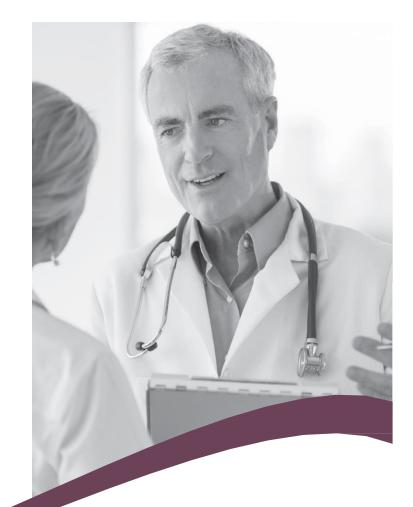


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# Welcome to GlobalHealth

This Provider Manual is a reference tool that describes GlobalHealth Holdings, LLC (GlobalHealth) policies and procedures and is designed to assist you as a Contracted Provider in the GlobalHealth network. Please read this document carefully as it contains meaningful information that will help us work together more efficiently and effectively. It is important for you to understand GlobalHealth's processes.

GlobalHealth will keep you informed of important changes in our policies, procedures, and benefits. The Provider Manual is available on the Provider tab of our website, <u>www.GlobalHealth.com</u>.

This Provider Manual is intended for use by GlobalHealth Contracted Providers only and is incorporated for reference as a part of your Provider Participation Agreement, Independent Practice Association (IPA) Participation Agreement, or Facility Participation Agreement ("Agreement") with GlobalHealth. Therefore, your reimbursement may be affected by your compliance with the contents herein. The information contained in this Provider Manual is strictly proprietary to GlobalHealth and may not be copied in whole or part without the express, prior written consent of GlobalHealth.

Capitalized words and phrases have the same meaning as in Section 1 Definitions of your Agreement.

### **Our Mission**

We are unique by providing high touch, high value, and a partnership to our members. We work hard to offer affordable health insurance coverage with the benefits people truly want and need. It is our hope to be more than just a health insurance company – we want to be long-term partners with our members.

### New information for 2022

# Chronic Special Needs Plan (C-SNP)

GlobalHealth is offering a C-SNP in 2022 for Members with chronic disorders or disabilities. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires all contracted medical providers and staff receive basic training about the C-SNP Model of Care (MOC). A MOC is considered a vital quality improvement tool and integral component for ensuring that the unique needs of each Member enrolled in the C-SNP plan are identified and addressed. GlobalHealth's overall goals in the MOC are to improve access, improve coordination, and improve the health status of its Members. All GlobalHealth Providers participating in these Members' care are required to attend MOC training each year and attest to completion of the training. Please coordinate your training by contacting Provider Relations using the contact information in the Helpful Numbers section of the exhibit for your state.

GlobalHealth C-SNP plans provide coverage for at-risk populations who have multiple conditions and barriers to participating in self-management. GlobalHealth will provide Members with guidance and resources to help them access benefits, resources, and information. These Members are living with one or more of the following chronic diseases:

- Cardiovascular Disorders, such as Cardiac Arrhythmias, Coronary Artery Disease, Peripheral Vascular Disease, and Chronic Venous Thromboembolic Disorder
- Chronic Heart Failure
- Diabetes Mellitus

GlobalHealth will contact the Primary Care Provider regarding each C-SNP Member to confirm their diagnosis and management of the chronic condition of its Members.

A C-SNP Post Enrollment Verification Form will need to be completed and returned to GlobalHealth within 30 days of the Member's enrollment for confirmation.

GlobalHealth's providers will be accessible to its C-SNP Members 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, collaborate with the Interdisciplinary Care Team (ICT), and contribute to the Member's Interdisciplinary Care Plan (ICP). The provider will provide clinical consultation and assist with developing care plans as well as providing pharmacotherapy consultation and medication reconciliation.

GlobalHealth providers will utilize evidence-based nationally approved clinical practice guidelines (CPGs). Please visit GlobalHealth's website to review the approved guidelines using the link in the exhibit for your state.

GlobalHealth's Provider partners are an invaluable part of the ICT. Our Member, your patient, will benefit through enhancing communication, focusing on each individual Member's special needs, delivering care management programs to help with the Member's medical and non-medical needs, and supporting the Member's plan of care.

#### Clearinghouse Change Notification

GlobalHealth will receive electronic claims submissions through our preferred clearinghouse, Change Healthcare. Please refer to the Helpful Numbers section of the exhibit for your state for the Payor ID.

# **COVID-19 Vaccine Billing**

GlobalHealth will pay for the COVID-19 vaccine and its administration, including approved booster doses, without cost sharing to GlobalHealth Members regardless of site of administration.

### Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) & Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA) - Zelis

GlobalHealth is excited to announce a new electronic payment process which we are implementing with Zelis Payments. This alliance provides us with the latest in secure electronic payment technology by accelerating and adding efficiency to our claims payment process. EFT and ERA will be available for Medicare Advantage claims with dates of service in 2022 and thereafter. Please visit <u>www.zelispayments.com</u> to register for an account.

#### New Provider Portal

GlobalHealth is launching a new Provider Portal as a key resource for Medicare Advantage Providers. The Provider Portal is designed to provide access to claim status, Member eligibility, and authorizations. The Portal should be accessed using the Google Chrome browser and is available here: <a href="https://ghprovider.prod.healthaxis.net/">https://ghprovider.prod.healthaxis.net/</a>. For information related to Commercial services, please continue to use GlobalLink<sup>TM</sup>.

#### **GlobalHealth Products**

GlobalHealth is fully licensed in the states we serve as a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO).

GlobalHealth requires Members to select a Primary Care Physician (PCP) and does not offer out-of-network benefits, except in emergent, urgent, or prior authorized circumstances.

Medicare Advantage plans combine the insurance benefits of Medicare Parts A, B, and D with the customer service and care of a consumer-focused HMO. GlobalHealth has received a 3.5 overall Star Rating out of 5 stars from Medicare since 2016. GlobalHealth has achieved a 4.0 overall STAR Rating out of 5 stars from Medicare for 2022.

#### Helpful Numbers and Information

Please refer to the exhibit for your state for Helpful Numbers and Information.

#### **Provider Portal**

Please access the Provider Portal for your Medicare Advantage Members. The Provider Portal will allow you to:

- Verify eligibility.
- Review Member demographics.
- View benefit information.
- Create Referrals.
- Check Prior Authorization/Referral review status.
- Check claim status.

The Provider Portal is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You may access information about the Provider Portal on the Forms & Resources section of the Provider tab of our website, <u>www.GlobalHealth.com</u>. The Portal should be accessed using the Google Chrome browser and is available here: <u>https://ghprovider.prod.healthaxis.net/</u>.

# Online Provider Portal Training/New Provider Orientation/C-SNP Training

Training sessions are available online through Microsoft Teams. You may access training information on the Provider tab of our website, <u>www.GlobalHealth.com</u>.

# Language Assistance

Contracted Providers must provide 24-hour access to interpreter services.

- Contracted Providers may request interpreters for Members whose primary language is other than English by calling GlobalHealth's Provider Services using the contact information provided in the Helpful Numbers section of the exhibit for your state.
- If the GlobalHealth representative is unable to interpret in the requested language, the representative will immediately connect the provider and the Member to telephonic interpreter services. Contracted Providers must support Member access to telephonic interpreter services by offering a telephone with speaker capability or a telephone with a dual headset. Contracted Providers may offer GlobalHealth Members interpreter services if the Members do not request them on their own. It is never permissible to ask a family member, friend, or minor to interpret. If a Member requests someone be allowed to interpret, it must be documented that telephonic interpreter services were offered and declined by the Member.

As a Contracted Provider, you are responsible for documenting the Member's language services/needs in their medical record as follows:

- Record the Member's language preference in a prominent location in the medical record.
- Document all Member requests for interpreter services.
- Document who provided the interpreter service. This includes the name of GlobalHealth's internal staff or someone from a commercial interpreter service vendor. Information should include the interpreter's name, operator code, and vendor.

# **Provider Responsibilities**

GlobalHealth expects all Contracted Providers to adhere to certain guidelines.

- Participate in all required training including Provider Orientation, Provider Portal Training, and C-SNP MOC Training within 30 days of the Effective Date of your Agreement.
- Educate Members regarding their healthcare and communicate freely with patients about their treatment, regardless of benefit coverage limitations.
- Provide Medically Necessary healthcare services in accordance with your GlobalHealth Agreement, the applicable benefit plan materials, GlobalHealth policies and procedures, and requirements in the Provider Manual.
- Discuss all treatment alternatives, risks, and benefits with Members, including the risks/benefits of receiving no treatment, recognizing that the Member makes the final decision concerning their preferred treatment option.
- Participate in and cooperate with GlobalHealth's programs including Utilization Management (UM), Care Management (CM), Compliance, and Quality Improvement.
- Maintain appropriate medical records to document all services provided to Members.
- Do not discriminate in the delivery of healthcare services.
- Submit accurate claims to GlobalHealth for services rendered to GlobalHealth Members in accordance with the time frame specified in the Agreement.
- Assist GlobalHealth in resolving Coordination of Benefits (COB) issues with other payers.
- Cooperate with any investigations regarding grievances, quality of care, or other quality assurance measures or fraud, waste, and abuse.
- Have the capacity to accept GlobalHealth members.
- Verify Member eligibility. Eligibility can be verified by accessing the Provider Portal. The Member ID card does not guarantee coverage or entitlement to benefits. It is essential to verify Member eligibility because:
  - Member benefits may change.
  - Copayments must be determined.
  - Fraudulent use may occur.

In addition, different types of providers have specific responsibilities as outlined below.

#### **PCP** Responsibilities

All GlobalHealth Members must choose a PCP. The PCP is the Member's first contact for their healthcare needs. The PCP manages the Member's total healthcare program by providing a broad range of services and arranging and coordinating for other care when necessary.

- Manage the Member's total healthcare program, which includes health supervision, basic treatment, initial diagnosis, management of chronic conditions, and preventive health services.
- Participate in the coordination of care for C-SNP Members, including collaborating with the Interdisciplinary Care Team (ICT) and contributing to the beneficiary's Interdisciplinary Care Plan (ICP).

- Provide medical care coverage for assigned patient panel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week within GlobalHealth's established network of Contracted Providers.
- Coordinate healthcare with Specialty Care Providers (SCPs) or healthcare facilities when such care is needed, including submitting Referrals. The PCP should always refer Members to GlobalHealth Contracted Physicians and Contracted Facilities unless the services are not available. The most current list of Contracted Providers can be found using the online Provider Directory search tool.
- Provide complete information on authorized care or services to the referred SCP.

Members will usually see their PCP first for most of their routine health care needs. Members may see any network SCP without a referral, but when the PCP or SCP believes they need specialized diagnostic tests or treatment (such as therapy or outpatient surgery), a referral is required.

GlobalHealth requires its PCPs to practice in one of the following fields: Family Medicine, Pediatrics, General Medicine, Geriatrics, or Internal Medicine. Internal Medicine physicians must spend at least 90% of their time practicing primary care to be eligible to contract with GlobalHealth as a PCP.

### **PCP Panel Status**

GlobalHealth ensures Members have access to Primary Care Services and routinely monitors PCP panel status.

#### Open

PCP will accept any GlobalHealth Member, whether new or established.

### Closed

Physicians who have a full practice may close their practice to new GlobalHealth Members. Physicians who request to be listed as "not accepting any Members" will not be assigned new GlobalHealth Members.

A physician may close their practice to new Members by notifying GlobalHealth. This option allows only patients currently seeing that physician to select them as a PCP. If a Member incorrectly selects a closed physician, the PCP must notify GlobalHealth as soon as possible. GlobalHealth will then assist the Member in selecting an available PCP.

# Members Changing PCP

Members can change their PCP at any time; however, the effective date will be the first of the following month.

GlobalHealth recommends against Members changing their PCP if the change could have an adverse effect on the quality of their healthcare. For example:

- The Member is an organ transplant candidate.
- The Member has an unstable, acute medical condition for which they are receiving active medical care.
- The Member is pregnant.

# SCP and Other Practitioner Responsibilities

An SCP provides certain specialty medical care upon Referral from the PCP.

- Accept and treat GlobalHealth Members referred by their PCP.
- Comply with all GlobalHealth prior authorization requirements.
- Ensure GlobalHealth has authorized services when required.
- If additional Medically Necessary tests or treatments are needed beyond those initially authorized, the SCP may seek additional authorization from GlobalHealth and will notify the Member's PCP.

- Actively participate in coordination of care activities which may include requesting the Members sign an authorization to share Protected Health Information (PHI) with other providers involved in their care.
- Use best efforts to utilize GlobalHealth Contracted Physicians and Contracted Facilities for services for the Member.
- Use best efforts to provide a written report to the Member's PCP within 5 working days.

#### Hospital/Facility Responsibilities

- Provide Covered Health Care Services to GlobalHealth Members 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- Obtain necessary authorizations from GlobalHealth for hospital admissions and continued inpatient stays. Notification is required within 48 hours of admission for all inpatient hospital stays including childbirth or emergencies.
- In the event of a transfer, the receiving hospital is required to provide GlobalHealth notification within 48 hours of admission.
- Verify hospital/facility and its personnel are duly licensed, certified, Contracted Providers and authorized to provide Covered Health Care Services to GlobalHealth Members.
- Provide advance written notice to GlobalHealth of any significant changes in the ability to provide Covered Health Care Services to GlobalHealth Members.
- Remain in compliance with applicable State and Federal requirements, Medicare Conditions of Participation, and The Joint Commission (TJC) accreditation standards or equivalent. Provide copies of CMS or State surveys and accreditation status to GlobalHealth when updated.

# Medicare Outpatient Observation Notice (MOON)

Hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAH) are required to provide a MOON to Medicare beneficiaries (including Medicare Advantage health plan enrollees) informing them that they are outpatients receiving observation services and are not inpatients of a hospital or CAH. For additional CMS guidance, visit <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-Information/BNI/MOON">https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-Information/BNI/MOON</a>.

#### **Emergency Room (ER) Responsibilities**

An emergency involves a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of severity (including severe pain, psychiatric disturbances, and/or symptoms of substance abuse) such that a prudent layperson, who has an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in (a) placing the health of the individual (or an unborn child) in serious jeopardy; (b) serious impairment of bodily functions; or (c) serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

A pregnant woman who is having contractions and (a) there is inadequate time to affect a safe transfer to another hospital before delivery or (b) the transfer may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or unborn child may receive care at the nearest Emergency Room.

Referring a Member to the ER should not be used for routine services or non-emergency situations. An urgent care facility or office visit might be an alternate option.

Hospital/facility shall use best efforts to have contracted ER providers on staff.

# **Provider Accessibility**

GlobalHealth is required to notify all Contracted Physicians that, under 42 C.F.R. § 422.112, they are required to:

Provide services, both clinical and nonclinical, that are readily available, accessible, and appropriate, when Medically Necessary to all enrollees, including those with limited English proficiency or reading skills and those with diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Services include access to specialty care such as women's health services.

GlobalHealth recommends that Contracted Providers use one of these methods to assist Members after regular business hours:

- A professional answering service that contacts the Contracted Provider or the Covering Physician.
- A high-quality voice mail system that tells Members:
  - How to reach the Contracted Provider or the Covering Physician in an emergency, including phone numbers.
  - What to do in an emergency or urgent situation.

GlobalHealth monitors Contracted Provider accessibility and appointment wait times. GlobalHealth may complete an annual access to care and availability survey for PCPs and high volume and high impact SCPs.

# Provider Data Accuracy and Validation

It is important for Contracted Providers to ensure GlobalHealth has accurate practice and business information. Accurate information allows GlobalHealth to better support and serve our provider network and Members.

# **GlobalHealth Responsibilities**

Maintaining an accurate and current Provider Directory is a State and Federal regulatory requirement. Invalid information can negatively impact Member access to care. Additionally, current information is critical for timely and accurate claims reimbursement.

GlobalHealth is required to audit and validate the Provider Directory data quarterly at a minimum. As part of our validation efforts, GlobalHealth will reach out through various methods, such as phone campaigns, letters, fax verification, etc. Contracted Providers are required to respond to requests within 30 days of receipt to confirm accuracy of their provider data.

# **Contracted Provider Responsibilities**

The Contracted Provider must validate their information for the Provider Directory at least quarterly for correctness and completeness. Contracted Providers must notify GlobalHealth in writing at least 30 days in advance, when possible, of changes such as:

- Change in office location(s), office hours, phone, fax, e-mail, or billing address.
- Addition or closure of office location(s).
- Addition or termination of provider(s).
- Opening or closing of practice to new GlobalHealth Members.
- Verification of specialty status.
- Any additional information that may impact Members' access to care.

Failure to notify GlobalHealth within 30 days of changes may result in removal from the provider directory.

Also, a roster (either provider or facility as appropriate) must be submitted to GlobalHealth once per quarter.

#### **Access Timeliness Standards**

GlobalHealth Contracted Providers are required to provide services per the following standards:

Туре	Access Standard	Examples
Emergency	Immediate appointment or Member is directed to nearest emergency room or call 911	Major trauma, laceration, eye injury, musculoskeletal injury, chest pain. Absence of medical attention to result in placing the health of the individual (or unborn child) in serious jeopardy, serious impairment to body functions, or serious dysfunction of any body organ or part.
Urgently Needed Services	Within 24 hours	Minor trauma, sprain, high temperature, persistent diarrhea, or vomiting. Unexpected illness or injury that is not an emergency, but severe enough or painful enough to require treatment within 24 hours.
Post-acute (inpatient or emergency room) Discharge	Within 7 calendar days of discharge	Update care plan, coordinate care with any SCPs, obtain labs, and reconcile medications.
Symptomatic, Non- urgent	Within 7 calendar days of request	Flu, cold, headaches, rashes, sore throat.
Routine/Regular Care	Within 30 calendar days of request	Follow-up appointments for asthma, blood pressure checks, diabetes.
Annual Wellness/ Preventive Care	Within 30 calendar days of request	Annual wellness examinations.

# PCP - Scheduling an Appointment

# High Volume and High Impact SCPs - Scheduling an Appointment

GlobalHealth identifies the following providers as high volume and/or high impact SCPs:

• Cardiologists

Ophthalmologists

Oncologists

• Psychiatrists

GlobalHealth expects contracted high volume and/or high impact SCPs to provide services per the following standards:

Туре	Access Standard
Initial Referral	Within 30 days
Urgently Needed Services	Within 24 hours for sick visits and within 7 days for non-sick visits
Emergent care	Immediate
After-hours	Nurse triage or call coverage with response within 2 hours, or messaging on available services

Specialties considered hospital-based, such as anesthesiology and emergency medicine physicians, will not be considered high volume or high impact specialties.

# PCPs and SCPs - Returning Telephone Calls

Туре	Access Standard	Examples
Return Phone Calls (business hours)	Within 1 calendar day	Schedule appointment and questions related to lab results, prescriptions, or treatment plan.
After-hours	Respond within 2 hours or messaging instructs Members on available services	Call for emergency prescription refill, advise best course of action, which may include Urgently Needed Services or emergent care.

Contracted Providers are required to provide timely responses to inquiries.

# Appointment Wait Times

GlobalHealth expects all non-hospital Contracted Providers to see the Member within 30 minutes of their appointment time, when the Member arrives on time. The office staff will make best efforts to notify Members as early as possible if the wait time is expected to exceed 30 minutes and allow the Member the options of rescheduling the appointment or continuing to wait.

GlobalHealth encourages Contracted Providers to use technology such as texts, email, secure medical record systems, or telephonic systems to remind Members of appointments, notify them of delays, or address health-related questions.

# **Covering Physicians**

A Contracted Physician must coordinate coverage by another Contracted Provider when they are on vacation or leave of absence. The Contracted Provider is responsible for ensuring the Covering Physician will:

- Follow the protocols, policies, and rules as stated in this Provider Manual.
- Accept compensation from GlobalHealth as full payment for Covered Health Care Services except for applicable Member Copayments and Coinsurance.
- Obtain Referrals/prior authorizations as stated in this Provider Manual.
- Any Covering Physician should use modifiers Q5 (substitute physician) or Q6 (locum tenens) to help ensure the claim is appropriately recognized.
- Be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

# **Urgently Needed Services**

Туре	Access Standard	Examples
During Normal Office Hours	If possible, arrange to see the Member immediately, give them medical advice and direction, or set up an appointment for them. If the Member's assigned PCP is not available, the Member can see another Contracted Provider in the office if they bill under the same tax identification number as the PCP. When appropriate, direct the Member to an urgent care facility if another practitioner is not available.	If a Member has an urgent medical illness or injury that cannot wait for a regular appointment.

Туре	Access Standard	Examples
After-hours	The Member should call the PCP's contact number on their Member ID card. When a nurse or physician is on call, the Member's call should be returned, and the on-call Contracted Provider should advise them how to proceed. Otherwise, the Member should follow the after-hours voicemail instructions, which may include directing them to a network urgent care facility or network emergency room. The Member may choose to self-refer to a network urgent care facility or, in case of an emergency, call 911 or go to the emergency room.	Call for emergency prescription refill.

# Please Note:

- An urgent care facility should not be used in place of the PCP for routine services and continuity of care. Use of urgent care facilities is only for an unforeseen illness, injury, or condition that requires immediate, Medically Necessary care.
- All follow-up care must be provided or arranged by the PCP. Prior authorization may be necessary, depending on the care needed.
- If a Contracted Provider directs a Member to an urgent care facility or emergency room, the Contracted Provider must use best efforts to notify GlobalHealth within 24 hours of services.

#### Controlled Substance Restrictions

GlobalHealth may, in rare cases, limit Member access to opioid or benzodiazepine medications such as:

- Requiring a Member to get all prescriptions for opioids or benzodiazepines from one pharmacy.
- Requiring a Member to get all prescriptions for opioids or benzodiazepines from one doctor.
- Limiting the amount of opioids or benzodiazepines that will be covered.

# Termination of a Member from Panel

There may be an occasion where a Contracted Provider wishes to terminate a Member from their panel. Reasons for such termination may include non-compliance or threatening or disruptive behavior by the Member. If a Contracted Provider plans to terminate a Member, the Contracted Provider must notify GlobalHealth prior to the termination, when possible. Additionally, the Contracted Provider must notify the Member in writing of the termination and continue to provide coverage for the Member for 30 days or until the Member obtains a new PCP, whichever occurs first.

**Exception**: A Contracted Provider may not terminate a Member if such termination would be detrimental to the Member's health (e.g., a third trimester or complicated pregnancy, a hospitalized patient, a patient receiving treatment for a degenerative and disabling condition or disease, or life-threatening disease or condition, or terminal illness, etc.) until the Member's condition is stabilized and another Contracted Provider has assumed care or through six weeks of post-delivery care.

#### Provider Termination from Network

Termination can be initiated for several reasons, either by the provider or by GlobalHealth.

A Contracted Provider may choose to voluntarily discontinue participation in the GlobalHealth network by providing a written notice of the disaffiliation. Providers are expected to notify GlobalHealth in writing as outlined in their Agreement when terminating a contract. When terminating an individual provider, at least 30 calendar days' notice is required. During the termination notification period, GlobalHealth will notify affected Members and transfer their care to another Contracted Provider.

GlobalHealth could initiate termination of a Contracted Provider for reasons that include, but are not limited to:

- Sanctions imposed upon provider by State and Federal regulatory entities.
- Provider misrepresents credentialing or contracting information.
- Provider is noncompliant with credentialing/re-credentialing requirements.
- Provider's certification or license being suspended or revoked.
- Safety issues.

GlobalHealth reports practitioner suspension or termination to the appropriate authorities.

# Continuity of Care

When a Contracted Provider voluntarily leaves GlobalHealth's network, a Member that is currently in active treatment might be eligible to continue an ongoing course of treatment during the transitional period, up to 90 days or through six weeks of postpartum care. For example, the Member may continue to see a terminating provider for delivery and postpartum care if she is in the second or third trimester of pregnancy at the time the provider notifies GlobalHealth.

When the Agreement is terminated for reasons other than cause, the terminated provider may ask GlobalHealth for permission to continue treating a Member during the transition period if the Member:

- Has a degenerative, disabling, or life-threatening disease or condition.
- Is in the second or third trimester of pregnancy at the time of provider notice to GlobalHealth.
- Is terminally ill.

The terminating provider would continue to coordinate care and submit claims. Member liability in these cases is limited to only what the Member would have paid if the provider were remaining in the network. The terminating provider will be paid their contracted rate. The terminating provider agrees to comply with utilization management, claims, reconsideration requests, and all other protocols affiliated with a Contracted Provider.

GlobalHealth expects all terminating providers to actively facilitate the Member's transition to the new Contracted Provider(s).

# Leave of Absence

GlobalHealth requires a Contracted Provider to notify GlobalHealth when they are going on a leave of absence (LOA) for longer than 60 calendar days. At a minimum, this notification must include the dates and the general reason for the LOA (sabbatical, medical reason, etc.). Contracted Providers must notify GlobalHealth of a pending LOA as soon as possible.

Contracted Providers taking a LOA must arrange for coverage by another Contracted Provider in the GlobalHealth network. All covering arrangements must be acceptable to GlobalHealth.

Arrangements for coverage by a nonparticipating practitioner may be considered. These arrangements must make best efforts to have GlobalHealth's prior authorization and must be consistent with established policies and procedures.

If the LOA is scheduled for six months or less, GlobalHealth will confirm the conclusion of the LOA. If the LOA is concluded within six months, the Contracted Provider's LOA status will be removed and will reflect his or her prior status.

If the LOA is scheduled for longer than six months, GlobalHealth reserves the right to terminate the Contracted Provider from the network based upon continuity of care issues. In addition, if a Contracted Provider's recredentialing is due during the LOA and the Contracted Provider does not complete his/her recredentialing materials, GlobalHealth reserves the right to terminate the provider from the network based on contractual noncompliance. GlobalHealth will process the application upon return to the practice.

# **Medical Records**

# Medical Recordkeeping and Documentation Standards

Complete and accurate documentation in medical records is an essential component of quality patient care. GlobalHealth conducts periodic practitioner office reviews to assess medical recordkeeping practices and medical record documentation.

Essential medical record components include:

- An organized medical record filing system with patient medical records stored in a systematic, secure, and confidential manner.
- Each page in the record contains the patient's name or identification number both front and back sides.
- Each record contains appropriate, updated biographical/personal data including language preference.
- All entries are dated.
- All entries are signed by the author and dated. Transcribed notes are initialed or signed by the author. All signatures should include the credentials of the author. Note: an electronic signature is acceptable, provided authorization for its use is included in the signature line. Stamped signatures will not be accepted.
- Physician Assistant's notes are co-signed and dated by physician.
- Personal/biographical data including date of birth, sex, marital status, address, employer, and home and work telephone numbers.
- Family/social history is noted in the record and updated at least annually, initialed and dated.
- Advance Directive documents or a notation that none exist.
- The record is legible to the reviewer or someone other than the writer.
- Medication allergies, adverse reactions, or "no known allergies" is prominently noted in the record. Location is consistent throughout patient charts.
- A current medication list including drug name, dosage, frequency and duration, and initial prescription and refill dates. Medication list is updated each visit.
- Injections are documented and include drug name, dosage, route, and site as well as the NDC number.
- Notation is made in record when sample drugs are provided.
- A current problem list notes significant illnesses and medical conditions, updated at least annually, initialed and dated.
- Immunization records are current, or a note indicates up-to-date immunizations.
- Past medical and social history is present and identifies serious accidents, surgeries, illnesses, and important family information. Personal health history includes complete medical and behavioral health history.
- For Members 20 years old or younger, past medical history includes prenatal care, birth, operations, and childhood illnesses.
- For Members 11 years and older (or younger if appropriate) the use of cigarettes, alcohol, and any substance use is noted. Documentation of family/household history is also noted.

- Pertinent history and physical exam is documented for visits, including reason for visit, history and description of presenting problems, including precipitating factors, mental status evaluation, physical status evaluation if appropriate, psychosocial history including an appropriate developmental history for children and adolescents, risk assessment of severity and possibility of potential harm to self or others accompanied by a Referral to a level of care which is appropriate to the level of risk, and appropriate diagnostic tests.
- Notes indicate all services provided by practitioner, all Referrals for diagnostic or therapeutic services, services and tests ordered, follow-up care plans including dates of subsequent appointments, and when applicable, a completed discharge plan.
- Lab and other studies ordered as appropriate for diagnosis.
- Preventive and screening services are offered consistent with national and GlobalHealth practice guidelines.
- Diagnosis noted in the medical record is consistent with symptoms and physical exam or other diagnostic findings.
- Evidence of patient teaching as appropriate.
- Treatment plan is consistent with diagnoses and includes measurable objectives, estimated time frames, prevention efforts, community resource utilization, and current caregivers contacted or involved in treatment (if no caregiver is involved, so stated in the record).
- Follow-up plans and dates for return visits are clearly documented.
- Unresolved problems are addressed in subsequent visits.
- Consultations, ancillary services, lab, and imaging study reports are initialed by the practitioner.
- If hospitalized, the record includes an admit report, operative report (if applicable), and discharge summary.
- Working diagnoses are consistent with findings and appropriate diagnoses are documented.
- There is evidence of continuity and coordination of care between primary and specialty practitioners including behavioral health practitioners.
- Phone calls to and from patient are documented, including phone calls notifying the patient of diagnostic test results or related to prescription refills.
- Requests for prescription refills are documented to include the pharmacy name, medication name, dosage, administration directions, and number of refills allowed. Encourage use of technology, like telehealth, as determined appropriate.

#### **Advance Directives**

GlobalHealth expects Contracted Providers to give Members the option to complete an Advance Directive if one is not on file. The statutory form of your state's Advance Directive, also called a Living Will, can be found on GlobalHealth's website on the "All Member Materials & Resources" page.

#### Retention

Medical records shall be retained for 10 years following treatment, 10 years following the patient's age of majority, or 10 years from the final date of GlobalHealth's CMS contract or completion of any audit, whichever time period is longer.

#### Confidentiality

GlobalHealth expects Contracted Providers to maintain medical records according to HIPAA and other State and Federal privacy laws.

#### **Record Release**

Contracted Providers must make medical records available for utilization management, risk management, performance improvement, peer review studies, medical review, fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA), Claims Payment Accuracy, Customer Care inquiries, grievance processing, pre- and post-claim inquiries and disputes, and other GlobalHealth initiatives.

To comply with accreditation and regulatory requirements, GlobalHealth may periodically perform documentation audits.

GlobalHealth may request records be mailed or faxed, accessed via Electronic Medical Records (EMR), or schedule an on-site visit. If GlobalHealth requests duplicate records, the administrative fee specified in the Agreement will be paid.

GlobalHealth is a covered entity under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). The HIPAA Privacy Rule permits a provider to disclose PHI to a health plan, provided that the health plan has or had a relationship with the individual who is the subject of the information, and the PHI requested pertains to the relationship. You do not need a separate authorization from the patient to release the medical record information for the purposes listed above. See the Notice of Privacy Practices in the Regulations section in this Provider Manual.

# **Utilization Management Program**

# Program Overview

GlobalHealth has a Utilization Management (UM) program to assist in determining:

- The healthcare services that are covered and payable under the GlobalHealth plan.
- Healthcare services or supplies are Medically Necessary to prevent, diagnose, or treat an illness, injury, disease, or its symptoms. Services must meet generally accepted standards of medicine.
- The appropriate level of care based on evidence-based guidelines.

Prior authorization decisions are made in a timely manner to accommodate the clinical urgency of the Member's situation.

- Urgent Concurrent: determination made within 72 hours of receipt of request
- Urgent Preservice: determination made within 72 hours of receipt of request
- Non-urgent Preservice: determination made within 14 days of receipt of request
- Prior authorization for Medicare Part B prescription drugs will be responded to timely and no later than 72 hours after your request.

# Medical Policies and Criteria Guidelines

GlobalHealth uses plan medical policies and nationally recognized guidelines and resources, such as MCG<sup>™</sup> Care Guidelines, Hayes, Inc., or CMS Medicare National and Local Coverage Determinations when conducting medical necessity reviews.

GlobalHealth medical policies are developed in coordination with physicians using evidence-based, peer-reviewed literature, criteria developed by specialty societies, and guidelines adopted by other healthcare organizations.

Decisions are supported by current clinical information relevant to each case. Clinical review is based on published standard criteria and/or internal policies that are developed with input from actively participating physicians. Board-certified practitioners or clinical peers from appropriate specialty areas may be consulted in determinations of medical appropriateness of care.

# Services That Require Prior Authorization

**NOTE:** This list is not all-inclusive and may include other outpatient services that are covered only by certain plans. Other infrequently requested or highly specialized services not listed below may require prior authorization. By requesting prior authorization, the Contracted Provider is representing that the proposed Covered Health Care Services are Medically Necessary.

- Acupuncture
  - Chronic lower back pain
- Ambulance
  - o Scheduled, non-emergent ambulance transport from one facility to another location
  - Urgent air ambulance transportation does not require prior authorization but will be subject to a retrospective medical necessity review.

# Behavioral Health

- GlobalHealth encourages coordination of care with Beacon Health Options. Beacon Health Options handles the prior authorization process if applicable.
- Continuous Glucose Monitors
- Diagnostic Services
  - Infertility testing and services
  - Cardiac stress tests, nuclear cardiac testing, coronary computed tomography angiography, and other cardiographs
  - o Neurology and neuromuscular diagnostic testing, including EMG, NCV, and sleep studies
  - o CT scans, nuclear scans/tests, MRI, MRA, PET scan, and gamma camera
  - Non-routine, non-preventive, or high-risk maternity care, maternal support services, fetal monitoring, threatened and premature labor treatment
  - Elective facility-based invasive diagnostic testing
  - Specialty lab (e.g., genetic testing for treatment purposes)
- Drug Waste
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Prosthetics, and Orthotics
  - o Including enhanced or specialty equipment or supplies
- Home Healthcare
  - All home healthcare, including home infusion therapy, requires prior authorization. Hospice care for MA Members should be coordinated under Original Medicare benefits.
  - To qualify for the Medicare home health benefit, under §§1814(a)(2)(C) and 1835(a)(2)(A) of the Act, a Medicare beneficiary must:
    - Be confined to the home.
    - Be under the care of a physician or allowed practitioner.
    - Be receiving services under a plan of care established and periodically reviewed by a physician or allowed practitioner.
    - Be in need of skilled nursing care on an intermittent basis or physical therapy or speechlanguage pathology; or
    - Have a continuing need for occupational therapy.
  - o Refer to § 424.22 "Requirements for home health services" for additional information
- Hospital Transfers
  - All scheduled hospital transfers require prior authorization prior to transfer. All emergent hospital transfers require notification to GlobalHealth the next business day following the date of service. The receiving hospital is required to notify GlobalHealth within 48 hours of the admission.
- Inpatient Care
  - All inpatient elective care or scheduled procedures require prior authorization by the Contracted Facility. GlobalHealth must be notified by the hospital of all admissions within 48 hours of admission, unless otherwise specified in your Agreement. If a service does not require prior

authorization (e.g., childbirth, observation, etc.), this does not negate the provider's responsibility to *notify* the plan upon admission.

- Other Services
  - o Organ transplant services; transplant evaluations, organ donor services, transplant procedures
  - Stereotactic radiosurgery (e.g., gamma-ray radiosurgery, gamma knife, etc.)
  - o Dialysis, Epoetin alfa, and laboratory services rendered in conjunction with dialysis
  - Outpatient radiation therapy and chemotherapy
  - Hyperbaric treatment
  - o Non-emergency blood transfusions and all infusion therapies/services
- Outpatient Hospital/Ambulatory Surgery
  - Procedures performed in an outpatient hospital (place of service 22) or ambulatory surgical center (place of service 24) require prior authorization.
- Outpatient Therapies and Rehabilitation
  - All therapies and rehabilitation such as occupational and speech therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, pulmonary rehabilitation services, and supervised exercise therapy require prior authorization.
- Pharmacy
  - Certain injectable medications require prior authorization. Certain formulary drugs may be preferred agents or may require prior authorization.
- Post-Acute Care
  - All Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF), and Long-Term Acute Care Hospital (LTACH) care requires prior authorization.
- Specialty Care Services
  - Although prior authorization is not required for specialist office visits, the SCP may determine the Member needs services other than services routinely rendered during the office visit. It then becomes the responsibility of the referring SCP to submit the authorization for additional services. The SCP is expected to continue to coordinate care with the PCP. All out-of-network specialists require a prior authorization.

#### Submitting Referrals

The PCP is responsible for submitting a Referral when necessary and for supplying complete clinical information. Referrals are required whether GlobalHealth is the primary or secondary payer.

# **Referrals to Non-Contracted Providers**

Services must generally be referred to a Contracted Provider. Exceptions may be made in certain circumstances such as when a terminating provider is transitioning a Member under current treatment to a Contracted Provider. Contact GlobalHealth for assistance when referring to a non-contracted provider.

#### **Prior Authorizations**

Prior authorization notification does not guarantee payment for services rendered. Prior authorization notification will only determine if a service is Medically Necessary.

Prior authorization does **not** determine if your patient is a GlobalHealth Member or if the healthcare service requested is a covered benefit. We recommend that you call to verify the Member's enrollment and benefit coverage. A Contracted Provider may also check eligibility on the Provider Portal.

Authorizations generally cover a period of 60 calendar days. There may be exceptions made for specialty care for high-risk pregnancy, oncology, rheumatology, and renal management. Refer to the authorization for specific approval dates.

# **SCP**s

Members may go to a network SCP without prior authorization for office visits only.

# **Additional Services**

If the SCP decides the Member needs services beyond what is generally handled during an office visit, it becomes the responsibility of the SCP to submit the Referral for additional services. If the provider does not obtain authorization before providing additional tests, services, or procedures, they may not be payable. GlobalHealth expects the SCP to keep the Member's PCP informed about the ongoing care.

- Eligibility must be verified at the time of each visit. Payment will not be made for services rendered to an ineligible Member.
- Notify GlobalHealth within one business day regarding any unexpected services that were Medically Necessary but were not included in the original prior authorization.

# **Facilities**

The facility should report the appropriate clinical information to the referring **PCP** and coordinate any follow-up referrals with the applicable provider.

- Eligibility must be verified at the time of each visit. Payment will not be made for services rendered to an ineligible Member.
- Notify GlobalHealth within one business day regarding any unexpected services that were Medically Necessary but were not included in the original prior authorization.

# How to Obtain a Prior Authorization

Referrals are sent to GlobalHealth's UM department via the Provider Portal.

For expedited authorization, a Contracted Provider may submit Referrals as specified above or contact GlobalHealth's UM department using the information in the Helpful Numbers section of the exhibit for your state.

If the online Provider Portal is unavailable for any reason, an authorization request may be sent via fax by completing the Physician's Treatment Request Form available on the Provider tab at <u>www.GlobalHealth.com</u> and faxing it to GlobalHealth's UM Department.

Contracted Providers can check on the status of authorizations and authorization requests in the Provider Portal which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. PCPs can see all the authorizations for each individual Member of their panel.

# Non-Approval of Prior Authorizations

If a Pre-service Prior Authorization is not approved this should not be interpreted as a barrier to patient care or questioning of a physician's judgment. It may indicate the need for additional information, or consideration of alternative treatment plan options, before authorizing the request. GlobalHealth may contact you for additional information prior to issuing an adverse determination.

When an adverse determination is made due to the provider not participating in GlobalHealth's network, GlobalHealth will coordinate care with a participating provider.

# Request for More Information

A review may be extended one time by the plan for up to 14 days for healthcare services and up to 72 hours for Part B drugs if:

- You are notified, prior to the expiration of the initial review period, of why it is necessary; and,
- You are notified of the date by which GlobalHealth expects to render a decision.

If such an extension is necessary because GlobalHealth does not have the information necessary to decide the authorization:

- We will tell you specifically what information is needed; and,
- The appropriate timing of receipt.

If the information is not provided in a timely manner, does not support medical necessity, or is not a covered benefit, the requesting provider will be sent a denial letter with information about the reason as well as their appeal rights and process. Please see the Provider Appeal of Pre-service Denial section below for additional information.

The Member will also receive a letter regarding the denial, with information about the reason and coverage appeal rights and process.

# When Services are Not Medically Necessary

A Contracted Provider may not collect payment from a GlobalHealth Member for services that have been determined not Medically Necessary by the GlobalHealth Medical Director unless an Advanced Beneficiary Notice of Non-Coverage or applicable form (1) was signed by the Member, (2) acknowledges the Member's financial responsibility, and (3) was obtained by the provider prior to the service being rendered. You can get a copy of the criteria used to make the decision by contacting GlobalHealth. The criteria are available via mail, email, or telephone.

All adverse medical necessity determinations are issued by the Medical Director (or other physician designee).

# Non-covered/Excluded Benefits

GlobalHealth details services that are not covered or excluded in Member materials and will notify the provider of its coverage determination for the requested service(s). GlobalHealth will not reimburse providers for services that are non-covered/excluded, even when provided by a Contracted Provider. Payments for services that are non-covered/excluded are the responsibility of the Member.

**NOTE:** A signed Advanced Beneficiary Notice of Non-Coverage or applicable form must be obtained for noncovered services prior to rendering the services to a GlobalHealth Member for a provider to collect from a Member.

# Provider Appeal of Pre-Service Denial

Coverage appeal timelines and processes for both standard and expedited appeals are available on GlobalHealth's website.

# Behavioral Health Authorization

GlobalHealth strongly encourages Contracted Providers to coordinate care with behavioral health providers.

Beacon Health Options is GlobalHealth's delegated behavioral health administrator. For plan-specified mental health and substance use disorder services that require prior authorization, a Beacon Health Options Contracted Provider will assess the Member for medical necessity criteria, and then contact Beacon Health Options for authorization.

#### Services Not Requiring a Prior Authorization or Referral

The network PCP will coordinate the Covered Health Care Services provided to GlobalHealth Members, but there are a few exceptions. The Member may self-refer to a Contracted Provider for the following services. There may be times a Member needs emergency care or urgently needed services which may be covered at a noncontracted provider without prior authorization. This also applies to plan-directed care. A GlobalHealth Member does not need a Referral from the PCP or authorization from GlobalHealth. However, GlobalHealth encourages coordination of care between the providers of these services and the Member's PCP, in compliance with State and Federal privacy laws.

- Anesthesia/pathology
  - Services from a hospital-based anesthesiologist or pathologist (excludes pain management or office-based services).
- Annual Wellness Exam/Initial Preventive Physical Exam
- Chiropractic Care
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Manual manipulation of the spine to correct subluxation.
- Consulting Physicians
  - Services from inpatient consulting physicians and outpatient specialty.
- Dental

GlobalHealth strongly encourages Contracted Providers to coordinate care with network dental providers. Please refer to the dental vendor information provided in the Helpful Numbers section of the exhibit for your state.

- Services from a network dentist when this benefit is part of the Member's plan and not part of a medical procedure.
- Emergency and Urgent Care
  - All services rendered in any emergency room or emergency ambulance.
  - All services rendered in an urgent care facility.
- Hearing/speech exam
  - Services available without prior authorization are dependent on plan benefits. Please refer to the hearing vendor information provided in the Helpful Numbers section of the exhibit for your state.
- Laboratory services
- Mammogram
  - Routine standard or 3D screening mammogram once every 12 months.
- OB/GYN
  - Any service from a network health professional that specializes in obstetrics or gynecology within his/her scope of practice. The OB/GYN is responsible for obtaining prior authorization for services that are not part of a routine office visit.

# • Preventive Services

• All Medicare-covered preventive services.

### • Tests

- EKG
- Routine lab work
- Ultrasound
- o X-ray
- Vision

GlobalHealth strongly encourages Contracted Providers to coordinate care with network vision providers. Please refer to the vision vendor information provided on the Helpful Numbers page.

- Preventive services during optometrist or ophthalmologist office visits, such as diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma screenings
- o Eyewear

### Hospital Admissions

All inpatient hospital care **must** be provided at a GlobalHealth network participating hospital, except for emergency admissions or when prior authorized by GlobalHealth under special circumstances. GlobalHealth must be notified by the hospital of all admissions within 2 business days of admission.

GlobalHealth concurrently reviews every Inpatient admission for appropriate level of care beginning on the day of admission through discharge. Discharge planning begins at admission.

#### **Concurrent Review**

GlobalHealth performs concurrent review from the day of admission through discharge to assure the medical necessity of each day, that services are provided at the appropriate level of care, and that necessary discharge arrangements are being/have been made.

If GlobalHealth has approved a course of treatment (to be provided over a period of time or number of treatments), the provider may request to extend the course of treatment. GlobalHealth will notify the provider of the decision. The Member is not entitled to continued coverage pending the outcome of the request.

Contracted Providers should cooperate with GlobalHealth by:

- Providing concurrent review status reports by telephone, fax, or EMR.
- Allowing access to medical records for the Member.
- Providing admission and discharge notifications 24 hours/day, 7 days/week.

#### Length of Stay

If a preauthorized admission is expected to extend beyond the initially assigned length of stay, the admission is subject to concurrent review.

# Admissions From ER

GlobalHealth must be notified by the hospital of all emergency admissions within one business day of the day the Member's status changes to inpatient.

# Discharge Planning

Discharge planning starts at the time of hospital admission or when the admission is authorized and continues throughout the discharge process. It includes the coordination of a Member's continued care needs both in and out of the inpatient setting.

The admitting physician should facilitate discharge planning by documenting the anticipated discharge date, disposition (e.g., home, SNF, rehabilitation, etc.), and any post-discharge services the Member may require. A comprehensive discharge plan is expected to include an assessment of needs, including barriers to successful discharge, plan development, plan implementation, and evaluation of effectiveness. Discharge planning activities include:

- Assessing Member's potential discharge requirements beginning on the day of admission, including behavioral health, psychosocial, and economic needs.
- Completing evaluation of available support and assistance, including:
  - Healthcare services;
  - Financial needs;
  - Safe housing;
  - Food access;
  - Transportation; and
  - Language and cultural needs.
- Arranging interdisciplinary care team meetings as appropriate.
- Involving social services in discharge planning, as appropriate.
- Coordinating discharge needs such as DME, home health, SNF, transportation, medications, etc.
- Obtaining authorization from GlobalHealth for necessary post-discharge services.
- Coordinating behavioral health therapy and psychiatric medication management aftercare appointments within 7 days post-discharge with Beacon Health Options using the contact info provided on the Helpful Numbers page.
- Documenting and communicating the discharge plan.
- Ensuring patient understanding of discharge orders and follow-up care required.
- Submitting other authorizations as needed.
- Delivering a written notice of non-coverage, if applicable.
- Communication of discharge plan, including medications and appointments to PCP and any other postdischarge healthcare providers.

Best efforts should be made by the facility to communicate the full discharge plan to the Member's PCP within one business day of discharge.

GlobalHealth's UM staff will work with the hospital case manager to arrange for any needed services. GlobalHealth's participation in the discharge planning process for coordination of care will vary based on the individual Member's circumstances and may occur by telephone or through on-site reviews.

# **Care Management Program**

GlobalHealth's Care Management Program assists Members in the management of their healthcare and supports the agreed-upon treatment plan. The objective of the program is to decrease inpatient admissions, readmissions, and unnecessary emergency room visits by helping Members regain optimal health or improve functional capability. GlobalHealth accomplishes this objective by working with identified Members and their PCPs to:

- Evaluate Member health risk.
- Verify or create a practical treatment plan, with Member input.
- Encourage adherence to the treatment plan.
- Provide continuity and coordination of care.

The Care Management Program offers two types of support for GlobalHealth Members: discharge outreach and care management.

Contracted Providers can refer a GlobalHealth Member by contacting Provider Services using the information in the Helpful Numbers section of the exhibit for your state.

### Discharge Outreach

Discharge outreach provides support to Members who have recently experienced a transition of care. The discharge team works with Members to support and reinforce treatment plans to prevent readmission and unnecessary ER visits.

Exclusion from program includes:

- Female Members who had a vaginal birth with no complications or conditions (hypertension, depression, etc.) and a healthy newborn.
- Any Member being discharged to a hospice or nursing home facility.

#### Care Management

Members can enter into care management through predictive modeling, physician referral, self-referral, or referral from a care team member. Additionally, all C-SNP members will be assigned to care management. Care management assists Members with:

- Development and implementation of a care plan.
- Monitoring and follow-up.
- Access to medical, behavioral health, and social services.
- Access to affordable, long-term supports and services and preventive health.
- Coordination of care across all health care settings.
- Improving health outcomes.

#### **Behavioral Health Benefits**

Members can directly access mental health and/or substance use disorder services by calling the Beacon Health Options Customer Care number listed on the back of their Member ID card. Assistance is available for those that need translation or are hearing impaired. Beacon Health Options can assist Members with:

- Finding a Contracted Provider.
- Crisis intervention.
- Referrals to community resources and self-help groups.

# Pharmacy

# CVS Caremark is the Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) for Medicare Advantage Members

#### **Optimizing Member Benefits**

There are several ways you can help your patient save money:

- Many drug tiers have cost-sharing breaks for the Member in 90- or 100-day supplies versus 30-day supplies.
- Prescribe a generic whenever appropriate.
- Members may save money by filling prescriptions at a preferred cost-sharing pharmacy rather than a standard cost-sharing pharmacy.

Please refer to the plan-specific documentation on our website for information about drug tiers and cost shares.

#### Real Time Benefits Tool

Member-specific benefit information is pulled directly from the PBM and delivered to clinicians' electronic health record (EHR). This will allow providers and Members to make more informed treatment decisions by ensuring they understand exactly what the Member will pay out-of-pocket and being able to see if there are any clinically appropriate lower-cost alternatives covered under the plan. The tool will also communicate which therapy options require prior authorization (PA) or have other restrictions. Providers are able to process a PA in real-time from the EHR. Providers should contact their EHR vendor or EHR system administrator to ensure real-time prescription benefits information is enabled or will be included in the next upgrade.

#### GlobalHealth's Formulary Drug List

Formularies are specific to the plan benefits. Covered drugs are listed in the Drug Formulary.

The cost share for each prescription drug is based on which tier it is in. The number of tiers may vary based on the plan design. Generally, the lowest tier contains generic or low-cost medications. The next higher tiers contain preferred name brand medications or non-preferred brand name formulary medications and specified high-cost generic drugs. Cost shares typically increase as the tier increases.

Specialty medications are in the highest tier. Specialty medications are limited to no more than a one-month supply and must be pre-approved by CVS Caremark.

#### Prescription Drug Utilization Management

Some medications have requirements that must be met before they can be filled. These programs are based on current medical findings, FDA-approved manufacturer labeling information, cost, and manufacturer rate agreements. The formulary indicates if the drug has any requirements. CVS Caremark conducts all Part D reviews for Medicare Advantage plans.

Туре	Description
Prior Authorization (PA)	Physicians are required to obtain prior authorization for certain medications, including compound drugs. This promotes appropriate, cost-effective use. Any corresponding supplies or equipment also require prior authorization. GlobalHealth may not cover the drug, supply, or equipment without prior authorization.

Туре	Description
Medicare Advantage Formularies - Limited Access (LA)	Prescription may only be available at certain pharmacies. Physicians will need to consult the Pharmacy Directory or call Customer Care using the contact information in the Helpful Numbers section of the exhibit for your state.
Step Therapy (ST)	Step therapy requires one or more prerequisite, clinically equivalent drugs to be tried before a step therapy drug will be covered.
Quantity Limits (QL)	There are limits to the amount of certain medications that may be filled. These drugs, if taken inappropriately for too long a time, could be unsafe and cause adverse effects.
Not Mail Order (NM)	Drugs that are not available through mail-order.
B vs D (B/D)	Drugs that require review to determine whether the medication will be covered as Part B or Part D are designated with the abbreviation B/D.

#### **Exception Process**

### Standard Exception

Members can request GlobalHealth to waive coverage restrictions and limits. Call the Part D Coverage Determinations Department using the contact information in the Helpful Numbers section of the exhibit for your state to request an exception. A Member may submit their request in writing, electronically, or telephonically. Providers may also call the Part D Coverage Determinations Department or fax completed forms to CVS Caremark at (855) 633-7673. Requests for coverage determinations and redeterminations can be submitted online using the "Request for Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Determination (or Redetermination) Form" on the Member Materials tab of our website, www.GlobalHealth.com.

Medicare beneficiaries who are new to GlobalHealth Medicare Advantage can receive a transition supply of medication during the first 90 days of their membership under certain circumstances. The temporary supply will be for a maximum of a cumulative 30-day supply. If the Member is in Long-term Care, the cumulative supply is for up to 31 days, during the first 90 days of enrollment.

#### Expedited Exception

You may request an expedited exception when the Member is suffering from a health condition that may seriously jeopardize their life, health, or ability to regain maximum function.

CVS Caremark will provide a decision to you within 24 hours after receiving the request and sufficient information to begin the review.

- If granted, our approval is usually valid until the end of the plan year. This is true as long as the physician continues to prescribe the drug for the patient and that drug continues to be safe and effective for treating the condition.
- If your exception request is denied, you may appeal.

# Pharmacy Types

#### Mail Order Pharmacy Service

CVS Caremark offers the convenience of mail order. Providers can contact CVS Caremark at (800) 378-5697 or fax completed form and prescription to CVS Caremark at (800) 378-0323. Forms are available on the Pharmacy & Rx tab of our website, <u>www.GlobalHealth.com</u>. Maintenance medications are mailed to the Member's home in up to a 90-day supply, or up to a 100-day supply for certain plans.

# **Retail Pharmacy Network**

The Member may receive up to a 30-day or up to a 90- or 100-day supply of a maintenance drug at a retail network pharmacy for the applicable Copayment or Coinsurance. Retail network pharmacies can be found using the Pharmacy search on the Find a Pharmacy page on our website, <u>www.GlobalHealth.com</u>.

#### Standard and Preferred Cost-Sharing Pharmacies

GlobalHealth Medicare Advantage Members may choose pharmacies that either offer standard cost-sharing or discounted cost-sharing. Their Evidence of Coverage explains the different Member responsibility amounts. Pharmacy status is designated in the Pharmacy Directory available on the Find a Pharmacy page on our website, <u>www.GlobalHealth.com</u>.

### **Specialty Pharmacies**

Contracted specialty pharmacies may fill prescriptions for specialty medications and mail them to the Member's home. Some retail pharmacies can also fill specialty drug prescriptions. Specialty medications sent to and administered by a doctor are covered under the Member's office visit cost share. Specialty medications sent to and administered by the Member are assessed the applicable prescription drug Copayment or Coinsurance. A specialty network pharmacy can be found in the Pharmacy Directory or by using the pharmacy search on the Find a Pharmacy page on our website, <u>www.GlobalHealth.com</u>.

#### Medication Therapy Management Program

GlobalHealth Medicare Advantage Members qualify for our Medication Therapy Management program if all three of the following criteria are met: 1) take eight or more Medicare Part D covered maintenance drugs, 2) have three or more targeted chronic conditions, and 3) incur the minimum annual cost threshold as established by CMS. The goal of this program is to help eliminate duplicate drug therapies, reduce potential for negative drug interactions and/or side effects, and optimize Member benefits by providing information on the lowest cost medication alternatives. Enrollment is automatic for qualified Medicare Advantage Members. Member participation is voluntary and does not affect Member's coverage. Benefits include personalized service from registered pharmacists and staff.

# ATTENTION: PRESCRIPTION PAIN RELIEVERS CAN BE HIGHLY ADDICTIVE!

Prescription drugs, especially opioid analgesics – a class of prescription drugs used to treat both acute and chronic pain such as hydrocodone, oxycodone, codeine, morphine, and methadone – have increasingly been implicated in drug overdose deaths over the last decade.

Before you prescribe this type of medication for your patient, have a serious discussion regarding the potential for addiction and overdose. Or if you have patients who have been taking this type of medication, consider titrating them off as soon as possible. GlobalHealth urges prescribers to conduct at least annual medication reviews that include over-the-counter products, prescriptions, and supplements with their patients.

If you have a patient who has become addicted to any medication, contact Beacon Health Options immediately for assistance in getting them to treatment and resources to support them through the recovery process. Your patient's GlobalHealth benefits cover outpatient therapies, medication assisted treatment programs, and residential substance abuse treatment as well as assisting Members with locating community resources that will help in their recovery process.

# **Claims and Payments**

Providers must submit Clean Claims to GlobalHealth within the timely filing period specified in the Agreement in order to receive payment. If the provider fails to submit a Clean Claim within the required timeframes, GlobalHealth expressly reserves the right to deny payment for such claim(s). Claim(s) denied for untimely filing **cannot** be billed to a Member.

When GlobalHealth is a secondary payer, the filing period begins on the date shown on the primary carrier's Remittance Advice (RA) reflecting payment or denial.

#### **Claims Reimbursement**

GlobalHealth will reimburse for Covered Health Care Services on timely filed Clean Claims in accordance with your Agreement and applicable statutory requirements less any applicable Copayments, Coinsurance, and/or Deductibles owed by the Member. Unless otherwise specified, GlobalHealth follows CMS coding guidelines including ICD-10, CPT-4®, and HCPCS. Should GlobalHealth fail to pay a claim within the required timeframe, GlobalHealth will pay interest in accordance with contractual and State regulatory requirements. Providers will receive a Remittance Advice (RA) Report detailing how each service was processed. This information can be accessed through the online Provider Portal. Electronic RAs can also be accessed online through Zelis. Register online at <u>www.zelis.com</u>. Click Provider Enrollment to create an account.

#### **Claims Submission**

Claims must be submitted electronically. GlobalHealth utilizes a preferred clearinghouse, Change Healthcare (Emdeon), for electronic claims submission. GlobalHealth's electronic data interchange (EDI) number can be found in the Helpful Numbers section of the exhibit for your state. In the unlikely event that electronic filing is not available, refer to the Helpful Numbers section for our claims mailing address.

#### **Proof of Timely Filing**

The clearinghouse vendor can supply a report of accepted electronically filed claims. That report can be used for proof of timely filing for electronic claims. For Providers who submit claims on paper, proof of timely filing would consist of a printout from their billing system showing when the claim was billed.

#### **Claims Adjudication**

GlobalHealth reviews and evaluates claims for:

- Correct billing (UB-04 or CMS-1500 format).
- Correct coding (ICD-10, CPT-4<sup>®</sup>, HCPCS, or other required coding as applicable).
- Coverage criteria.
- Medical necessity.

Approved forms:

- Electronic filing
- CMS-1500
- UB-04

# **Responsibility for Payment**

#### Members are responsible for payment of:

- Their Deductible, Copayments, or Coinsurance for approved Covered Health Care Services.
- The cost of services not included in their GlobalHealth plan benefits.
- Full Billed Charges when:
  - The services were non-covered services.
  - The services were received out-of-network and were not authorized by GlobalHealth.
  - The services were obtained through fraud.

#### Copayments/Coinsurance

Members are required to pay a Copayment or Coinsurance for certain benefits. Copayment amounts are generally listed on the Member's GlobalHealth ID card. Coinsurance should be billed when you receive the RA from GlobalHealth.

No Copayment or Coinsurance should be collected from or billed to the Member for preventive care services.

#### Maximum Out-of-Pocket (MOOP)

For GlobalHealth plans, Member expenses are limited by an annual MOOP amount. If a Member has reached the MOOP, a Contracted Provider should not apply any Member cost share for the Covered Health Care Services. Contracted Providers may obtain a Member's MOOP information via the Provider Portal or by contacting GlobalHealth. If the Contracted Provider collected a cost share from the Member, GlobalHealth will notify the Contracted Provider of the amount in excess of the MOOP and the Contracted Provider shall promptly reimburse the Member.

If GlobalHealth determines that the Contracted Provider did not reimburse the Member the amount received in excess of the MOOP, GlobalHealth may reimburse the Member directly, and recoup the amount from the Contracted Provider. GlobalHealth will notify the Contracted Provider of any such recoupment 30 days prior to such recoupment.

GlobalHealth may audit the Contracted Provider's compliance with this section and may require the Contracted Provider to submit documentation to GlobalHealth supporting that the Contracted Provider reimbursed Members for amounts in excess of the MOOP.

#### Members are not responsible for:

Any amounts owed by GlobalHealth to a Contracted Provider for approved Medically Necessary services that are covered by plan benefits.

Any amounts requested as balance billing (after GlobalHealth has paid the contracted allowed amount), provided that:

- The services were preauthorized Covered Health Care Services;
- The services were approved by GlobalHealth;
- The services were provided by a Contracted Provider; and
- The Member has paid the required cost share.

# Balance Billing

A Contracted Provider and Facility accepts the GlobalHealth reimbursement as payment in full and may not "balance bill" a GlobalHealth Member. In other words, the Contracted Provider may not seek payment from a GlobalHealth Member for Covered Health Care Services beyond the Member's applicable Deductible, Copayment, and/or Coinsurance amounts. Balance billing is a violation of the Agreement and may result in termination of the Contracted Provider from the GlobalHealth network.

#### Qualified Medicare Beneficiary

Medicare providers and suppliers may not bill GlobalHealth Members in the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) program for Medicare Deductibles, Coinsurance, or Copayments, but state Medicaid programs may pay for those costs. Under some circumstances, Federal law lets states limit how much they pay providers for Medicare cost-sharing. Even when that's the case, people in the QMB program have no legal obligation to pay Medicare providers for Medicare Part A or Part B cost-sharing. Providers may not refuse to serve members due to assistance with Medicare cost-sharing received from a state Medicaid program.

# www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/QMB

# Remittance Advice (RA)

The RA GlobalHealth issues summarizes the claim and explains how benefits were applied. Use the RA to determine how a claim was paid including non-allowed amounts and adjustments. The RA will note any non-covered services and cost-sharing amounts that are the responsibility of the Member. The RA lists and explains all codes used in processing each claim. Claim details can also be obtained through the online Provider Portal or through Zelis.

#### **Reasons for Payment Delays**

GlobalHealth will process claims as expeditiously as possible. In order to do so, it is essential that complete and accurate claims are submitted. Common mistakes that delay payment include:

- Missing Provider Group NPI or Place of Service.
- Missing employer or group number or Member number.
- Missing authorization numbers.
- Failure to submit required additional documentation.
- Inaccurate or questionable diagnosis or procedure coding.
- Missing or wrong Tax ID Number.
- Missing provider name and/or NPI.

#### **Claims Status**

Contracted Providers must use the online Provider Portal to obtain claims status. The Provider Portal should be accessed using the Google Chrome browser and is available here: <u>https://ghprovider.prod.healthaxis.net/</u>.

#### Circumstances That May Affect Hospital Reimbursement

Reimbursement for inpatient services may be affected in certain circumstances described below:

- Pended for Case Review
- Hospital Acquired Conditions/Not Present on Admission

- GlobalHealth does not provide additional reimbursement for complications related to procedures and co-morbidities related to hospital-acquired conditions not present upon admission as defined by the CMS.
- Hospital Readmissions
  - GlobalHealth does not make additional, separate DRG payments for readmissions that are reasonably avoidable and at the same Contracted Facility for same, similar, or related conditions or the result of a premature discharge or inadequate discharge planning and that were avoidable. GlobalHealth applies standardized evidence-based criteria such as CMS guidelines, MCG<sup>TM</sup> Care Guidelines, and other applicable industry guidance in determinations not to reimburse for a subsequent hospitalization.
- Never Events
  - GlobalHealth does not reimburse for charges that are related to "Never Events" (NE) or "Serious Reportable Events" (SRE) as defined by the CMS and National Quality Forum (NQF).
- Healthcare services or diagnosis not supported due to inadequate documentation in the requested medical record

# Coding and Billing, Industry Standards, and Best Practices

- GlobalHealth does not reimburse for charges that are not in adherence with coding and billing best practices and standards or supported by documentation. GlobalHealth utilizes but is not limited to the following resources:
  - CMS Guidelines as stated in CMS' Medicare Managed Care Manual
  - Medicare Local and National Coverage Determinations
  - o GlobalHealth Provider Manual, claims payment and UM policies, and Member materials
  - National Uniform Billing Code Guidelines from National Uniform Billing Committee
  - o American Medical Association Current Procedural Terminology System (CPT) guidelines
  - o Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) rules
  - o ICD-10 Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting
  - o American Association of Medical Audit Specialists National Health Care Billing Audit Guidelines
  - o National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) and Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE)
  - Medicare Code Editor (MCE)
  - Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE)
  - American Hospital Association Coding Clinic Guidelines
  - o UB-40 Data Specifications Manual
- GlobalHealth does not reimburse for charges that do not adhere to industry standards of care. GlobalHealth utilizes but is not limited to the following resources:
  - Industry standard UM criteria and/or care guidelines, including MCG<sup>TM</sup> Care Guidelines, Hayes, Inc., CALOCUS or LOCAT (current edition on date of service)
  - Social Security Act
  - o U.S. Food and Drug Administration Guidance
  - o National professional medical societies' guidelines and consensus statements

- Publications from specialty societies such as the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, American Thoracic Society, Infectious Diseases Society of America, etc.
- Department of Health and Human Services final rules, regulations, and instructions published in the Federal Register
- Nationally recognized, evidenced-based published literature from such sources as: World Health Organization, Medscape, American College of Cardiology Foundation/American Heart Association Task Force, American Diabetes Association, and American Psychiatric Association

#### **Claim Denial**

GlobalHealth will notify the provider of a denial or partial denial as outlined in the Agreement. This period may be extended one time by GlobalHealth, provided that GlobalHealth determines:

- An extension is necessary due to matters beyond its control;
- GlobalHealth notifies the provider and the Member, prior to the end of the initial review period, of why the extension is needed; and,
- The date by which GlobalHealth expects to render a decision.

If an extension is necessary because GlobalHealth does not have the information to decide the claim, the notice will specifically describe the required information. A response is required within the timeframe outlined in the Agreement.

If the claim was denied due to missing or incomplete information, the provider may resubmit the claim with the necessary information to complete the claim processing.

# Provider Payment Disputes/Claim Reviews

A provider may request a claim review if any part of a claim submitted for payment is either fully or partially denied. The appropriate claim review form can be found on the Provider tab of our website at <u>www.GlobalHealth.com</u>. Claim reviews may be resolved by attaching any pertinent documents to support the claim (e.g., sending proof of timely filing, sending a copy of the authorizations for claims denied for no authorization). The request for claim review must be submitted in writing and include the following:

- Member's name and address;
- GlobalHealth Member ID;
- Date of service if appealing a denied claim;
- Description of the denied service and why the claim review is being requested; and
- Copies of documentation to support the claim review request (e.g., claims, medical records, physician statements, and any other relevant information).

The time frame for submitting claim review is located in your Agreement with GlobalHealth.

#### **Claims Payment Recovery**

If GlobalHealth overpays a claim for healthcare services, GlobalHealth may request a refund. When this occurs, the provider will be notified of any overpayment amount with a request for a refund. In the notification, GlobalHealth will provide the name of the Member for whom an overpayment was made, and the relevant date or dates of service. This notification process occurs within the timeframe specified in the Agreement. GlobalHealth may recoup overpayment amounts by subtracting such amounts from future payments. You can locate identifying information on the RA.

# Laboratory Testing

If the Contracted Provider has a CLIA-approved lab on site, they may provide and bill for those tests if approved and contracted to perform them. All other test(s) must be performed at a laboratory facility that is contracted with GlobalHealth. If the Contracted Provider does not have a lab onsite, either refer the Member to a GlobalHealth contracted laboratory or draw and send the specimen to a GlobalHealth contracted laboratory.

# **Compliance Program**

GlobalHealth has a written Compliance Program that incorporates the following elements:

- A designated Chief Compliance Officer
- Written Code of Conduct
- Auditing and monitoring, including methods for detecting Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (FWA)
- Education and training
- Hotline for reporting compliance concerns
- Policies and procedures
- Remediation/corrective action when problems are identified

All Contracted Providers are expected to adhere to the GlobalHealth Compliance Program.

# Chief Compliance Officer

The Chief Compliance Officer oversees the Compliance Program. Contracted Providers are encouraged to speak directly with the GlobalHealth Compliance Officer regarding any compliance matters, policy questions, or other concerns using the contact information on the Helpful Numbers page.

# Code of Conduct

All participating Providers are expected to adhere to the GlobalHealth Compliance Program, including the Code of Conduct. A link to the Code of Conduct can be found in the exhibit for your state.

# Auditing and Monitoring

# FWA

GlobalHealth is committed to an effective FWA Program to detect, correct, and prevent FWA.

Examples of potential FWA include, but are not limited to:

- Submission of false or fraudulent claims by a provider
- Submission of claims for services that are not Medically Necessary
- Submission of claims for services that are not properly documented
- Failure to provide Medically Necessary services to a Member which adversely affects the Member
- Payments made for excluded drugs or drugs that were not for medically accepted indications
- Multiple billings for the same services
- Altered or forged documentation
- Billing or charging for services that GlobalHealth covers (other than Member cost share)
- Offering gifts or money for treatment or services that are not needed
- Offering free services, equipment, or supplies in exchange for using a GlobalHealth Member ID number
- A Member selling or lending their Member ID card to someone else
- Members lying to a healthcare provider to receive goods or services that are not Medically Necessary

A link to current FWA alerts can be found in the exhibit for your state.

# Audit

GlobalHealth reserves the right to audit claims and make or request adjustments. These decisions are made based on comparison of medical records to claims payments as well as determination of appropriateness of covered healthcare services. GlobalHealth reserves the right to perform on-site audits. Such audits may be conducted at random or selected based on data analysis. Certain claims present higher risk for payment errors and may be subject to pre- or post-payment audits.

#### **Education and Training**

A link to FWA education and training can be found in the exhibit for your state. Additionally, the GlobalHealth Compliance department will provide FWA and other compliance-related training to Contracted Providers upon request.

# Hotline

Contracted Providers are expected to report known or suspected compliance violations. For any question about the Compliance Program or to report a concern, call our reporting line and leave a message. Please provide as much detailed information as possible. You may remain anonymous if you choose. You may email Compliance if you prefer. GlobalHealth will promptly investigate any reported potential violations of Federal or State laws, regulations, or other policies. Contact information is available on the Helpful Numbers page.

All questions and concerns are thoroughly investigated by the Compliance Officer in a timely manner. GlobalHealth will not retaliate against anyone who, in good faith, reports an actual or potential violation of any Federal or State law or regulation or GlobalHealth policy.

# **Policies and Procedures**

GlobalHealth maintains written policies and procedures to address compliance, ethical, and legal concerns. For questions, contact our Compliance Officer.

# **Remediation and Corrective Action**

Compliance remediation is the process of recognizing problems, creating a plan to correct and prevent them from occurring in the future, and executing that plan. Follow-up auditing and monitoring is conducted to ensure the corrective action plan is being followed and is effective.

# Quality Improvement Program (QIP)

GlobalHealth is committed to supporting quality healthcare and the preservation of good health. The QIP provides the framework to assess and improve the quality of care and services provided by Contracted Providers. It is based on a model that stresses a systematic, integrated approach to quality. The QIP is designed to meet statutory requirements. It adheres to standards, guidelines, and contractual requirements for health plans, including those published by CMS.

The program identifies issues and opportunities for improvement. The program consists of multi-disciplinary work groups, including GlobalHealth employees and Contracted Providers who:

- Monitor performance indicators.
- Analyze data.
- Implement changes to improve performance.

With a focus on providing high-quality, cost-effective healthcare, the use of the QIP will positively impact the:

- Improvement in processes and outcomes of care.
- Satisfaction of Members and Contracted Providers.
- Cost of healthcare services.

# Quality Improvement Work Plan

GlobalHealth develops and implements a Quality Improvement Work Plan each year. The Work Plan monitors and evaluates healthcare delivery systems and health plan management activities. Its purpose is to ensure quality care and service.

Quality improvement activities are evaluated annually. GlobalHealth will implement changes to address identified opportunities and follow up in areas that need improvement.

# Medicare Advantage Plan Ratings (Star Ratings)

Every year, CMS evaluates Medicare Advantage plans based on a 5-star rating system. CMS scores how well plans perform in certain categories, including quality of care and customer service. Ratings range from 1 to 5 stars, with 5 being the highest and 1 being the lowest.

The **Overall Star Rating** combines scores for the types of services each health plan offers. For health plans covering health and drug services, the overall score for quality of those services covers many different topics that fall into the following categories:

- **Staying healthy:** screenings, tests, and vaccines. Includes whether Members got various screening tests, vaccines, and other check-ups that help them stay healthy.
- Managing chronic (long-term) conditions: Includes how often Members with different conditions got certain tests and treatments that help them manage their condition.
- Member experience with the health plan: Includes ratings of Member experience with the health plan.
- Member complaints and changes in the health plan's performance: Includes how often Medicare found problems with the health plan and how often Members had problems with the health plan. Includes how much the health plan's performance has improved (if at all) over time.
- Health plan customer service: Includes how well the health plan handles Member appeals.
- Drug plan customer service: Includes how well the health plan handles Member appeals.

- Member complaints and changes in the drug plan's performance: Includes how often Medicare found problems with the health plan and how often Members had problems with the plan. Includes how much the health plan's performance has improved (if at all) over time.
- **Member experience with plan's drug services:** Includes ratings of Member experience with the health plan.
- **Drug safety and accuracy of drug pricing:** Includes how accurate the health plan's pricing information is and how often Members with certain medical conditions are prescribed drugs in a way that is safer and clinically recommended for their condition.

#### Preventive Care and Clinical Practice Guidelines

# **Preventive Care Guidelines**

GlobalHealth adheres to all applicable preventive care guidelines. Not everyone needs every preventive service. You should determine which services are right for each individual Member. Refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for additional guidance.

# CMS requires coverage at no cost share to MA Members for the following services:

- Alcohol Misuse Screening & Counseling
- Annual Wellness Visit
- Bone Mass Measurements
- Cardiovascular Disease Screening Tests
- Colorectal Cancer Screening
- Counseling to Prevent Tobacco Use
- Depression Screening
- Diabetes Screening
- Diabetes Self-Management Training
- Glaucoma Screening
- Hepatitis B Vaccine & Administration for high or intermediate risk Members
- Hepatitis C Virus Screening
- HIV Screening
- IBT for Cardiovascular Disease

- IBT for Obesity
- Influenza Virus Vaccine & Administration
- Initial Preventive Physical Examination
- Lung Cancer Screening
- Medical Nutrition Therapy
- Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program
- Pneumococcal Vaccine & Administration
- Prostate Cancer Screening
- Screening for Cervical Cancer
- Screening for STIs and HIBC to Prevent STIs
- Screening Mammography
- Screening Pap Tests
- Screening Pelvic Examinations
- Ultrasound Screening for AAA

#### Medical Review Program

As part of our quality improvement efforts, GlobalHealth recognizes the CMS Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program (HRRP) and Hospital-Acquired Conditions Reduction Program (HACRP). GlobalHealth expects its Contracted Providers to follow established evidenced-based standards of care.

Contracted Providers are expected to make medical records and other requested information available to support the review of services rendered. EMR access will be utilized when possible to complete the reviews. GlobalHealth encourages providers to allow EMR access to facilitate coordination of care and support plan operations in a timely, cost-efficient manner. Cases that may be subject to review include, but are not limited to, reasonably avoidable readmissions, potential coding discrepancies, and clinical concerns such as preventable complications, Never Events (NE) or Serious Reportable Events (SRE) as defined by the National Quality Forum (NQF) and CMS, quality of care provided, and associated prepayment and post-payment facility and professional claims. Cases may be referred from, but are not limited to, Utilization Management (UM), Claims, Customer Care, Claims Payment Accuracy, or Compliance Departments, and Members.

Never Events include:

- Surgery or invasive procedure events
- Product or device events
- Patient protection events
- Care management events
- Environmental events
- Radiologic events
- Potential criminal events

Examples of NE include wrong patient, wrong surgical site, procedure errors, medication errors, inappropriate restraint usage, delayed treatment, incompatible blood group hemolytic transfusion reactions, stage III and stage IV pressure ulcers, and falls or trauma resulting in death or serious disability.

GlobalHealth does not reimburse for additional costs associated with these types of concerns or events.

**A reasonably avoidable readmission** (as defined by CMS) is a readmission to the same acute care hospital within 30 days of hospital discharge for the same, similar, or related conditions.

**Clinical concerns** include, but may not be limited to, preventable hospital-acquired or associated conditions (HAC) as defined by CMS, surgical complications including accidental lacerations and punctures, preventable perioperative or postoperative conditions (as defined by CMS), development of infections during hospitalization, premature discharge, inadequate discharge planning and/or failure to identify or treat HAC prior to discharge.

Presumption of "preventable" complications includes consideration if the condition contributed to the need for:

- Additional procedures or surgery
- Higher inpatient level of care
- Extended hospitalization
- Placed the Member at risk for or subjected to serious harm or death

Potential coding discrepancies include but may not be limited to:

- Hospital-assigned diagnosis code(s) unsupported in the medical record
- Hospital failure to assign primary/secondary diagnosis code
- Invalid/incorrect hospital-assigned primary or secondary diagnosis code(s)
- Incorrect hospital assignment of present/not present on admission (POA) status

GlobalHealth reserves the right to audit claims and make or request adjustments based on comparison of medical records to claims payment, as well as determine the appropriateness of covered health services furnished by provider. GlobalHealth reserves the right to perform onsite audits. Provider agrees to cooperate with such reasonable audit requests.

#### Member Complaints and Grievances

If a Member files a complaint against a provider, GlobalHealth will contact the provider for additional information, which may include a request for an explanation or medical records, to ensure all the facts are obtained before responding to the grievance. Providers must respond to requests within <u>15 days</u> so the response can be included in the investigation. GlobalHealth is subject to timeliness standards that require a response within a specific period. A quick response to the inquiry will ensure compliance with State, Federal, and CMS regulations.

Pharmacy complaints and grievances will be reviewed by the PBM.

#### Resources

Hospital Readmission Reduction Program: <u>www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-for-service-payment/acuteinpatientpps/readmissions-reduction-program.html</u>

Hospital-Acquired Condition Reduction Program: <u>www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/HAC-Reduction-Program.html</u>

# **HEDIS®**

The Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) is a tool used by more than 90 percent of America's health plans to measure performance on important dimensions of care and service. HEDIS® is part of a nationally recognized quality improvement initiative. Because so many health plans collect HEDIS® data, and because the measures are so specifically defined, HEDIS® makes it possible to compare the performance of health plans on an "apples-to-apples" basis. Health plans also use HEDIS® results themselves to see where they need to focus their improvement efforts.

HEDIS® is used by CMS to monitor the performance of managed care organizations. Data are collected for measures related to preventive care. As a health plan, GlobalHealth is responsible for collecting data on these performance measures and one of the ways to do that is through medical record review. Each year, a sample of medical records is randomly selected for review to ensure quality care is being provided to GlobalHealth Members. If the data are not found in these medical records, additional medical record reviews may be required.

GlobalHealth requests HEDIS® records all year and during a HEDIS® reporting drive each spring. Contracted Provider office assistance throughout the year minimizes the number of records needed in the HEDIS® season. GlobalHealth will use EMR access when possible to conduct the reviews or provider will permit on-site access to review patient medical records or other documentation.

There are several ways GlobalHealth may send record requests for HEDIS® purposes. For individual or very small amounts of records, compliant fax requests are sent with detailed instructions on how to return the request. GlobalHealth also employs auditors that may call to schedule an on-site visit to review appropriate medical records. They will provide a detailed list of information to prepare for the visit. We ask that Contracted Provider offices schedule these visits quickly on a day that is convenient. These visits are not a "pass or fail" situation. GlobalHealth is simply reviewing records to determine if they meet HEDIS® measure compliance. In some cases, the auditor may make recommendations on changes to improve your overall compliance. On-site visits are designed to take the burden of complicated record review away from provider office staff. Any questions about HEDIS® record review should be directed to the contact information that is provided in the request.

HEDIS® is a registered trademark of the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). HEDIS® is designed to provide purchasers and consumers with the information they need to reliably compare the performance of healthcare plans. HEDIS® results are included in Quality Compass, an interactive, web-based comparison tool that allows users to view plan results and benchmark information. Quality Compass users benefit

from the largest database of comparative health plan performance information to conduct competitor analysis, examine quality improvement, and benchmark plan performance.

#### **CAHPS®**

GlobalHealth participates in the CAHPS® survey, which asks Members about their experience with their care in areas such as provider communication, access to care, getting care quickly, claims processing, and customer service. These surveys are distributed annually to a random sample of GlobalHealth Members.

Survey questions include:

- Access to timely care
- Preventive care counseling
- Discussion of treatment options including pros and cons
- Understandability of physician explanations
- Physician listened, showed respect, and spent enough time with Member
- Follow-up of test results with Member
- Medication review with Member
- Ease of access to Specialist Physicians
- Smoking cessation discussion/counseling
- Annual flu vaccine

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#### **Patient Rights and Protections**

As a partner with GlobalHealth, you should be aware of Medicare's patient rights and protections. Please visit the Medicare website for more information: <u>https://www.medicare.gov/claims-appeals/your-medicare-rights/rights-protections-for-everyone-with-medicare</u>

Rights & protections for everyone with Medicare:

- Be treated with courtesy, dignity, and respect at all times.
- Be protected from discrimination. Every company or agency that works with Medicare must obey the law. Patients can't be treated differently because of their race, color, national origin, disability, age, religion, or sex.
- Have their personal and health information kept private.
- Get information in a way they understand from Medicare, health care providers, and, under certain circumstances, contractors.
- Learn about their treatment choices in clear language that they can understand and participate in treatment decisions.
- Get Medicare information and health care services in a language they understand.
- Get their Medicare information in an accessible format, like braille or large print.
- Get answers to their Medicare questions.

- Have access to doctors, specialists, and hospitals for medically necessary services.
- Get Medicare-covered services in an emergency.
- Get a decision about health care payment, coverage of items and services, or drug coverage. When they or their provider file a claim, they'll get a notice letting them know what will and won't be covered. This notice comes from one of these:
  - Medicare
  - o Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C) or other Medicare health plan
  - Medicare drug plan for Medicare drug coverage (Part D)

If they disagree with the decision of their claim, they have the right to file an appeal.

- Request a review (appeal) of certain decisions about health care payment, coverage of items and services, or drug coverage.
- Be able to file complaints (sometimes called "grievances"), including complaints about the quality of their care. They can file a complaint if they have concerns about the quality of care and other services they get from a Medicare provider.

In addition to the rights and protections listed above, patients in a Medicare Advantage plan also have the right to:

- Choose health care providers within the plan.
- Get a treatment plan from their doctor.
  - If they have a complex or serious medical condition, a treatment plan lets them directly see a specialist within the plan as many times as they and their doctor think they need.
  - Women have the right to go directly to a women's health care specialist without a referral within the plan for routine and preventive health care services.
- Know how their doctors are paid.
  - When they ask their plan how it pays its doctors, the plan must tell them.
  - Medicare doesn't allow a plan to pay doctors in a way that could interfere with them getting the care they need.
- Request an appeal to resolve differences with their plan.
- File a complaint (grievance) about other concerns or problems with their plan.
- Get a coverage decision or coverage information from their plan before getting services.

# **Risk Adjustment Program**

Risk adjustment is required by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) by utilizing Hierarchical Conditional Categories (HCC) to calculate a patient risk score that annually represents the burden of each individual Member's disease. In order to achieve the calculation, CMS and HHS require us to annually provide demographic and health status of our Medicare Advantage Members. All existing and chronic conditions must be evaluated and documented each calendar year as the patient diagnoses do not carry forward from year to year. The diagnosis codes and risk adjustment date you submit must be complete and accurate.

GlobalHealth and providers have a mutual interest in ensuring (1) the provision of quality care to Members including the assessment and treatment of existing medical conditions, that is supported by appropriate medical record documentation; (2) the correct assignment of diagnosis and/or procedure coding for services rendered to Members; and (3) the submission of accurate claims to GlobalHealth. Contracted Providers are expected to participate in the diagnosis coding review process, which includes the use of an individual Member Condition Report that contains all Risk Adjustment related conditions for a given member, OR an Open Gaps Report which contains all Risk Adjustment related conditions for a Provider and/or Provider Group that remain open for the current year. These conditions may be either historically captured for the member or suspected conditions. GlobalHealth conducts HCC reviews all year. In order to provide the required documentation, GlobalHealth requests records from Contracted Providers.

- Provider will evaluate, treat, and appropriately document and code all conditions identified during office visits.
- Provider will review the Member Condition Report and/or the Open Gaps Report for accuracy and completeness. Completed Member Condition Reports will be returned to GlobalHealth Medicare Risk Adjustment Department.
- Provider will use best efforts to coordinate with SCPs to ensure accuracy and completeness of the medical record.
- GlobalHealth will use EMR access, when possible, to conduct the reviews.
- Provider will be reasonably available for risk adjustment meetings.
- Risk Adjustment meetings may address, but are not limited to, the following:
  - o Specific coding and documentation concerns and/or questions
  - o Unaddressed diagnosis coding gaps

# **Credentialing and Re-Credentialing**

GlobalHealth (including its delegated entity/entities, if applicable) does not discriminate in the selection of providers based on race, religion, age, ethnicity, or gender factors.

#### Primary Care and Specialty Care Physician Credentialing Requirements

- Standardized application with original signature (no signature stamps) or a Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) number
- Current unrestricted State license
- Graduation from a school of medicine or osteopathy that is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and completion of residency; or, for graduates of foreign medical schools, school must be certified by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG certificate)
- Current and unrestricted DEA certificate and Controlled Dangerous Substance certificate, if applicable
- Board certification or Board eligibility
- Enrolled for Medicare participation (not on the Medicare Preclusion List)
- Current and unrestricted admitting privileges in good standing at a GlobalHealth contracted hospital as applicable
- Demonstration of current professional liability insurance minimum requirements
- Absence of history of involvement in malpractice suit, arbitration, or settlement; or in the case of an applicant with such history, evidence that the history does not demonstrate probable future substandard professional performance
- Absence of history of denial, suspension, restriction, or termination of hospital privileges; or in the case of an applicant with such history, evidence that this history does not currently affect applicant's ability to perform professional duties for which the applicant contracted or does not demonstrate probable future substandard performance
- Absence of a history of disciplinary actions affecting applicant's professional license, DEA, or other required certifications; or, for applicants with such history, evidence that this history does not currently affect applicant's ability to perform professional duties for which the applicant contracted or does not demonstrate probable future substandard performance
- Absence of history of felony convictions; or for an applicant with such history, evidence that the nature of the conviction does not affect applicant's current ability to perform the professional duties for which applicant contracted or does not demonstrate probable future substandard care
- Absence of history of exclusions or sanctions by regulatory agencies, including Medicare/Medicaid sanctions; or for an applicant with such history, evidence that applicant is not currently sanctioned or prevented by a regulatory agency from participating in any Federal or State sponsored programs
- Absence of chemical dependency/substance misuse; or for those applicants who have such history, evidence that the applicant is participating in, or has completed, a prescribed, monitored treatment program and that no current chemical dependency or substance misuse exists that would affect applicant's ability to adequately perform the professional duties for which applicant is contracted
- Absence of physical or mental condition that would impair the ability to competently and safely perform the professional duties for which the applicant is seeking

- Evidence of the capability to provide 24 hours a day, 7 days a week coverage as applicable
- Work history for at least the past five years
- Cooperation with office surveys, which may include a structured review of the office site and evaluation of the medical recordkeeping system and practices

#### Non-Physician Practitioner Criteria

To be credentialed as a non-physician practitioner, the applicant must be licensed as a Nurse Practitioner (NP), Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), or Physician's Assistant (PA) with a supervising physician and provide the following:

- Standardized application with original signature (no signature stamps) or a Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) number
- Current unrestricted State license
- Graduation from an appropriate accredited professional school and/or completion of a formal training program
- Enrolled for Medicare participation (not on the Medicare Preclusion List)
- Demonstration of current professional liability insurance minimum requirements
- Absence of history of involvement in malpractice suit, arbitration, or settlement; or in the case of an applicant with such history, evidence that the history does not demonstrate probable future substandard professional performance
- Absence of a history of disciplinary actions affecting applicant's professional license, or other required certifications; or, for applicants with such history, evidence that this history does not currently affect applicant's ability to perform professional duties for which the applicant contracted or does not demonstrate probable future sub-standard performance
- Absence of history of felony convictions; or for an applicant with such history, evidence that the nature of the conviction does not affect applicant's current ability to perform the professional duties for which applicant contracted or does not demonstrate probable future substandard care
- Absence of history of exclusions or sanctions by regulatory agencies, including Medicare/Medicaid sanctions; or for an applicant with such history, evidence that applicant is not currently sanctioned or prevented by a regulatory agency from participating in any federal or State sponsored programs
- Absence of chemical dependency/substance misuse; or for those applicants who have such history, evidence that the applicant is participating in, or has completed, a prescribed, monitored treatment program and that no current chemical dependency or substance abuse exists that would affect applicant's ability to adequately perform the professional duties for which applicant is contracted
- Absence of physical or mental condition that would impair the ability to competently and safely perform the professional duties for which an applicant is seeking
- Evidence of the capability to provide 24 hours a day, 7 days a week coverage, if applicable
- Work history for at least the past five years

# Hospital and Facility Credentialing Criteria

To be credentialed as a hospital or facility within the GlobalHealth network, the entity must be licensed in good standing with State and Federal regulatory bodies. Additionally, the entity must be accredited by an approved accrediting body such as The Joint Commission (TJC) or equivalent. If the entity is not accredited, GlobalHealth may require an on-site review to ensure the entity meets quality standards established by TJC and GlobalHealth and/or a current (within the past 36 months) copy of a state licensing agency Site Visit Report. Any deficiencies identified during the on-site visit are communicated to the entity with a request for a corrective action plan within GlobalHealth's requested timeframe. Failure to correct deficiencies in a timely manner may result in a determination not to credential the organization. GlobalHealth will confirm the entity continues to be licensed and in good standing with State and Federal bodies at least once every 36 months.

Hospital and/or Contracted Facility must provide the following:

- Submit a completed GlobalHealth "Ancillary & Facility Application" along with the necessary attachments:
  - Evidence of Medicare certification
  - Copy of current accreditation approval letter (e.g., TJC) and state licensure or waiver upon renewal with issuing body
  - A current and unrestricted DEA certificate, Controlled Dangerous Substance certificate, CLIA/CAP certification if applicable, and any other relevant certifications
  - W-9
  - o Current unrestricted state license
  - o Demonstration of current professional liability insurance minimum requirements

Entities must also have an acceptable malpractice claims history as approved by GlobalHealth.

If an entity is not accredited, the entity must submit a copy of its Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) and Risk Management Plans for review and approval by GlobalHealth.

#### **Re-credentialing**

To remain in the GlobalHealth network, all Contracted Providers must be re-credentialed, at a minimum, every 36 months. Providers are expected to submit all appropriate documentation to ensure reappointment is timely. Information and status inquiries can be submitted to the Credentialing department using the contact information in the Helpful Numbers section of the exhibit for your state.

#### Credentialing/Re-credentialing Appeal Process

GlobalHealth will:

- Provide written notification when a provider has been denied participation in the GlobalHealth network which will include reasons for the denial.
- Allow practitioners to request a hearing and provide the specific time period for submitting the request.
- Allow up to 30 calendar days after the notification for practitioners to request a hearing.
- Allow practitioners to be represented by a legal representative or another entity of their choice.
- Appoint a hearing officer or a panel of individuals to review the appeal. This panel will include, at a minimum, the GlobalHealth Medical Director, or designated MD or equal practitioners, GlobalHealth

Chief Compliance Officer, GlobalHealth Senior Director of Provider Relations, and one network practitioner to participate in the appeal. Designees may be included as needed.

- Provide written notification of the appeal decision within 10 business days. When applicable, notification will contain the specific reason for the decision.
- Follow all applicable State law requirements.
- There are no appeal rights and processes when a practitioner is terminated or denied for administrative reasons, including but not limited to the following:
  - o Network need
  - o Failure to comply with credentialing or recredentialing process
  - Failure to meet the terms of minimum licensure
  - Failure to comply with the Agreement

# Regulations

GlobalHealth takes all reasonable steps and uses best efforts to comply with applicable laws and regulations. The regulations include, but are not limited to:

- The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH)
- The False Claims Act (FCA) and Fraud Enforcement Recovery Act (FERA)
- The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)
- The Physician Self-Referral Law (Stark Law)
- The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA)
- The Anti-Kickback Statute
- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

As a Contracted Provider in the GlobalHealth network, you are also expected to comply with these laws and regulations.

# The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH)

The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act was signed into law to promote the adoption and meaningful use of health information technology.

# The False Claims Act (FCA) and Fraud Enforcement Recovery Act (FERA)

The Federal False Claims Act (FCA) was enacted by Congress as an effective tool in combating fraud against the Federal government. It prohibits any person from knowingly making a false statement or claim for payment from the Federal government. It also allows a private individual or "whistleblower", who has knowledge of fraud of the Federal government, to file a lawsuit on behalf of the government resulting in stiff penalties and damages. The Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act (FERA), enacted in 2009, implemented significant changes to the FCA, including the expansion of prohibited conduct under the FCA to include not just the improper filing to collect monies, but also the known retention of overpayments by healthcare providers (also known as "Reverse False Claims").

# The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

The HIPAA Privacy Rule provides protections for individually identifiable health information held by covered entities and their business associates and gives patients an array of rights with respect to that information. The Privacy Rule is balanced as it permits the disclosure of health information needed for patient care and other important purposes.

Members' identifiable health information is protected by Federal and State laws. Members have the right to access or restrict the release of their protected health information (PHI) in accordance with Federal and State laws. They may also request an accounting of disclosures of your PHI.

Medical records and/or information may be disclosed and used between GlobalHealth and Providers, without the Member's written authorization, for purposes related to treatment, payment, and plan operations.

To report a possible privacy violation or breach, please contact the GlobalHealth Compliance and Privacy Officer using the contact information on the Helpful Numbers page.

The HIPAA Security Rule establishes national standards to protect individuals' electronic PHI that is created, received, used, or maintained by a covered entity, like a provider or health plan. The Security Rule requires appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and security of electronic PHI.

#### Notice of Privacy Practices (NPP)

# THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEMBERS' PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (PHI) MAY BE USED AND/OR DISCLOSED. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

GlobalHealth is committed to protecting the privacy and confidentiality of our Members' Protected Health Information ("PHI") in compliance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health ("HITECH") Act.

#### How GlobalHealth May Use or Disclose Your Health Information

<u>For Treatment</u>. We may use and/or disclose your PHI to a healthcare provider, hospital, or other healthcare facility in order to arrange for or facilitate treatment for you.

<u>For Payment</u>. We may use and/or disclose your PHI for purposes of paying claims from physicians, hospitals, and other healthcare providers for services delivered to you that are covered by your health plan; to determine your eligibility for benefits; to coordinate benefits; to review for medical necessity; to obtain premiums; to issue explanations of benefits to the individual who subscribes to the health plan in which you participate; and other payment related functions.

<u>For Health Plan Operations</u>. We may use and/or disclose PHI about you for health plan operational purposes. Some examples include: risk management, patient safety, quality improvement, internal auditing, utilization review, medical or peer review, certification, regulatory compliance, internal training, accreditation, licensing, credentialing, investigation of complaints, performance improvement, etc.

<u>Health-Related Business and Services</u>. We may use and disclose your PHI to tell you of health-related products, benefits, or services related to your treatment, care management, or alternate treatments, therapies, providers, or care settings.

<u>Where Permitted or Required by Law</u>. We may use and/or disclose information about you as permitted or required by law. For example, we may disclose information:

- To a regulatory agency for activities including, but not limited to, licensure, certification, accreditation, audits, investigations, inspections, and medical device reporting.
- To law enforcement upon receipt of a court order, warrant, summons, or other similar process.
- In response to a valid court order, subpoena, discovery request, or administrative order related to a lawsuit, dispute, or other lawful process.
- To public health agencies or legal authorities charged with preventing or controlling disease, injury, or disability.
- For health oversight activities conducted by agencies such as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS"), State Department of Health, Insurance Department, etc.
- For national security purposes, such as protecting the President of the United States or the conducting of intelligence operations.
- In order to comply with laws and regulations related to Workers' Compensation.

- For coordination of insurance or Medicare benefits, if applicable.
- When necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to a person or the public and such disclosure is made to someone that can prevent or lessen the threat (including the target of the threat).
- In the course of any administrative or judicial proceeding, where required by law.

<u>Business Associates</u>. We may use and/or disclose your PHI to business associates that we contract with to provide services on our behalf. Examples include consultants, accountants, lawyers, auditors, health information organizations, data storage and electronic health record vendors, etc. We will only make these disclosures if we have received satisfactory assurance that the business associate will properly safeguard your PHI.

Personal/Authorized Representative. We may use and/or disclose PHI to your authorized representative.

<u>Family, Friends, Caregivers</u>. We may disclose your PHI to a family member, caregiver, or friend who accompanies you or is involved in your medical care or treatment, or who helps pay for your medical care or treatment. If you are unable or unavailable to agree or object, we will use our best judgment in communicating with your family and others.

<u>Emergencies</u>. We may use and/or disclose your PHI if necessary in an emergency if the use or disclosure is necessary for your emergency treatment.

<u>Military/Veterans</u>. If you are a member or veteran of the armed forces, we may disclose your PHI as required by military command authorities.

<u>Inmates</u>. If you are an inmate of a correctional institute or under the custody of law enforcement officer, we may disclosure your **PHI** to the correctional institute or law enforcement official.

<u>Appointment Reminders</u>. We may use and/or disclosure your PHI to contact you as a reminder that you have an appointment for treatment or medical care. This may be done through direct mail, email, or telephone call. If you are not home, we may leave a message on an answering machine or with the person answering the telephone.

<u>Medication and Refill Reminders</u>. We may use and/or disclose your PHI to remind you to refill your prescriptions, to communicate about the generic equivalent of a drug, or to encourage you to take your prescribed medications.

<u>Limited Data Set</u>. If we use your PHI to make a "limited data set", we may give that information to others for purposes of research, public health action or health care operations. The individuals/entities that receive the limited data set are required to take reasonable steps to protect the privacy of your information.

<u>Any Other Uses</u>. We will disclose your PHI for purposes not described in this notice only with your written authorization. Most uses and disclosures of psychotherapy notes (where appropriate), uses and disclosures of PHI for marketing or fundraising purposes, and disclosures that constitute a sale of PHI require your written authorization.

NOTE: The information authorized for release may include records which may indicate the presence of a communicable or non-communicable disease required to be reported pursuant to State law.

#### Your Health Information Rights

#### Right to Inspect and Copy

You have the right to inspect and copy your PHI as provided by law. This right does not apply to psychotherapy notes. Your request must be made in writing. We have the right to charge you the amounts allowed by State and Federal law for such copies. We may deny your request to inspect and copy your records in certain circumstances. If you are denied access, you may appeal to our Privacy Officer.

#### Right to Confidential Communication

You have the right to receive confidential communication of your PHI by alternate means or at alternative locations. For example, you may request to receive communication from us at an alternate address or telephone number. Your request must be in writing and identify how or where you wish to be contacted. We reserve the right to refuse to honor your request if it is unreasonable or not possible to comply with.

#### Right to Accounting of Disclosures

You have the right to request an accounting of certain disclosures of your PHI to third parties, except those disclosures made for treatment, payment, or health care or health plan operations and disclosures made to you, authorized by you, or pursuant to this Notice. To receive an accounting, you must submit your request in writing and provide the specific time period requested. You may request an accounting for up to six (6) years prior to the date of your request (three years if PHI is an electronic health record). If you request more than one (1) accounting in a 12-month period, we may charge you for the costs of providing the list. We will notify you of the cost and you may withdraw your request before any costs are incurred.

#### Right to Request Restrictions on Uses or Disclosures

You have the right to request restrictions or limitations on certain uses and disclosures of your PHI to third parties unless the disclosure is required or permitted by law. Your request must be made in writing and specify (1) what information you want to limit; (2) whether you want to limit use, disclosure, or both; and (3) to whom you want the limits to apply. We are not required to honor your request. If do we agree, we will make all reasonable efforts to comply with your request unless the information is needed to provide emergency treatment to you, or the disclosure has already occurred or the disclosure is required by law. Any agreement to restrictions must be signed by a person authorized to make such an agreement on our behalf.

#### Right to Request Amendment of PHI

You have the right to request an amendment of your PHI if you believe the record is incorrect or incomplete. You must submit your request in writing and state the reason(s) for the amendment. We will deny your request if: (1) it is not in writing or does not include a reason to support the request; (2) the information was not created by us or is not part of the medical record that we maintain; (3) the information is not a part of the record that you would be permitted to inspect and copy, or (4) the information in the record is accurate and complete. If we deny your amendment request, you have a right to file a statement of disagreement with our Privacy Officer.

#### Right to Be Notified of a Breach

You have the right to receive notification of any breaches of your unsecured PHI.

#### Right to Revoke Authorization

You may revoke an authorization at any time, in writing, but only as to future uses or disclosures and not disclosures that we have made already, acting on reliance on the authorization you have given us or where authorization was not required.

#### Right to Receive a Copy of this Notice

You have the right to receive a paper copy of this Notice upon request.

#### Changes to this Notice

GlobalHealth reserves the right to change this notice and make the new provisions effective for all PHI that we maintain.

#### To Report a Privacy Violation

If you have a question concerning your privacy rights or believe your rights have been violated, please contact our Privacy Officer.

You may also file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. You will not be penalized or retaliated against for filing a complaint.

#### Effective Date: 08/01/2021

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#### Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

PII is information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity. It may be information used alone. It may be combined with other information that may be linked to a specific individual. It is protected by Federal and State laws.

As a GlobalHealth provider, anyone who receives information that you are required to provide may use the information only for the purposes of, and to the extent necessary in, ensuring the efficient operation of the Member's health coverage. GlobalHealth may receive the information directly, from another person, or from a Federal agency. GlobalHealth will not share PII with anyone else except to carry out the functions of providing a Member's health coverage and for which the Member has provided consent for the information to be used or disclosed.

#### Physician Self-Referral Law (Stark Law)

The Physician Self-Referral Law prohibits a physician from referring a patient for designated health services (DHS) to an entity in which he or she (or their immediate family member) has a financial interest, either directly or indirectly, unless an exception applies. CMS published the self-referral disclosure protocol (SRDP) that sets forth a process to enable healthcare providers to self-disclose actual or potential violations of the physician self-referral statute.

#### The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA)

The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) supports states and tribes through grants to provide outreach and assistance to eligible Medicare beneficiaries to apply for benefit programs that help to lower the costs of their Medicare premiums and deductibles. Grantees help educate beneficiaries about the Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) program for Medicare Part D, Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs), and Medicare Preventive Services. This initiative includes special efforts to target rural areas and Native American elders.

#### The Anti-Kickback Statute

The Federal Anti-Kickback Statute prohibits the willful and knowing acceptance of solicitations or offers of any remuneration, directly or indirectly, overtly or covertly, in cash or in kind regarding influencing referrals for the Federal healthcare program business. Violators may face charges and/or penalties including being debarred from participation in federal programs.

#### The Americans with Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in several areas, including employment, transportation, public accommodations, communications, and access to state and local government programs and services. Provider's offices are required to adhere to ADA guidelines and any other applicable Federal or State laws.

# **Special Needs**

Limited English Proficiency, Vision, Hearing, or Physically Challenged: Contact Customer Care if you have a Member who requires the services of an interpreter or who has special language needs (e.g., is visually and hearing impaired or who is physically disabled). GlobalHealth offers professionally certified medical interpreters. Please have Members call the Customer Care Number on the back of their ID card.

# **Non-Discrimination Notice**

GlobalHealth, Inc. complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. GlobalHealth does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

If you believe that GlobalHealth has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with: ATTN: Senior Director, Compliance & Legal Services, 210 Park Ave, Suite 2800, Oklahoma City, OK 73102 or Email: compliance@globalhealth.com. You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, Customer Care is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf, or by mail or phone at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201, 1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD). Complaint forms are available at http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html.

# Exhibit 1: Arizona GlobalHealth of Arizona MAPD Plans

This Exhibit contains information specific to GlobalHealth of Arizona's Medicare Advantage Plans.

# Page 6: New information for 2022

# Chronic Special Needs Plan (C-SNP)

C-SNP MOC training information is available on our website at <u>www.GlobalHealth.com/arizona/providers/provider-training</u>. Providers participating in an Interdisciplinary Care Team (ICT) are required to complete this training.

CPGs can be found on our website at <u>www.GlobalHealth.com/arizona/quality-improvement-program/</u>.

# Clearinghouse Change Notification

GlobalHealth of Arizona will receive electronic claims submissions through GlobalHealth's preferred clearinghouse, Change Healthcare. Please use Payor ID GHAZ0.

# New Provider Portal

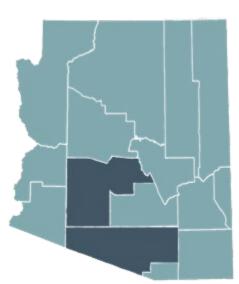
Please access Provider Portal training at www.GlobalHealth.com/arizona/providers/provider-training.

# Service Area

GlobalHealth of Arizona plans will be available in 2 counties.

Maricopa

Pima



# Sample GlobalHealth of Arizona Member ID Cards

Medicare Advantage with Drug Plan



# Page 8: Helpful Numbers and Information

#### **Claims Status**

Medicare Advantage providers should use the online Provider Portal to obtain claim information.

#### Claims Submission

GlobalHealth Attn: Claims P.O. Box 2718 Oklahoma City, OK 73101-2718

#### Compliance & FWA

Toll-free Hotline (877) 280-5852 Email <u>compliance@globalhealth.com</u>

#### Contracting

www.GlobalHealth.com/arizona/providers/how-to-become-a-globalhealth-provider/

#### Credentialing

Phone (405) 280-5886 Toll-free (844) 322-5222 Fax (405) 758-4360 Email <u>ghcredentialingAZ@globalhealth.com</u>

# Customer Care

Phone (844) 200-8194

#### <u>EDI</u>

Change Healthcare: Payor ID GHAZ0

#### EDI set up requests

Email edienrollment@globalhealth.com

Part D Coverage Determinations

Phone (855) 344-0930 Fax (855) 633-7673

<u>Privacy/HIPAA</u> Toll Free Hotline (877) 280-5852 Email privacy@globalhealth.com

Provider Portal https://ghprovider.prod.healthaxis.net/

<u>Provider Relations</u> Fax (405) 280-5251 Email <u>azproviderrelations@globalhealth.com</u>

<u>Provider Services</u> Phone (844) 200-8194

Quality Improvement Phone (405) 280-5600 Fax (405) 280-5641 Email <u>quality@globalhealth.com</u>

#### **Utilization Management**

Phone (844) 200-8194 Fax (405) 280-5398

#### Helpful Numbers and Information - Supplemental Plan Benefits

Behavioral Health: Beacon Health Options Phone (888) 434-9202

Dental: DentaQuest Phone (800) 440-3408

Hearing: NationsHearing Phone (877) 211-3694

Transportation: RoundTrip Phone (877) 557-4567

Vision: EyeMed Phone (800) 884-6321

Various forms and resources can be found on our website at: <a href="http://www.GlobalHealth.com/arizona/providers/forms-and-resources/">www.GlobalHealth.com/arizona/providers/forms-and-resources/</a>

#### Page 23: Services That Require Prior Authorization

- Pharmacy
  - More information is also available on our website: <u>www.GlobalHealth.com/arizona/medicare-advantage/utilization-management-program</u>

#### Page 43: Code of Conduct

A current copy of the Code of Conduct is available on our website at <a href="http://www.GlobalHealth.com/arizona/compliance">www.GlobalHealth.com/arizona/compliance</a>.

Current FWA alerts are available on our website at www.GlobalHealth.com/arizona/fwa-alerts.

# Page 44: Education and Training

FWA education and training is available on our website at <u>www.GlobalHealth.com/arizona/compliance</u>.

# Exhibit 2: Oklahoma Generations MA/MAPD Plans

This Exhibit contains information specific to GlobalHealth's Oklahoma Medicare Advantage Plans.

#### Page 6: New information for 2022

# Chronic Special Needs Plan (C-SNP)

These plans will be available in Cleveland, Oklahoma, Rogers, and Tulsa counties. C-SNP MOC training information is available on our website at <u>www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/providers/provider-training</u>. Providers participating in an Interdisciplinary Care Team (ICT) are required to complete this training.

CPGs can be found on our website at www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/quality-improvement-program/.

#### Clearinghouse Change Notification

GlobalHealth will receive electronic claims submissions through our preferred clearinghouse, Change Healthcare. Please use Payor ID GHOKC0001 for Oklahoma members.

#### New Provider Portal

Please access Provider Portal training at www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/providers/provider-training.

#### Service Area Reduction

GlobalHealth plans will be available in 27 Oklahoma counties.

Bryan
Caddo
Canadian
Carter
Cleveland
Creek
Garfield

Garvin Grady Hughes Lincoln Logan Mayes McClain McIntosh Muskogee Okfuskee Oklahoma Okmulgee Pawnee Pittsburg

Pontotoc Pottawatomie Rogers Seminole Tulsa Wagoner



#### Page 7: GlobalHealth Products

#### **Generations Classic Choice**

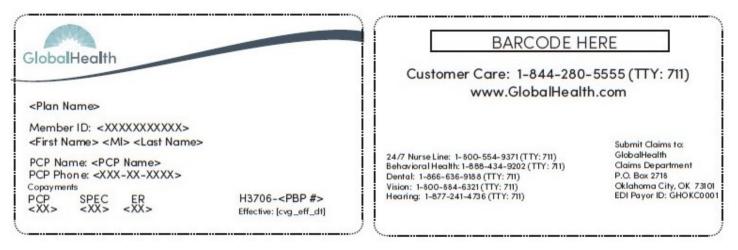
GlobalHealth offers a point-of-service (POS) Medicare Advantage Plan, Generations Classic Choice, which allows members to access certain services from out-of-network providers with Prior Authorization. Such services include dialysis services (while still in our service area), eye exams (Medicare-covered), eyewear (Medicare-covered and supplemental), inpatient hospital care (acute and psychiatric), opioid dependence treatment services, outpatient hospital services (not including surgery or diagnostic testing), outpatient observation care, skilled nursing facility (SNF) care, and certain specialist office visits.

#### Sample GlobalHealth Member ID Cards

Medicare Advantage with Drug Plan

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Medicare Advantage without Drug Plan



#### Page 8: Helpful Numbers and Information

#### **Claims Status**

Medicare Advantage providers should use the online Provider Portal to obtain claim information.

#### **Claims Submission**

GlobalHealth Attn: Claims P.O. Box 2718 Oklahoma City, OK 73101-2718

#### Compliance & FWA

Toll-free Hotline (877) 280-5852 Email <u>compliance@globalhealth.com</u>

<u>Contracting</u> <u>https://www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/providers/how-to-become-a-globalhealth-provider/</u>

<u>Credentialing</u> Phone (405) 280-5886 Toll-free (844) 322-5222 Fax (405) 552-3003 Email <u>ghcredentialing@globalhealth.com</u>

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Toll Free Hotline (877) 280-5852 Email <u>privacy@globalhealth.com</u>

<u>Provider Portal</u> <u>https://ghprovider.prod.healthaxis.net/</u>

#### **Provider Relations**

Fax (405) 280-5251 Email <u>provider.relations@globalhealth.com</u>

# Provider Services

Phone (844) 280-5555

#### Quality Improvement

Phone (405) 280-5600 Fax (405) 280-5641 Email <u>quality@globalhealth.com</u>

# Utilization Management

Phone (844) 280-5555 Fax (405) 280-5398

#### Helpful Numbers and Information - Supplemental Plan Benefits

#### Behavioral Health: Beacon Health Options Phone (888) 434-9202

Dental: Careington Phone (866) 636-9188

# Hearing: NationsHearing

Phone (877) 241-4736

# Transportation: RoundTrip

Phone (877) 565-1612

Vision: EyeMed Phone (800) 884-6321

Various forms and resources can be found on our website at: www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/providers/forms-and-resources/

Member benefit information can be found on our website at: www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/medicare-advantage/member-materials

#### Page 11: PCP Responsibilities

• The PCP should always refer members to GlobalHealth Contracted Physicians and Contracted Facilities unless the Member belongs to the HMO-POS plan. Generations Classic Choice gives Members access to certain services from out-of-network Providers with prior authorization.

#### Page 23: Services That Require Prior Authorization

- Pharmacy
  - More information is also available on our website: <u>www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/medicare-advantage/utilization-management-program</u>
  - Step therapy protocols apply to Part B prescription drugs. A list of Part B drugs that may be subject to Step Therapy is available on our website at <a href="http://www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/pharmacy/drug-formularies/">www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/pharmacy/drug-formularies/</a>. Under this policy, step therapy will only be applied to new prescriptions or administrations of Part B drugs for Members that are not actively receiving the affected medication. This means that no Member currently receiving drugs under Part B will have to change their medication.
- Specialty Care Services
  - All out-of-network SCPs require a prior authorization including those Members participating in the Generations Classic Choice HMO-POS plan.

#### Page 25: Referrals to Non-Contracted Providers

GlobalHealth Members participating in Generations Classic Choice HMO-POS may seek care out of the network. Please submit a Referral to GlobalHealth for all out-of-network services.

#### Page 43: Code of Conduct

A current copy of the Code of Conduct is available on our website at <a href="http://www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/compliance">www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/compliance</a>.

Current FWA alerts are available on our website at <u>www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/fwa-alerts</u>.

#### Page 44: Education and Training

FWA education and training is available on our website at www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/compliance.

# Exhibit 3: Oklahoma GlobalHealth State & Education Commercial Plan

This Exhibit contains information specific to GlobalHealth's State & Education Commercial plan, available to active State and education employees in designated Oklahoma counties.

#### Page 6: New information for 2022

#### **Clearinghouse Change Notification**

GlobalHealth will receive electronic claims submissions through our preferred clearinghouse, Change Healthcare. Please use Payor ID GHOKC0001 for Oklahoma members.

#### **Provider Directory Verifications**

Commercial Providers are subject to the No Surprises Act as of January 1, 2022. As a Contracted Provider, you are required to provide updated directory information to GlobalHealth as soon as possible after a change occurs. GlobalHealth may contact you to confirm this information every quarter. Failure to provide these timely updates could result in your removal from GlobalHealth's online Provider Directory.

#### **Provider Portal**

The Provider Portal is not available for Commercial Members. Please continue to use GlobalLink<sup>™</sup> to look up information regarding Commercial Members.

#### Service Area Reduction

GlobalHealth plans will be available in 27 Oklahoma counties.

Bryan
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Garfield

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#### Page 7: GlobalHealth Products

GlobalHealth provides affordable healthcare coverage for State, education, and local government employees. GlobalHealth commercial plans are available in the same 27 counties as our Medicare Advantage plans.

#### Sample GlobalHealth Member ID Cards

State Plan

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#### Page 8: Helpful Numbers and Information

#### Behavioral Health: Beacon Health Options

State Plan (888) 434-9204

#### **Claims Status**

Contracted Providers should use GlobalLink<sup>™</sup> to obtain claim information. GlobalLink<sup>™</sup> provides limited claim information for Non-Contracted Providers. Non-Contracted Providers may contact **Provider Services** for assistance. www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/providers/globallink

#### **Claims Submission**

GlobalHealth Attn: Claims P.O. Box 2328 Oklahoma City, OK 73101-2383

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<u>Pharmacy Commercial</u> Phone (877) 280-5600 Fax (405) 280-5613 Email <u>gh.pharmacy@globalhealth.com</u>

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Member benefit information can be found on our website at: www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/state/member-materials-search

# Page 8: GlobalLink<sup>™</sup>

GlobalLink<sup>TM</sup> is an online tool available to all Contracted Providers. GlobalLink<sup>TM</sup> is provided to allow Contracted Providers to:

- Verify eligibility
- Review Member demographics
- View benefit information
- Create Referrals
- Check Prior Authorization/Referral review status
- Check claim status
- Communicate with GlobalHealth

GlobalLink<sup>TM</sup> is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You may access information about GlobalLink<sup>TM</sup> on the Provider tab of our website or at: <u>www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/providers/globallink</u>

#### GlobalLink<sup>™</sup> Access

Contracted Providers can submit a request for access to GlobalLink<sup>TM</sup> on our website on the Provider tab or at: <a href="http://www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/providers/globallink-access-request">www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/providers/globallink-access-request</a>

Each user must submit an email address with a secured domain. Each user must have a unique username and password. To request multiple users, please submit a separate form for each user. Alternatively, you may contact Provider Relations (globallink.access@globalhealth.com) to request a Bulk User Access Request Form.

# GlobalLink<sup>™</sup> Training

Training sessions are available online through Microsoft Teams. You may access training information on our website on the Provider tab or at: <a href="http://www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/providers/provider-training">www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/provider-training</a>

# GlobalLink<sup>™</sup> Support

For user access questions and/or technical issues with GlobalLink<sup>TM</sup>, such as forgotten passwords or error messages, please contact the GlobalHealth GlobalLink<sup>TM</sup> Team. Email <u>globallink.access@globalhealth.com</u>

# Page 10: Provider Responsibilities

GlobalHealth must comply with the No Surprises Act, which sets forth rules for when and how the Provider Directory is updated. In order to fulfill these responsibilities, GlobalHealth requires Contracted Providers to notify us whenever information supplied in the Provider Directory has changed. Changes must be supplied by Contracted Providers to GlobalHealth within 30 days of the effective date of the change, or the Provider may be removed from the Provider Directory.

Verify member eligibility by accessing GlobalLink<sup>TM</sup>.

#### Page 11: PCP Responsibilities

Authorization is required for most services when a member is referred to a Specialty Care Physician (SCP). The PCP shown on the card must submit Referrals/Prior Authorizations for non-emergency medical services provided to the Member, except for the services the Member can obtain by self-referral. See section on Services Not Requiring Prior Authorization.

#### Page 15: High Volume and High Impact SCPs - Scheduling an Appointment

In addition to the list provided, OB/GYNs and Pediatricians are considered high volume and/or high impact for Commercial Members.

# Page 23: Services That Require Prior Authorization

- Acupuncture
  - Not covered
- Audiology Services
  - Hearing aids may require prior authorization. Providers should coordinate benefits with NationsHearing using the contact information in the Helpful Numbers section.
- Diabetes Prevention Program
  - The program is only approved for CDC-approved vendors who have contracted with GlobalHealth. Members can contact GlobalHealth Customer Care to select a vendor. For more

information about GlobalHealth's Diabetes Prevention Program, visit www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/healthy-living-tips/diabetes-prevention-program.

# • Home Healthcare and Hospice Care

- All home healthcare, including home infusion therapy and hospice care, requires prior authorization.
- Outpatient Therapies and Rehabilitation
  - All therapies and rehabilitation such as occupational and speech therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, pulmonary rehabilitation services, and supervised exercise therapy require prior authorization. Referrals for physical therapy in commercial plans follow the requirements outlined in the Physical Therapy Practice Act, 59 O.S. §§ 887.1 - 887.19.

Except for worker's compensation claims, any person licensed under the Physical Therapy Practice Act as a physical therapist shall be able to evaluate human ailments by physical therapy on a patient without a Referral from a licensed healthcare practitioner for a period not to exceed 30 days. An authorization must be submitted for treatment. Treatment may be provided by a physical therapist assistant under the supervision of a physical therapist. Any treatment provided shall be only under the Referral of a person licensed as a physician or surgeon with unlimited license, or the physician assistant of the person so licensed, with those Referrals being limited to their respective areas of training and practice. All subsequent treatments, up to any plan limitation, must follow normal Referral/prior authorization processes.

# • Pharmacy

• Certain drugs may be subject to prior authorization as indicated in the formulary. Specific prior authorization criteria are available by contacting the Pharmacy Department or visiting www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/providers/prior-authorization-forms.

# • Preventive Services

- o Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening
- o BRCA1 and 2 testing
- o Breast feeding pumps and supplies
- Low-dose CT for lung cancer screening
- Surgical contraception
- Specialty Care Services
  - A Referral is needed for services not performed by the PCP unless the service is specifically listed as not requiring a PCP Referral. If additional Medically Necessary tests or treatments are needed beyond those initially authorized, the SCP may seek additional authorization from GlobalHealth and notify the Member's PCP.

#### Page 25: Prior Authorizations

A Contracted Provider may check eligibility on GlobalLink<sup>™</sup>.

GlobalHealth may offer a low-cost setting option when available for its Members.

#### **SCPs**

The authorized SCP may only perform the services specified in the authorization notice. The SCP providing the referred service should report the appropriate clinical information to the referring PCP within 5 days of seeing the Member.

- The office should verify eligibility and confirm authorization using GlobalLink<sup>™</sup> prior to each office visit.
- The authorization will list the type and number of approved services.

- The approved service(s) must occur within the authorized time frame.
- Eligibility must be verified at the time of each visit. Payment will not be made for services rendered to an ineligible Member.

# **Additional Services**

If the SCP decides the Member needs services beyond what was included in the original prior authorization notice, it becomes the responsibility of the SCP to submit the Referral for additional services. If the provider does not obtain authorization before providing additional tests, services, or procedures, they may not be payable. Notify GlobalHealth via the Referral Message feature in GlobalLink<sup>TM</sup> within one business day regarding any unexpected services that were Medically Necessary but were not included in the original prior authorization.

The SCP is responsible for coordinating care with the Member's PCP. At a minimum of every six months, the SCP refers the Member back to his or her PCP.

# How to Obtain a Prior Authorization

Prior Authorizations and Referrals are sent to GlobalHealth's UM department via GlobalLink<sup>TM</sup>.

Contracted Providers can check on the status of authorizations and requests in GlobalLink<sup>™</sup> which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

# Page 27: Services Not Requiring a Prior Authorization or Referral

- Chiropractic Care
  - All services within the provider's scope of practice, up to the visit limitation specified in plan materials.
- Preventive Services
  - o All preventive services not specifically listed in Services That Require Prior Authorization.

# Page 34: Pharmacy

Magellan Rx Management is the Pharmacy Benefit Manager for Commercial Members.

Commercial Member benefits are limited to 90-day supplies.

Preferred/standard cost-sharing does not apply to Commercial Member benefits.

The GlobalHealth Pharmacy Department performs prior authorization reviews for Commercial Members.

# **Exception Process**

# **Commercial Plan Standard Exception**

You can request that GlobalHealth waive coverage restrictions and limits. You may submit your request via fax to (800) 424-7573. Forms can be found on our website at <u>www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/providers/prior-authorization-forms</u>.

This exception process also applies to new Members who are taking drugs that require coverage determination or taking non-formulary drugs. GlobalHealth may grant a temporary supply during the Member's first 90 days of membership while transitioning to the GlobalHealth formulary.

# **Commercial Plan Expedited Exception**

You may request an expedited exception when:

- The Member is suffering from a health condition that may seriously jeopardize their life, health, or ability to regain maximum function, or
- The Member is undergoing a current course of treatment using a non-formulary drug.

We will provide a decision to you within 24 hours after receiving the request and sufficient information to begin the review.

- If granted, the exception will be for up to 12 months, depending on clinical criteria.
- If GlobalHealth denies your exception request, you may request an appeal or an external review per the instructions included in the denial letter.

The Member's medication will be covered during the time GlobalHealth is reviewing, and if applicable, during the external review.

#### Mail Order Pharmacy Service

Magellan Rx Management offers the convenience of mail order. Contracted Providers can submit the prescription and completed order form to Magellan Rx Management at (888) 282-1349. Forms are available on our website at <u>www.GlobalHealth.com/oklahoma/pharmacy/mail-order-drugs</u>. Maintenance medications are mailed to the member's home in up to a 90-day supply, depending on the instructions provided.

#### Medication Therapy Management Program

The Medication Therapy Management Program is not available to Commercial Members. However, physicians may request a medication review by a licensed pharmacist by contacting Provider Services using the contact information in the Helpful Numbers section.

#### Page 37: Claims Submission

The Remittance Advice (RA) can be accessed through GlobalLink<sup>™</sup>.

GlobalHealth's Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) number is GHOKC0001.

#### Page 38: Maximum Out-of-Pocket (MOOP)

Contracted Providers may obtain a Member's MOOP information via GlobalLink<sup>TM</sup>.

#### Page 39: Claims Status

Contracted Providers must use GlobalLink<sup>™</sup> to obtain claims status.

#### Page 46: Preventive Care Guidelines

Preventive service guidelines are issued by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Health Resources & Services Administration.

If the primary purpose of the service is for treatment rather than preventive screening, the Member may be required to pay their normal cost share. Services are preventive when there are no prior symptoms. Services are for treatment purposes when the Member is having symptoms, or they have been diagnosed with a condition. Please refer to Member materials for additional information and exceptions.

#### Page 46: Medical Review Process

When a case is referred for medical review, the reviewer conducts an initial review of the available and relevant medical records and may research related conditions and standards of care as indicated. The reviewer summarizes the case and may present it to the Medical Director for further determination. If the issue is a reasonably avoidable readmission or of significant clinical concern, an initial notice is sent to the Contracted Provider, usually by fax or secure email.

As indicated in the notice, the Contracted Provider has 30 calendar days from the date of the notice to submit a medical review appeal with additional information to address the identified issue. In some cases, the reviewer may also request a response to the situation or summary of internal activities conducted to address the issue under review.

If a medical review appeal is received within the 30 calendar days, the case and associated medical records will be reviewed by a Medical Director not previously involved in the initial review and a final determination will be made. The Medical Director may agree with the medical review appeal and overturn the initial decision, or determine the original finding is correct and uphold the decision. This determination is a final determination. The Contracted Provider will be notified of the outcome, typically within 30 days of the medical review appeal receipt date.

If the initial medical review notice is not appealed within the 30 calendar days, it is considered final. A final notice will be sent to the Contracted Provider and the case is considered closed with no further appeals. Failure to provide any requested response to the situation or summary of internal activities conducted to address the issue under review will be considered a failure to support Quality Improvement (QI) activities outlined in your Participation Agreement and will be referred to the Provider Relations Department for follow-up.

The Claims Department will be notified of the final determination and may take additional action on the claim.

**Please note:** This medical review appeal process and the Claims Department payment appeal process are separate and distinct appeal processes. Even if a case is closed for quality review, you may still have Claims appeal rights available as outlined in your Participation Agreement.

#### **Peer-to-Peer Requests**

The GlobalHealth Medical Director may grant a peer-to-peer discussion during the 30-calendar day window in lieu of a written post-service quality review appeal. The request should be made in writing to the Quality Department contact in the notice and include the physician's name and contact telephone number. The Medical Director will attempt to conduct the peer-to-peer within the 30-day window. The Medical Director's determination is final with no further Quality Department appeals.

# Exhibit 4: Texas GlobalHealth of Texas MAPD Plans

This Exhibit contains information specific to GlobalHealth of Texas's Medicare Advantage Plans.

# Page 6: New information for 2022

# Chronic Special Needs Plan (C-SNP)

These plans will be available in Dallas and Tarrant counties. C-SNP MOC training information is available on our website at <u>www.GlobalHealth.com/texas/providers/provider-training</u>. Providers participating in an Interdisciplinary Care Team (ICT) are required to complete this training.

CPGs can be found on our website at www.GlobalHealth.com/texas/quality-improvement-program/.

#### Clearinghouse Change Notification

GlobalHealth of Texas will receive electronic claims submissions through our preferred clearinghouse, Change Healthcare. Please use Payor ID GHTX0.

#### New Provider Portal

Please access Provider Portal training at www.GlobalHealth.com/texas/provider-training.

#### Service Area

GlobalHealth of Texas plans will be available in 6 counties.

Collin	Fort Bend
Dallas	Tarrant
Denton	Montgomery



# Sample GlobalHealth of Texas Member ID Cards

Medicare Advantage with Drug Plan



# Page 8: Helpful Numbers and Information

#### **Claims Status**

Medicare Advantage providers should use the online Provider Portal to obtain claim information.

#### Claims Submission

GlobalHealth Attn: Claims P.O. Box 2718 Oklahoma City, OK 73101-2718

#### Compliance & FWA

Toll-free Hotline (877) 280-5852 Email <u>compliance@globalhealth.com</u>

#### Contracting

https://www.GlobalHealth.com/texas/providers/how-to-become-a-globalhealth-provider/

#### Credentialing

Phone (405) 280-5886 Toll-free (844) 322-5222 Fax (405) 609-6327 Email <u>ghcredentialingTX@globalhealth.com</u>

#### Customer Care

Phone (844) 200-8167

#### <u>EDI</u>

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# Part D Coverage Determinations

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Provider Portal https://ghprovider.prod.healthaxis.net/

Provider Relations

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Provider Services Phone (844) 200-8167

# Quality Improvement

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# **Utilization Management**

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Phone (877) 202-4718

#### Transportation: RoundTrip Phone (877) 565-1637

#### Vision: EyeMed Phone (800) 884-6321

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- Pharmacy
  - More information is also available on our website: <u>www.GlobalHealth.com/texas/medicare-advantage/utilization-management-program</u>

#### Page 43: Code of Conduct

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#### Page 44: Education and Training

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