Instructions to Health Plans

[*Distribution Note: Enrollment – Plans must provide a Provider and Pharmacy Directory or a separate notice on how to access the information online in a machine readable file and format and how to request a hard copy. As described in the 2017 Final Call Letter, machine readable is defined as a format in a standard computer language (not English text) that can be read automatically by a web browser or computer system.*]

[*Plans must require that an online Directory contains all the information required in a print Directory. Refer to the State-specific Marketing Guidance for detailed instructions.*]

* [*Plans may provide subdirectories (e.g., by specialty, by county) to enrollees if the subdirectory clearly states that the complete Directory of all of its providers and pharmacies is available and will be provided to enrollees upon request. Subdirectories must be consistent with all other Provider and Pharmacy Directory Requirements in the State-specific Marketing Guidance. Plans may publish separate primary care and specialty directories if both directories are made available to enrollees at the time of enrollment*.]
* [Plans may add a cover page to the Directory. Plans may include the Material ID only on the cover page.]
* [Plans should replace references to “Medicaid” with “MassHealth.”]
* [*If plans do not use the term “Member Services,” plans should replace it with the term the plan uses. If plans do not use the term “Care Coordinator,” plans should replace it with the term the plan uses.*]
* [*Where the template instructs inclusion of a phone number, plans must ensure it is a toll-free number and include a toll-free TTY number and days and hours of operation*.]
* [*Plans should note that the EOC is referred to as the “Member Handbook.” If plans do not use the term “Member Handbook,” plans should replace it with the term the plan uses.*]
* [*Plans that assign members to medical groups must include language as indicated in plan instructions throughout the Directory. If plans use a different term, they should replace “medical group” with the term they use.*]
* [*Plans should indicate that the Directory includes providers of both Medicare and MassHealth services.*]
* [*Plans may place a QR code on materials to provide an option for members to go online.*]
* [The footer should appear on every other page in the introduction. Plans have the option of deleting the footer following the introduction (e.g., the footer is not necessary in the list of providers).]
* [*Plans are encouraged to include an Index for Providers and for Pharmacies*.]
* [*In accordance with additional plan instructions in the model, plans have the option of moving general pharmacy information to appear after general provider information ends and before provider listing requirements begin.*]
* [*Wherever possible, plans are encouraged to adopt good formatting practices that make information easier for English speaking and non-English-speaking enrollees to read and understand. The following are based on input from beneficiary interviews:*
* *Format a section, chart, table, or block of text to fit onto a single page. In instances where plan-customized information causes an item or text to continue* on *the following page, enter a blank return before right aligning with clear indication that the item continues (for example, similar to the Benefits Chart in Chapter 4 of the Member Handbook, insert:* **This section is continued on the next page***).*
* *Ensure plan-customized text is in plain language and complies with reading level requirements established in the three-way contract.*
* *Break up large blocks of plan-customized text into short paragraphs or bulleted lists and give a couple of plan-specific examples as applicable.*
* *Spell out an acronym or abbreviation before its first use in a document or on a page (for example, Long-term Services and Supports (LTSS) or low income subsidy (LIS)).*
* *Include the meaning of any plan-specific acronym, abbreviation, or key term with its first use.*
* *Avoid separating a heading or subheading from the text that follows when paginating the model.*
* *Use universal symbols or commonly understood pictorials.*
* *Draft and format plan-customized text and terminology in translated models to be culturally and linguistically appropriate for non-English speakers.*
* *Consider using regionally appropriate terms or common dialects in translated models.*
* *Include instructions and navigational aids in translated models in the translated language rather than in English.*]
* *Consider using 5th grade reading level as your baseline.*]

<Plan Name> | <year> *Provider and Pharmacy Directory*

Introduction

This *Provider and Pharmacy Directory* includes information about the provider and pharmacy types in <plan name> and listings of all the plan’s providers and pharmacies as of the date of this Directory. The listings contain provider and pharmacy address and contact information as well as other details such as days and hours of operations, specialties, and skills. Key terms and their definitions appear in alphabetical order in the last chapter of the *Member Handbook*.

[*Plans must update the Table of Contents to this document to accurately reflect where the information is found on each page after plan adds plan-customized information to this template.*]

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# Disclaimers

* [*Plans must include all applicable disclaimers as required in the State-specific Marketing Guidance.*]
* This Directory lists health care professionals (such as doctors, nurse practitioners, and psychologists), facilities (such as hospitals or clinics), and support providers (such as Adult Day Health and Home Health providers) that you may use as a <plan name> member. We also list the pharmacies that you may use to get your prescription drugs.
* We will refer to these groups as “network providers” in this Directory. These providers signed a contract with us to provide you services. This is a list of <plan name>’s network providers for [*insert description of the plan’s service area, including a list of counties and cities/towns.*]
* [Plans may include either the current multi-language insert or provide a Notice of Availability. Plans that choose to use the current multi-language insert per 42 CFR §§ 422.2267(e)(31) and (e)(33) should include: We have free interpreter services to answer any questions that you may have about our health or drug plan. To get an interpreter just call us at <phone number>. Someone that speaks <language> can help you. This is a free service. [This information must be included in the following languages: Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, French, Vietnamese, German, Korean, Russian, Arabic, Italian, Portuguese, French Creole, Polish, Hindi, Japanese, and any additional languages required by the state.]

OR

Per the final rule CMS-4205-F released on April 4, 2024, §§ 422.2267(e)(31) and 423.2267(e)(33), plans may choose to provide a Notice of Availability of language assistance services and auxiliary aids and services that at a minimum states that the plan provides language assistance services and appropriate auxiliary aids and services free of charge. The plan must provide the notice in English and at least the 15 languages most commonly spoken by individuals with limited English proficiency in Massachusetts and must provide the notice in alternate formats for individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aids and services to ensure effective communication.]

* [*Plans that meet the 5% alternative language or Medicaid required language threshold insert:* This document is available for free in [*insert languages that meet the threshold as described the “Standards for required materials and content section” of the Marketing Guidance for Massachusetts Medicare-Medicaid Plans*.]]
* You can get this document for free in other formats, such as large print, formats that work with screen reader technology, braille, or audio. Call <toll-free phone and TTY numbers>, <days and hours of operation>*.* The call is free.
* [Plans also must simply describe:
* how they will request a member’s preferred language other than English and/or alternate format,
* how they will keep the member’s information as a standing request for future mailings and communications so the member does not need to make a separate request each time, **and**
* how a member can change a standing request for preferred language and/or format.]
* The list is up-to-date as of <**date of publication**>, but you need to know that:
* Some <plan name> network providers may have been added or removed from our network after this Directory was published.
* Some <plan name> providers in our network may no longer be accepting new members. If you are having trouble finding a provider who will accept new members, call Member Services at <toll-free number> and we will help you.
* To get the most up-to-date information about <plan name>’s network providers in your area, visit <URL>or call Member Services at <toll-free phone and TTY numbers>, <days and hours of operation>. The call is free. [Plans may add contact information for Video Relay or other accessible technology.]
* Doctors and other health care professionals in <plan name>’s network are listed in section <section letter>. Pharmacies in our network are listed in section <section letter>. [*If plan includes an Index for Providers and for Pharmacies, insert:* You can use the Index in the back of the Directory to find the page where a provider or pharmacy is listed*.*]

# Providers

## B1. Key terms

[*Plans should include information about Care Teams and Individualized Care Plans (ICPs) developed for each member as applicable.*]

This section explains key terms in our *Provider and Pharmacy Directory*.

* **Providers** are professionals such as doctors, nurses, pharmacists, therapists, and other people who provide care and services. **Services** include medical care, long-term services and supports (LTSS), supplies, prescription drugs, equipment and other services.
  + The term providers also includes facilities such as hospitals, clinics, and other places that provide medical and behavioral health services, medical equipment, and LTSS.
  + Providers that are part of our plan's network are called **network providers**.
* **Network providers** are the providers that have contracted with us to provide services to members in our plan. When you use a network provider, you usually pay nothing for covered services.
* A **Primary Care**[*insert the term the plan uses (e.g.,* **Provider** *or* **Physician***)*] (PCP) is a [*plans should include examples as needed*] who gives you routine health care. Your PCP will keep your medical records and get to know your health needs over time. [*Plans should include this sentence if applicable to plan arrangement:* Your PCP will also give you a **referral** if you need a specialist or other provider.]
* **Specialists** are doctors who provide health care services for a specific disease or part of the body. There are many kinds of specialists. Here are a few examples:
  + Oncologists care for patients with cancer.
  + Cardiologists care for patients with heart conditions.
  + Orthopedists care for patients with certain bone, joint, or muscle conditions.
* [*Plans that assign members to medical groups clearly and briefly define the term “medical group*.*” Plans must also include a reference to additional information in Section B3 that explains a medical group’s potential impact on enrollees.*]
* [*Plans should delete or edit this paragraph if they don’t require referrals or prior authorization (PA) for any services.*] You may need a **referral** or **prior authorization (PA)** for a specialist or someone that is not your PCP. A **referral** means that [*insert as applicable:* your network PCP ***or*** your Care Team] must give you approval before you can use someone that is not your PCP. **PA** means that <plan name> must give you approval before we will provide coverage for a specific service, item, or drug or out-of-network provider. If you don’t get a referral or PA, <plan name> may not cover the service, item, or drug.
  + Referrals or PA are **not** needed for:
    - emergency care;
    - urgently needed care;
    - kidney dialysis services that you get at a Medicare-certified dialysis facility when you are outside the plan’s service area; **or**
    - services from a women’s health specialist.
    - [Plans may insert additional exceptions as appropriate.]
  + Additionally, if you are eligible to get services from Indian health providers, you may use these providers without a referral. We must pay the Indian health provider for those services even if they are out of our plan’s network.
  + More information on referrals and PA is available in Chapter 3 of the *Member Handbook* [*plans may insert reference, as applicable*].
* You will have a **Care Team** that you choose. Your **Care Team** [*insert description of the Care Team as appropriate to the plan,* including how the member can choose who is on their Care Team]. Everyone on the Care Team works together to make sure your care is coordinated. This means that they make sure that you get all of the tests, labs, and other care that you need, and the results are shared with the appropriate providers. It also means that your PCP should know all medicines you take so that they can reduce any negative effects. Your PCP will always get your permission before sharing your medical information with other providers.

Members of your Care Team may include:

* + A **Care Coordinator** that helps you manage your medical providers and services. [*Insert description of the Care Coordinator as appropriate to the plan.*]
  + Your **Primary Care** [**Provider** or **Physician**]
  + A **Long-term Supports (LTS) Coordinator** to help you find and access support services available to you in the community. Both the Care Coordinator and LTS Coordinator can work as a part of your Care Team to make sure you get the care you need.
* [*Plans may insert additional examples here as appropriate.*]

[*Plans should include this sentence if applicable to plan arrangement, modifying if needed:* Your Care Team will also help you find other providers of medical, behavioral health, or long-term services and supports if you need a specialist or other health care provider. That way, you will get the right provider to help you with your concerns.]

## B2. Wait times for primary care and behavioral health

We must provide you with access to primary care and behavioral health services within the following timeframes:

* immediately for urgently needed services or an emergency;
* within 7 days for services that are not an emergency or urgently needed, but you require medical attention; or
* within 30 days for routine and preventative care.

## B3. Primary Care [insert term the plan uses (e.g., Provider or Physician)] (PCP) [if appropriate, include: or Integrated Primary Care Team]

You can choose any PCP in our network who is accepting new members.

First, you should choose a Primary Care [*insert the term the plan uses (e.g.,* Provider***or*** Physician*)*]. [*If appropriate, include:* You may be able to have a specialist act as your PCP. *If applicable, describe under what circumstances a specialist may act as a PCP and how to ask for one (e.g., call Member Services).*]

[Insert if applicable and modify if needed: Our plan’s PCPs are affiliated with medical groups. When you choose your PCP, you are also choosing the affiliated medical group. This means that your PCP will be referring you to specialists and services that are also affiliated with their medical group.

* If there is a particular specialist or hospital that you want to use, it is important to find out if they are affiliated with your PCP’s medical group. You can look in this Directory, or ask <plan name> Member Services to find out if the PCP you want makes referrals to that specialist or uses that hospital.
* If you don’t stay within your PCP’s medical group, <plan name> may not cover the service.]

To choose a PCP, refer to the list of [*insert term the plan uses (e.g.,* providers*,* physicians*)*] in section <section letter> and choose a [*insert term the plan uses (e.g.,* provider***or***physician*)*]:

* that you use now, **or**
* who has been recommended by someone you trust, **or**
* whose offices are easy for you to get to.

[*Plans may modify the bullet text listed above or add additional language as appropriate.* *Plans should further explain directions for choosing a PCP in the context of their plan type.*]

* When you first enroll in <plan name>, you can keep using your current PCP and your other providers for 90 days, or until you and your Care Team complete a comprehensive assessment of your needs and goals and develop your Individualized Care Plan (ICP). This is called the Continuity of Care (COC) period. After that, if you do not choose a PCP in our network, <plan name> will choose one for you.
* If you want help in choosing a PCP, please call Member Services at <toll-free phone and TTY numbers>, <days and hours of operation>. The call is free. Or, visit <URL>. [Plans may add contact information for Video Relay or other accessible technology.]
* If you have questions about whether any service or care that you want or need is covered, talk to your Care Team or call Member Services and ask **before** you get the service or care.

## B4. Long-term services and supports (LTSS)

As a <plan name> member, you will be able to get long-term services and supports (LTSS) if you need them, such as [*insert examples with explanations of services available to members*]. LTSS help people who need assistance to do everyday tasks like taking a bath, getting dressed, making food, and taking medicine. Most of these services are provided at your home or in your community but could be provided in a nursing home or hospital.

If you need LTSS, an LTS Coordinator can help you and your Care Team determine what options are available to support you in the way you want. You always have the right to have an LTS Coordinator on your Care Team.

[*Plans should include information regarding accessing LTSS and talking with an LTS Coordinator.*]

## B5. How to identify providers in <plan name>’s network

[*Plans should delete this paragraph if they don’t require referrals for any services.*] You may need a referral to use someone who is not a Primary Care [*insert term the plan uses (e.g.,* Provider***or***Physician*)*]*.* There is more information about referrals in Section B1 of this Directory.

[*HMO plan types must include the following language through the end of the section.*] You must get all of your covered services from providers within our network [insert if applicable: that are affiliated with your PCP’s medical group]. If you use providers who are not in <plan name>’s network [insert if applicable: and are not affiliated with your PCP’s medical group](without PA or approval from us), you will have to pay the bill.

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| A **PA** is an approval from <plan name> before you can get a specific service, drug, or out-of-network provider. <Plan name> may not cover the service or drug if you don’t get approval. |

The only exceptions to this rule are when you need urgent or emergency care or dialysis and cannot get to a provider in the plan, such as when you are away from home. [*Plans may insert additional exceptions as appropriate.*] You can also use providers outside the plan [insert if applicable: or your PCP’s medical group] for other non-emergency services if <plan name> gives you permission first. Also, when you first enroll in <plan name>, you can keep using your current providers for 90 days, or until you and your Care Team complete a comprehensive assessment of your needs and goals and develop your Individualized Care Plan (ICP). This is called the Continuity of Care (COC) period.

* You may change providers within the network at any time during the year. If you have been using one network provider, you do not have to keep using that same provider. [*Plans should modify or add language with plan-specific rules about PCP changes. Plans should include the following language if appropriate:* For some providers, you may need a referral from your PCP.]
* [*Insert if applicable:* Remember, our plan’s PCPs are affiliated with medical groups. If you change your PCP, you may also be changing medical groups. When you ask for the change, be sure to tell Member Services if you are using a specialist or getting other covered services that require PCP approval. Member Services will help make sure that you can continue your specialty care and other services when you change your PCP.]
* <Plan name> works with all the providers in our network to accommodate the needs of people with disabilities. As applicable, the list of network providers in this Directory includes information about the accommodations they provide. If you need a provider and are not sure if they offer the accommodations you need, <plan name> can help you. Talk to your [*insert:* Care Team*,* Care Coordinator*,* patient navigator*, or other appropriate reference*]for assistance.

## B6. How to find <plan name> providers in your area

[*Plans should describe how an enrollee can find a network provider nearest their home relative to the organizational format used in the Directory.*]

## B7. List of network providers

This Directory of <plan name>’s network providers contains:

* **Health care professionals** including primary care providers, specialists, behavioral health providers, dental service providers, and vision service providers;
* **Facilities** including hospitals, nursing facilities, and behavioral health facilities; **and**
* **Support providers** including long-term services and supports (LTSS) (e.g., adult day health) and community support services (e.g., peer supports). [Plans may modify this bullet to list additional examples of LTSS covered by the plan.]

Providers are listed in alphabetical order by last name. [*Insert if applicable:* You can also find the provider’s name and the page where the provider’s additional contact information is in the Index at the end of the Directory. Providers are also listed in alphabetical order by last name in the Index.] In addition to contact information, provider listings also include specialties and skills, for example, such as languages spoken or cultural capabilities, which may include completion of cultural competence training

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| **Cultural competence training** is additional instruction for our health care providers that helps them better understand your background, values, and beliefs to adapt services to meet your social, cultural, and language needs. |

[***Note:*** *Plans that provide additional or supplemental benefits beyond those captured in this model document must create provider type(s) offering these additional or supplemental benefits and list the providers.* Plans should add as many categories as necessary to list all providers for each covered service.]

[***Note:*** *Plans must show the total number of each type of provider (e.g., PCP, specialist, hospital, etc.).*]

[*Plans have the option to move general pharmacy information from Section D to appear here before provider listings begin.*]

# <Plan name>’s network providers

**Recommended organization:** [*Plans are required to include all of the following fields but have discretion regarding the organizational layout used. However, plans that assign members to medical groups must organize the provider listing by medical group.*]

**1. Type of Provider** [*Plans are required to include PCPs, Specialists, Hospitals, Nursing Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities, Behavioral Health Providers, and Long-Term Services and Supports Providers. Plans are permitted to list Nursing Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities together under the same provider type category.*]

**2. County** [*List alphabetically.*]

**3**. **City** [*List alphabetically.*]

**4. Neighborhood/Zip Code** [*Optional: For larger cities, plans may further subdivide providers by zip code or neighborhood.*]

**5. Provider** [*List alphabetically by last name.*]

**6. Phone number**

[Insert if applicable: The providers in this directory are organized alphabetically by medical group.] You may get services from any of the providers on this list [insert if applicable: that are affiliated with your PCP’s medical group].

[*Plans should include the following language if referrals or PA are required under the plan:* For some services, you may need a referral from your PCP or PA from <plan name>.]

[***Note:*** *The following pages contain Directory requirements and sample formatting for provider types. Some provider types may include* ***both*** *health care professionals* ***and*** *facilities (e.g., Behavioral Health). Some provider types, particularly in the support provider category, may include* ***either*** *health care professionals (e.g., Consumer-Directed Services, Home Health Agencies)* ***or*** *facilities (e.g., Nursing Facility). Plans should list all providers of the same type in the same category, regardless if the providers are facility or non-facility based (e.g., the Behavioral Health Provider section should include both individual providers and facilities). In consultation with the State, plans should use reasonable judgment to determine each network provider’s type and include its applicable requirements according to the examples on the following pages. Plans should include* ***location-specific requirements*** *(e.g., days and hours of operation, public transportation, languages, accommodations for those with physical disabilities) for each provider with more than one address in the Directory. If the plan opts to use universally accepted symbols to indicate accessibility, special services, or other characteristics, a legend must be provided. Plans are not required to include the legend on every page, but plans must provide a general footnote on every page stating:* You can find information on what the symbols mean by going to[*insert description of where information is available, such as page number*]. *Plans should consider using three-column tables in provider listings to optimize visibility and space.*]

**[*Sample formatting for health care professionals and non-facility based support providers:*]**

## C1. [Include Provider Type (e.g., Primary Care Physicians, Specialists – Cardiology, Support Providers – Home Health Agencies)]

**<State> | <County>**

<City/Town><Zip Code>

<Provider Name>

<Street Address>  
<City, State>  
<Zip Code>

<Phone Number>

[***Note:*** *When providers in a group practice are co-located and listed together in the Directory, the plan may list requirements, when appropriate, at an aggregate group practice level rather than at an individual provider level (e.g., days and hours of operation, public transportation route and types, non-English languages (including ASL)).*]

[***Note:*** *Plans may satisfy “as applicable” requirements either at the individual provider level throughout or by inserting a prominent statement indicating that enrollees may call Member Services to get the information. For example, plans may enter a statement such as:* Call Member Services at <toll-free phone and TTY numbers>, <days and hours of operation>, if you need information about a provider’s other credentials and/or certifications, and/or areas of training, and experience.]

[*List only currently contracted and credentialed providers*.]

[*List only the office or practice location(s) where the provider regularly practices and is regularly available to provide covered services*.]

[*As appropriate, include web and e-mail addresses.*]

[*As applicable, include other credentials and/or certifications.*]

[*Indicate if the provider is accepting new patients as of the Directory’s date of publication,* and include if applicable: You may also contact the provider directly to find out if they are accepting new patients*.*]

[*List non-physician practitioners (e.g. nurse practitioners, physician assistants) as PCPs if an enrollee can make an appointment with that practitioner for covered primary care services. Clearly identify that the provider is a non-physician provider.*]

[*Clearly identify the capacity in which the provider is serving for that particular network (i.e., specialty/and/or sub-specialty), even if the provider is credentialed in more than one specialty. For example, an internal medicine physician/oncologist that does not practice as a PCP should not be displayed as a PCP in the directory. List the provider only under the category of the services they will be furnishing to enrollees as an in-network provider*.]

[*Include days and hours of operation.*]

[*Indicate if the provider’s location is on a public transportation route. Optional: Include public transportation types (e.g., bus, rail, boat). Plans may use abbreviations or symbols if a key is included in the Directory.*]

[*List cultural and linguistic capabilities* *(e.g., languages spoken, languages offered, interpreter/translation services offered, sensitivity to cultural health beliefs/practices). Plans may use abbreviations or symbols if a key is included in the Directory.*]

[*Include specific accommodations at the provider’s location for individuals with physical disabilities (e.g., wide entry, wheelchair access, accessible exam rooms and tables, lifts, scales, bathrooms and stalls, grab bars, other accessible equipment). Plans may use abbreviations or symbols for each type of accommodation if a key is included in the Directory.*]

[Indicate if the provider offers covered services via telehealth. Plans may use abbreviations or symbols.]

[*Make a reasonable attempt to ensure provider practice names are up-to-date and reflect the name of the practice used when an enrollee calls to make an appointment.*]

[*Indicate providers who may have restrictions on access by including a symbol or notation next to the provider’s listing indicating such restrictions. Examples include,* ***but are not limited to,*** *the following:*

* *Providers who are only available to a subset of enrollees (e.g., only Native American enrollees may access a provider associated with a Native American tribe, only enrollees who are students may access the college’s student health service);*
* *Providers who only offer home visits and do not see patients at a physical office location (Note: Plans should also exclude a specific street address from the provider’s listing but still list the provider underneath the appropriate provider type, state, county, city, and neighborhood/zip code);*
* *Providers (or provider practices) that offer services exclusively via telehealth (those accessible through a downstream contracted telehealth company or similar downstream entity should be listed as such);*
* *Providers and/or locations that are not accessible for people with physical disabilities (e.g. lack of availability of ramps, elevators, and accessible medical equipment);*
* *Providers who will be available in-network only for a certain period (e.g., as of a future date) or who will leave the network as of a specified date, and provide a clear indication of the time limitation (such as “beginning* <*month, day, 20XX*>*” or “until* <*month, day, 20XX*>*”*).]

[*Plans may not:*

* *List a provider prior to being credentialed by the plan.*
* *List a provider if the enrollee cannot call the phone number listed and request an appointment with that provider at the address listed (e.g. urgent care, or residential facilities; locations where the provider only has admitting privileges, only treats inpatients, or exclusively reads tests at the location).*
* *List locations where a provider may practice only occasionally (e.g., locations where the provider is covering for other providers or locations within the practice where the provider does not regularly see patients).*]

[*As applicable, list areas the provider has training in and experience treating, including physical disabilities, chronic illness, HIV/AIDS, serious mental illness, homelessness, deafness or hard-of-hearing, blindness or visual impairment, co-occurring disorders, or other areas of specialty. For behavioral health providers, this includes training in and experience treating trauma, child welfare, and substance abuse.*]

[*Optional: Indicate if the provider supports electronic prescribing.*]

[*Optional:* *Indicate if the provider has expertise in treating patients with opioid use disorder (OUD).*]

**[*Sample formatting for facilities and facility-based support providers:*]**

## C2. [Include Facility Type (e.g., Hospitals, Nursing Facilities, Behavioral Health Facilities)]

[*Note: Plans that include all nursing facilities in one type may indicate what kind of nursing facility it is (e.g., skilled, long-term care, or rehabilitation) and may do so either after the type or after the facility name (e.g., Nursing Facilities – Skilled or <Facility Name> - Rehabilitation). Plans may use abbreviations or symbols if a key is included in the Directory.*]

**<State> | <County>**

**<City/Town>**<Zip Code>

<Facility Name>

<Street Address>  
<City, State>  
<Zip Code>

<Phone Number>

[***Note:*** *Plans may satisfy “as applicable” requirements either at the individual facility level throughout or by inserting a prominent statement indicating that enrollees may call Member Services to get the information. For example, plans may enter a statement such as:* Call Member Services at <toll-free phone and TTY numbers>, <days and hours of operation>, if you need information about a facility’s other credentials, certifications, and/or days and hours of operation.]

[*Optional for hospitals: Indicate if the facility has an emergency department.*]

[List only currently contracted and credentialed providers.]

[*As appropriate, include web and e-mail addresses.*]

[*As appropriate, include other credentials and/or certifications.*]

[*As applicable, include days and hours of operation.*]

[*Indicate if the facility is on a public transportation route. Optional: Include public transportation types (e.g., bus, rail, boat). Plans may use abbreviations or symbols if a key is included in the Directory.*]

[*List cultural and linguistic capabilities (e.g. languages spoken, languages offered, interpreter/translation services offered, sensitivity to cultural health beliefs/practices). Plans may use abbreviations or symbols if a key is included in the Directory.*]

[*Include specific accommodations at the facility for individuals with physical disabilities (e.g., wide entry, wheelchair access, accessible exam rooms and tables, lifts, scales, bathrooms and stalls, grab bars, other accessible equipment). Plans may use abbreviations or symbols for each type of accommodation if a key is included in the Directory.*]

[Indicate if the provider offers covered services via telehealth. Plans may use abbreviations or symbols.]

[*Indicate providers who may have restrictions on access by including a symbol or notation next to the provider’s listing indicating such restrictions. Examples include,* ***but are not limited to,*** *the following:*

* *Providers who are only available to a subset of enrollees (e.g., only Native American enrollees may access a provider associated with a Native American tribe, only enrollees who are students may access the college’s student health service);*
* *Providers who only offer home visits and do not see patients at a physical office location (Note: Plans should also exclude a specific street address from the provider’s listing but still list the provider underneath the appropriate provider type, state, county, city, and neighborhood/zip code);*
* *Providers (or provider practices) that offer services exclusively via telehealth (those accessible through a downstream contracted telehealth company or similar downstream entity should be listed as such);*
* *Providers and/or locations that are not accessible for people with physical disabilities (e.g. lack of availability of ramps, elevators, and accessible medical equipment);*
* *Providers who will be available in-network only for a certain period (e.g., as of a future date) or who will leave the network as of a specified date, and provide a clear indication of the time limitation (such as “beginning* <*month, day, 20XX*>*” or “until* <*month, day, 20XX*>*”*).]

[*Optional: Indicate if the facility supports electronic prescribing.*]

[*Optional:* *Indicate if the facility has expertise in treating patients with OUD.*]

[*Plans have the option to move the following general pharmacy information from Section D to start before provider listing requirements begin.*]

# List of network pharmacies

This part of the Directory provides a list of pharmacies in <plan name>’s network. These network pharmacies are pharmacies that have agreed to provide prescription drugs to you as a member of the plan.

<Plan name> is happy to help you find a network pharmacy that meets your needs. For instance, we can help you find pharmacies that:

* are accessible by public transit
* have pharmacists that speak your language
* offer specific accommodations

[*Plans may modify the following:* Please contact <Plan name> Member Services at <toll-free number> or your Care Coordinator for assistance.]

[*If a plan lists pharmacies in its network but outside the service area,* insert*:* We also list pharmacies that are in our network but are outside <geographic area> in which you live. You may also fill your prescriptions at these pharmacies. Please contact <plan name> at <toll-free number>, <days and hours of operation>, for additional information.]

<Plan name> members must use network pharmacies to get prescription drugs except in emergency or urgent care situations.

* If you use an out-of-network pharmacy for prescriptions when it is not an emergency, you will have to pay out of pocket for the service.
* Read the <plan name> *Member Handbook* for more information.

This Directory may not list all network pharmacies. We may have added or removed some network pharmacies from our plan after we published this Directory.

For up-to-date information about <plan name> network pharmacies in your area, please   
visit our website at <URL> or call Member Services at <toll-free phone and TTY numbers>, <days and hours of operation>. The call is free. [Plans may add contact information for Video Relay or other accessible technology.]

To get a complete description of your prescription coverage, including how to fill your prescriptions, please read the *Member Handbook* and <plan name>’s *List of Covered Drugs*. [*Insert information about where members can find the List of Covered Drugs.*]

## D1. How to identify pharmacies in <plan name>’s network

Along with retail pharmacies, your plan’s network of pharmacies includes:

* [*Plans should insert only if they include mail-order pharmacies in their network.*] Mail-order pharmacies send covered prescription drugs to members through the mail or shipping companies.
* Home infusion pharmacies prepare prescription drugs that are given through a vein, within a muscle, or in another non-oral way by a trained provider in your home.
* Long-term care (LTC) pharmacies serve residents on long-term care facilities, such as nursing homes.
* [*Plans should insert only if they include I/T/U pharmacies in their network.*] Indian Health Service / Tribal / Urban Indian Health Program (I/T/U) pharmacies
* [*Plans should insert any additional pharmacy types in their network. Plans are encouraged to provide a definition of any additional specialty pharmacies in their network.*]

You are not required to continue using the same pharmacy to fill your prescriptions.

## D2. Long-term supplies of prescriptions

[*Plans should include only if they offer extended-day supplies at any pharmacy location. Plans should modify the language below as needed, consistent with their approved extended-day supply benefits.*]

* **Mail-Order Programs.** We offer a mail-order program that allows you to get up to a <number>-day supply of your prescription drugs sent directly to your home. A <number>-day supply has the same copay as a one-month supply.
* **<number>-Day Retail Pharmacy Programs.** Some retail pharmacies may also offer up to a <number>-day supply of covered prescription drugs. A <number>-day supply has the same copay as a one-month supply.

# <Plan name>’s network pharmacies

**Recommended organization:** [*Plans are required to include all of the following fields but have discretion regarding the organizational layout used.*]

**1. Type of Pharmacy** [*Plan, Mail Order, Home Infusion, LTC, I/T/U*]

**2. State** [*Include only if Directory includes multiple states.*]

**3. County** [*List alphabetically.*]

**4. City** [*List alphabetically.*]

**5. Neighborhood/Zip Code** [*Optional: For larger cities, pharmacies may be further subdivided by zip code or neighborhood.*]

**6. Pharmacy** [*List alphabetically.*]

[***Note:*** *Plans must indicate how types of pharmacies can be identified and located relative to organizational format.*]

[***Note:*** *Plans that make* ***all*** *network pharmacies available to* ***all*** *members must insert:* You can use any of the pharmacies in our network. *Plans that do* ***not*** *make all network pharmacies available to all members must indicate for each pharmacy type or individual pharmacy that the pharmacy type or pharmacy is* ***not*** *available to all members. If symbols are used, a legend must be provided. If the plan opts to use universally accepted symbols to indicate accessibility, special services, or other characteristics, a legend must be provided. Plans are not required to include the legend on every page, but plans must provide a general footnote on every page stating:* You can find information on what the symbols mean by going to [*insert description of where information is available, such as page number*]*.* *Plans should consider using three-column tables in provider listings to optimize visibility and space.*]

## E1. Retail and chain pharmacies

**<State> | <County>**

**<City/Town>**<Zip Code>

**<Pharmacy Name>**

<Pharmacy Street Address>  
<City, State>  
<Zip Code>

<Phone Number>

[*As appropriate, include web and e-mail addresses.*]

[*Optional: Include* *days and hours of operation.*]

[*Optional:**Indicate if a pharmacy is open 7 days per week and/or 24 hours per day. Plans may indicate special services/hours of operation with symbols, although text is preferred. If symbols are used, a legend must be provided. For example, plans may use a clock to indicate that a pharmacy is open 24 hours per day. However, it is easier for readers if the Directory simply states, “Open 24 hours.” Refer to the exceptions in Note below.*]

[*Optional:* <Special Services:>] [***Note:*** *Examples of special services include Home Delivery, Drive Thru, Compounds Prepared.*]

[*Indicate if the pharmacy provides an extended day supply of medications.*]

[*Optional: Indicate if the pharmacy supports electronic prescribing.*]

[***Note:*** *Plans are expected to create one alphabetical list integrating both retail and chain pharmacies, but the information supplied may vary for retail versus chain pharmacies. Plans are required to provide the address and phone number for independent (non-chain) pharmacies. For chain pharmacies only, in lieu of providing addresses and days and hours of operation for all locations, plans may provide a toll-free customer service number and a TTY number that an enrollee can call to get the locations, phone numbers, and days and hours of operation of the chain pharmacies nearest their home. If the chain pharmacy does not have a toll-free number, plans should include a central number for the pharmacy chain. If the chain pharmacy does not have a central number for enrollees to call, then plans must list each chain pharmacy and phone number in the Directory. If the chain pharmacy does not have a TTY number, plans are instructed to list the TRS Relay number 711. Plans should not list their own Member Services number as a pharmacy phone number or TTY number. Plans may add contact information for Video Relay or other accessible technology. All information required above must be available to the member by calling the pharmacy or the plan’s toll-free Member Services telephone line.*]

## E2. [Include if applicable: Mail-order pharmacy(ies)]

[*Include if applicable:* You can get prescription drugs shipped to your home through our network mail order delivery program [*plans may insert:* which is called <name of program>].] [*Plans are expected to advise members that pharmacies are to obtain consent before shipping or delivering any prescriptions the member does not personally initiate.*]

[*Plans whose network mail order services provide automated delivery insert the following sentence:* You also have the choice to sign up for automated mail order delivery [*plans may insert:* through our <name of program>].] [*Plans have the option to insert either “business” or “calendar” or neither in front of “days” in the following sentence:*] Typically, you should expect to get your prescription drugs [*insert as applicable:* within <number> days ***or*** from <number> to <number> days] from the time that the mail order pharmacy gets the order. If you do not get your prescription drug(s) within this time, [*insert as applicable:* if you would like to cancel an automatic order,] or if you need to ask for a refund for prescriptions you got that you did not want or need, please contact us at <toll-free number>. [*Insert:* TTY: <phone number>]. To learn more about mail order pharmacies, refer to Chapter 5 of the *Member Handbook*,[*plans may insert reference, as applicable.*]

**<State> | <County>**

**<City/Town>**<Zip Code>

<Pharmacy Name>

<Toll-free number>  
<TTY number>

[*As appropriate, include web and e-mail addresses.*]

[*Optional: Include* *days and hours of operation.*]

[*Optional:**Indicate if a pharmacy is open 7 days per week and/or 24 hours per day. Plans may indicate special services/hours of operation with symbols, although text is preferred. If symbols are used, a legend must be provided. For example, plans may use a clock to indicate that a pharmacy is open 24 hours per day. However, it is easier for readers if the Directory simply states, “Open 24 hours.”*]

[*Optional:* <Special Services:>] [***Note:*** *Examples of special services include Home Delivery, Drive Thru, Compounds Prepared.*]

[*Optional: Indicate if the pharmacy provides an extended day supply of medications.*]

[*Optional: Indicate if the pharmacy supports electronic prescribing.*]

## E3. Home infusion pharmacies

[***Note:*** *Plans should provide any additional information on home infusion pharmacy services in their plan and how enrollees can get more information. If applicable, plans should include a statement noting their home infusion pharmacies service all counties in the plan service area rather than denoting specific county information below. Plans with a home infusion pharmacy servicing multiple counties should list the counties alphabetically.*]

**<State> | <County or Counties>**

**<City/Town>**<Zip Code>

<Pharmacy Name>

<Pharmacy Street Address>  
<City, State>  
<Zip Code>

<Phone Number>

[*As appropriate, include web and e-mail addresses.*]

[*Optional: Include* *days and hours of operation.*]

[*Optional:**Indicate if a pharmacy is open 7 days per week and/or 24 hours per day. Plans may indicate special services/hours of operation with symbols, although text is preferred. If symbols are used, a legend must be provided. For example, plans may use a clock to indicate that a pharmacy is open 24 hours per day. However, it is easier for readers if the Directory simply states, “Open 24 hours.”*]

[*Optional:* <Special Services:>] [***Note:*** *Examples of special services include Home Delivery, Drive Thru, Compounds Prepared.*]

[*Optional: Indicate if the pharmacy provides an extended day supply of medications.*]

[*Optional: Indicate if the pharmacy supports electronic prescribing.*]

## E4. Long-term care pharmacies

Residents of a long-term care facility, such as a nursing home, may access their prescription drugs covered under <plan name> through the facility’s pharmacy or another network pharmacy. To learn more about drug coverage in special cases, refer to Chapter 5 of the *Member Handbook,* [*plans may insert reference, as applicable*].

[***Note:*** *Plans should provide any additional information on long-term care pharmacy services in their network and how enrollees can get more information.* *If applicable, plans should include a statement noting their long-term care pharmacies service all counties in the plan service area rather than denoting specific county information below. Plans with a long-term care pharmacy servicing multiple counties should list the counties alphabetically.*]

**<State> | <County or Counties>**

**<City/Town>**<Zip Code>

<Pharmacy/Long-Term Facility Name>

<Pharmacy/Long-Term Facility Street Address>  
<City, State>  
<Zip Code>

<Phone Number>

[*As appropriate, include web and e-mail addresses.*]

[*Optional: Include* *days and hours of operation.*]

[*Optional:**Indicate if a pharmacy is open 7 days per week and/or 24 hours per day. Plans may indicate special services/hours of operation with symbols, although text is preferred. If symbols are used, a legend must be provided. For example, plans may use a clock to indicate that a pharmacy is open 24 hours per day. However, it is easier for readers if the Directory simply states, “Open 24 hours.”*]

[*Optional:* <Special Services:>] [***Note:*** *Examples of special services include Home Delivery, Drive Thru, Compounds Prepared.*]

[*Optional: Indicate if the pharmacy provides an extended day supply of medications.*]

[*Optional: Indicate if the pharmacy supports electronic prescribing.*]

## E5. Indian Health Service / Tribal / Urban Indian Health Program (I/T/U) pharmacies[Note: This section applies only if there are I/T/U pharmacies in the service area.]

Only Native Americans and Alaska Natives have access to Indian Health Service / Tribal / Urban Indian Health Program (I/T/U) Pharmacies through <plan name>’s pharmacy network. Those other than Native Americans and Alaskan Natives may be able to use these pharmacies under limited circumstances (e.g., emergencies).

[***Note:*** *Plans should provide any additional information on I/T/U pharmacy services in their network and how enrollees can get more information*.]

**<State> | <County>**

**<City/Town>**<Zip Code>

<Pharmacy Name>

<Pharmacy Street Address>  
<City, State>  
<Zip Code>

<Phone Number>

[*As appropriate, include web and e-mail addresses.*]

[*Optional: Include* *days and hours of operation.*]

[*Optional:**Indicate if a pharmacy is open 7 days per week and/or 24 hours per day. Plans may indicate special services/hours of operation with symbols, although text is preferred. If symbols are used, a legend must be provided. For example, plans may use a clock to indicate that a pharmacy is open 24 hours per day. However, it is easier for readers if the Directory simply states, “Open 24 hours.”*]

[*Optional:* <Special Services:>] [***Note:*** *Examples of special services include Home Delivery, Drive Thru, Compounds Prepared.*]

[*Optional: Indicate if the pharmacy provides an extended day supply of medications.*]

[*Optional: Indicate if the pharmacy supports electronic prescribing.*]

## E6. Network pharmacies outside the <geographic area> [Note: This category is optional for plans to include.]

You can get your drugs covered at any of our network pharmacies. This includes our network pharmacies outside of our service area.

**<State> | <County>**

**<City/Town>**<Zip Code>

<Pharmacy Name>

<Pharmacy Street Address>  
<City, State>  
<Zip Code>

<Phone Number>

[*As appropriate, include web and e-mail addresses.*]

[*Optional: Include* *days and hours of operation.*]

[*Optional:**Indicate if a pharmacy is open 7 days per week and/or 24 hours per day. Plans may indicate special services/hours of operation with symbols, although text is preferred. If symbols are used, a legend must be provided. For example, plans may use a clock to indicate that a pharmacy is open 24 hours per day. However, it is easier for readers if the Directory simply states, “Open 24 hours.”*]

[*Optional:* <Special Services:>] [***Note:*** *Examples of special services include Home Delivery, Drive Thru, Compounds Prepared.*]

[*Optional: Indicate if the pharmacy provides an extended day supply of medications.*]

[*Optional: Indicate if the pharmacy supports electronic prescribing.*]

[***Note:*** *It is optional for plans to create categories for additional types of network pharmacies not encompassed in the previous categories. If the plan creates additional categories, plan should add these additional categories as sequentially numbered subsections and include them in the Table of Contents.*]

**<State> | <County>**

**<City/Town>**<Zip Code>

<Pharmacy Name>

<Pharmacy Street Address>  
<City, State>  
<Zip Code>

<Phone Number>

[*As appropriate, include web and e-mail addresses.*]

[*Optional: Include* *days and hours of operation.*]

[*Optional:**Indicate if a pharmacy is open 7 days per week and/or 24 hours per day. Plans may indicate special services/hours of operation with symbols, although text is preferred. If symbols are used, a legend must be provided. For example, plans may use a clock to indicate that a pharmacy is open 24 hours per day. However, it is easier for readers if the Directory simply states, “Open 24 hours.”*]

[*Optional:* <Special Services:>] [***Note:*** *Examples of special services include Home Delivery, Drive Thru, Compounds Prepared.*]

[*Optional: Indicate if the pharmacy provides an extended day supply of medications.*]

[*Optional: Indicate if the pharmacy supports electronic prescribing.*]

# [Optional: Index of Providers and Pharmacies]

[*Plans that add an Index must update the Table of Contents to include it as a section with two subsections as illustrated below. Providers and pharmacies must be grouped separately in the Index.*]

## F1. Providers

[Plans must present entries in alphabetical order by provider’s last name.]

## F2. Pharmacies

[Plans must present entries in alphabetical order.]