection of the copayment. When the co-pay is applicable, the provider’s reimbursement will be reduced by the amount of the co-pay regardless of whether or not the co-pay was charged or collected by the provider. If a participant subject to a co-pay is unable to make a payment, the provider may:

- Bill the participant for the co-pay;
- For participants with incomes above 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL), refuse to provide services at that time; or
- Waive the co-pay if the provider has a written policy describing the criteria for waiving and enforcing collection of co-pays.

3.1.1. References: Co-payments

a) Federal Regulations


b) Idaho Medicaid Publications


c) State Regulations


3.2. **Share of Cost (SOC)**

Share of Cost (SOC) is a financial arrangement for a participant to pay a specific portion of the monthly costs associated with a service. Share of Cost is associated to participants with a Developmental Disability Waiver, Aged and Disabled Waiver, or Skilled Nursing Facilities or ICF/IID Facilities (i.e., Long Term Care).

There are three eligibility categories (referred to as Rate Codes):
- Rate Code 14: Developmental Disability Waiver;
- Rate Code 15: Aged and Disabled Waiver; and
- Rate Code 17: Skilled Nursing Facilities (Long Term Care) or ICF/IID Facilities.

It is the provider’s responsibility to verify the participant’s SOC each month and collect this from the participant. The provider’s allowable reimbursement will be reduced by the amount of the applicable SOC on a first claim in basis until the full amount of the SOC has been offset. Refer to [Verifying Participant Eligibility](#) and the [Eligibility Verification](#) section of the Trading Partner Account (TPA) User Guide.

Claims submitted that have applicable SOC must not span over multiple months. They must be billed within a single month on a claim.

3.2.1. **Discrepancy Contact Information**

If the participant or provider believes that the SOC amount is based on outdated or incomplete information, the participant or participant’s personal representative should contact Self Reliance at 1 (877) 456-1233 to review the information used in the SOC calculation.

If there is a variance between the SOC identified in the participant’s notification letter and what was reported on the participants SOC eligibility verification, an e-mail may be sent to SOCdiscrepancies@dhw.idaho.gov, or a fax may be sent to 1 (208) 334-5571 using the Fax Cover Sheet found on the Idaho Gainwell Technologies Medicaid website, under Gainwell Technologies Forms.

3.2.2. **Paid Claim Discrepancies**

If there is a variance between the amount of SOC offset on a claim and the amount reported during the SOC participant eligibility verification, the provider can complete the Nursing Home and Waiver Share of Cost (SOC) Review Request form e-mailed to idnursinghomes@dxc.com. This form is available online under Gainwell Technologies Forms. The instructions to fill out the form are in the same location. All fields in the forms are required.

3.2.3. **References: Participant Financial Responsibility**

a) **Federal Regulations**


b) **State Regulations**

4. Surveillance and Utilization Review

Medicaid has a statewide surveillance and utilization review program that safeguards against unnecessary utilization of care and services and excessive payments. It provides for the control of the utilization of all services provided under the plan and assesses the quality of those services.
4.1. **Provider Program Abuse**

The Medicaid Program Integrity Unit (MPIU) conducts reviews and investigations to determine whether or not a provider is incorrectly billing Medicaid. The MPIU also conducts random studies of provider payment histories to detect billing errors and over-utilization. They perform on-site visits and obtain records to verify that services billed correspond to services rendered to participants. Once services are reviewed, issues may be resolved by provider education or policy revision, recovery of funds from the provider, and/or assessment of civil monetary penalties. In more serious cases, the Department can take any or all of the following actions:

- Suspend payment pending further investigation;
- Terminate provider numbers;
- Exclude entities/individuals;
- Refer individuals/providers for criminal prosecution.

If you believe that a particular Medicaid provider is abusing the program, you may contact:

Medicaid Program Integrity Unit  
PO Box 83720  
Boise, Idaho 83720-0036  
prvfraud@dhw.idaho.gov  
Fax 1(208) 334-2026
4.2. **Retrospective Review**

A retrospective review is a determination of coverage after a claim has been submitted. It may even occur after payment has been made. Should a review find that payment for a claim was inappropriate, it may be recouped. The review checks for appropriate documentation, medical necessity, and adherence to all applicable rules, regulations, and statutes. Receipt of documentation and claim payment is not certification that the Department has conducted a review or verified the appropriateness of a claim.

Providers may appeal a finding on a retrospective review by Medicaid or its designee by requesting a reconsideration. If the provider disagrees with the result of the reconsideration, they may file a formal appeal.

4.2.1. **Reconsideration Request**

Prepare a written Request for Reconsideration including additional documentation to support the validity of your claim. Documentation may include medical records, guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Idaho Provider Handbooks, Idaho statute, or Idaho Administrative Procedure Acts (IDAPA). Resubmit to the reviewing agent within 28 days from the mailing date of the Notice of Decision.

Upon completion of the reconsideration review, Medicaid will issue a second Notice of Decision. If the provider or participant disagrees with the reconsideration decision made by Medicaid or its designee, they may file a Request for Appeal. The provider or participant has 28 days from the mailing date of the second Notice of Decision to submit a formal appeal.

4.2.2. **Appeal Request**

A formal appeal must be submitted in writing with supporting documentation within 28 days of the reconsideration’s Notice of Decision to:

Hearings Coordinator  
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Administrative Procedures Section  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0036  
FAX 1 (208) 334-6558

Documentation may be faxed but copies of the original documents must be provided to the Department in the mail. Documentation must include:

- A copy of the first Notice of Decision from the reviewing agent;
- A copy of the Request for Reconsideration from the provider;
- A copy of the second Notice of Decision from the reviewing agent showing that the request for reconsideration was performed;
- An explanation of why the reconsideration remains contested by the provider; and
- Copies of all supporting documentation.

You will be notified in writing by a Hearing Officer to set up a date, time, and location of for the hearing.
5. Services for Providers

Gainwell Technologies is the fiscal agent for the Idaho Medicaid Program. The primary objective for Gainwell Technologies is to process Medicaid claims efficiently and accurately for Idaho Medicaid providers. The Gainwell Technologies Provider Enrollment Department enrolls providers into the Idaho Medicaid Program and responds to providers’ requests for information not currently available through Idaho’s Medicaid Automated Customer Service (MACS). The Gainwell Technologies Provider Services Department helps to keep providers up-to-date on billing changes required by program policy changes implemented by the Division of Medicaid and to answer any questions regarding claims and eligibility.
5.1. **Idaho Medicaid Automated Customer Service (MACS)**

Medicaid Automated Customer Service (MACS) is the interactive voice response system (IVR) that allows a computer to recognize voice and telephone keypad inputs. MACS will allow users to access a database via a telephone touchtone keypad or by speech recognition, after which they can service their own inquiries by following the instructions. MACS will respond with prerecorded audio to further direct users on how to proceed. MACS can be used to control almost any function where the system can be broken down into a series of simple menu choices.

The following table shows the information available through MACS. The phone number for MACS is 1 (866) 686-4272.

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5.2. Information Releases

Information releases (IR) are issued to update providers on policy, billing and claims processing changes. An IR can be published at any time to the provider portal and then will be republished in the next MedicAide Newsletter. Providers are required to adhere to information communicated by an IR as part of the Compliance section of their provider agreement. The Department maintains IRs from 2001 to the present on the Information Releases webpage. IRs from before 2001 can be requested by fax or letter to:

Information Release Coordinator  
Division of Medicaid  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0036  
Fax: 208-364-1811

5.2.1. References: Information Releases

a) State Regulations

5.3. **MedicAide Newsletter**

The MedicAide newsletter is a monthly publication that communicates information to Medicaid Providers and other interested parties. The newsletter contains policy, program and billing changes as well as Information Releases published since the last edition. Providers are required to adhere to information in newsletter articles as part of the Compliance section of their provider agreement.

The newsletter is published electronically by the 5th business day of the month at Gainwell Technologies Idaho Medicaid website. Paper copies may be requested by calling 1 (866) 686-4272. Subscriptions are unavailable at this time. Back issues from May 2010 to the present are available at Gainwell Technologies website. Issues before May 2010 are available on the Department’s MedicAide Newsletter webpage.

5.3.1. **References: MedicAide Newsletter**

   a) **State Regulations**

5.4. Provider Handbooks

The *Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook* is the primary repository for policy and billing instructions. The handbook is updated periodically with program changes and to incorporate information communicated in *Information Releases* or the *Medicaid Newsletter*. Providers are required to adhere to information in the handbook as part of the Compliance section of their provider agreement. Should the handbook ever appear to contradict relevant provisions of state or federal rules and regulations, the rules and regulations prevail.

Any paper or digital copy of these documents is considered out of date except the version appearing on Gainwell Technologies Idaho Medicaid website.

5.4.1. References: Provider Handbooks

a) State Regulations

5.5. Provider Service Representatives (PSRs)

Provider service representatives are available Monday through Friday from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. Mountain Time by calling MACS at 1 (208) 373-1424 or 1 (866) 686-4272, and saying representative or rep. Gainwell Technologies provider service representatives are trained to promptly and accurately respond to requests for information on:

- Adjustments;
- Billing instructions;
- Claim status;
- Participant benefit information;
- Participant eligibility information;
- Form requests;
- Payment information;
- Provider participation status information;
- Recoupments; and
- Third party recovery information.

When calling with questions about claim status, please have the following information ready:

- Billing provider’s Idaho Medicaid provider number;
- Participant’s Medicaid identification number; and
- Date(s) of service.

When calling for questions about participant eligibility, have the following information ready:

- Billing provider’s Idaho provider number;
- Participant’s first and last name; and
- Participant’s Medicaid identification number, date of birth, or Social Security number.
5.6. Provider Relations Consultants (PRC)

Gainwell Technologies Provider Relations Consultants help keep providers up-to-date on billing changes required by program policy changes implemented by the Division of Medicaid. Provider Relations Consultants accomplish this by:

- Conducting provider workshops;
- Conducting live meetings for training;
- Visiting a provider’s site to conduct training; and
- Assisting providers with electronic claims submission.
Provider Relations Consultant (PRC) Contact Information

Region 1 and the state of Washington
1 (208) 373-1309
Region.1@dxc.com

Region 2 and the state of Montana
1 (208) 373-1326
Region.2@dxc.com

Region 3 and the state of Oregon
1 (208) 373-1475
Region.3@dxc.com

Region 4 and all other states
1 (208) 373-1351
Region.4@dxc.com

Region 5 and the state of Nevada
1 (208) 373-1357
Region.5@dxc.com

Region 6 and the state of Utah
1 (208) 373-1325
Region.6@dxc.com

Region 7 and the state of Wyoming
1 (208) 373-1408
Region.7@dxc.com
6. Provider Enrollment

Idaho Medicaid enrolls two types of providers, billing and non-billing (e.g., crossover only providers, and non-billing ordering, referring and prescribing providers). All providers wishing to participate in the Idaho Medicaid Program must first register for a Trading Partner Account (TPA) at [https://www.idmedicaid.com](https://www.idmedicaid.com) and then follow the link for the Provider Enrollment Application upon logging in. A complete application includes a Medicaid Provider Enrollment Agreement and a W-9, which must be signed by the provider and submitted with the enrollment application along with other attachments to Gainwell Technologies through the website.

Individual providers enrolling must disclose information, including, but not limited to:
- Date of birth (DOB);
- Social Security Number (SSN);
- Licensure;
- National Provider Identifier (if applicable); and
- Convictions of any criminal offense related to the person’s involvement in any program under Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIP since those programs began.

All owners, corporate officers, directors, or shareholders of legal entities to include the following: general or limited corporations; partnerships; professional corporations or associations; limited liability companies with a direct, indirect or control interest; managed care organizations AND managing employees or fiscal agents who exercise day-to-day operational or managerial control or operations must also disclose information upon enrollment in Medicaid. A disclosing entity is defined as “a Medicaid provider (other than an individual practitioner or group of practitioners), or a fiscal agent.” Disclosing entities must disclose:
- Names and addresses of any persons with an ownership or control interest in the entity;
- Names, addresses, DOBs, and SSNs of any managing employee or fiscal agent of the disclosing entity;
- Whether a person with an ownership interest is related to another person with an ownership or control interest;
- Names of other disclosing entities in which the owner, managing employee or fiscal agent has an ownership or control interest regardless of the percentage of ownership;
- Convictions of persons who have ownership or control interests in the provider entity;
- Convictions of persons who are managing employees or fiscal agents of the provider entity; and
- Whether any person with an ownership or control interest, a managing employee or a fiscal agent has voluntarily revoked, terminated or been subject to revocation or termination action of a Medicare, Medicaid or CHIP enrollment as defined by 42 CFR 455.107.

Both individuals and entities must disclose family relationships between persons with ownership or control interests in the disclosing entity.

The provider must meet all applicable state and Medicaid licensure/certification and insurance requirements to practice their profession. In addition, the provider qualification requirements for the service(s) to be provided must be met. Information supplied will be used to validate credentials. Other certification/licensure and proof of insurance may be required as provided for in IDAPA 16.03.09, “Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits” and IDAPA 16.03.10, “Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits”.

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Continued provider participation is contingent on the ongoing maintenance of such licensure/certification and proof of insurance. The loss of, or failure to renew, the required license/certification and proof of insurance is cause to terminate a provider’s participation in the Idaho Medicaid Program.

Additional information about Idaho administrative rules is available on Access Idaho at the Legislative Branch link under the Government heading. See Appendix A Provider Agreement Example for provisions that apply to all providers.
6.1. Non-billing Ordering, Referring and Prescribing Providers

Healthcare professionals that do not wish to be Medicaid providers can instead choose to enroll as non-billing entities for the sole purpose of ordering services and items. This allows participants to fill prescriptions or an Idaho Medicaid provider to accept a referral. Providers wishing to enroll as non-billing ordering, referring and prescribing providers must complete an enrollment application, sign the Idaho Medicaid Provider Agreement, and retain all documentation to support services ordered including the establishment of medical necessity. The Department has established a streamlined process to enroll non-billing individuals whose only relationship with the Idaho Medicaid program is to refer for specialized care or order items or services. This enrollment is for individuals only, not facilities or group provider entities. Call Idaho Medicaid Provider Enrollment toll free at 1 (866) 686-4272 for a non-billing provider enrollment form. This enrollment method is not for individuals who want to submit claims to Idaho Medicaid for reimbursement for their services. If an enrolled non-billing provider later chooses to start billing Idaho Medicaid, they can contact Provider Enrollment for instructions on converting their account.

6.1.1. References: Non-billing Ordering, Referring and Prescribing Providers

a) CMS Guidance


b) Federal Regulations


c) Idaho Medicaid Publications


6.2. Crossover Only Providers

Healthcare professionals that do not wish to be a Medicaid provider can instead choose to enroll as crossover only providers to receive coinsurance and deductible payments for participants dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. Enrollment as a crossover only provider also allows the professional to be an ordering, referring and prescribing provider so long as they meet all other the requirements. This enrollment option is not for individuals who want to submit claims to Idaho Medicaid for reimbursement for non-Medicare services or participants with Medicaid only.

Providers wishing to enroll as a crossover only provider must complete an enrollment application with their Medicare certification, sign the Idaho Medicaid Provider Agreement, and retain all documentation to support services ordered including the establishment of medical necessity. This enrollment is for professional services only. If an enrolled provider later chooses to start billing Idaho Medicaid for these services, they can contact Provider Enrollment for instructions on converting their account.

See General Billing Instructions, Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook for more information about reimbursement for participants dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.

6.2.1. Mental Health Clinics

Idaho Medicaid’s outpatient mental health and substance use disorder services are usually covered under the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan (IBHP) with benefits administered under contract by Optum Idaho. However, participants with only Medicare Coinsurance and Deductible eligibility, benefits are not received under the IBHP. Mental Health Clinics providing services to these participants are reimbursed through Fee-For-Service Medicaid. The clinic must enroll as a crossover only provider with a group NPI or service location with all Medicare certified staff as rendering providers (e.g. Licensed Clinical Social Workers).
6.3. Medicaid Provider Identification Numbers

6.3.1. Individual Provider Numbers
The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a requirement of HIPAA. The NPI must be used on all electronic claims and will identify healthcare providers to health plans with a unique 10-digit numeric provider identifier. An NPI can only be associated to one Tax ID, but a Tax ID can be associated to many NPI numbers or Idaho Medicaid Provider numbers. Providers who registered in the MMIS with an NPI will use that NPI on all their transactions, whether paper or electronic. Reimbursement for providers with an NPI is sent to the pay-to address associated with the NPI. Providers that do not have an NPI can apply for one online at https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/#/ or by calling 1 (800) 465-3203 for a paper application.

Provider-types that do not meet the HIPAA definition of a healthcare provider are considered atypical provider types. Atypical providers are generally not eligible to receive a NPI number. Instead a unique 8-digit Idaho Medicaid Provider Number is assigned during enrollment. Claim reimbursement is sent to the pay-to address associated with the Medicaid provider number. The types of providers Idaho Medicaid recognizes as atypical are listed below:
- Adult day care;
- Agency transportation provider;
- Behavior consultation/crisis management;
- Certified family homes;
- Chore services;
- Home delivered meals;
- Home modifications;
- Individual transportation provider;
- Non-emergency commercial transportation;
- PCS/aged and disabled (A&D) agency;
- 24-hour personal care service (PCS) home for children – (foster care);
- Personal emergency response systems;
- Residential Assisted Living Facility (RALF);
- Residential habilitation agency;
- Respite care;
- Self-determination fiscal employer agent;
- Supported employment service; and
- Transportation broker.

6.3.2. Multiple Service Locations
When billing claims, providers with multiple service locations must enter a three-digit site number (i.e. 001, 002) to identify the specific location, in addition to their NPI/Medicaid ID. The three-digit location code is identified on the provider enrollment approval letter. Providers can also obtain this number by logging into their Trading Partner Account to view the information.

This information will be entered in the following fields:
- Paper UB04, enter in field 2;
- Paper CMS-1500, enter in field 32a; or
- Electronic claims refer to 837 Professional/Institutional companion guide.

6.3.3. Group Practice
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires the identification of the individual who actually performs a service when billing under a group number. The performing

provider’s individual NPI/Medicaid provider number must be on the claim as well as the provider’s group NPI/Medicaid number.
6.4. Provider Licensing
Medicaid Providers are required to be licensed, certified, or registered with the appropriate state authority. The claims processing system verifies the effective dates of the provider’s license against the date of service. Provider licensure must be up to date in their provider file or claims will be denied at the header level. Providers are required to split claims for covered and non-covered dates of service, or update their license with Gainwell Technologies and resubmit the claim.
6.5. Ownership and Controlling Interests

Providers with any type of partnership, corporation or nonprofit entity are obliged in the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Medicaid Provider Agreement that the entity and the partners, directors, officers, members, or individuals with an ownership interest of 5% or greater, are jointly and severally liable for any breach of this Provider Agreement, and that action by the Department against the Provider may result in action against all such individuals in the entity.

The agreement also stipulates that providers will furnish the Department or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, within thirty-five (35) days of the request, full and complete information related to certain business transactions, specifically about:

- The ownership of any subcontractor with whom the provider has had business transactions totaling more than $25,000 during the 12-month period ending on the date of the request; and
- Any significant business transactions between the provider and any wholly owned supplier, or between the provider and any subcontractor, during the 5-year period ending on the date of the request.

Providers are also required in their Provider Agreement to comply with the disclosure of ownership requirements in 42 CFR Part 455, Subpart B, and 42 CFR 411.361, when applicable, and to notify the Department thirty (30) days prior to any change of ownership. The Provider Agreement is not transferable to the new owner.
6.6. Provider Risk Levels

42 CFR 455.450 requires states to assign a categorical risk level for each provider type. The screening level determines the processes the state must use for enrollment of new providers and revalidation of existing providers. Whenever appropriate, Idaho uses the risk levels assigned by Medicare. States are allowed to use the same risk level assigned by Medicare, but may not assign a risk level lower than Medicare. The screening requirements listed below are in addition to all other provider enrollment requirements already established.

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6.6.1. Limited Risk Providers

- Adult Day Care
- Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC)
- Assistive Tech Supplier
- Audiologist
- Behavior Consultation/Crisis Management
- Certified Family Home (CFH)
- Children’s Service Coordination (CSC)
- Chiropractor
- Chore Services
- Classic Optical
- Clinic/Center - Hearing & Speech
- Clinic/Center - Rehab, SA – Division of Behavioral Health
- Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
- Developmental Disability (DD) Case Management
- Developmental Disability (DD) Child Independent Crisis Interventional/Professional
- Developmental Disability (DD) Independent Therapeutic Consultation
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### 6.6.3. High Risk Providers

In addition to the provider types below, any provider will individually be considered high risk when the provider:

- Has a payment suspension based on a credible allegation of fraud occurred within the last ten years;
- Was excluded within the last ten (10) years by HHS-OIG or any state Medicaid agency;
- Has a qualifying Medicaid overpayment; or
- Is enrolling within six months of the date of the lifting of a temporary moratorium that at the time would have barred the provider’s enrollment.

### 6.6.4. References: Provider Risk Levels

**a) Federal Regulations**


**b) Idaho Medicaid Publications**

6.7. Provider Enrollment Moratoria

At its discretion the Department may request from CMS a temporary prohibition on provider enrollment for a provider type when necessary to prevent or combat fraud, waste and abuse. The moratorium lasts for a six-month increment initially and may be repeatedly extended for the same. Any providers requesting enrollment under such a provider type during a moratorium must be denied by the Department. At this time Idaho Medicaid does not have a moratorium in place.

6.7.1. References: Provider Enrollment Moratoria

a) Federal Regulations

b) Idaho Medicaid Publications
6.8. Maintenance of Contact Information

Providers shall notify the Department of any changes to the information contained in the Enrollment Application, including but not limited to their mailing address and service locations, within 30 days of the date of the change. The Department is required by Federal regulations to terminate a provider’s enrollment for failure to submit timely and correct information, which may also affect the provider’s enrollment in other states’ Medicaid programs. The Department may allow a provider to keep their enrollment if it documents in writing that termination would not be in the best interests of the Medicaid program. Failure to keep information current may also result in recoupment and penalties.

All correspondence sent to the mailing address on file with the State’s fiscal agent shall be deemed to be received by the Provider. Department correspondence will not be forwarded by a change of address with the U.S. Postal Service. See the Provider File Updates subsection for instructions on updating contact information.

6.8.1. References: Maintenance of Contact Information

a) Federal Regulations


b) Idaho Medicaid Publications

6.9. Provider File Updates

After enrolling, any updates that need to be made to the provider file can be done through the online portal at the Idaho Gainwell Technologies Medicaid website. Once logged into your Trading Partner Account (TPA), select the Provider Enrollment Application link to electronically maintain your provider record.

Provider record changes include, but are not limited to:
- Change in address;
- New phone number;
- Name change (individual, group practice, etc.);
- Change in ownership;
- Change in tax identification information;
- Change in provider status (voluntary inactive, retired, etc.)
- Add/update/end date of rendering providers; and
- Add/update/end date of service locations.

Note: The postal service will not forward mail or checks. All mail and checks will be returned to Gainwell Technologies.

To enroll additional providers records, visit the Provider Enrollment User Guides.
6.10. Provider Recertification

In accordance with state and federal regulations, Medicaid monitors the status of provider participation requirements that apply to each individual provider type. Continued licensure, certification, insurance, and other provider participation requirements are verified on an ongoing basis.
6.11. Provider Termination

Medicaid is required to deny applications for provider status or terminate the Medicaid Provider Agreement of any provider suspended from the Medicare Program or another state’s Medicaid program. The Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) may also terminate a provider’s Medicaid status when the provider fails to comply with any term or provision of the Medicaid Provider Agreement. This includes failing to notify Medicaid or Gainwell Technologies in writing of any changes in address or ownership.

Continued provider participation is contingent on the ongoing maintenance of current licensure, certification, or insurance. Failure to renew required licenses, certification, or insurance is cause to terminate a provider’s participation in the Idaho Medicaid Program.
6.12. References: Provider Enrollment

a) CMS Guidance


b) Federal Regulations


c) Idaho Medicaid Publications


7. Participant Eligibility and Benefit Plan Coverage

Medicaid is a medical assistance program that is jointly funded by the federal and state governments to assist in providing medical care to individuals and families. Applicants must meet each of the financial and non-financial requirements of a program to participate in its benefit plan, which may include a review of income, resources and other assets. Self-Reliance's field offices determine Medicaid eligibility and enroll eligible applicants in the appropriate benefit package.

General information for participants on services covered under the Idaho Medicaid Program are listed in the booklet, *Idaho Health Plan Coverage*, which is available in English and Spanish from the Division of Medicaid, Department Regional Offices, or online. All services fall under either the [Medicaid Basic Plan](#) or [Medicaid Enhanced Plan](#). However, some participants’ eligibility to receive those services may provide additional restrictions, limitations or benefits not otherwise available as described below.

See the [Provider Guidelines](#) for specific service coverage and billing details for individual programs and specialties. The guidelines are available online in the Provider Handbook.
7.1. Medicaid Identification Card

An identification card is issued when the participant is determined eligible for Medicaid benefits. All Medicaid participants, except otherwise ineligible non-citizens or presumptive eligibility (PE) participants, receive an identification card. Possession of a Medicaid ID card does not guarantee Medicaid eligibility. Providers should request the Medicaid ID card with additional picture identification and retain copies of this documentation for their records.

The participant's Medicaid identification (MID) number is on the card. Cards issued after June 1, 2010 are a 10-digit number with no letters or symbols. Cards issued prior to June 1, 2010 are seven digits. Providers should convert the older versions by adding three zeroes to the front of the MID number.

Participants enrolled in the Idaho Medicaid Plus (IMPlus) plan or Medicare Medicaid Coordinated Plan (MMCP) are issued an alternative Medicaid card by their chosen or assigned health plan.

**IMPlus Health Cards**

**MMCP Health Cards**
7.2. Verifying Participant Eligibility

Participant eligibility is determined on a month-to-month basis. Providers are required to verify and document participant eligibility and Healthy Connections enrollment status on the date of service prior to rendering services to qualify for reimbursement. Medicaid only reimburses for services rendered while the participant is eligible for Medicaid benefits. Deceased participants are not eligible for services or items. Providers will not receive reimbursement for services or items provided after the participant’s date of death.

Example

A participant is eligible and has Medicaid coverage during the months of April and June. The participant was found ineligible and didn’t have coverage during May.

Eligibility information can be accessed three different ways:
- Trading Partner Account (TPA) on Gainwell Technologies Idaho Medicaid website;
- MACS 1 (866) 686-4272; or
- HIPAA compliant vendor software (tested with Gainwell Technologies).

To obtain eligibility information from one of these systems, submit two participant identifiers from the following list:
- MID number;
- Social Security number (SSN);
- Last name, first name; or
- Date of birth.

Available participant eligibility information includes eligibility dates and Healthy Connections (HC) enrollment data, Medicaid special program limitations, certain service limitations, procedure code inquiries, third party recovery (TPR), Medicare coverage information, co-payments, and lock-in data. When viewing participant eligibility on a trading partner account Healthy Connections information is listed on the “Network” tab. If no information is available, then the participant is not enrolled with Healthy Connections, and a referral for services is not required.

7.2.1. Medicaid Automated Customer Service (MACS)

Providers can use MACS to check participant eligibility. Eligibility information is available on:
- Healthy Connections Program;
- Eligibility with special programs;
- Service limits;
- Prior authorization (PA);
- Co-payments; and
- Other health coverage.

MACS informs providers of the type of Medicaid benefits a participant is eligible for on the dates of service. More information about MACS can be found in the Idaho Medicaid Automated Customer Service (Idaho MACS) section of this handbook.

Participants who are eligible for the full range of Medicaid services have their benefit plans communicated as eligible for Medicaid benefits. Participants who are not eligible for the full range of Medicaid services have their restrictions reported according to their benefit plan.
Example

A participant eligible for the Medicaid Basic Plan would have their eligibility communicated as eligible for basic Medicaid benefits, and only benefits restricted to the basic plan are communicated.

The benefit plans for Presumptive Eligibility (PE), Lock-in, and Co-pay remain unchanged and the restrictions for participants on these plans are communicated accordingly.

7.2.2. Trading Partner Account (TPA)

Information regarding online billing and eligibility verification can be found in the Trading Partner Account (TPA) User Guide. When verifying eligibility, the following information will be provided for participants enrolled in Healthy Connections:

- Network of HC clinic:
  - Healthy Connections;
  - Healthy Connections Care Management;
  - Healthy Connections Medical Home; and
  - Exempt from Healthy Connections.

- Demographics of the HC clinic:
  - Name of HC clinic;
  - Address of HC clinic;
  - Phone number of HC clinic; and
  - Hours of operation of HC clinic.

7.2.3. Vendor Supplied Software

Providers may contract with a software vendor and use software supplied by the vendor. Software specifications can be found on the Idaho Gainwell Technologies Medicaid website by selecting Companion Guides under the Reference Material menu. The specifications assist the vendor in duplicating the program requirements and allows providers to obtain the same information available as the Idaho Gainwell Technologies Medicaid website. All vendor software must successfully test transactions with Gainwell Technologies before use. Providers can check eligibility using vendor software, if the software is modified to meet the requirements of the HIPAA ASC X12 270/271, version 5010 format, and if the vendor successfully tests the transactions with Gainwell Technologies.

(i) 6.2.3.1. Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Software

Providers who are required to submit EVV data through the Sandata EVV Aggregator may contract with any EVV software vendor of their choice as long as the software is certified as compatible by Sandata. EVV software specifications (OpenEVV-AltEVV) can be found on the Idaho Gainwell Technologies Medicaid website by selecting Companion Guides under the Reference Material menu. The specifications assist the vendor in duplicating the EVV program requirements and allows providers to obtain the same information available as Sandata. All providers must successfully test and certify their EVV software with Sandata to verify compatibility with the EVV Aggregator in order to be eligible for payment.

7.2.4. Medicaid Participants with Medicare

When verifying eligibility for Idaho Medicaid participants with Medicare one of the coverage codes in the following subsections will be returned. See the General Billing Instructions, Idaho
Medicaid Provider Handbook for more information on third-party liability and Medicaid participants with Medicare.

**a) Part B Premium Coverage**

If the participant only has Part B Premium Coverage, they have eligibility under Specified Low-Income Beneficiary (SLMB)/Part B Premium. This coverage is to pay for the participants Medicare Part B Premium only. These participants do not have Medicaid benefits and should be considered a Medicare only member.

**b) Part B Premium Coverage/Enhanced Coverage**

These are participants with dual eligibility under Medicaid and Medicare. The Department pays their Medicare premium up to the lowest allowed amount for coinsurance and deductible. These participants also have Medicaid benefits for services that are not covered by Medicare.

**c) Medicare Coinsurance & Deductible**

These are participants with eligibility under QMB/Medicare Coinsurance. This coverage is to pay for the participant’s Medicare Part B Premium, and any coinsurance and deductible amounts for Medicare covered services. These participants do not have access to benefits outside Medicare coverage.

**d) MMCP Coverage/IMPlus**

These participants are enrolled with a managed care organization (MCO). The Network ID will have the name of the administrator. Unless otherwise stated claims should be billed to the MCO administrator instead of Gainwell Technologies.

### 7.2.5. References: Verifying Participant Eligibility

**a) Idaho Medicaid Publications**

“Clarification on Dual Eligible Participants.” *MedicAide Newsletter*, April 2019, [https://www.idmedicaid.com/MedicAide%20Newsletters/April%202019%20MedicAide.pdf](https://www.idmedicaid.com/MedicAide%20Newsletters/April%202019%20MedicAide.pdf).

**b) State Regulations**

7.3. Participant Program Abuse/Lock-In Program

Medicaid reviews participant utilization to determine if services are being used at a frequency or amount that may be delivered at a level harmful to the participant and to identify services that are not medically necessary. Abuse can include frequent use of emergency room facilities for non-emergent conditions, frequent use of multiple controlled substances, use of multiple prescribing physicians and/or pharmacies, excessive provider visits, overlapping prescription drugs with the same drug class, and drug seeking behavior as identified by a medical professional.

To prevent abuse, Medicaid has implemented the participant lock-in program. Participants identified as abusing or over-utilizing the program may be limited to emergency services only, or the use of one physician/provider and one pharmacy. Services outside of documented emergencies by other providers will not be reimbursed. This prevents these participants from going from doctor to doctor, or from pharmacy to pharmacy, to obtain excessive services.

Participants entered in the Lock-in program will be notified by the Department in writing and have thirty-five (35) days to designate a physician/provider and pharmacy or twenty-eight (28) days to file an appeal. If a participant does not make a selection or file an appeal, they will be restricted to services for documented emergencies only and may be suspended from receiving Medicaid if abuse continues.

If a provider suspects a Medicaid participant is demonstrating utilization patterns, which may be considered abusive, not medically necessary, potentially endangering the participant’s health and safety, or drug seeking behavior in obtaining prescription drugs, they should notify Medicaid of their concerns. Medicaid will review the participant’s medical history to determine whether the participant is a candidate for the lock-in program.

7.3.1. Primary Care Physician (PCP)

The PCP for lock-in participants is responsible for coordination of routine medical care and making referrals to specialists as necessary. The PCP explains to the lock-in participant all procedures to follow when the office is closed, or there is an urgent or emergency situation. This coordination of care and the participant’s knowledge of office procedures should help reduce the unnecessary use of the emergency room.

If the participant needs to see a physician other than the PCP, the PCP gives the participant a referral to another physician or clinic to ensure payment. See the Referrals section for more information.

If a PCP no longer wishes to provide services to the lock-in participant, the PCP must send a written notice to the participant stating the reasons for dismissal with a copy of the letter sent to the Healthy Connections Representative for that region.

7.3.2. Designated Pharmacy

A designated pharmacy has the responsibility of monitoring the participant’s drug use pattern. The pharmacy should only fill prescriptions from the PCP, or from referred physicians the pharmacy confirms with the PCP.
7.3.3. **References: Participant Abuse/Lock-in Program**

**a) State Regulations**

7.4. **Medicaid Basic Plan**

The Medicaid Basic Plan has been designed to achieve and maintain wellness by emphasizing prevention and proactively managing health. It is the default plan for Medicaid participants.

Under some circumstances, participants in the Medicaid Basic Plan with a medical necessity for enhanced services may be eligible for reassignment to the Medicaid Enhanced Plan. This determination will be a joint decision made by the Self Reliance Unit in the Division of Welfare and the appropriate unit in the Division of Medicaid.
7.5. Medicaid Enhanced Plan

The Medicaid Enhanced Plan includes all of the benefits found in the Medicaid Basic Plan, and additional benefits to cover needs of people with disabilities or special health needs. Participants enrolled in this plan will be eligible for the full range of Medicaid covered services.
7.6. Presumptive Eligibility (PE)

Presumptive Eligibility (PE) assists Idaho residents not currently receiving medical assistance from the state or county, who do not have sufficient resources for private medical coverage. Presumptive eligibility provides immediate, presumed coverage for qualified candidates. The maximum coverage period is 45 days while the participant applies for coverage. A Medicaid enrolled hospital with a current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department for PE may provide assistance to individuals in completing and submitting applications for health coverage. Staff must receive Department approved training in PE before they can complete an application and make a PE determination. A record of this training must be maintained and available to the Department upon request. For more information on the training process, please contact your local DHW eligibility office or visit the Presumptive Medicaid Eligibility Providers webpage.

PE is only available for the groups below when they meet all other eligibility criteria:

- Children up to age nineteen (19);
- Parents or caretaker relatives of eligible children;
- Pregnant women (See the Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women (PW) section for restrictions);
- Adults eighteen (18) to twenty-six (26) who received Idaho Medicaid through the foster care program on their 18th birthday; and
- Individuals twenty-one (21) through sixty-five (65) years of age requiring treatment for breast and cervical cancer diagnosed under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) (See the Breast and Cervical Cancer (BCC) Program section for more information).

PE determinations are reimbursable using HCPCS T1023 (Screening to determine the appropriateness of consideration of an individual for participation in a specified program, project or treatment protocol, per encounter). Claims must include the participant's full name, MID number and date of birth.

7.6.1. References: Presumptive Eligibility (PE)

a) Federal Regulations


b) State Regulations

7.7. **Breast and Cervical Cancer (BCC) Program**

The Breast and Cervical Cancer (BCC) program allows the state to provide Medicaid benefits to uninsured participants, who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, when they are in need of treatment for breast or cervical cancer, including pre-cancerous conditions and early stage cancer. In order to be eligible, an applicant must be initially screened and diagnosed through a local Women’s Health Check Office (usually the district health department) participating in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP).

Medicaid coverage lasts for the duration of their cancer treatment, and ends when a participant’s plan of care reflects a status of surveillance, follow-up or maintenance. Additionally, coverage will end if a participant’s treatment relies on an unproven procedure in lieu of primary or adjuvant treatment methods.

The applicant can be presumed eligible as described in Presumptive Eligibility (PE) before a formal Medicaid determination. Although Medicaid resource limits do not apply, the applicant must:

- Have an income between 138% and 250% of the federal poverty level;
- Be diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through the Women’s Health Check Program;
- Be at least twenty-one (21) years old and under the age of sixty-five (65);
- Have no creditable health insurance (if insured, the plan does not cover the same type of cancer);
- Be an Idaho resident;
- Be a U.S. citizen or meet requirements for legal noncitizen;
- Not reside in an ineligible institution; and
- Not be fleeing prosecution of a felony, custody, or confinement of a felony conviction or violating a condition of probation or parole.

7.7.1. **References: Breast and Cervical Cancer (BCC) Program**

a) **Federal Regulations**


b) **State Regulations**

7.8. Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnostic & Treatment (EPSDT)

The EPSDT benefit, or Children’s Medicaid, was designed to help ensure that all Medicaid-eligible children up to the age of twenty-one (21) receive preventive health care and early intervention services needed to maximize each child’s potential for healthy growth and development. The benefit allows children to receive additional services that are not covered for adults and increase access to services that have limitations on amount, duration, frequency and location (e.g., hourly and location limits on Personal Care Services). Services that would not typically be allowed due to duplication, overlap or multiple services at the same time or date of service may be considered if the services are medically necessary. Idaho Medicaid does not have an expenditure cap or wait list for services under EPSDT, however, providers may have a waitlist for appointments or scheduling procedures.

Providers of EPSDT services have all of the same requirements as other providers of their type and specialty.

Services can only be covered under EPSDT when the service is:
- Determined to be medical in nature;
- Safe, effective and generally recognized as an accepted method of medical practice or treatment;
- Not determined to be experimental, investigational or cosmetic in nature;
- Under a category of service listed in 1905(a) of the Social Security Act;
- Medically necessary to correct or ameliorate (needed to sustain or support) an illness or a health condition;
- For an illness or health condition diagnosed by a physician, therapist, or other licensed practitioner operating within the scope of their licensure; and
- Supported as medically necessary by the utilization of other services to treat the illness or health condition.

All claims for services approved under EPSDT must have the EP modifier on the claim line.

7.8.1. EPSDT and Waiver Services

Participants up to the age of twenty-one (21) on a waiver have the same access to EPSDT services as a non-waiver participant. Services designated as habilitative or rehabilitative are covered under the State Plan for these participants with increased access under EPSDT. Services are considered for coverage under both EPSDT and their waiver. Support type services are not covered under EPSDT as they fail to meet the requirement for a 1905(a) service. Any service provided under EPSDT will not impact a participant’s budget or share of cost.

7.8.2. EPSDT Request Procedure

See the subsection below for the request procedure for services under State Plan, outside of State Plan, outpatient behavioral health and dental services. The parent, guardian or participant will receive a Notice of Decision from the Department or their designee informing them whether the request was approved or denied. The Notice of Decision may also list alternative services that are available. If the request is denied, the parent, guardian or participant, if over eighteen (18), may appeal the decision. Instructions for appeals are on the Notice of Decision.
7.8.3. Request Procedure: Services Under State Plan

Services that require a prior authorization are considered under EPSDT during the prior authorization process. However, if a service does not usually require a prior authorization, a request can be submitted with a note on the coversheet requesting a review under EPSDT and the reason for the request (e.g., for not meeting criteria, over limitations, etc.). Prior authorization requests without a legitimate cause will be returned unreviewed. Services covered under the State Plan should be requested through the service’s normal request channel with all regularly required documentation (e.g., durable medical equipment through the Medical Care Unit). Requests are usually completed in fifteen business days or less.

7.8.4. Request Procedure: Services Not in State Plan

If services not covered under the State Plan are needed, a Request for Additional Services (RAS) form must be submitted to the Department for prior authorization. All services under EPSDT must fall into a category of service listed in 1905(a) of the Social Security Act, be considered safe, effective, and meet acceptable standards of medical practice.

The Request for Additional Services form must be completed and signed by a competent participant over eighteen (18) or their parent or guardian. All requests must be submitted with supporting documentation and an order from a physician or non-physician practitioner. This may require coordination with other providers to obtain. Services not under State Plan may take longer to review if:

- A new provider must be secured to perform the treatment;
- Additional documentation is needed to determine medical necessity;
- Providers fail to submit requested materials in a timely manner;
- Research is necessary to determine impacts to care; or
- The case is particularly complex and requires coordination between multiple agencies and providers to guarantee appropriate care.

For other questions, or general information, please email your request to EPSDTrequest@dhw.idaho.gov.

7.8.5. Request Procedure: Outpatient Behavioral Health

Community-based mental health services are provided under the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan by Optum Idaho’s provider network. EPSDT requests for community-based mental health services must be completed on the Optum Idaho EPSDT Form. For more information contact Optum Idaho by calling 1-855-202-0973 or visit the Optum Idaho website. Prior authorization requests for behavioral health services not provided in the community under the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan should be requested through the Division of Medicaid.

7.8.6. Request Procedure: Dental Services

Preventive and restorative dental services are provided under the Idaho Smiles plan by Managed Care of North America’s (MCNA) provider network. EPSDT requests for dental services must be designated on the MCNA prior authorization form. For more information or the prior authorization form contact Idaho Smiles by calling 1-855-233-6262 or visit Idaho Smiles website.
7.8.7. **References: Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnostic & Treatment (EPSDT)**

**a) CMS Guidance**


**b) Federal Regulations**


**c) State Regulations**

7.9. **Incarcerated Persons**

Medicaid benefits are not available for inmates of government jails or prison facilities, unless the inmate, the medical institution and the services rendered meet all the provisions for reimbursement as provided within the "**Reimbursement Policy for Individuals under the Authority of Idaho’s Public Institutions**".

Inmates of a public institution operated under the authority of the State of Idaho, or its political subdivision, may be eligible for select Medicaid benefits in a hospital, freestanding psychiatric hospital or institution for mental disease enrolled with Idaho Medicaid and open to the public. Inmates must otherwise be eligible for Medicaid and be inpatient status for a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours. Healthcare services provided to residents of Idaho who are eligible for Idaho Medicaid and who are residing in Public Institutions outside of the territorial boundaries of the State of Idaho are excluded from reimbursement under this policy and are the responsibility of the Public Institution with authority over that individual.

When all provisions are met, the applicant’s incarceration status no longer disqualifies them from Medicaid eligibility. The applicant is then evaluated for Medicaid eligibility as if they were not incarcerated. Providers should come to an agreement with the Public Institution responsible for the individual to determine which entity will apply for Medicaid on the applicant’s behalf when they meet these requirements.

Eligibility for incarcerated participants is available retroactively. Medicaid coverage begins the day the inmate is admitted into the medical institution and ends the day of discharge from the medical institution. However, incarcerated participants do not have the same benefits as other participants. Only these services are covered for inmates, and only when all other Idaho Medicaid requirements for the service are fulfilled:

- Inpatient room and board;
- Ancillary services directly related to the inpatient stay; and
- Emergency transportation services for transfers occurring after inpatient status has been determined and only when directly between hospitals, freestanding psychiatric hospitals and institution for mental diseases for continued inpatient treatment.

7.9.1. **Incarcerated Persons: Third-Party Liability**

In addition to all regular third-party liability requirements in the General Billing Instructions, Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook, healthcare services related to the negligent acts of a third-party, including correctional institutions or law enforcement agencies, are their responsibility. Non-covered and excluded services are the responsibility of the Public Institution with custody of the inmate. This includes any service not mentioned in the section above and expenses related to law enforcement personnel or security.

7.9.2. **References: Incarcerated Persons**

**a) CMS Guidance**


“Claims Submitted for Items or Services Furnished to Medicare Beneficiaries in State or Local Custody Under a Penal Authority and Examples of Application of Government Entity


**b) Federal Regulations**


**c) Idaho Medicaid Publications**

“**Medicaid Program Integrity Unit:** Billing for Incarcerated Clients.” *MedicAide Newsletter*, November 2018, [https://www.idmedicaid.com/MedicAide%20Newsletters/November%202018%20MedicAide.pdf](https://www.idmedicaid.com/MedicAide%20Newsletters/November%202018%20MedicAide.pdf).


**d) State Regulations**


7.10. **Katie Beckett Medicaid Eligibility**

Katie Beckett Medicaid, also known as Home Care for Certain Disabled Children, enables children under the age of nineteen (19) with special health care needs or disabilities to be cared for at home instead of an institution. Eligibility for Medicaid is based on the disabled child’s income and assets without taking into account the income of their parents or guardians. The cost of care at home is compared to the cost of institutionalization when determining eligibility. Once approved for Medicaid, participants have all the benefits on the Enhanced Plan. In the event that a participant becomes institutionalized, the family should contact Self Reliance to update their eligibility.

7.10.1. **References: Katie Beckett Medicaid Eligibility**

   **a) State Regulations**

7.11. **Medicare Savings Program**

The Department has agreements with the Social Security Administration and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which allows the state to enroll people in the Premium Hospital Insurance Program (also referred to as Premium HI or Medicare Part A) and Supplementary Medical Insurance (also referred to as SMI or Medicare Part B). The agreements allow Medicaid participants who are entitled to Medicare to have their Part A and/or Part B Medicare premiums paid by Medicaid. Participants do not have to be 65 years old or older to be eligible for Medicare. See the subsections below for the different kinds of Part A and Part B Medicare Savings Programs.

See the “Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB) Medicare/Medicaid Billing Information” subsection of the General Billing Instructions, Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook, for more information.

7.11.1. **Part A Medicare Savings Programs**

There are two types of Part A Medicare Savings Programs:

- Regular Type Part A; and
- Qualified Disabled Working Individual (QDWI) Part A

The Regular Type Part A Medicare Savings Program is for individuals who are not entitled to premium-free Medicare Part A benefits. These individuals must apply for Medicare with the Social Security Administration and be determined eligible for self-pay type Medicare. These individuals have a Medicare claim number with a Beneficiary Identification Code (BIC) of M. This code is found at the end of the Medicare claim number.

The Qualified Disabled Working Individual (QDWI) Part A Medicare Savings Program is for individuals that have lost Medicare Part A (HI) entitlement solely because of work and are entitled to enroll in Part A Medicare under §1818A of the Social Security Act. The Qualified Disabled Working Individual Program does not include state payment of Part B Medicare premiums.

7.11.2. **Part B Medicare Savings Programs**

The various types of Part B Medicare Savings Programs are listed in the table below.

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#### 7.11.3. Dually Eligible Medicare Beneficiaries

Individuals that are enrolled in Medicare, and eligible for Medicaid benefits, are considered dually eligible participants. Dually eligible participants receive Medicare Part A and/or Part B premium coverage, and coinsurance and deductible reimbursement consideration for Medicare covered services. Pharmacy items or other services not covered by the dually eligible participant’s Medicare benefits may be covered under the participant’s Medicaid benefits.

#### 7.11.4. Medicare Part D

Under the Medicare Modernization Act, dually eligible individuals no longer receive their drug coverage from Medicaid and instead select or are automatically enrolled into private Medicare prescription drug plans. Medicaid may still cover certain essential drugs excluded by law from the Medicare Part D, Prescription Drug Program. Medicare must be billed prior to submitting drug claims to Medicaid. If the Medicare Explanation of Benefits (EOB) indicates that the requested medication is one of the medications not covered by law, then Medicaid may reimburse.
7.11.5. References: Medicare Savings Program

a) Federal Regulations


7.12. Managed Care Programs for Dual Eligible Participants

The Idaho Medicaid Plus (IMPlus) plan and Medicare Medicaid Coordinated Plan (MMCP) are managed care service delivery program options for dual eligible participants. The purpose of these plans is to integrate care for individuals who are currently served by both Medicare and Medicaid and meet certain eligibility requirements. These programs are designed to coordinate delivery of primary, preventive, acute, behavioral, and long-term care services and supports.

Participants will continue to use their Medicaid ID (MID) numbers as established under the General Participant Eligibility Information section. Participating Medicare Advantage Plans offering MMCP programs will also issue a plan identification number specific to their company.

7.12.1. Idaho Medicaid Plus (IMPlus)

Participants who are 21 years old or older, enrolled in both Medicare Part A and Part B, eligible for full Medicaid, who reside in an IMPlus coverage area, who do not voluntarily enroll in MMCP, and who are not in an excluded or exempt population are required to enroll in IMPlus. Participants who do not make an active selection of a health plan to administer their IMPlus coverage will be automatically enrolled in IMPlus and auto-assigned to a participating health plan.

7.12.2. Medicare-Medicaid Coordinated Plan (MMCP)

Participants who are 21 years old or older, enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B, eligible for full Medicaid, and reside in an MMCP coverage area are eligible to voluntarily enroll in MMCP through an MMCP health plan.

7.12.3. Billing Procedures for Managed Care Participants

These services must be billed to an MMCP health plan using participant’s health plan-specific identification number:
- Hospital services;
- Medical services;
- Prescription drug services;
- Behavioral health services;
- Aged & Disabled (A&D) Waiver Services;
- Personal Care Services (PCS);
- Nursing Home (NH);
- Community-Based Rehabilitation Services; and
- Transition Management and Transition Services.

These services must be billed to an IMPlus health plan using participant’s health plan-specific identification number:
- Behavioral health services;
- Aged & Disabled (A&D) Waiver Services;
- Personal Care Services (PCS);
- Nursing Home (NH);
- Community-Based Rehabilitation Services; and
- Transition Management and Transition Services.

Providers may bill Medicaid for services listed below using the Medicaid ID (MID) number assigned to the participant for either managed care program.
Adult Developmental Disability (DD) Waiver:
- Non-Medical Transportation provided by an Agency;
- Non-Medical Transportation provided by an Individual;
- Non-Medical Transportation provided through a Bus Pass;
- Specialized Medical Equipment;
- Individual Supported Living;
- Group Supported Living;
- Daily Supported Living Services Intense Support;
- Daily Supported Living Services Intense Support School Based, School Days;
- Daily Supported Living Services High Support;
- Daily Supported Living Services High Support School Based, School Days;
- Behavioral Consultation by a QIDP/Clinician;
- Behavioral Consultation by a Psychiatrist;
- Behavioral Consultation Emergency Intervention Technician;
- Supported Employment;
- Adult Day Health;
- Chore Services (Skilled);
- Residential Habilitation – CFH;
- Personal Emergency Response System Installation and first month’s rent;
- Personal Emergency Response System Rent/monthly;
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations;
- Home Delivered Meals;
- Skilled Nursing Services, Independent RN;
- Skilled Nursing Services, Agency LPN;
- Skilled Nursing Services, Agency RN;
- Nursing Oversight Services of LPN;
- Nursing Oversight Services of Agency RN;
- Nursing Oversight Services of Independent RN;
- Respite Care; and
- Respite Care Daily.

Adult DD State Plan HCBS:
- Developmental Therapy Evaluation;
- Home/Community Individual and/or Group Developmental Therapy for Adults;
- Center Based Individual and/or Group Developmental Therapy for Adults;
- Community Crisis Supports;
- Interpretive Services, oral (to assist Enrollees to receive DD services); and
- Interpretive Services, sign language (to assist Enrollees to receive DD services).

Consumer Directed Services:
- Fiscal Employer Agent; and
- Community Supports (to include Support Broker services).
7.13. **Otherwise Ineligible Non-citizens (OINC)**

Individuals who do not meet the citizenship or qualified non-citizen requirements may be eligible for medical services necessary to treat an emergency medical condition. An emergency medical condition exists when the condition could reasonably be expected to seriously harm the person’s health, cause serious impairment to bodily functions, or cause serious dysfunction to any body part or organ, without immediate medical attention. Childbirth qualifies as an emergency, but ante and postpartum services do not. Medicaid eligibility for OINC begins no earlier than the date the participant experiences the medical emergency and ends the date the emergency condition stops. A length of stay review by the Quality Improvement Organization, Telligen, is not required for participants with eligibility under OINC. The Medical Care Unit will make determinations on the appropriate length of stay during the eligibility review process.

7.13.1. **Applying for Eligibility**

The general application used to apply for Medicaid is also used for OINC applicants. Applications should be submitted after the emergency condition has ended. Hospitals may attach medical records with applications if they are helping the applicant apply for assistance. Completed applications are submitted to:

Self-Reliance Program  
PO Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0026  
Phone: 1 (877) 456-1233  
Fax: 1 (866) 434-8278

The Division of Medicaid’s Medical Care Unit determines whether the condition is an emergency and if the treatment services will be covered by Idaho Medicaid.

7.13.2. **Prior Authorizations: Otherwise Ineligible Non-Citizens**

Services requiring a prior authorization should be submitted to the designated reviewer for that service after the participant is approved for eligibility. Providers should note on the prior authorization request that a retrospective review is being requested for a participant with retroactive eligibility. A prior authorization for length of stay is not necessary.

7.13.3. **References: Otherwise Ineligible Non-Citizens**

a) **Idaho Medicaid Publications**


b) **State Regulations**


The Pregnant Women (PW) program was developed to provide medical assistance to encourage individuals to seek prenatal care early in a pregnancy and preserve the health of both mother and infant. The program assists Idaho residents with a verified pregnancy not currently receiving medical assistance from the state or county, and without sufficient resources for private medical coverage. Participants found eligible under the PW program have the same coverage as participants on the Medicaid Basic Plan. Coverage through the program continues after delivery during the postpartum period for sixty (60) days, and extends until the last day of the month in which the sixtieth day occurs. Participants on the PW program will be evaluated for other Medicaid eligibility at the end of their coverage.

7.14.1. **Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women (PW)**

Presumptive eligibility for pregnant women is designed to provide participants prenatal care between being diagnosed pregnant and receiving an eligibility determination. PE for pregnant women only covers outpatient prenatal care and not deliveries, miscarriages, or abortions. Medical coverage for the PW Program during the PE period is restricted to ambulatory outpatient, pregnancy-related services only. Pregnancy-related services may be rendered by any qualified Medicaid provider.

Routine prenatal services are covered, as well as some additional services such as nutrition counseling, risk-reduction follow-up, and social service counseling. Providers are not required to bill another insurance resource, if it exists, before billing Medicaid for prenatal services during the PE period.

The PE Program does not cover PW inpatient services. Medicaid does not pay for any type of abortion for participants on the PE Program. Also, PE participants are not covered for any delivery services. Services not covered under Medicaid are the participant’s responsibility. If the PE participant has applied for the PW Program or any other Medicaid program, and is determined eligible, hospital inpatient services may be covered.


a) **Idaho Medicaid Publications**


b) **Federal Regulations**


7.15. **Refugee Medical Assistance Program**

The Refugee Medical Assistance Program provides eligibility to certain refugees who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid or CHIP. Coverage is limited to eight months, beginning when the refugee arrives in the United States. Children born to the refugee during that time period are also eligible for the Refugee Medical Assistance Program, but only as long as their parent’s coverage remains in effect. At the conclusion of the program’s coverage, participants will be evaluated for coverage under other eligibility programs.

In order to qualify for Medicaid eligibility through the Refugee Medical Assistance Program, the applicant must:
- Meet the federal definition of refugee for the purposes of the program;
- Not be otherwise eligible for Medicaid or CHIP; and
- Have an income under 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL).

Refugees whose income exceeds 150% of the FPL may still be eligible under a special “spend down” consideration if the remainder of their income after medical expenses are deducted drops their income below 150% of the FPL.

Coverage under the Refugee Medical Assistance Program is contingent on Idaho’s receipt of federal funding. In the event that funds are not received, this program will be suspended without advance notice.

7.15.1. **References: Refugee Medical Assistance Program**

**a) Federal Regulations**


**b) State Regulations**

7.16. Youth Empowerment Services (YES)

Youth Empowerment Services (YES) provides a doorway to Medicaid eligibility for children under the age of eighteen (18) with a serious emotional disturbance (SED) and functional impairment. Once approved for Medicaid, participants have all the benefits on the Enhanced Plan, plus respite care through the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan and person-centered service planning. The participant must complete an assessment and update the person-centered service plan at least every 12 months to maintain eligibility under the program.

In order to qualify for Medicaid eligibility through YES, the applicant must:
- Have a verified SED and functional impairment;
- Have an income under 300% of the federal poverty level (FPL);
- Be under the age of eighteen (18);
- Be an Idaho resident;
- Be a U.S. citizen or meet requirements for legal noncitizen;
- Cooperate with obtaining a medical support order for a non-custodial parent unless good cause can be established;
- Not reside in an ineligible institution; and
- Not be fleeing prosecution of a felony, custody, or confinement of a felony conviction or violating a condition of probation or parole.

A serious emotional disturbance is defined as a diagnosable mental health, emotional or behavioral disorder, or a neuropsychiatric condition which results in a serious disability. The diagnosis must be made in alignment with the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM). A disability caused by the diagnosis is considered serious if it causes a substantial impairment of thought, perception, affect or behavior in family, school or community settings, and requires sustained treatment interventions. A substance use disorder does not, by itself, constitute a serious emotional disturbance, although it may coexist with serious emotional disturbance.

The SED and functional impairment must be verified by Medicaid’s Independent Assessment contractor (Liberty Healthcare) using a Comprehensive Diagnostic Assessment (CDA) and the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) tool. Liberty Healthcare will complete the CDA and CANS in the applicant’s home and contact them within one business day with the results and next steps. These assessments are provided at no cost to the family or applicant seeking eligibility. A CDA completed by another provider can be used if it was completed in the last six (6) months. Providers can direct potential applicants to contact Liberty Healthcare at 1 (877) 305-3469 for the free assessment. Other services may be available for children with an SED who do not meet the additional requirements for Medicaid eligibility; e.g., family income exceeding 300% FPL. See the Youth Empowerment Services website for more information.

7.16.1. References: Youth Empowerment Services

a) Idaho Medicaid Publications


b) State Regulations


c) Settlement Agreement


8. Healthy Connections (HC)

Healthy Connections (HC) is the Idaho Medicaid primary care program in which a primary care provider or team provides comprehensive and continuous medical care to a participant with the goal of improving health outcomes. Our mission is to ensure Medicaid participants receive the care they need, when they need it, and in the appropriate setting. The Healthy Connections program is structured to incentivize HC providers to transform to the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) model of care whereby a participant’s treatment is coordinated through their primary care provider and their team, which can include organizations, hospitals or other entities.

The goals of HC are to:

- Ensure access to healthcare;
- Improve the quality of healthcare and overall well-being of Medicaid participants;
- Emphasize care coordination and continuity of care;
- Encourage participants to be involved in their healthcare decisions; and
- Achieve cost efficiencies for the Idaho Medicaid Program.

Medicaid participant enrollment into HC is required in the majority of counties statewide. Individuals qualifying for Idaho Medicaid will receive correspondence requesting they identify their current Primary Care Provider (PCP) or choose an HC clinic.
8.1. Healthy Connections Provider Enrollment

Idaho Medicaid primary care providers participate in Healthy Connections by signing a Coordinated Care Provider Agreement in addition to the Idaho Medicaid Provider Agreement. Coordinated Care Provider Agreements are available from the Regional Healthy Connections Representatives. Addresses and telephone numbers for the regional HC offices are listed in the Directory, Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook, and at https://healthyconnections.idaho.gov.

In the Healthy Connections (HC) Program, Primary Care Providers qualify for tiers and are incentivized to implement a Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) model of care and improve participant outcomes. HC service locations offering enhanced participant care and PCMH characteristics may qualify for higher tier placement. Upon approval of tier placement, the HC service location is issued an HC Coordinated Care Agreement Addendum which outlines requirements to maintain tier status and monthly primary care case management fee.

Providers are required to keep their record current and notify Gainwell Technologies of any changes in their record to ensure accurate participant enrollment in Healthy Connections, including:

- Enroll all rendering PCPs and each HC service location in the MMIS system for the purposes of assigning participants at the location where they receive primary care services.
- Keep all of the provider enrollment information current in the MMIS system by completing any maintenance items within 28 days of the change as required in the Idaho Medicaid Provider Agreement.

Updated provider record information will be acted on once submitted and approved through the provider enrollment application in HealthPAS. The HC Service Location information (i.e. name and demographics) entered in the Gainwell Technology system will appear on the following:

- HC Network Directory (HC website)
- HC Rosters (Gainwell system)
  - Online dynamic roster (PCP Roster)
  - HC monthly Case Management report (Gainwell system - file exchange)
- Verifying participant eligibility (Gainwell system)
  - Includes clinic name and office hours
- HC Referral lookup (Gainwell system)
- HC enrollment participant letters
  - Clinic name and demographics

WITHDRAWING OR TERMING THE HEALTHY CONNECTIONS CONTRACT

Healthy Connections Organizations that choose not to re-contract with the Department effective July 1, 2021, will be restricted from enrolling in the HC program until the following open enrollment period for the Healthy Connections Value Care program.

8.1.1. Healthy Connections Primary Care Provider Network Directory

A directory of Healthy Connections (HC) clinics is made available on the HC webpage. Changes to the network directory will be posted to the webpage daily. Failure to keep the clinic’s records up to date in the Gainwell Technologies system could result in inaccurate information populating on the HC Network Directory.
Some common changes or provider record updates submitted to Gainwell Technologies could include:

- Change of ownership;
- Change of address or phone number;
- Adding or closing a service location;
- Office hours;
- Panel Limitations (see new section HC Clinic Panel Limits);
- Adding or removing rendering providers; and
- Provider contact information.

### 8.1.2. Healthy Connections Clinic Panel Limit Entry

The HC Primary Care Providers are required to keep the information in the following table entered in the Provider Enrollment Application on Health Pas.

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<td>If answered <strong>YES</strong>, your practice will accept any patient who is <strong>new</strong> to your practice, as well as established patients new to Idaho Medicaid. HC Network directory will show “Accepting New Medicaid.”</td>
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<tr>
<td>Is your practice open to new Medicaid patients?</td>
<td>If answered <strong>NO</strong>, your practice will NOT accept any new Idaho Medicaid patients. Any patient requesting enrollment to your clinic will be directed to contact you for approval. You will then need to contact Healthy Connections giving your approval. HC Network directory will show “NOT Accepting New Medicaid.”</td>
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<td>Does this clinic provide OB services? Is this clinic limited to Pregnant Individuals?</td>
<td><strong>IMPORTANT CHANGE:</strong> If <strong>YES</strong> to “does this clinic provide OB services” your practice provides OB care as well as Primary Care. Answer <strong>NO</strong> to the “is this clinic limited to Pregnant individuals” Yes is no longer allowed per policy.</td>
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<td>Will this clinic allow HC staff to enroll and/or assign patients who have not identified a PCP?</td>
<td>If <strong>YES</strong>, HC will assign Idaho Medicaid patients who have not notified HC of their choice and may not be a current patient with your clinic. (mandatory assignments)</td>
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<td>After Hours Coverage (must choose one)</td>
<td>How do you provide After Hours Coverage? Answering machine directs patients to call the covering medical professional. Answering service contacts the covering medical professional. Phones forwarded to on-call medical professional After hours nurse. Alternate coverage arrangement (must verify with HC rep if meets Coordinated Care Agreement).</td>
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<td>Clinic Contact Information</td>
<td>The following clinic contacts (if applicable) (Name, email and Phone Number): Office Manager; Biller; and Credentialer.</td>
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<td>PCMH Information</td>
<td>PCMH Contact; PCMH Physician Champion; PCMH Care Coordinator; and EMR Name.</td>
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<td>PCMH Accreditation</td>
<td>If you are quality certified, indicate the recognition you have achieved, effective date, and name of the Electronic Health Record you use: NCQA; AAAHC; Joint Commission; URAC; or Other.</td>
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<td>Office Hours</td>
<td>Hours you are open to see patients for primary care. May enter multiple time segments for one day (example – closed for lunch).</td>
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<td>HC rendering primary care providers</td>
<td>HC Organizations are required to keep the status of PCP information current in HealthPAS to populate on HC Network Directory. Checking the “PCP” box on each service location the rendering provider is affiliated with will result with that rendering provider showing as a PCP at that location on the HC Network Directory.</td>
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<td>Type of Practice</td>
<td>The type of practice you are. Example: Family Practice, RHC, FQHC, Indian Health, Pediatrics, etc.</td>
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<td>Clinic Contacts</td>
<td>Additional contacts needed for Healthy Connections: Referral coordinator, Other office contacts.</td>
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<td>IHDE Status</td>
<td>Connectivity with the IHDE system, either View, or bi-directional.</td>
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### 8.1.3. Healthy Connections Clinic Panel Limit Guidelines

The following are the guidelines to determine some of the panel limitations:

- **Accepting New Medicaid**: Clinic must have the capacity for members to establish care within two (2) months of enrollment. If clinic does not have the capacity for members to establish within this timeframe, clinic must set their panel to Not Accepting New Medicaid.

- **Accepting Mandatory Assignment**: The assignments will occur when the participant doesn’t choose a PCP, and they are within the panel limits (i.e. age limits, etc.). The clinic requirements for assignments are as follows:
  - When a participant is assigned to clinic, the clinic is required to allow assigned participant(s) to establish care, even if the panel subsequently has closed to accepting mandatory assignments; and
  - If a participant has not established care, and has an urgent medical need, clinic is required to provide “timely access to care” either by seeing the participant...
or providing a one-time referral and work with patient to schedule an appointment.

8.1.4. Healthy Connections Tier Requirements

The following are the requirements for each of the three Healthy Connections tiers. If applying or advancing to Tier II or Tier III, please see those applications on our website for more specifics about the following requirements.

TIER I – HEALTHY CONNECTIONS

In order to qualify for Tier I of the Healthy Connections program, the provider must:

- Provide primary care services;
- Monitor and coordinate the participant’s care;
- Provide timely referrals for medically necessary services;
- Provide twenty-four (24) hour, 7-days a week availability of information, referral and treatment for emergency medical conditions; and
- Participate as a partner in a Healthy Connections VCO:
  - This can be accomplished by contracting directly with the Department as a Healthy Connections VCO or partnering with a Healthy Connections VCO.
  - Healthy Connections Tribal, IHS, state-owned or Public Health District clinics are exempt from this requirement.

TIER II - HEALTHY CONNECTIONS CARE MANAGEMENT

In addition to Tier I requirements listed above, the HC clinic must provide the following:

- Clinic must meet a minimum of 30 hours of patient access to care.
- Enhanced patient access to care – must meet one of the following:
  - 46 hours of access to care for patients;
  - Nearby Service Location with extended hours and shared EMR within same organization;
  - Patient portal to enhance access to care;
  - Telehealth - remote healthcare services; or
  - Other as approved by the Department.
- Demonstrate enrollee outreach and education activities to establish and maintain the patient/provider relationship. At a minimum to include:
  - Outreach to non-engaged enrollees; and
  - Provide patient/family education and self-management support.
- Demonstrate a continuous quality improvement program directed at increased performance in quality measures.
- Demonstrate dedicated care coordinator staff or equivalent support for coordination of patient care.
- Demonstrate a referral tracking and follow-up system is in place for purposes of care coordination.
- Demonstrate interoperability met by one of the following:
  - The timely exchange of patient-level data with local, regional or state-wide healthcare systems to support improved coordination of patient care; or
  - An established bi-directional connection to the Idaho Health Data Exchange (IHDE) with demonstrated share relationship.

TIER III - HEALTHY CONNECTIONS MEDICAL HOME

In addition to the requirements in Tiers I & II, the HC clinic must maintain PCMH recognition, including NCQA Patient Centered Medical Home recognition, URAC, Joint Commission, AAAHC or other Patient Centered Medical Home national recognition.
**HC Clinic Tier Movement Process**
- HC clinics must complete a Tier Application for the higher tier they wish to apply for. The tier application can be found at [https://healthyconnections.idaho.gov](https://healthyconnections.idaho.gov).
- Completed tier applications, along with required documentation, should be faxed to the Healthy Connections Consolidated Unit at 1 (888) 532-0014, or scanned and e-mailed to HCCR7@dhw.idaho.gov.
- Tier applications must be received with all required documentation and approved by the 15th of the month for the change and case management payment to be effective the first of the following month.
- HC clinics will receive official notice of action taken on tier applications.
- Applications will be processed in the order received.

### 8.1.5. Healthy Connections Coordinated Care Agreement and Tier Compliance by Tier

In addition to the Idaho Medicaid Provider Agreement, every Healthy Connections clinic/organization, at the Tax ID level, is required to sign a HC Coordinated Care Agreement. Providers may be subject to sanctions for being deemed out of compliance as per the HC Coordinated Care Agreement.

HC Staff will conduct periodic reviews of HC organization’s ability to maintain compliance with the HC Coordinated Care Agreement and specific tier requirements. Clinics will be responsible for providing proof of meeting Tier requirements at a minimum annually (unless otherwise specified). As part of this review, HC Staff may ask for documentation that provides proof of meeting specific requirements. Compliance specific information including, but not limited to, the following table:

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<th>Tier</th>
<th>Requirement</th>
<th>HC Tier Compliance Process</th>
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<tr>
<td>I, II &amp; III</td>
<td>Provide 24 hour, 7-days a week availability of information, referral and treatment for emergency medical conditions</td>
<td>After hours phone call to service location resulting in reaching an after-hours medical professional</td>
<td>Annually</td>
<td>Service Location</td>
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<td>I, II &amp; III</td>
<td>Affiliate with a Healthy Connections VCO</td>
<td>Verified by the Department</td>
<td>Annually</td>
<td>Organization Tax ID</td>
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<td>II &amp; III*</td>
<td>Outreach to non-engaged patients done annually</td>
<td>Proof of communication to non-engaged patients, randomly selected by the Department</td>
<td>Annually, at a minimum</td>
<td>Organization</td>
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<tr>
<td>II &amp; III*</td>
<td>Patient/family education and self-management support for chronic conditions done annually</td>
<td>Examples of educational material given to patients</td>
<td>Annually</td>
<td>Organization</td>
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<td>II &amp; III*</td>
<td>Quality improvement activities meant to improve 1 or more quality measures.</td>
<td>Written description of current quality measure improvement activities or PDSA including outcome</td>
<td>Bi-annually</td>
<td>Service Location or Organization</td>
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<td>II &amp; III*</td>
<td>Referral tracking and follow-up system for care coordination</td>
<td>Screen shot of current log or electronic system used that demonstrates: Tracking referral reports, flag and follow up on over-due reports Flag abnormal results and notification of family of all results and Follow up of patient accessing urgent care, ED and hospitalizations</td>
<td>Bi-annually</td>
<td>Service Location or Organization</td>
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<td>II &amp; III</td>
<td>Clinic must provide a minimum of 30 hours of patient access to primary care each week</td>
<td>Service location posted hours must reflect accurately in on-line provider record</td>
<td>Annually, at a minimum.</td>
<td>Service Location</td>
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<td>II &amp; III</td>
<td>Enhanced access to care met by ONE of the following: 46 hours of access to primary care. Nearby service location with expanded patient access and shared EMR Patient portal with required features. Telehealth Other as approved by Department.</td>
<td>Department will verify enhanced access met as indicated on tier application and may require documentation of any updates</td>
<td>Annually, at a minimum</td>
<td>Service Location</td>
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<td>II &amp; III</td>
<td>Designated Care Coordinator on staff OR Equivalent staff providing coordination of patient care</td>
<td>Department will verify care coordination met as indicated on tier application and may require documentation of any updates</td>
<td>Annually</td>
<td>Service Location or Organization</td>
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<td>II &amp; III</td>
<td>Demonstrate interoperability A. The timely exchange of patient-level data with local, regional or state-wide healthcare systems to support improved coordination of patient care. OR B. An established bi-directional connection to the Idaho Health Data Exchange (IHDE) with demonstrated share relationship</td>
<td>Department will verify interoperability met as indicated on tier application and may require documentation of any updates</td>
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<td>Organization</td>
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<td>III</td>
<td>National PCMH recognition</td>
<td>Copy of certification</td>
<td>Annually</td>
<td>Service Location</td>
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8.1.6. **Healthy Connections Case Management Payment**

In addition to payment for services rendered, Healthy connections (HC) clinics are paid a monthly case management fee. The monthly case management fee is paid for every participant enrolled with the HC clinic on the first day of each month. The case management payment is based on the tier level of the HC clinic.

The case management payment is generally processed on Tuesday of the first full week of the month. The monthly Healthy Connections roster reports are then available following the processing of the case management payment.

HC clinics qualify for one of the following three tiers of reimbursement for all enrolled participants:

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<th>Medicaid Plan</th>
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<th>Tier II Healthy Connections Access Plus</th>
<th>Tier III Healthy Connections Care Management</th>
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<td>All Enrolled participants</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
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**8.1.7. Healthy Connections Participant Rosters**

The following two Primary Care rosters are available to PCPs.

- An online, dynamic Primary Care Roster is available on the [Gainwell Technologies Medicaid](https://www.healthpas.com) website through your Trading Partner Account and is called the PCP Roster. This is a list of currently enrolled HC participants and the PCP is able to verify eligibility or issue a referral from this roster. This roster can be exported to either Excel format or in PDF form. The contact information on the exportable report can be used to contact participants and encourage them to be engaged in their healthcare.
  - To further support HC providers in coordinating their patient care, the following are some of the fields included on the exportable Excel or PDF list of participants:
    - Participant name;
    - Phone Number;
    - Address;
    - Head of Household; and
    - Enrollment Indicator (Mandatory or Voluntary enrollment).

- The Monthly Healthy Connections Roster report is a list of participants enrolled to a Healthy Connections service location effective the first day of the month, and includes case management payment information. The report is divided into four sections: new enrollees, ongoing enrollees, lost eligibility, and disenrollees. This serves as the HC Case Management Payment report. This monthly roster is uploaded to the Organization’s secure portal under the File Exchange ‘Reports’ section and is available in both PDF and Excel formats.

An announcement will be posted to the Gainwell Technologies Health PAS website when the rosters become available.
8.2. Participant Enrollment

Medicaid providers should always verify participant eligibility and Healthy Connections (HC) enrollment prior to rendering services, as described in the Verifying Participant Eligibility section. For participants enrolled in Healthy Connections, the PCP information will be provided through the automated and/or online system. If an HC PCP is not indicated, an HC referral is not required.

Enrollment in HC is mandatory for most Medicaid participants and required in the majority of counties statewide. Participants not enrolled in HC are mailed an enrollment form and given up to 90 days to inform us of their choice of PCP. When a Medicaid participant does not choose a PCP and they live in a mandatory county, the participant is assigned to an HC PCP.

8.2.1. Voluntary Participant Enrollment in Healthy Connections

Participant not enrolled in Healthy Connections (HC), can complete an enrollment form at an HC clinic and faxed to 1 (888) 532-0014 or e-mailed to HCCR7@dhw.idaho.gov. Assisting participants to enroll to an HC clinic will help avoid the possibility of assignment to a different HC clinic.

8.2.2. Participant Enrollment Guidelines

- Enrollment in HC is mandatory for most Medicaid participants.
- Enrollment requests must be submitted by the participant or an authorized representative.
- Enrollment to the HC clinic will be effective the date the enrollment request is approved.
- Each enrolled participant is sent a written notice listing the name, phone number, and address of their HC clinic. This notice is generated and mailed the day after the participant’s enrollment is entered.
- Family participants are not required to choose the same HC clinic.
- Medicaid participants may enroll to an HC clinic in one of the following ways.
  - Preferred method – Enroll online at the Healthy Connections website https://healthyconnections.idaho.gov, choosing the blue link “Find a Healthy Connections PCP”.
  - Complete and return an HC Enrollment form received in the mail;
  - Enrollment form completed at clinic and faxed to the Healthy Connections Consolidated Unit at 1 (888) 532-0014; or
  - Call the HC Consolidated Unit at 1 (888) 528-5861 to enroll over the phone
- Clinic is required to absorb any participants enrolled to their clinic regardless if a specific provider is no longer with the HC clinic.
- The HC Network Directory can be found at https://healthyconnections.idaho.gov.

8.2.3. Enrollment to clinic with panel limitations

Healthy Connections (HC) clinics have the option to request a closed panel and not accept new Medicaid participants or request panel limitations for enrollment. Limited or closed panel clinics may arrange with HC to process enrollments without prior approval when any of the following conditions are met:
  - Participants are currently established as shown by claims within last 12 months.
  - Participants have an upcoming scheduled appointment or recent appointment.
  - Participants with family members currently established.
If the above conditions are not met, or the clinic is closed to new Medicaid, participants will be directed to the clinic for enrollment approval. The clinic must contact Healthy Connections with the approval for the participant to be enrolled in one of the following ways:

- Enrollment form from the clinic, signed by the participant or their authorized representative.
- Phone call from clinic validating enrollment request received from participant.

It is the responsibility of the organization to communicate panel limitations to all locations participating in Healthy Connections.

### 8.2.4. Mandatory Participant Enrollment in Healthy Connections

If a primary care provider (PCP)/clinic chooses to accept mandatory assignment participants, the assignments will occur within the panel limits the PCP/clinic has provided to Healthy Connections (HC) (i.e., accepting new Medicaid, age limits, etc.).

The requirements for assignments are as follows:

- When a participant is assigned to PCP/clinic, the clinic is required to allow assigned participant(s) to establish care, even if the panel subsequently has closed to accepting mandatory assignments; and
- If a participant has not established care, and has an urgent medical need, PCP/clinic is required to provide “timely access to care” either by seeing the participant or providing a one-time referral.

It is recommended that PCP/clinics check the Healthy Connections roster each month to see list of newly assigned participants and conduct outreach to encourage establishing care.

Participants not submitting a choice of provider will be assigned to a HC clinic up to 90-days after eligibility, to be effective the first of the following month, based on the following criteria:

- Assign participants to a clinic where they are currently receiving care.
- Assign family members to a clinic where other family members are enrolled, if appropriate.
- Assign participants to a prior Healthy Connections clinic, when applicable.
- Assign participants to a clinic based on geographic location.
- Assign participants based on rotation schedule agreed upon by clinic.

### 8.2.5. Changing Enrollment in Healthy Connections

Healthy Connections participants will be enrolled based on a fixed enrollment process. A set period of time is designated during the year when participants are allowed to change their PCP without cause. This is commonly known as the “annual enrollment period”. Fixed enrollment encourages a long-term provider-patient relationship resulting in the participant receiving a consistent source of care, provides for better patient outcomes and supports the value-based model of care.

Changes in enrollment are to be submitted by the participant or an authorized representative. HC clinics may submit HC enrollment forms on behalf of a participant, as long as the enrollment form is completed and signed by the participant or an authorized representative.

Participants or their authorized representatives are allowed to initiate a change without a special circumstance when it is:

- The annual enrollment period during July and August;
- Within the first ninety (90) days of enrollment with a new HC service location/clinic;
• Due to automatic re-enrollment and the participant misses any part of the annual open enrollment period; or
• A different service location/clinic within the HC Organization (same Tax ID).

Participants are allowed to initiate a change under the following special circumstances during the Fixed Enrollment Period:
• Participant requests different PCP than one assigned by the Department within the past 12 months;
• Participant moved outside of the PCP’s service area;
• Participant requests change because the PCP does not, due to moral or religious reasons, cover the service the participant seeks;
• Participant requests different PCP to allow members of a household to be enrolled with the same PCP (one medical home);
• Participant requests change due to changing to/from a specialty provider (i.e., Pediatrics, etc.);
• Participant chooses to follow PCP to a different HC organization, to maintain the existing relationship with the PCP;
• Participant requests change due to poor quality of care, as verified by the Department;
• Participant requests change due to lack of access to covered services, as verified by the Department;
• Participant requests change due to lack of access to providers experienced in dealing with the participant’s health care needs, as verified by the Department;
• Participant requests change in PCP due to foster care placement;
• Participant requests different PCP due to incompatible primary insurance coverage;
• Participant requests change due to a provider determining related services are not available within the provider network and would result in putting the participant at unnecessary risk to receive services separately;
• Participant requests change due to administrative error of the Department; or
• Other reasons determined to be acceptable by the Department.

Requests to change providers will be verified and approved if they meet Fixed Enrollment criteria. A request to change is not guaranteed and may not be acted on immediately. As a result, it is important for providers to obtain referrals from the provider of record in the system prior to rendering services.

The special circumstance request form can be found at https://healthyconnections.idaho.gov.

Failure to adhere to these policies may result in investigation by the Medicaid Program Integrity Unit.

a) References: Changing Enrollment in Healthy Connections

(i) Idaho Medicaid Publications
8.2.6. **Exceptions & Exemptions to HC Enrollment**

Participants meeting the exception or exemption criteria in this section are not required to enroll in the Healthy Connections Program. A referral is not needed for services rendered to participants not enrolled in Healthy Connections.

Participants are not required to enroll in Healthy Connections who meet the following exception criteria:

- The participant has an eligibility period that is less than three (3) months;
- The participant has an eligibility period that is only retroactive;
- The participant only has Qualified Medicare Beneficiary eligibility;
- The participant is enrolled in one of the managed care programs for Dual Eligible participants;
- The participant resides in long-term care or ICF/IID facility; or
- The participant resides in a non-mandatory county where there are not adequate numbers of providers to deliver primary care case management services.

Participants may opt out of Healthy Connections by requesting and qualifying for one of the following exemption reasons:

- Participant is unable to access a Healthy Connections provider within a distance of thirty (30) miles or within thirty (30) minutes to obtain primary care services;
- Participant has an existing relationship with a primary care provider or clinic (currently under the care) who is not participating in Healthy Connections. However, once the participant chooses to enroll with or receive services from an HC clinic, the participant no longer qualifies for an exemption (verified annually);
- Participant has Medicare as their primary healthcare plan;
- Participant is a member of a federally recognized tribe; or
- Participant is under 19 years of age and is:
  - Eligible for SSI under Title XVI;
  - Eligible under section 1902(e)(3) of the Act, qualified disabled children; or
  - Receiving foster care or adoption assistance.

Exempted participants not enrolled in Healthy Connections will appear as “Exempt from Healthy Connections” when checking eligibility. At any time, a participant with an exemption, but not an exception, may opt to enroll with a Healthy Connections provider.

**a) References: Exceptions & Exemptions to HC Enrollment**

**i) State Regulations**


8.2.7. **Participant Disenrollment by the Provider**

A PCP may choose to withdraw as the participant’s primary care provider and must give written notice to both the participant and the Department at least (30) days prior to the date of disenrollment. Failure by the PCP to notify Healthy Connections will result in continued obligation to provide care and/or referrals until notice is received. *The Department may waive this notice on a case-by-case basis.* The written notice from the PCP must give the enrollee the reason for the request for disenrollment.
A PCP may request disenrollment of a participant because:
- Participant has been previously discharged from the practice – PCP to provide copy of dismissal notice sent to participant
- A documented, ongoing pattern of failure on the part of the participant to keep scheduled appointments or meet other participant responsibilities
- A documented situation where there is an inability by the PCP, after making a reasonable effort to establish or maintain a mutually satisfactory PCP/participant relationship
- Behavior of the participant that is disruptive or abusive (and not related to his/her special needs) to the extent that the PCP’s ability to furnish services to the participant or other participants is impaired.

A PCP may not request disenrollment because of:
- An adverse change in the participant’s health status
- The participant’s over/under utilization of medical services
- The participant’s diminished mental capacity
- The participant’s uncooperative or disruptive behavior resulting from his or her special needs (except when his or her continued enrollment seriously impairs a PCP’s ability to furnish services to the participant or other participants)

Upon the reassignment of the participant to a new PCP, the former PCP must transfer a copy of the participant’s medical records to the new PCP when requested by the participant.
8.3. Referrals
A referral is a documented communication from a participant’s PCP of record to another Medicaid provider for a specific covered service. The participant’s HC clinic is responsible for providing primary care, managing the participant’s care and making referrals for medically necessary services. The PCP plays a key role in linking participants with community resources to facilitate referrals and respond to the participant’s medical and social needs.

8.3.1. Important Referral Policy Reminders
- Referrals must always be received prior to delivery of care.
- Backdated or retroactive referrals are not acceptable. Any service provided with a backdated or retroactive referral is considered to be non-covered and may be subject to recoupment and civil monetary penalties.
- Referral requirements apply regardless of Medicare or other insurance coverage.
- The referral must be documented in the records of both the referring and receiving providers to be valid.
- Referrals entered online in the HealthPAS portal meet the referral documentation requirements.
- Once received a referral remains active even if the participant changes their enrollment with an HC clinic.
- Providers receiving referrals may also forward the referral to another Medicaid provider as long as the date and scope of the referral meets the condition stated in the original referral.
- The referral requirement for primary care services accessed between HC clinics affiliated either by the same NPI or Tax ID is at the discretion of the HC clinic/organization of record.
- Referral authority may be externally delegated to an “outside organization” for the purposes of care coverage. However, externally delegated referral authority must be documented in the covering HC service location for the specific visit.
- In the event that a procedure not requiring a referral begins and must be changed to a procedure that requires a referral, one is not required. However, the medical documentation must support the procedure change.
- Referrals cannot be accepted in lieu of a prior authorization. PA’s are for certain services that require review and approval prior to being provided.
- When verifying eligibility, if no HC clinic is indicated or “Exempt from Healthy Connections” is returned, no referral is required.

8.3.2. Referral Elements
Effective 2/1/2016, the following are the required core referral elements:
- Date issued;
- Name of HC PCP or clinic issuing referral;
- Participant information;
- Referred-to provider;
- Start and end date of the referral (not to exceed one year);
- Diagnosis and/or Condition (entered in Notes section in HealthPAS); and
- Referral reason:
  - Consultation/diagnosis only;
  - Diagnose, treat, and/or forward to specialty provider;
  - One time visit until seen by PCP; and
  - Any additional referral limits or restrictions.
8.3.3. **Method of Referral**

A referral must be communicated by one of the following methods:

- **Electronic referral** (e.g., Gainwell Technologies HealthPAS portal or HC clinic electronic Medical Record {EMR});
- **Paper referral** (e.g., HC Referral form, prescription pad, etc.);
- **Verbal Referral** (e.g., calling an order into a specialist); or
- **Admit Order** (e.g., hospital direct admit by participant’s HC PCP).

8.3.4. **Advantages of Electronic Referrals**

There are many advantages to submitting an online electronic referral, including:

- **Improved Accessibility and Communication of Data** - The PCP, referred-to-provider and Department staff can access the referral online anytime;
- **Enhanced Capacity** – Resource for PCP to provide better coordinated care by having access to participant referrals entered online;
- **Integrity** - Authorized visits and/or date span of specified services are clear and concise;
- **Secure** - HIPAA compliant referral process; and
- **Timesaver** - No handling or storage of a paper referral.

Refer to the **Referrals** section of the [Trading Partner Account (TPA) User Guide](#) found in the **User Guides** under the **Reference Material** menu on the Gainwell Technologies Idaho Medicaid website for instructions to enter or retrieve online referrals.

8.3.5. **Follow-up Communication Requirements for Referrals**

Providers who receive Healthy Connections referrals will communicate their assessment, recommendations, or progress back to the HC PCP of record within a timely manner. Services provided for an extended period shall be reported to the PCP with an annual report, or more frequently if significant changes occur in the patient’s overall health. Failure to communicate findings to the PCP may result in services being considered non-covered and subject to recoupment.

8.3.6. **Services Not Requiring an HC PCP Referral**

The following services do not require a referral by the Healthy Connections Primary Care Provider. If the service is not on this list, it may require a referral. Services are hyperlinked where applicable to direct providers to the appropriate section of the Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook. Services must meet the requirements below and the definition of the service category to qualify.

The following services do not require a referral by the PCP:

- **Anesthesiology Services**, effective 04/01/2007;
- **Audiology Services** performed in the office of a certified audiologist;
- **Children’s Developmental Disabilities Services**, effective 09/01/2013;
- **Chiropractic Services** performed in the chiropractor’s office;
- **Dental Services**;
- **Durable Medical Equipment**, effective 02/01/2016;
  - This service should be coordinated with the participant’s primary care provider.
- **Emergency Services**, effective 01/01/2013;
  - As defined in [IDAPA 16.03.09.10.24](#) as a condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, 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 the following:

- Placing the health of the individual, or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or unborn child in serious jeopardy;
- Serious impairment to bodily functions; or
- Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

- **Family Planning Services**;
  - Specific items covered are diagnosis, treatment, contraceptive supplies, related counseling and restricted sterilization for pregnancy prevention.
- **Hospice Services**, effective 02/01/2016;
  - This service should be coordinated with the participant’s primary care provider.
- **Hospital Admissions** resulting directly from the facility’s emergency room, effective 12/01/2012;
  - Discharge planning must be coordinated with the HC PCP.
- **Immunizations** without an office visit, effective 04/01/2007;
  - Specialty physician and providers administering immunizations are asked to either provide the participant’s PCP with immunization records, or to record administered immunizations in the Idaho Immunization Registry and Information System (IRIS) to assure continuity of care and avoid duplication of services.
- **Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) Services**;
  - This includes all services delivered to participants residing in an ICF/IID, regardless of place of service.
- **Indian Health Clinic Services** provided to an American Indian/Alaskan Native;
- **Infant Toddler Program Services**, effective 09/01/2013;
- **Influenza Shots**;
  - Providers administering influenza shots are asked either to provide the participant’s PCP with documentation of the shot, or to record the immunization in the Idaho Immunization Registry and Information system to assure continuity of care and avoid duplication of services.
- **Laboratory Services**, including pathology, effective 04/01/2007;
- **Licensed Midwife Services**;
- **Occupational Therapy Services**, effective 02/01/2016;
  - This service should be coordinated with the participant’s primary care provider.
- **Outpatient Mental Health Services** managed by Optum Idaho, effective 09/01/2013;
  - Mental Health Services not coordinated by the Department’s Behavioral Health Managed Care Contractor, Optum Idaho, and billed directly to Gainwell Technologies will require a Healthy Connections referral. For example, a referral would be required for a psychiatrist billing Gainwell Technologies directly for physician services provided to a participant with only a mental health diagnosis. See Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services below for referral information specific to SUD services.
- **Personal Care Services (PCS)**;
- **PCS Case Management**;
- **Pharmacy Services** or prescription drugs;
- **Physical Therapy**, effective 02/01/2016;
  - This service should be coordinated with the participant’s primary care provider.
- **Podiatry Services** performed in the office;
- **Pregnancy-Related Services**, effective 01/01/2013;
  - This service should be coordinated with the participant’s primary care provider.
• **Radiology Services**, effective 04/01/2007;
• **Respiratory Services**, effective 02/01/2016;
• **School Based Health Center (SBHC)** for acute services when coordinated with the participant’s primary care provider within three business days, effective 01/01/2020;
• **School-Based Services**;
  o Includes all health-related services provided by a school district under an Individual Education Plan (IEP).
• **Screening Mammography**;
• **Services managed directly by the Department**, as defined in the Provider Handbook, Provider Guidelines;
• **Skilled Nursing Facility Services**;
  o This includes all services delivered to participants residing in a skilled nursing facility.
• **Speech Language Pathology**, effective 2/1/16;
• **Sexually Transmitted Disease Testing**;
• **Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services**;
  o Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations at Title 42, Chapter I, Subchapter A, Part 2, “Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records” a Healthy Connections referral is not required to access or receive SUD services for any participant with a SUD diagnosis regardless of diagnosis position, primary, secondary or tertiary.
• **Transportation Services**;
• **Urgent Care Services**, effective 01/01/2020;
• **Vision Services** performed in the offices of ophthalmologists and optometrists and eyeglasses; and
• **Waiver Services for the Aged and Disabled**.

### 8.3.7. School Based Health Centers

A School Based Health Center (SBHC) is defined as a health center located at an elementary, middle, or high school. College health services do not qualify as an SBHC. SBHCs do not require a referral for **acute care services** provided to a student so long as all requirements of this section are met:

- The participant’s PCP must be contacted within three business days with written or electronic documentation for coordination of care.
- Documentation must include:
  o A visit summary;
  o Prescriptions or orders issued; and
  o Any other information the PCP may need to be aware of.
- If secondary or specialty care is medically necessary, the SBHC provider will refer the student back to their HC PCP.
- The student’s parent/guardian must be contacted with the visit outcome and any follow-up care recommendations.

The SBHC will be subject to periodic evaluation of policy compliance for care coordination by Department staff to include patient medical record reviews.

### 8.3.8. Urgent Care Services

Effective January 1, 2020, Healthy Connection Referrals will not be required for urgent care services accessed at urgent care centers or Healthy Connections Clinics that meet the criteria below. Urgent care services for this purpose are medical services used in the treatment of acute illness or injury which require prompt attention, but generally are not serious enough to require an emergency room visit.
Participants are encouraged to always call their Primary Care Provider first as they may offer same day or walk-in appointments. If their Primary Care Provider’s office is closed or they are unable to be seen immediately for an urgent medical need, they may be seen at a qualified Urgent Care or Healthy Connections Clinic. The Department encourages providers to work together within their medical neighborhoods to effectively coordinate patient care. Urgent care service providers have the option to treat participants or contact their PCP to determine if they have availability to treat an urgent medical need.

Providers that meet the criteria for urgent care services not needing a referral are:

1. **Urgent Care Centers** – for purposes of this referral policy, defined as:
   a. Evaluates and treats a broad spectrum of illness and injury
   b. Offers walk-in appointments as the primary scheduling model
   c. Is open at least one additional hour per weekday outside the standard Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00, or an additional five hours on the weekend

2. **Healthy Connections Clinics** that meet the following enhanced access criteria:
   a. Offers walk-in or same day appointments
   b. Is open at least one additional hour per weekday outside the standard Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00, or an additional five hours on the weekend

In addition to meeting the above criteria, Urgent Care Centers or Healthy Connections Clinics are required to:

1. **Communicate** the visit summary directly to the patient’s Healthy Connections Clinic of record within three (3) business days of the visit. At a minimum, this shall include:
   a. Facts and Findings
   b. Prescriptions and DME ordered
   c. Other pertinent healthcare information
2. **Direct** the patient to their Healthy Connections Clinic of record:
   a. For ongoing treatment or coordination of chronic/complex conditions
   b. When specialty or follow-up care is needed
   c. For those seeking wellness services
3. **Educate** patients when urgent care is appropriate

Providers required to meet these criteria will be subject to periodic evaluation of policy compliance. Compliance requirements to include:

1. Proof of direct communication must be documented by both the provider rendering the urgent care service **AND** the Healthy Connections clinic of record.
   a. The communication requirement would be met when the urgent care service provider and Healthy Connections Clinic of record are under the same organization and share an Electronic Medical Record (EMR)
   b. Record of visit in the Idaho Health Data Exchange (IHDE), while encouraged, without direct communication to the Healthy Connections Clinic of record does not meet the communication requirements.
2. Urgent Care Service Providers are required to, at a minimum, direct participants to their Healthy Connections Clinic of record for follow-up visits, wellness care or scheduled appointments.

**Failure to meet these requirements may result in services considered non-covered and subject to recoupment and/or a civil monetary penalty.**

**a) References: Urgent Care Services**

**(i) Idaho Medicaid Publications**


**8.3.9. References: Referrals**

**(a) Idaho Medicaid Publications**


8.4. Program Liaison

The HC Program provides staff to help resolve program related problems providers may encounter. Contact information for regional Healthy Connections Representative can be found at https://healthyconnections.idaho.gov/. Providers can also contact their local Provider Relations Consultant (PRC) with Gainwell Technologies to obtain information, training, or to answer billing questions. Refer to the Directory, Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook for specific contact information.
9. Healthy Connections Value Care

The HCVC program, in effect on July 1, 2021, builds on the success of the transition to the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) model of care and draws on experience from other states. Under this program, Value Care Organizations (VCOs), contracted with the Department, are held accountable for improving participant health outcomes and controlling costs. Idaho Medicaid Healthy Connections (HC) organizations may choose to form their own VCO and contract directly with the Department. Alternatively, they may choose to affiliate with hospitals, primary care organizations, and other medical service organizations to form a VCO, which then contracts with the Department. The goals of HCVC:

- Improve the health of Idahoans;
- Provide high-quality, cost effective care
- Reward organizations by sharing shared savings

New value care organization (VCO) contracts or changes in existing VCO contracts are due annually by April 1st. Each VCO must have a minimum of 2,000 attributed participants. VCO contracts must include Healthy Connections (HC) service locations and acute care hospital affiliations. An agreement between each VCO and affiliated HC organization shall be in place prior to each performance year. It is the responsibility of the VCO to report changes in affiliated HC service locations to the Department.

- The VCO will inform the Department of their risk options.
- The Department will inform the VCO of their quality targets and the statewide standardized total cost of care per member per month (PMPM) cost.

The VCO contract with the Department will renew automatically annually. For additional information, please review the HCVC contract found on the HC website at https://healthyconnections.idaho.gov.

9.1. Guidelines for HC Organization Affiliation with VCOs

Under the new July 1, 2021 Healthy Connections (HC) Coordinated Care Agreement, most HC organizations are required to affiliate with a value care organization (VCO) of their choice. HC organizations exempt from the VCO affiliation requirement include:

- Indian health services clinics;
- Tribal clinics;
- State owned clinics; and
- Public Health Districts clinics.

New HC organizations enrolling in the HC Program will not be required to affiliate with a VCO until the following year. HC organizations will have the opportunity to join or change their VCO affiliation annually prior to the April 1st VCO contracting/affiliation deadline. These changes will be effective for the next performance year starting July 1st. When HC organizations affiliated to a VCO add a new HC service location, the new HC service location will automatically be affiliated to the same VCO. The HC case management payment will continue to be paid directly to the HC organization.

9.2. General Value Care Terms and Conditions

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<td>Minimum Savings/Loss Threshold</td>
<td>Performance year savings/loss must exceed a minimum (1%) of the gross target to trigger VCO’s savings or loss.</td>
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| Option #1 Symmetrical Minimum/Maximum Risk Share | Year 1: 25% of savings or loss.  
Year 2: 50% of savings or loss.  
Year 3: 50% of savings or loss.  
Maximum risk share each year – 80%. |
| Option #2 Upside Savings Only     | Year 1: Upside Only – 5% share only for SFY 2022.  
Year 2: 25% of savings or loss.  
Year 3: 50% of savings or loss.  
Maximum Risk Share Year 2 and 3 – 80%. |
| Maximum Savings or Risk Limit     | Not to exceed 15% of VCO target Per Member Per Month.                                    |
| Participant Attribution           | 7+ months assigned to VCO.                                                               |
| Target Development                | Statewide.                                                                              |
| Performance Year                  | July 1 through June 30. First performance year is July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 (SFY 2022). |

### 9.3. HCVC Participant Attribution Model

Healthy Connections Value Care (HCVC) participants are attributed to a value care organization (VCO) for the purposes of calculating the Total Cost of Care (TCOC) and Quality Program. Participant attribution to a VCO is based on the Medicaid participants that are assigned to the VCO-affiliated HC service locations. For a participant’s cost and member months to be included in the base year/performance year calculation, a participant must be enrolled in HC for a minimum of seven months. A participant may be assigned to different Healthy Connections Service Locations within the same VCO to be attributed.

**Attribution Example 1:**

**12 months of Healthy Connections Program eligibility**

7 months Assigned to VCO 1.  
5 months Assigned to VCO 2.  
Participant would be attributed to VCO 1 for the entire 12-month period and all claims incurred during the period would be attributed to VCO 1 and included in the TCOC calculation.

**Attribution Example 2:**

**7 months of Healthy Connections Program eligibility**

7 months Assigned to VCO 1.  
5 months eligible for Medicaid but not enrolled in the Healthy Connections Program.
Participant would be attributed to VCO 1 for the 7 months they were assigned to VCO 1 and all claims incurred during the 7 month period would be attributed to VCO 1 and included in the TCOC calculation.

**Attribution Example 3: 12 months of Healthy Connections Program eligibility**

6 months Assigned to VCO 1.
6 months Assigned to VCO 2.
Participant would not be attributed to either VCO or included in the Base Year calculation due to the participant not meeting the 7-month minimum assignment requirement to qualify for attribution.

### 9.4. Total Cost of Care (TCOC)

Total cost of care (TCOC) is the formula used to measure and evaluate the VCO’s performance in controlling the cost of care provided to attributed participants. The Total Cost of Care Formula:

\[
VCO\ \text{Gross Target PMPM} = \frac{\text{Statewide Base Year PMPM}}{\text{Statewide Base Year Risk Score}} \times \text{Trend Factor} \times \text{VCO Performance Year Risk Score}
\]

*For complete definitions for each component, please refer to the Healthy Connections Value Care contract.

#### 9.4.1. Trend Factor

A statewide factor applied to trend costs forward in setting the gross target PMPM for each VCO. The trend factor will be calculated retrospectively, at the end of each performance year, in order to balance the statewide target to the statewide budget. The trend factor will be estimated during the performance year but will not be finalized until after the run-out period for the performance year.

#### 9.4.2. VCO Gross Target Per Member Per Month (PMPM)

Each VCO gross target is limited by a trend factor less than past growth to control costs and adjusted for the VCO’s population health by performance year risk score. Risk scores are calculated for each attributed participant each year using the Milliman MARA CXAdjuster Risk Scoring methodology. The risk score is based on all medical and pharmacy claims and not limited to those services included in the HCVC model. Both the statewide risk score and VCO level risk score is limited to attributed participants only. Managed care claims, such as behavioral health and dental, are excluded in determining the risk score.

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**Base Year Statewide PMPM | Base Year Statewide MARA Risk Score | Base Year Statewide Risk adjusted PMPM | Trend Factor | Performance Year VCO MARA Risk Score | Gross Target PMPM | Performance Year VCO Paid PMPM | Gross Savings/(Loss) PMPM**

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1 & 2 & 3 = 1/2 & 4 & 5 & 6 = 3\times4\times5 & 7 & 8 = 7.6
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\]
VCO’s that achieve cost savings by spending less than their gross target, while also improving quality, can share in those savings. VCO’s that do not meet their gross target will be responsible for a share of the excess for spending beyond their target. Final VCO gross target PMPM will not be finalized until after the run-out period for the performance year.

9.4.3. **Included Costs**
The following costs will be included when calculating TCOC:

- Diagnostic services (lab tests, imaging, etc.);
- Durable medical equipment;
- Emergency medical transport;
- Hospice Care;
- Home Health services;
- Inpatient Hospital services;
- Outpatient Hospital services;
- Inpatient behavioral health;
- Outpatient facilities including ambulatory surgery; and
- Professional services (primary care, specialty care, physical therapy, speech therapy, etc.).

9.4.4. **Excluded Costs**
The following costs will be excluded when calculating TCOC:

- Behavioral health services administered through a managed-care contract;
- Dental services administered through a managed-care contract;
- Home and Community-Based Waiver Services (e.g. services provided to participants in their home or community rather than institutions, such as personal care services or meals);
- Long-term Supports & Services;
- Non-emergent medical transportation services administered through a managed-care contract;
- Nursing Home or Intermediate Care Facilities;
- Pharmacy;
- Skilled Nursing; and
- Healthy Connections Case Management Payments.

9.4.5. **Excluded Participant Categories**
A list of Medicaid participants who may be assigned to a HC Service Location within the VCO, but who are excluded from the HCVC program:

- Dual-eligible participants (eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare);
- Participants made eligible through Medicaid Expansion. This exclusion is applicable only to performance year 2022;
- VCO Risk Options:
  - For SFY 2022, VCO’s can choose to participate free of financial risk and with a limited share in rewards (upside only), in order to understand their data and learn what does and does not work for their population;
  - VCO’s that choose to take on risk will share in rewards if they meet budget and quality targets; and
VCO’s that accept risk but exceed their budget target will be responsible for a share of that excess spending.

9.5. Quality Performance Program

The goal of the Quality Performance Program is to incentivize continuous improvement in quality measures. All “qualifying” quality measures are included in the value care organization (VCO)’s quality payment calculation. To be considered a “qualifying” quality measure, the VCO shall have a minimum of 30 participants in the base and performance year measure’s denominator. The quality measure’s baseline score is based on participants attributed to the VCO. For the first performance year, quality targets will be based on SFY 2019. The quality measure performance outcome will be calculated annually based on the participants attributed to the VCO during the performance year.

9.5.1. Quality Measure Targets

Quality targets will help incentivize continuous improvement toward the statewide goal over time. The statewide goal is set at the higher of the Statewide average or the National 90th percentile score for the Medicaid program. Value care organizations (VCO) will receive credit for meeting quality targets if they demonstrate an incremental increase from their individual baseline score or meet the statewide goal. Quality measures will help ensure that VCOs are improving the quality of care and not just reducing costs.

9.5.2. Common Set of Quality Measures

The performance year (SFY2022) seven quality measures are outlined below. Specific criteria for each measure can be found on the website. The measure timeframes are automatically calibrated to the specific timeframe of the HCVC program. For example, if measure reads ‘per year’ the year measured coincides with the HCVC program performance year.

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<th>Healthy Connections Quality Measures</th>
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<td>(Adult) DIABETES HBA1C TEST indicates whether a participant with type 1 or type 2 diabetes, aged 18 to 75 years, had a hemoglobin A1c test performed.</td>
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<td>WELL CHILD VISITS (&gt;5) IN FIRST 15 MOS MCD CHILD indicates the percentage of participants, who turned 15 months old, and had more than five well-child visits with a primary care provider (PCP) during their first 15 months of life.</td>
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<td>WELL CHILD VISITS AGE 3 TO 6 YEARS MEDICAID CHILD indicates the percentage of participants, aged 3 to 6 years, who received at least one well-child visits with a primary care provider (PCP) during the measurement year.</td>
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<td>WELL CARE VISITS ADOLESCENTS MEDICAID CHILD indicates the percentage of participants, aged 12 to 21 years, who had at least one comprehensive well-care visit with a primary care provider (PCP) or a gynecologist during the measurement year.</td>
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<td>BREAST CANCER SCREENING indicates percentage of female participants, aged 52 to 74 years, who had a mammogram done from 27 months prior to the measurement period to the end of the measurement period.</td>
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<td>Ambulatory Care Emergency Dept Visits Calculates the number of emergency department (ED) visits per 1,000 enrolled months.</td>
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<td>READMISSIONS WITHIN 30 DAYS AGE 18 TO 64 and READMISSIONS WITHIN 30 DAYS AGE &gt; 64 calculates the percentage of acute inpatient stays during the reporting time period, for participants aged 18 years and older, that were followed by an acute readmission for any diagnosis within 30 days of discharge.</td>
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9.5.3. Annual Improvement Targets

To qualify for incentive payments value care organization (VCO) shall demonstrate the greater of a 10% incremental improvement from the difference between the state goal and VCO baseline score, OR meet the statewide goal. The incremental improvement must be a minimum of 3% points from the VCO’s baseline score. Quality measure performance targets will be provided to each VCO prior to the performance year.

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<td>[State Goal] – [VCO Baseline] = [Difference]</td>
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When the difference between the statewide goal and the VCO baseline is significant, the VCO will receive credit for the measure by meeting the incremental improvement target.

**Example 1: Improvement Target**

VCO’s baseline score for quality measure is 30%. The statewide goal is 70%. The incremental improvement target would be 34%.

Initial Calculation: \([70.0\%] – [30.0\%] = 40\% \times 10\% = 4\%\)

The improvement target would apply as the initial calculation is greater than the 3% minimum.

**Improvement Target:** 30.0% + 4.0% = 34%

In some cases, when the incremental improvement calculation does not result in a significant improvement, the minimum 3% improvement applies.

**Example 2: Improvement Target**

VCO’s baseline score for quality measure is 50.6%. The statewide goal is 70%. The incremental improvement target would be 53.6%.

Initial Calculation: \([70.0\%] – [50.6\%] = 19.4\% \times 10\% = 1.94\%\)

The incremental improvement target is less than the 3%, thus the minimum improvement of 3% is applied, resulting in an improvement target of 53.6%.

**Improvement Target:** 50.6% + 3% = 53.6%
In some instances, the improvement target based on meeting the 3% minimum could exceed statewide goals. In this case, the VCO must only meet the statewide goal to receive credit for this measure.

**Example 3: Improvement Target**

VCO’s baseline score for the quality measure is 66.7% while the statewide goal is 68%.

**Initial Calculation:** 
\[
\text{[68\%]} - \text{[66.7\%]} = 1.3\% \times 10\% = 0.13\%
\]

The incremental improvement target is less than the 3%.

**Improvement Target:** 
\[66.7\% + 3\% = 69.7\%\]

However, the 3% minimum improvement point is not applicable, as the result exceeds the statewide goal of 68%. The VCO would only need a 1.3% increase to meet the improvement target, which in this situation is meeting the statewide goal.

### 9.5.4. Quality Performance Payment Distribution

As an organization meets more statewide goals or improvement targets, it receives a higher payment. If the VCO does not meet the improvement target or statewide goal on any of their designated measures, the VCO would not qualify to receive any shared savings.

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### 9.5.5. Quality Measures Under Consideration for Future Years

Idaho Medicaid will be collaborating with participating VCOs and a broad group of stakeholders on the development of future year quality measures. Each year Idaho Medicaid will publish, by the end of the third quarter, the set of quality measures that will apply to participating VCOs the following year.
9.6. Data Deliverables
To support value care organizations (VCO) in their pursuit of providing cost-effective quality care, data deliverables will be shared by the Department as outlined in the Healthy Connections Value Care Contract Exhibit 2, Article II data deliverable schedule. VCOs will have access to a secure SFTP account where this information will be housed. A listing of the data deliverables is as follows:

- **Participant Enrollment Report.** Participant enrollment data outlined in the data dictionary for participants assigned to Healthy Connection Service Locations participating with a VCO. The VCO shall receive this report during the Performance Year and for a period prior to the Performance Year as defined in Article II.
- **Participant Attribution Report.** A report reflecting the assigned participants, outlined in the data dictionary, who qualify as attributed participants to the VCO during the base year for purposes of determining the VCO’s gross target Per Member Per Month (PMPM).
- **MARA Risk Score.** A report reflecting the MARA risk score for each participant attributed to the VCO during the performance year for purposes of determining the VCO’s gross target PMPM. Additional MARA Risk Score reports will be provided to the VCO for each participant assigned to the VCO during the performance year.
- **Medical Claims Report.** VCO shall receive medical claim data, for participants assigned to the VCO during the performance year and for a period prior to the performance year.
- **Pharmacy Claims Report** VCO shall receive pharmacy claims data for participants assigned to the VCO during the performance year and for a period prior to the performance year.
- **Initial and Interim Total Cost of Care (TCOC) Saving/Loss Report.** Initial and interim TCOC savings/loss report reflecting the base year figures including base year statewide actual cost PMPM, base year statewide risk score, risk standardized PMPM estimated trend factor, performance year VCO risk score for currently assigned participant and estimated VCO gross target PMPM. Interim updates of the VCO’s TCOC calculation will be provided during the performance year.
- **Quality Performance Program Report.** An initial report reflecting the VCO’s quality performance will be provided prior to the performance year, containing the VCO quality baseline data, statewide quality average, statewide quality targets, VCO’s quality targets and quality performance for current participant enrollment. Interim updates of the VCO’s quality performance will be provided during the performance year.
- **Gaps in Care Report.** A report reflecting a list of participants assigned to HC service locations participating with a VCO and indicating if the applicable quality measure(s) numerator and denominator criteria have not been met. This report to be provided during the performance year.

9.7. Cost Settlement Process
The HCVC cost settlement process can be found in the HCVC Contract Exhibit 1, Article VI.

9.8. Advisory Groups
Statewide Care Collaborative (SCC)
An SCC will be established by the Department as a venue for the Department and the value care organizations (VCO) to monitor and evaluate the performance of the program in meeting its goals and objectives. The SCC will also provide a forum for raising concerns and recommending solutions regarding issues that may arise in the delivery of healthcare to Participants. SCC participation will include representatives of the Department and representatives of each contracted VCO in the state.
Community Health Outcome Improvement Coalition (CHOICe)
The Department may establish or utilize an existing community advisory group to serve as the CHOICe for each region. The CHOICe will help identify opportunities to improve health and wellness, create health equity and address the social determinants of health in their communities, among other activities. The VCOs in each region, with input from the Department, will facilitate meetings, manage agendas and establish topics for discussion. The CHOICe will meet quarterly.

9.9. Contract Compliance
The Department will monitor the contracted value care organizations (VCO) for compliance with the Healthy Connections Value Care contract and exhibits to ensure that quality and access to care are not impacted adversely. The Department will monitor Healthy Connections enrollment/disenrollment reports and cost/utilization patterns of Medicaid participants attributed to a VCO provider. The Department will also review the shared savings payment methodology and the data and analyses used to establish trends, baselines, benchmarks, risk adjustments and other inputs which establish the shared savings payments and recommend necessary adjustments to ensure the goals for the HCVC program are being met.

9.10. References: Healthy Connections Value Care

9.10.1. Idaho Medicaid Publications
10. Covered Services and Limitations: General

10.1. Medical Necessity

State Medicaid programs are mandated to only pay for medically necessary services and items covered in Idaho Medicaid’s State Plan for adults twenty-one years of age and older. A service or item is considered medically necessary when it is reasonably calculated to prevent, diagnose, or treat conditions in the participant that endanger life, cause pain, cause functionally significant deformity or malfunction. Only effective treatments that are the most conservative (including setting, duration and frequency), or least costly, are considered eligible. The setting a participant receives services in, and the methods or items utilized must be safe and effective. The service or item must be of a quality that meets professionally-recognized standards of health care and substantiated by records including evidence of such medical necessity and quality. Items and services are not provided for the convenience of the patient, provider or caregiver. Diagnoses on claim submissions must support medical necessity for the services provided.

Children up to the age of 21 have an expanded definition for medical necessity to correct or ameliorate defects, physical and mental illness, and conditions discovered by the screening services as defined in Section 1905(r) of the SSA, whether or not such services are covered under the State Plan. Although services under EPSDT do not have to be within the State Plan, they must fall into a category of service listed in 1905(a) of the Social Security Act, be considered safe and effective, and meet acceptable standards of medical practice. If services not covered under the State Plan are needed, a Request for Additional Services (RAS) form must be submitted to the Department for prior authorization.

A service or item that has received FDA approval or its own CPT®/HCPCS code is not automatically considered a medically necessary service or item. It must be consistent with generally accepted professional medical standards of care and be verified through independent study published in peer-reviewed literature before being considered for medical necessity. In the absence of Idaho Medicaid direction for medical necessity criteria of covered items and services, the provider should default to Medicare standards.

Screening services are generally not medically necessary. Screening is used to detect an undiagnosed disease where early detection may prevent harm, and where the patient has no signs, symptoms, laboratory evidence, radiological evidence or personal history of the disease. Idaho Medicaid covers screening services as mandated by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and recommended by the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) with an "A" or "B" recommendation, or when listed in the American Academy of Pediatrics Bright Futures periodicity schedule.

See Non-Covered and Excluded Services for information about items and services that may not be reimbursable. See the Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnostic & Treatment (EPSDT) section for more information and how to request services that may exceed those under State Plan for participants under the age of 21.

10.1.1. References: Medical Necessity

a) Federal Regulations


b) State Regulations


10.2. Experimental/Investigational Services

The Department uses the terms experimental and investigational interchangeably. Treatments and procedures are considered experimental if they are used to gain further evidence or knowledge, or to test the usefulness (i.e., efficacy) of a drug or treatment. All services and follow-ups directly associated with an experimental service are also excluded from reimbursement. The Department lists services it considers experimental throughout the handbook for provider convenience, however, on services without stated guidance from the Department providers bear a responsibility to determine if a service meets the definition of **Medical Necessity** and if it would be considered experimental. A service would be experimental if:

- It is being provided as part of a phase 1 clinical trial;
- There is inadequate data to provide the reasonable expectation that the service would be as effective as the standard treatment for a condition;
- Expert opinion suggests additional information is needed to assess the safety or efficacy of a treatment or procedure;
- It is determined experimental or investigational under Medicare or their local area contractor, Noridian Healthcare; or
- It is considered investigational by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Services determined to be experimental are not eligible for coverage under Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnostic & Treatment (EPSDT). Procedures and treatments may be eligible for coverage with a prior authorization under a focused case review on a case-by-case basis for participants of any age with a life threatening medical illness and no other available treatment options. The Department may at its discretion seek an independent professional opinion if there is insufficient information to render a coverage decision. A focused case review involves a Department analysis of the proposed procedure or treatment and:

- The anticipated benefit and risks to the participant’s health;
- Documentation of the participant’s previous treatments and outcomes;
- Medicare’s coverage in national coverage guidelines;
- The phase of clinical trial the procedure or treatment is in (if applicable);
- Written guidance from national organizations;
- Clinical data and peer-reviewed literature;
- Ethics Committee review, if appropriate; and
- A cost-benefit analysis consisting of:
  - Estimated long-term cost if the request is approved or denied; and
  - Potential long-term impacts to Idaho Medicaid if the request is approved

Services approved under a focused case review that fall into Medicare’s clinical trial policy, investigational device exemption policy or coverage with evidence development must use modifiers Q0 and Q1 on outpatient claims to differentiate between routine and investigational clinical services. ICD-10-CM Z00.6 must be included on the claim in the primary or secondary position.

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10.2.1. References: Non-Covered and Excluded Services

a) CMS Guidance


b) Idaho Medicaid Publications


c) State Regulations


10.3. Service Limitations

Service limitations restrict services based on state and federal rules and regulations. Each procedure and revenue code may be reviewed for a variety of limitations. Limitations include, but are not limited to:

- Services bundled when rendered by the same provider;
- Amount of services or items in a given time frame;
- Reimbursement caps during a time period;
- Medical necessity;
- Age of the participant; and
- Lifetime procedures.

Some services that exceed limitations may be covered with a prior authorization. Refer to your specific Provider Guidelines carefully for additional information.

Policy limitations can be reviewed on request if the allowed amount doesn’t meet the average participants’ needs. Supporting documentation should be submitted to demonstrate why the current limitation would not meet the average participant’s medical needs. Requests may be submitted to MCPT@dhw.idaho.gov.
10.4. **Non-Covered and Excluded Services**

Specific non-covered services and circumstances are detailed throughout the provider handbook. Non-covered services are not excluded from coverage by statute and meet all technical requirements for coverage, but have been determined non-covered because of one of the following:

- The service is not within the scope of the participant’s eligibility for coverage;
- The service requires a Healthy Connections referral and one isn’t available;
- The participant has exhausted their allowed amount;
- The service is covered in a bundle with another service, and may not be unbundled; or
- The service is not reasonable and medically necessary. See the [Medical Necessity](#) section for more information.

Excluded services are those services that are not allowed to be covered by state or federal statute or rule. See the [List of Excluded Services](#) section for more information.

The following fees and situations do not fall under the Department’s definition of a non-covered or excluded service and can never be billed to a participant:

- No-show or missed appointment fees;
- Other insurer’s co-pays;
- Failure on the part of the provider to submit a complete and correct claim to the Department or other payor;
- Failure by the provider to submit a complete and correct request for prior authorization from the Department or other payor;
- Claims voided by the provider;
- Failure of the provider to follow any payor’s policy or procedure; or
- Any recoupment or penalties the provider receives as a result of their action or inaction.

A service that is non-covered or excluded is not reimbursable regardless of the CPT® or HCPCS code selected for billing. Non-covered or excluded services billed under a CPT® or HCPCS defined as unlisted or miscellaneous will be subject to recoupment and penalties. See Idaho Medicaid Claim Standards in the [General Billing Instructions](#), Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook for more information about correct coding. See [Participant Financial Responsibility](#) section for information on when and how participants may be billed.

### 10.4.1. **List of Excluded Services**

Services excluded from coverage by statute or rule include:

**Acupuncture**

**Biofeedback Therapy**
Biofeedback for urinary incontinence, however, is a covered service.

**Complications**

The treatment of complications, consequences, or repair of any excluded medical procedure is not covered. Medicaid may authorize treatment with supporting documentation from a physician if the resultant condition is determined by Medicaid to be life threatening.
**Cosmetic Surgery**
All surgery that is generally cosmetic in nature is excluded from payment unless it is found to be medically necessary, such as reconstructive surgery, and is prior authorized.

**Elective Treatments**
Elective medical and surgical treatments are not covered without a prior authorization except for family planning services.

**Eye Exercise Therapy**

**Fertility-Related Services**
Fertility-related services are not covered. This includes: testing; artificial insemination; consultations; counseling; donation of ovum, sperm, or surrogate womb; genetic testing and/or counseling for family planning; in vitro fertilization; office exams; penile implants; or reversal of sterilization.

**Group Exercise Therapy**

**Group Hydrotherapy**

**Experimental/Investigational Services**

**Naturopathic Services**

**Screening Services**
Screening services are excluded except those with recommendations of “A” or “B” by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) or identified in the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Bright Futures periodicity schedule. In the event that recommendations from the USPSTF and AAP conflict, the Department follows the USPSTF.

**Surgical Procedures on the Cornea for Myopia**

**Vitamin Injections**
Vitamin injections are not covered if they are not needed for a specific diagnosis.

### 10.4.2. Exceptions to Non-Covered and Excluded Services

Some non-covered or excluded services and procedures that require treatment, services, or supplies not included in the regular scope of Medicaid coverage may be payable when identified as medically necessary during a Child Wellness exam, sometimes referred to as Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnostic & Treatment (EPSDT). Coverage under EPSDT must be prior authorized by Medicaid and is not available for experimental or investigational services. See the [Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnostic & Treatment (EPSDT)](https://example.com) section for more information.
10.4.3. References: Non-Covered and Excluded Services

a) CMS Guidance


b) Idaho Medicaid Publications

c) Regulations

10.5. Dental

Dental services are administered through Idaho Smiles as of July 1, 2011. No other claims are payable through Gainwell Technologies unless otherwise explicitly noted. All reimbursement for dental claims and services is handled through Idaho Smiles. Please call 1 (855) 235-6262 or visit the Idaho Smiles website for more information on this program.

See the Physician and Non-Physician Practitioner, Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook for coverage of dental anesthesia for pediatrics provided in the office.
10.6. Early Intervention Services

Early Intervention Services are designed to work with families to meet the developmental needs of each child. Services are provided through Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C in accordance with 42 CFR 440.130(d). As the lead agency for IDEA Part C services, the Infant Toddler Program (ITP) may receive Medicaid reimbursement as detailed in the Department Intra-Agency Agreement for these medically necessary services through the following Medicaid benefits:

- Intake Screening;
- Developmental Screening;
- PT, OT, SLP Evaluations;
- Developmental Evaluation;
- Early Intervention Assessment;
- Early Intervention;
- Joint Visit;
- Teaming;
- Interpretive Services;
- Service Coordination;
- Transportation; and
- Assistive Technology.

10.6.1. Early Intervention Services Eligibility

Eligibility for Early Intervention Services is determined by ITP in accordance with IDEA Part C requirements and Medicaid regulations as specified in the Department Intra-Agency Agreement available at id.medicaid.com under the “Reference Material” tab. To be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement for covered services, the child must:

- Be age birth through the end of their 36th month; and
- Have a diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay; or
- Experience delays in one or more of the following areas:
  - Cognitive development;
  - Physical development, including vision and hearing;
  - Communication development;
  - Social or emotional development; or
  - Adaptive development.

10.6.2. Evaluations

Evaluations must support services billed to Medicaid, be updated as needed to accurately reflect the child’s current status and be recommended by a physician. Evaluations completed for educational services only cannot be billed to Medicaid. Evaluations must include the following information:

- Summary of Findings;
- Recommendations for treatment; and
- Dated signature of professional completing the evaluation.
10.6.3. **Assessments**

Assessments must support services billed to Medicaid and be used to identify strengths and needs and services appropriate to meet those needs. Assessments must include the following information:

- Indication the parent or legal guardian of the child were included in the assessment process; and
- Dated signature of professional completing the assessment.

10.6.4. **Documentation**

The Infant Toddler Program must ensure a child’s record contains information in accordance to IDEA Part C requirements and all Medicaid regulations as detailed in the Department Intra-Agency Agreement. The following information must be included in the record of each child enrolled in ITP:

- Eligibility Determination;
- Physician recommendation;
- Evaluations/Assessments;
- Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP);
- Continuing Service Report(s); and
- Other child specific documentation listed in the Department Intra-Agency Agreement.

10.6.5. **Provider Staff Qualifications**

Early intervention services for infants and toddlers enrolled in Idaho Medicaid are provided by the ITP. The ITP must hold a valid Idaho Medicaid provider agreement and comply with all provider enrollment and screening requirements as specified in IDAPA 16.03.09.

All personnel providing early intervention services must be employed by or contracted with the ITP, meet established certification or licensing standards, meet IDEA, Part C requirements and meet all Medicaid regulations as specified within the Department Intra-Agency Agreement.

10.6.6. **Medicaid Reimbursable IDEA Part C Services**

IDEA Part C services reimbursed based on the [early intervention fee schedule](#) include:

- Intake Screening;
- Developmental Screening;
- PT, OT, SLP Evaluations;
- Developmental Evaluation;
- Early Intervention Assessment;
- Early Intervention;
- Joint Visit;
- Teaming; and
- Interpretive Services.

IDEA Part C services reimbursed in ways other than the [early intervention fee schedule](#) include:

- Service Coordination;
- Transportation; and
• Assistive Technology.

When providing services, the Infant Toddler Program must ensure early intervention services are provided in accordance to IDEA Part C requirements and Medicaid regulations as detailed in the Department Intra-Agency Agreement.

10.6.7. Payment for Services
Medicaid reimburses for early intervention services in accordance with Medicaid established rates and reimbursement methodology. The ITP must:
• Accept Medicaid payment as payment in full and may not bill participants for the balance;
• Ensure contracted providers do not submit a separate claim to Medicaid as the performing provider for services billed under ITP’s provider number;
• Pursue third party payments before billing Medicaid for all services except screening, evaluation and assessment; and
• Provide Telehealth Services in accordance with the Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook.

Reimbursement is subject to pre-payment and post-payment review in accordance with Section 56-209(h)(j)(3), Idaho Code and recoupment in accordance with IDAPA 16.05.07, “The Investigation and Enforcement of Fraud, Abuse and Misconduct.”

10.6.8. Prior Authorization
Prior authorization is not required for services on the early intervention fee schedule. Prior authorization is required for transportation and certain durable medical equipment and supplies. Prior authorization will be based on a determination of medical necessity made by DHW or its designee.

10.6.9. Procedure Codes
All claims submitted must contain a 5-digit health related service procedure code for billing. See the early intervention fee schedule for covered services and additional information. Treatment must be provided in accordance with the IFSP.

10.6.10. Place of Service Codes
Early Intervention services can only be provided in the following POS:
• 12 Home; or
• 99 Other (Community).
10.7. Interpretive Services

Providers are required by law to provide interpretive services to assist participants who are blind, deaf or who do not speak or understand English. This requirement may be waived if an emergency situation exists with an imminent threat to the safety and welfare of the participant or public, or it may be waived if the participant specifically requests an adult family member or friend be their interpreter/translator.

10.7.1. Interpretive Services Documentation

Documentation must be maintained to support reimbursement of interpretive services. At a minimum documentation must contain:

- The name and Medicaid Identification Number of the participant;
- If services are not for the participant, the name of the person and their relationship to the participant’s care;
- The name, title and signature of the Medicaid provider rendering services;
- Description of the Medicaid service being received, and the type of interpretive service provided;
- The name, title and signature of the person rendering interpretive services;
- The date, time and duration of the interpretive services; and
- The necessity for any wait time being requested.

The need for interpretive services must be in the individualized education plan (IEP) if provided for a school-based service.

10.7.2. Interpretive Services for Sterilization Procedures

The interpreter/translator is responsible for ensuring the sterilization consent form is effectively, accurately and impartially communicated to the participant or their guardian. The statement certifies the interpreter/translator’s discharge of their duty, their belief that the participant understood the procedure, and that the participant was allowed to ask questions. If the interpreter/translator fails to complete the statement correctly, all claims regarding the sterilization will be denied including claims from the hospital, physician and anesthesiologist. See Sterilization Procedures in the Physician and Non-Physician Practitioner, Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook for more information.

10.7.3. Interpretive Services – Reimbursement

Idaho Medicaid will reimburse for interpretation, translation, Braille and sign language services provided to participants in person or through telehealth. Reimbursement is also available when interpretive services are provided to the parent or guardian of a child under 18. The participant is only eligible if the provider has no alternative means of oral or written communication. No additional reimbursement is available for multilingual providers that share a language with the participant. Interpreters and translators must meet state and professional licensure requirements and be at least eighteen years of age. See the Telehealth Services section for more information about reimbursement eligibility using telehealth services.

Idaho Medicaid does not reimburse for:

- Administrative services such as:
  - Scheduling or cancelling appointments;
  - Making reminder calls;
  - The interpreter's travel time; or
  - No show appointments;
- Services in conjunction with a non-covered, non-reimbursable, or excluded service;
• Services provided by an immediate family member such as a parent, spouse, sibling or child;
• Services provided through a Medicaid managed care contractor. Contact the managed care contractor to see if they reimburse separately for interpretive services;
• Teaching sign language;
• Providers not on the fee-for-service model;
• Services through institutional providers, hospitals or facilities; or
• The interpreter or translator's waiting time, except when the participant is in surgery or receiving other covered services such as radiology.

Interpretive Services are billed under T1013 (Language Interpretive – Oral Services, per 15 minutes) and T1013-CG (Sign Language Interpretive Services, per 15 minutes).

10.7.4. References: Interpretive Services

a) Federal Regulations


b) Idaho Medicaid Publications


10.8. Non-Emergent Medical Transportation

Effective March 6, 2018, Idaho Medicaid has contracted with MTM (Medical Transportation Management Inc.) to handle all non-emergency medical transportation services. Please visit www.mtm-inc.net/idaho or call 1 (877) 503-1261 for more information.
10.9. **Telehealth Services**

Telehealth services are covered and reimbursable fee-for-service if delivered via two-way live video between the provider and the participant. Services must be equal in quality to services provided in-person, and comply with HIPAA privacy requirements, licensure requirements, Medicaid Information Release MA18-07, and all Medicaid rules, regulations and policies. See the [Healthy Connections](#) section for information about when a referral is required. Reimbursement is not available for communication via telephone, electronic mail messages (e-mail), text messages or facsimile transmission (fax).

Any written information must be provided to the participant before the telehealth appointment in a form and manner which the participant can understand using reasonable accommodations when necessary. The participant must be informed and consent to the delivery models, provider qualifications, treatment methods, or limitations and telehealth technologies. The rendering provider at the distant site must also disclose to the participant their identity, current location, telephone number and Idaho license number. If the participant (or legal guardian) indicates at any point that he wants to stop using the technology, the service should cease immediately and an alternative (in-person) appointment should be scheduled. The partial, interrupted service is not reimbursable.

Telehealth providers must have a systematic quality assurance and improvement program that is documented, implemented and monitored. If an operator who is not an employee of the involved agency is needed to run the teleconferencing equipment or is present during the conference or consultation, that individual must sign a confidentiality agreement. Providers at the distant site, who regularly provide telehealth services to Idaho Medicaid participants are required to maintain current Idaho licensure.

Rendering providers must provide timely coordination of services, within three business days, with the participant’s primary care provider. The PCP should be provided in written or electronic format a summary of the visit, prescriptions and DME ordered, if applicable, and any other pertinent information from the visit.

10.9.1. **Telehealth Eligible Services**

**Children with Developmental Disabilities**
- Crisis Intervention (HCPCS H2019)
- Therapeutic Consultation (HCPCS H2011)

See the [Agency Professional](#), Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook for more information.

**Early Intervention Services (EIS)** through the Infant Toddler Program.
- Family Training and counseling for child development, per 15 minutes (HCPCS T1027)
- Home Care Training, family, per 15 minutes (HCPCS S5110)
- Medical Team Conference with Interdisciplinary Team, 30 minutes (CPT® 99366)

See the [Early Intervention Services (EIS)](#) section of this handbook for more information on these services.

**Interpretive Services** (HCPCS T1013, T1013–CG) See the [Interpretive Services](#) section of this handbook for more information on these services.

**Occupational and Physical Therapists**
Evaluations must be performed in-person. Therapeutic procedures and activities (CPT® 97110, 97530) are covered via telehealth. See the [Therapy Services – Occupational and Physical](#), Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook for more information on these services.
Physician/Non-physician Practitioner Services
Physicians and non-physician practitioners enrolled as Healthy Connections primary care providers are eligible to provide primary care services via telehealth. Providers must be licensed by the Idaho Board of Medicine or the Board of Nursing. Other services available through telehealth:
- Primary Care and Specialty Services (CPT® 99201–99205, 99211–99215, 99354, 99355, 99495, 99496)
- Health and Behavior Assessment/Intervention (CPT® 96150–96154)
- Pharmacological Management
- Psychiatric Crisis Consultation (CPT® 90839 & 90840, Physicians and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners only)
- Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview (CPT® 90791, 90792)
- Psychotherapy with evaluation and management (CPT® 90832–90834, 90836–90838)
- Tobacco Use Cessation (CPT® 99406, 99407)

School-based Services
Community Based Rehabilitation Services (CBRS) Supervision is covered via telehealth. Reimbursement is already included in CBRS payment. See the Agency Professional, Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook for more information.

Speech Language Pathologists
Evaluations must be performed in-person. Speech therapy services (CPT® 92507) are covered via telehealth. See the Speech, Language and Hearing, Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook for more information about these services.

10.9.2. Telehealth Services – Technical Requirements
Video must be provided in real-time with full motion video and audio that delivers high-quality video images that do not produce lags, choppy, blurry, or grainy images, or irregular pauses in communication. Transmission of voices must be clear and audible.

10.9.3. Telehealth Services – Documentation
The individual treatment record must include written documentation of evaluation process, the services provided, participant consent, participant outcomes, and that services were delivered via telehealth. The documentation must be of the same quality as is originated during an in-person visit. These documentation requirements are specific to delivery via telehealth and are in addition to any other documentation requirements specific to the area of service (i.e., IEP requirements for school-based services).

10.9.4. Telehealth Services – Reimbursement
Only one eligible provider may be reimbursed per service per participant per date of service. No reimbursement is available for the use of equipment at the originating or remote sites. Reimbursement is also not available for services that are interrupted and/or terminated early due to equipment difficulties.

Place of service 02 (telehealth) is not used by Idaho Medicaid. All normal Place of Service codes are acceptable for telehealth. The place of service used should be the location of the participant. Claims must include a GT modifier (Via interactive audio and video telecommunications systems) on CPT® and HCPCS. FQHC, RHC or IHS providers should not report the GT modifier with encounter code T1015, but should include it with the supporting codes.
10.9.5. References: Telehealth Services

a) CMS Guidance


b) Federal Regulations


c) Idaho Medicaid Publications


d) State Regulations


10.10. Weight Management Services

Weight management services are covered for Medicaid participants through the behavioral benefit of the Preventive Health Assistance (PHA) program. Weight management services are not administered through the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan. Sections of the Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook applicable in specific situations are listed for provider convenience. Providers of a type and specialty with a section of the Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook under the Provider Guidelines heading must also follow that section. Additional handbook sections that always apply to providers of this service include the following:

- General Billing Instructions;
- Glossary.

Handbooks can only be used properly in context. Providers must be familiar with the handbooks that affect them and their services. The numbering in handbooks is also important to make note of as subsections rely on the content of the sections above them.

**Example**

Section 1.2.3(a) The Answer requires the reader to have also read Section 1, Section 1.2 and Section 1.2.3 to be able to properly apply Section 1.2.3(a).

10.10.1. Eligible Participants: Weight Management Services

Medicaid participants with basic or enhanced benefit plans are eligible for weight management services through the behavioral benefit of the Preventive Health Assistance (PHA) program. Participants must indicate on their periodic Health Questionnaire a desire to change behaviors related to weight management and apply for PHA benefits to be added to their Medicaid eligibility. Medicaid participants enrolled in one of the Managed Care Programs for Dual Eligible Participants or eligible for Medicaid through Katie Beckett are not eligible for PHA benefits.

Participants interested in the Preventive Health Assistance (PHA) program begin by visiting their primary care provider (PCP). The primary care provider:

- Determines if the participant meets the BMI requirements for their age group to have one of the covered diagnoses in the table below;
- Confirms the participant is enrolled in either the Basic or Enhanced plan; and
- Discusses weight management programs with patient and help to identify obtainable goals.

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<th>ICD-10-CM</th>
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<td>E66.01</td>
<td>Morbid (severe) obesity due to excess calories. 100lbs overweight.</td>
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<td>E66.09</td>
<td>Other obesity due to excess calories. BMI of 30 or higher.</td>
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<td>E66.1</td>
<td>Drug-induced obesity. BMI of 30 or higher.</td>
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<td>E66.3</td>
<td>Overweight. BMI between 25 and 29.9. Participants over the age of 21 with this diagnosis are not eligible.</td>
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<td>E66.8</td>
<td>Other obesity. BMI of 30 or higher.</td>
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<td>E66.9</td>
<td>Obesity, unspecified. BMI of 30 or higher.</td>
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<td>R63.6</td>
<td>Underweight</td>
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If the PCP determines the participant meets the criteria for the behavioral PHA benefit, the PCP prints and completes section 1 of the Idaho Medicaid Preventive Health Assistance (PHA)
Weight Management Agreement Form and provides it to the participant or their guardian. The PCP should also provide the WM Provider List if the participant hasn’t already found an enrolled weight management services provider.

The participant must select a weight management program from an enrolled provider. The participant then completes and returns the form to the Medical Care Unit (MCU) within two months of the PCP documenting their height and weight on the form. The MCU will determine eligibility and send the participant a Notice of Decision (NOD). The NOD will contain a voucher that specifies the amount approved and designated weight management provider. The participant must then take the NOD and voucher to their weight management program to receive services.

**a) Participants Under 21**

Participants between five (5) and twenty-one (21) years of age may qualify for weight management services if they have a body mass index (BMI) that falls into either the overweight, obese or underweight category as determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Child and Teen BMI Calculator.

**b) Participants Over 21**

Participants twenty-one (21) years of age and older with a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or higher, or 18½ or lower, may qualify for the weight management program.

**c) References: Eligible Participants – Weight Management Services**

**(i) State Regulations**


**10.10.2. Provider Qualifications: Weight Management Services**

Providers of weight management services include, but are not limited to, life style coaches and other suppliers in the National Diabetes Prevention program, gyms, health clubs and registered dietitians. Providers, including those that are already enrolled as another provider type, must enroll as an atypical provider with Idaho Medicaid prior to providing weight management services under the Preventive Health Program (PHA). Providers must be enrolled independently as the direct/pay-to and cannot bill as a rendering under a group NPI.

Registered dietitians, however, enrolled with Medicaid do not have to complete a separate enrollment to provide weight management services within the scope of their licensure. A registered dietitian can bill for their services as a rendering provider under a group NPI or be a direct/pay-to provider. If the dietitian offers services beyond nutrition and diet, such as operating a gym or health club, then the dietitian would need to enroll as an atypical provider type for those services.

Providers must follow the Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook and all applicable state, and federal, rules and regulations including county and local business licensing requirements. They must also be established as a business that serves the general public. In addition, medication
and pharmaceutical supply vendors must be a licensed pharmacy and meet the requirements under section 664 of IDAPA 16.03.09, “Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits.”

See the Provider Enrollment section for more information on enrolling as an Idaho Medicaid provider.

**a) References: Provider Qualifications – Weight Management Services**

**(i) State Regulations**


10.10.3. Covered Services and Limitations: Weight Management Services

The behavioral benefit of the Preventive Health Program (PHA) awards points to enrolled Medicaid participants to redeem for weight management services. All services must be prior authorized by the Medical Care Unit (MCU) through a voucher and notice of decision. Weight management services must either address physical fitness, balanced diet or personal health education. These can include services under the National Diabetes Prevention Program, gym fees, healthy lifestyle classes or nutrition classes. Participants can request coverage from the Department for an unidentified service. Participants can earn up to 200 points under the behavioral benefit during each benefit period. An initial one hundred (100) points are earned upon approval into the program. An additional one hundred (100) points are earned by completing the chosen program or one of the goals established with their primary care provider. The weight management services provider must verify the program or goal was completed and provide documentation to the MCU.

Benefit periods last twelve months from when the participant is approved for the program. Participants may reapply after or near the end of their benefit period if they still meet criteria for the program. Benefit periods cannot overlap. Points cannot be transferred to another participant. Any points not utilized during their issued benefit period, expire. Points can be redeemed by voucher with a Medicaid enrolled provider at a rate of one-point to one-dollar towards eligible services.

Weight management providers must verify eligibility when they receive the voucher. Providers can only verify eligibility for PHA weight management services by calling Gainwell Technologies customer service at 1 (866) 686-4272.

**a) References: Covered Services and Limitations – Weight Management Services**

**(i) State Regulations**


10.10.4. Reimbursement: Weight Management Services

Services must meet all Medicaid requirements to be eligible for reimbursement. Idaho Medicaid reimburses weight management services on a fee-for-service basis. Services are reimbursed at 100% of the invoiced amount up to the maximum on the participant’s voucher, so long as the participant has points remaining to redeem. Once a participant has exhausted their benefit, the participant is liable for any remaining balance due from services provided under the PHA behavioral benefit that are not otherwise covered by Idaho Medicaid. See the Participant Financial Responsibility section for requirements on billing a participant.

Claims must be submitted on a CMS-1500 form to Gainwell Technologies via mail or the provider portal for reimbursement. Covered services and the corresponding billing codes are found in the table below. Reimbursement is only available for participants with one of the diagnoses listed in the Eligible Participants: Weight Management Services section billed as the primary diagnosis on the claim. See the General Billing Instructions, Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook regarding policy on billing, prior authorization and requirements for billing all other third-party resources before submitting claims to Medicaid.

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<td>S9449</td>
<td>Weight management classes, non-physician provider, per session. Weight management classes are training and education related to nutrition, physical activity, stress management, and lifestyle and how they relate to health.</td>
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<tr>
<td>S9451</td>
<td>Exercise classes, non-physician provider, per session. Exercise classes are formal programs of bodily activities that maintain physical fitness and overall health. They are usually performed in a group. There are generally three types of exercise: flexibility, such as stretching; aerobic, such as cycling, tennis, and swimming; and anaerobic, such as weight lifting.</td>
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<td>S9452</td>
<td>Nutrition classes, non-physician and non-physician practitioner provider, per session. Nutrition classes provide organized instruction in the food and foodstuffs necessary for life. Classes are usually group activities that discuss generalities.</td>
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<tr>
<td>S9970</td>
<td>Health club membership, annual. This code represents the annual fees for a health club, also known as a fitness club or gym. The club or gym is a location that houses exercise equipment, may offer exercise classes, and other educational opportunities.</td>
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a) References: Reimbursement – Weight Management Services

(i) State Regulations

10.10.5. References: Weight Management Services

a) State Regulations

10.11. CHIP Wellness Incentive

Children enrolled in the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) are subject to a monthly premium of $10 or $15 per month. The Preventive Health Assistance (PHA) program as part of its wellness benefit provides ten (10) points a month to participants, who keep up-to-date on their well child exams and immunizations. Points are then converted into a $10 credit towards the participant’s monthly CHIP premium.

Points accumulated through the PHA wellness benefit are only redeemable towards CHIP premiums. A participant can only receive 120 points in a twelve-month period. Points cannot be transferred to another participant. Any points not utilized during their issued twelve-month period, expire.

Statements are mailed to parents on a monthly basis. If a parent knows their child is up-to-date on their well checks and immunizations, they may ask their primary care provider (PCP) to fax verification of the checkup or immunizations to the Medical Care Unit at 1 (877) 845-3956. If you have questions about the PHA program, please call the Medical Care Unit toll free at 1 (877) 364-1843.

See the Wellness Examinations section of the **Physician and Non-Physician Practitioner**, Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook for more information.

10.11.1. References: CHIP Wellness Incentive

a) State Regulations


Appendix A. Provider Agreement Example

Provider Agreement

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE (IDHW)
MEDICAID PROVIDER AGREEMENT

Name and address of individual or entity applying to provide these items or services:

__________________________

Current or previous Provider number for this provider type and specialty: ____________________________
(Does not apply if this is an initial application)

As a condition of participation in Medicaid, the Provider agrees as follows:

1. Compliance. To provide services in accordance with all applicable federal laws, and provisions of statutes, state rules, and federal regulations governing the reimbursement of services and items under Medicaid in Idaho, including IDAPA 16.03.09 — "Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits," IDAPA 16.03.10 — "Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits," IDAPA 16.03.13 — "Consumer Directed Services," IDAPA 16.03.17 — "Medicare/Medicaid Coordinated Plan Benefits," and IDAPA 16.03.18 — "Medicaid Cost Sharing," as amended; the current applicable Medicaid Provider Handbook; any Additional Terms attached hereto and hereby incorporated by reference; and any instructions contained in provider information releases or other program notices.

   1.1. To comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), §§ 262 and 264 of Public Law 104-191, 42 USC § 1320d, and federal regulations at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164. The Provider shall comply with all amendments of HIPAA and federal regulations made during the term of the Contract. The Provider specifically acknowledges its obligation to comply with 45 CFR Section 164.506, regarding use and disclosure of information to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations.

   1.2. To protect the confidentiality of identifying participant information that is collected, used, or maintained according to IDAPA 16.05.01, "Use and Disclosure of Department Records," and 42 CFR § 431.300.

   1.3. To comply with the False Claims Act (31 USC 3729-3733). Any Provider who either receives or makes annual Medicaid payments of at least five million dollars ($5,000,000) shall comply with 42 USC § 1395f(a)(6). The Provider specifically acknowledges the responsibility regarding employee education about the False Claims Act and State laws pertaining to civil or criminal penalties for false claims and statements and whistleblower protections under such laws.

   1.4. To comply with Titles VI and VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Section 402 of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act.

   1.5. To comply with the disclosure of ownership requirements in 42 CFR § Part 455, Subpart B, and 42 CFR § 411.361, when applicable, and to notify the Department thirty (30) days prior to any change of ownership. This Provider Agreement is not transferable.

   1.6. To comply with the advance directives requirements of 42 CFR Part 489, Subpart I, and 42 CFR § 417.450(d), when applicable.

2. Provider Information. To provide true and accurate information on the Enrollment Request form, Enrollment Attachment (if applicable), Disclosure Statement and all supporting documentation. The provider further agrees.
2.1 To furnish to the Department or to the U.S. Health and Human Services, within thirty-five (35) days of the request, full and complete information related to certain business transactions, specifically about:

(a) The ownership of any subcontractor with whom the provider has had business transactions totaling more than $25,000 during the 12-month period ending on the date of the request; and
(b) Any significant business transactions between the provider and any wholly owned supplier, or between the provider and any subcontractor, during the 5-year period ending on the date of the request.

2.2 To notify the Department of any changes to the information contained in the Enrollment Application, including but not limited to its mailing address and service locations, within 30 days of the date of the change. All correspondence sent to the mailing address on file with the State’s fiscal agent shall be deemed to have been received by the Provider.

3. Professionalism.
To be licensed, certified, or registered with the appropriate state authority and to provide items and services in accordance with statute, rules, and professionally recognized standards by qualified staff or professionally supervised paraprofessionals where their use is authorized. The Provider shall respect the Medicaid participant’s right to privacy, dignity, and free choice of provider.

4. Recordkeeping.
To document each item or service for which Medicaid reimbursement is claimed, at the time it is provided, in compliance with documentation requirements of Idaho Code, § 56-209h(3), as amended, applicable rules, and this Agreement. Such records shall be maintained for at least five years after the date of services or as required by rule. In compliance with 42 CFR § 1001.1301, IDHW, the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Office of the Idaho Attorney General, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, or their agents, shall be given immediate access to, and permitted to review and copy any and all records relied on by the Provider in support of services billed to Medicaid.

5. Accurate Billing.
To certify by the signature of the Provider or designee, including electronic signatures on a claim form or transmittal document, that the items or services claimed were actually provided and medically necessary, were documented at the time they were provided, and were provided in accordance with professionally recognized standards of health care, applicable Department rules, and this Agreement. The provider further agrees:

5.1 To be solely responsible for the accuracy of claims submitted, and shall immediately repay the Department for any items or services the Department or the Provider determines were not properly provided, documented, or claimed.
5.2 To assure that a duplicate claim under another program or provider type is not submitted.
5.3 To bill only for services delivered by individuals who are not on any state or federal exclusion or disbarment list and have the qualifications required for the type of service that is being delivered.

To acknowledge that Medicaid is a secondary payer and to seek payment first from other all sources as required by rule, regulation, or statute, before billing Medicaid. The Provider shall not refuse to furnish services on account of a third party’s potential liability for the services. (42 CFR § 447.20)

7. Payment.
To accept Medicaid payment for any item or service as payment in full and to make no additional charge except that specifically allowed by Medicaid. The Provider further agrees:

7.1. To submit requests for prior authorization, if required, before the item or service is provided. The Provider agrees not to bill Medicaid if a required request for prior authorization is not timely submitted.

7.2. Not to bill the participant unless the item or service is covered by Medicaid, and the participant has agreed to be responsible for payment prior to receiving the item or service.

7.3. That if a third party pays the participant, the participant may be billed for that amount, and Medicaid will not be billed.

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7.4. Not to bill Medicaid or the participant if a third party payment is made to the Provider unless the third party payment is less than the amount Medicaid would pay.

8. Service Providers.
To be responsible for the recruiting, hiring, firing, training, supervision, scheduling, and payroll for its employees, subcontractors, or agents. The Provider shall maintain general liability insurance coverage, worker’s compensation, and unemployment insurance, and shall pay all FICA taxes and state and federal tax withholding for its employees. The Provider agrees to bill only for service providers who have the qualifications required for the type of service that is being delivered.

9. Officers and Employees Not Liable.
No official, employee, or agent of the State of Idaho shall be in any way personally liable or responsible for any term of this Agreement, whether express or implied, nor for any statement, representation, or warranty made in connection with this Agreement.

10. Duration and Termination of Agreement.
This Agreement shall remain in effect until terminated in writing. In the event of termination, the Department’s sole obligation shall be to pay for services provided prior to the effective date of termination. The Department shall not be responsible for any costs or expenditures of the Provider in reliance upon the terms of this Agreement.

10.1. This Agreement may be terminated by either party without cause by giving thirty (30) days’ notice in writing to the other party.

10.2. This Agreement shall be terminated if judicial interpretation of federal or state laws, regulations, or rules renders fulfillment of the Agreement infeasible or impossible.

10.3. This Agreement shall be terminated immediately if the Provider’s license or certification required by law is suspended, not renewed, or is otherwise not in effect at the time service is provided.

10.4. The Department may, in its discretion, terminate this Agreement in writing when the Provider fails to comply with any applicable rule, term, or provision of this Agreement, either immediately or upon such notice as the Department deems appropriate. The Provider also understands and agrees that its conduct may be subject to additional penalties or sanctions under Idaho Code §§ 56-209h, 56-227, 56-227A, 56-227B, and 56-227E, and IDAPA 16.05.07. “The Investigation and Enforcement of Fraud, Abuse and Misconduct”, as amended. The Provider further understands that there are federal penalties for false reporting and fraudulent acts committed during the course and scope of this Agreement. Notice of these sections shall in no way imply that they represent an exclusive or exhaustive list of available actions to deal with fraud and abuse.

11. Provider Liability. If the Provider is any type of partnership, corporation or nonprofit entity, the Provider agrees that the entity and the partners, directors, officers, members, or individuals with an ownership interest of 5% or greater, are jointly and severally liable for any breach of this Provider Agreement, and that action by the Department against the Provider may result in action against all such individuals in the entity.

12. Additional Terms, if any, are attached.

Information disclosed by Provider is subject to verification. Any deliberate omission, misrepresentation or falsification of any information contained in the Enrollment Request form, Enrollment Attachment (if applicable), and Disclosure Statement, or contained in any communication supplying information to the Department may be punished by law, including but not limited to revocation of the provider number and recovery of payments made.

I have read the foregoing Provider Agreement, understand it and agree to abide by its terms and conditions. I further understand and agree that violation of any of the terms and conditions of this agreement constitute sufficient grounds for termination of this Agreement and may be grounds for other action as provided by state rule, federal regulation, or statute.

Printed name of individual practitioner or individual authorized to sign on behalf of the Provider:

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Position: ____________________________

By my signature, I declare, under penalty of perjury, that I have the legal authority to enter into this Agreement and hereby bind all entities and individuals that comprise the Provider.

__________________________________  Date

Signature
## Appendix B. General Information and Requirements for Providers, Provider Handbook Modifications

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| 72.3    | 2.4.7.3 | Billing Procedures for Managed Care Participants | 1. Remove DD TSC and note, and ICF/ID services as they are no longer billable as of 1/1/19 per provider contract.  
2. Add Transition Management and Transition Services to the appropriate billing lists. | 1/17/2019 | E Garibovic J Pinkerton |
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