# Claims and Billing Training

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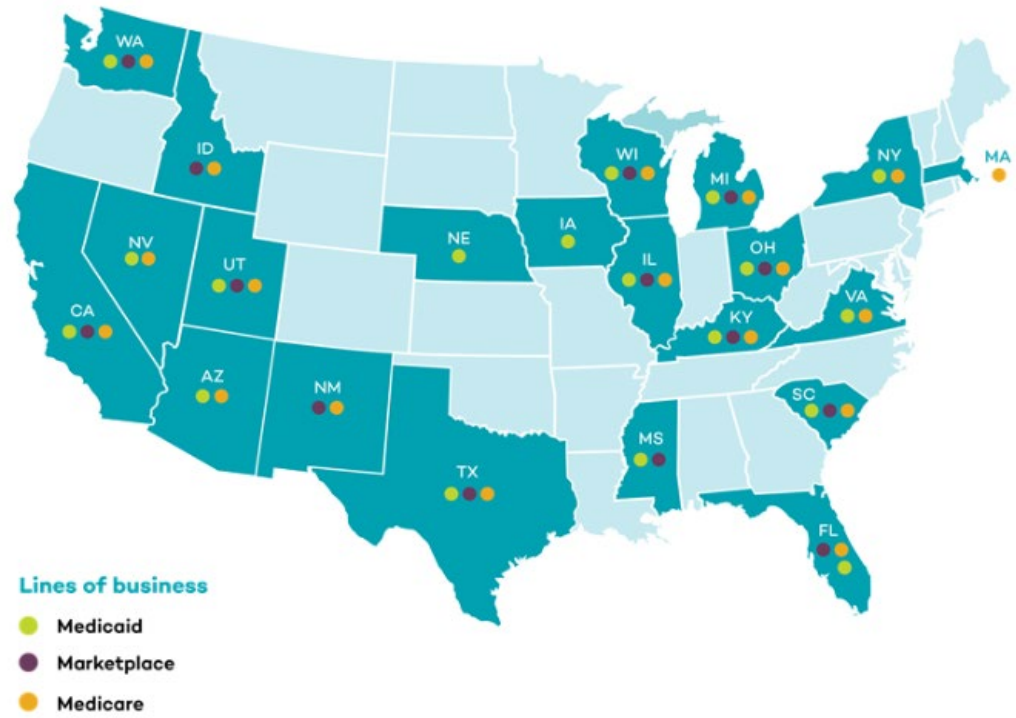
Provider Resources

Provider Relations

Satisfaction

- Provider Relations Representatives and Engagement Teams
- Annual Assessment of Provider Satisfaction
- The You Matter to Molina Program that includes Monthly Forums, surveys and an Information Page on the Provider Website

Communication

- Provider Bulletin and Provider Newsletters
- Online Provider Manuals
- Online Trainings, Health Resources and Provider Resource Guides
- Secure Messaging on the Availity Essentials Portal

Technology

- 24-hour Provider Portal
- Online Prior Authorization (PA) and Claim Dispute Submission
- Supplemental PA Lookup Tool on Provider Portal and Provider Website
- MCG Auto-Authorization for Advanced Imaging PA Submission
- Availity Essentials Overpayments

Provider Website
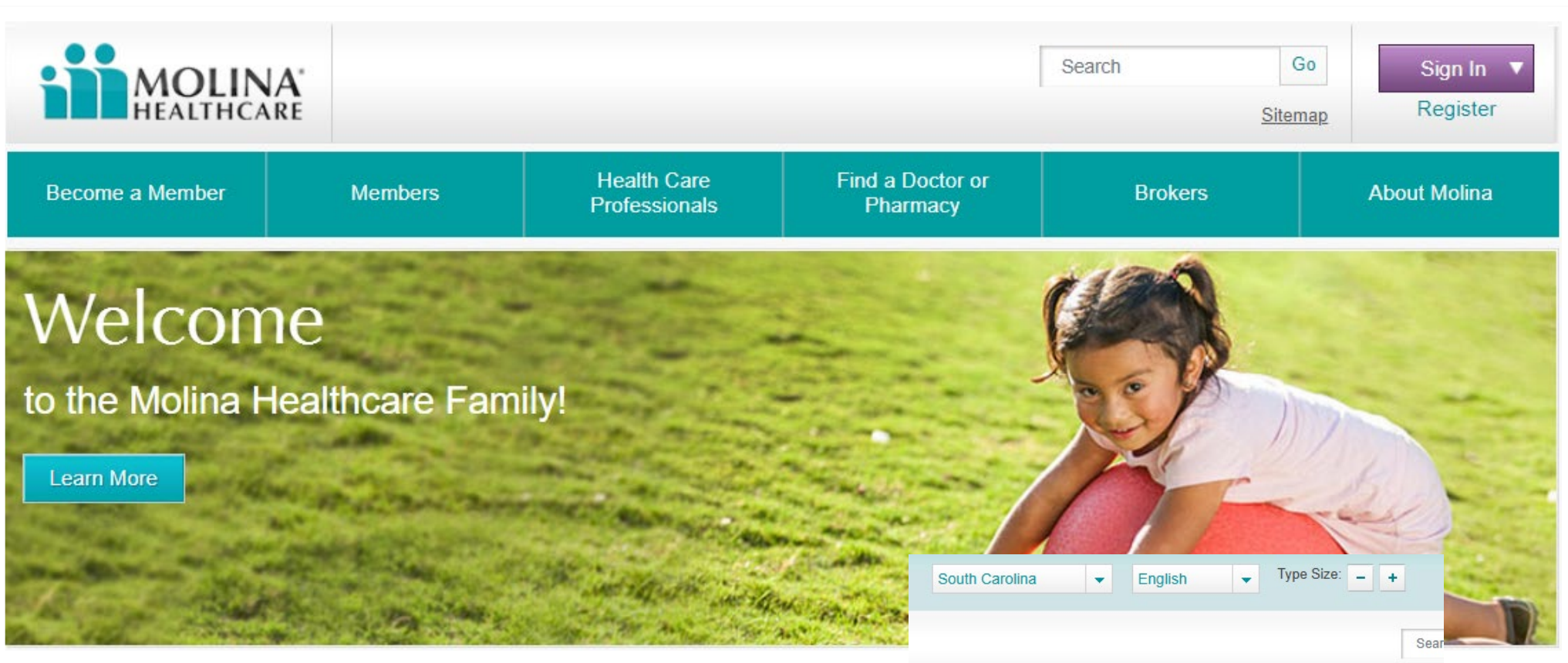
Molina has a Provider Website for each State and line of business, available under the Health Care Professionals drop-down menu.

Find the Provider Website at MolinaHealthcare.com.

Provider Online Resources

Molina's Provider Website has a variety of online resources:

Provider Manual	Dental Manual	Claims Information	You Matter to Molina Page and a Claims Payment Systemic Errors (CPSE) Page	Contact Information

Provider Online Directory

Availity Essentials Portal

Member Rights and Responsibilities

Preventive and Clinical Care Guidelines

Prior Authorization Information

Claim Dispute

Provider Communications: Provider Bulletins and Provider Newsletters

Fraud, Waste and Abuse Information

Advanced Directives

Molina Payment Policies
Molina Clinical Policies

Pharmacy Information

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

Frequently Used Forms

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Provider Manual Highlights

Provider Manuals are <u>specific to each line of business</u>. Each Provider Manual is customarily updated annually but may be updated more frequently. Information in the Provider Manual includes:

Benefits and Covered Services	Member Rights and Responsibilities
Claims and Compensation	Preventive Health Guidelines
Member Appeals and Grievances	Quality Improvement
Credentialing and Recredentialing	Transportation Services
Delegation Oversight	Referral and Authorizations
Enrollment and Disenrollment	Provider Responsibilities
Eligibility	Pharmacy
Health Care Services	Address and Phone Numbers
Interpreter Services	Provider Data Accuracy
HIPAA	Long-Term Services and Supports

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Provider Newsletter

A Quarterly Provider Newsletter is sent to Molina's provider network to share news and updates.

The Provider Newsletter includes:
- Prior authorization changes
- Training opportunities
- Updates to the Availity Essentials Portal
- You Matter to Molina Corner
- Changes in policies that could affect:
  - Claim submissions
  - Billing procedures
  - Payment
  - Disputes & Appeals

Palmetto Partners

Provider updates & resources from Molina Healthcare of South Carolina, Inc.

June 2025

Resources

Molina Provider Website

Comprehensive Drug List and SCDHHS Preferred Drug List

Partners in Care Newsletters

Frequently Used Forms

Molina Fact Sheet

Provider Rep Map

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Provider Porta...
Molina's Provider Portal has a variety of tools to simplify your transactions, whether you need to check eligibility, claim status,

Welcome!

Thank you for reading Palmetto Partners, Molina's e-newsletter for providers, packed with information and valuable resources. Our newsletter covers what's going on with Molina, important provider communications, and much more.

You are an essential part of providing quality care for our

Member Moments

To join our distribution list, visit our Provider Website at MolinaHealthcare.com and under the "Communications" tab, on the "Provider Newsletter" page select "click here."
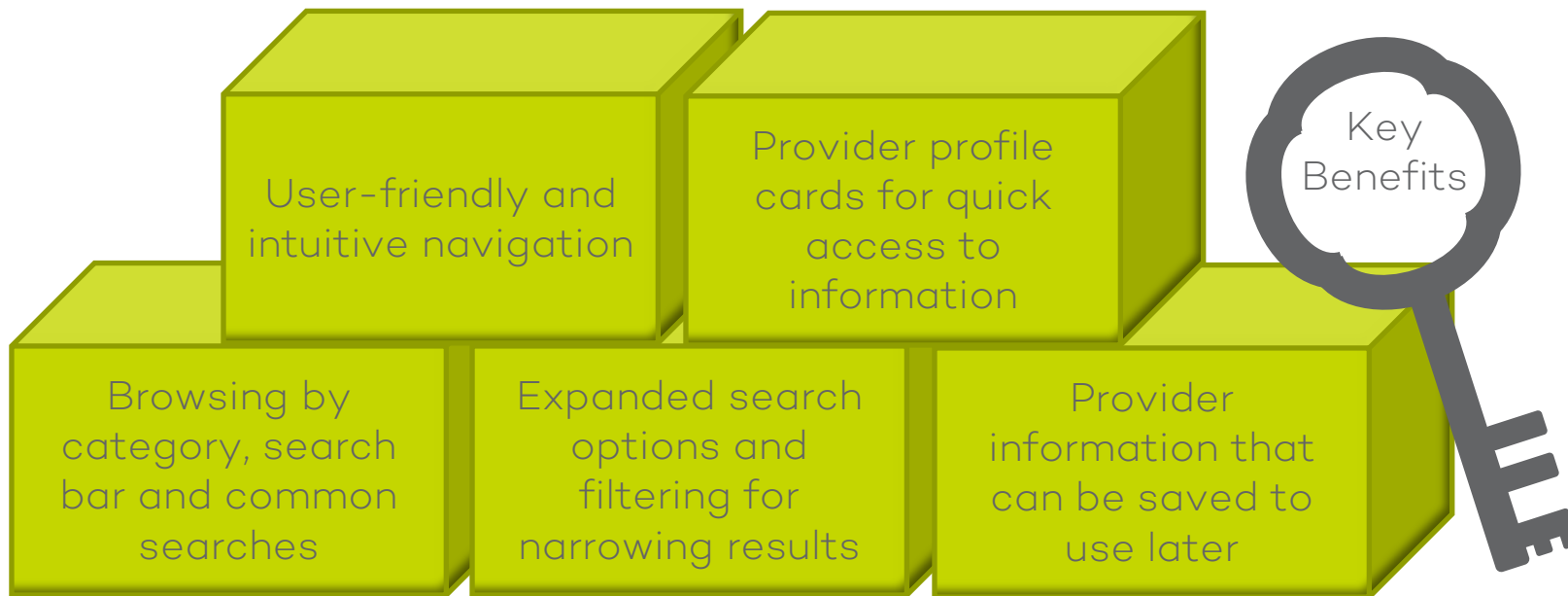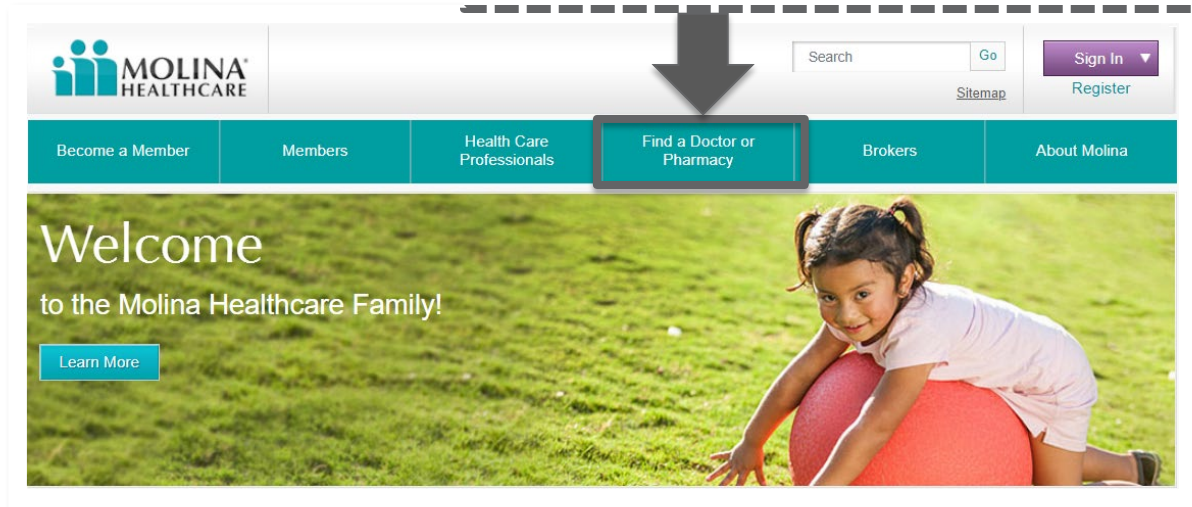
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Molina Provider Online Directory

The Molina Provider Online Directory offers enhanced search functionality, so information is available quickly and easily.

Providers are encouraged to use the Provider Online Directory linked on our Provider Website to find a network provider or specialist.

Key Benefits

- User-friendly and intuitive navigation
- Provider profile cards for quick access to information
- Browsing by category, search bar and common searches
- Expanded search options and filtering for narrowing results
- Provider information that can be saved to use later

Reminder: Members should be referred to participating providers.

Molina Healthcare: Medicaid and Medicare Advantage

Medicaid

Medicare Advantage

Molina Healthcare: Dual Option and Marketplace

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Marketplace

Marketplace members **do not** have out of network benefits, *except* in the event of an emergency.

Members must receive care from in network providers.

Prior Authorization (PA)

Prior Authorization (PA) is a request for prospective review. Requests for services on the PA Lookup Tool on our Provider Website and Provider Portal are evaluated by licensed nurses and trained staff.
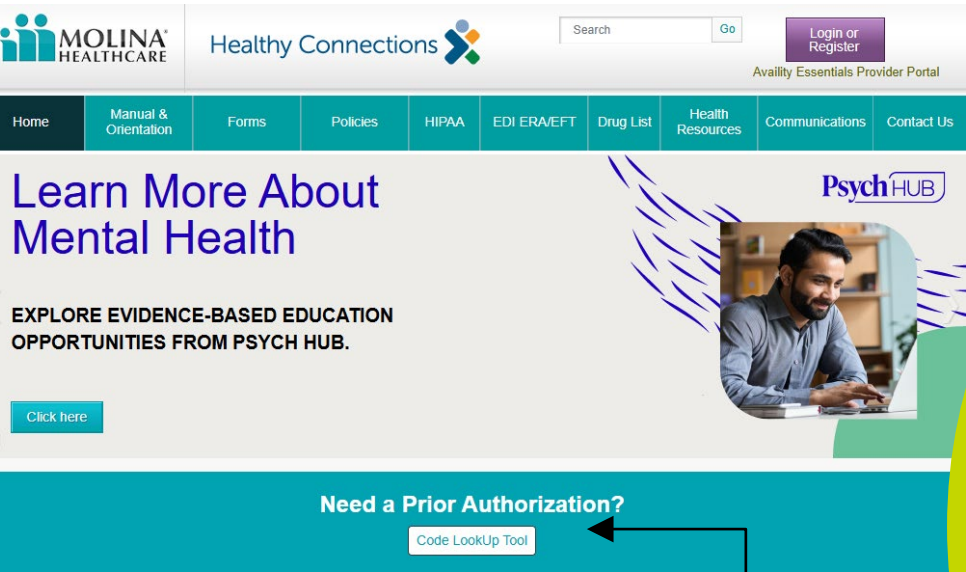
Utilize the PA Lookup Tool on our Provider Website and Provider Portal to determine if a PA is required

PA is designed to:

- Create a collaborative approach to determining the appropriate level of care
- Prevent unanticipated denials of coverage
- Improve coordination of care
- Assist in benefit determination
- Identify care management and disease management opportunities
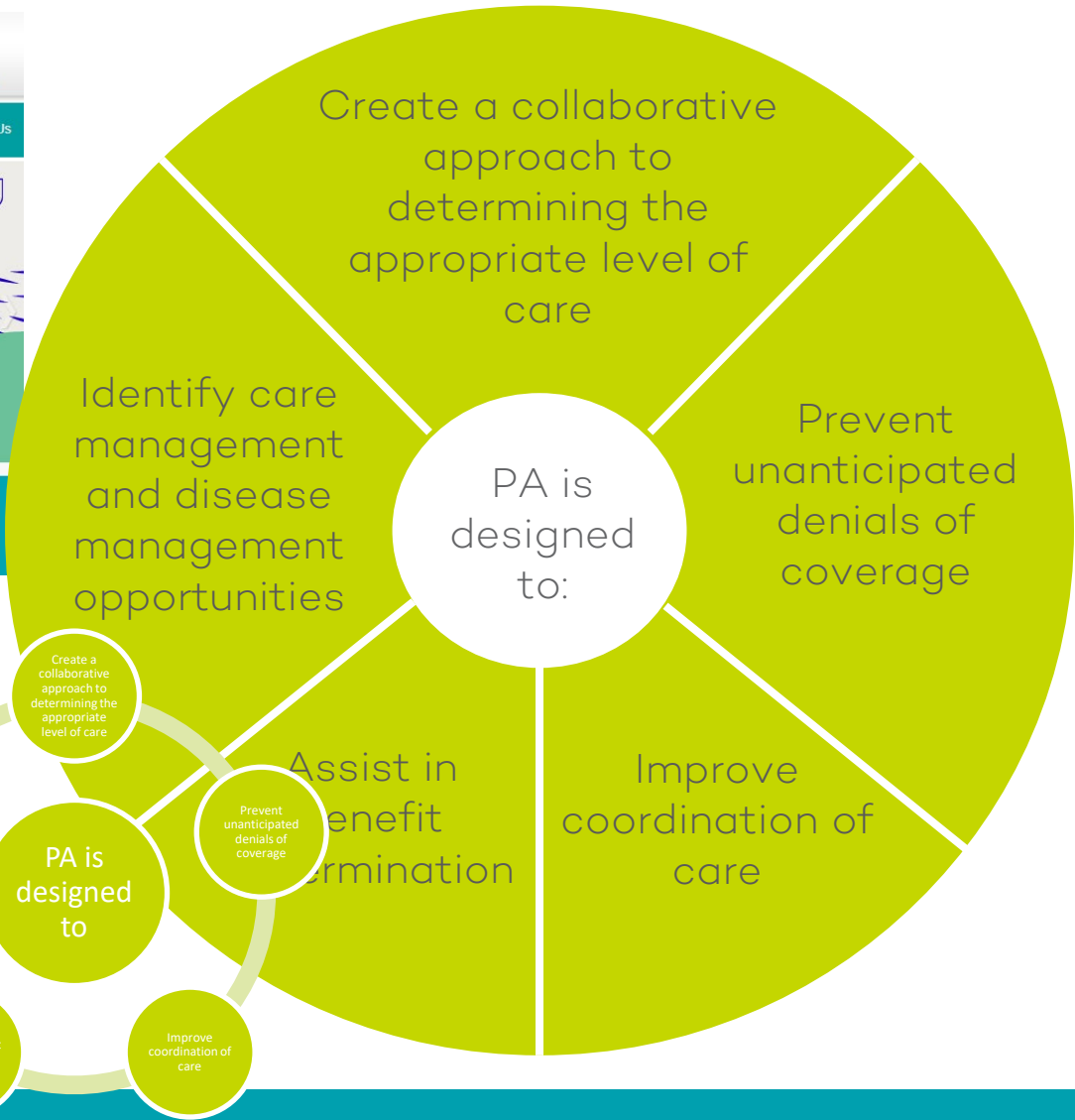
Provider Responsibilities

Molina expects our contracted providers will respect the privacy of Molina members (including Molina members who are not patients of the provider) and comply with all applicable laws and regulations regarding the privacy of patient and member Protected Health Information (PHI).

For additional information view the "Provider Responsibilities" section of the Provider Manual, located at MolinaHealthcare.com under the "Manual" tab. Topics include:
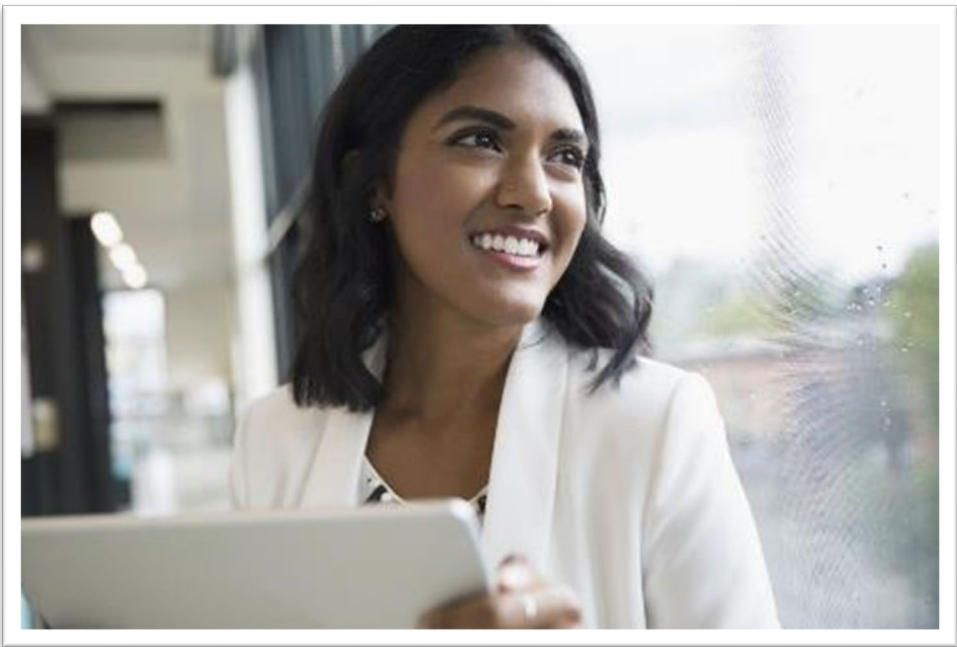
- Non-Discrimination of Health Care Service Delivery
- Provider Data Accuracy and Validation
- National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) Data Verification
- Electronic Solutions/Tools Available to Providers
- Primary Care Provider (PCP) Responsibilities

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You Matter to Molina

At Molina of South Carolina, our providers matter!

Through our program, "You Matter to Molina", we stay directly connected to our entire provider network, working together to deliver high-quality and efficient health care for Molina members.

The program gives providers access to monthly Provider Bulletins, newsletters, trainings, surveys, presentations, videos, resource documents, reference guides and more.

- Access to the PsychHub platform offering free mental health educational courses and CEU opportunities for providers and patient-facing resources.

- Availity Essentials Portal and training resources.

Learn more now at You Matter to Molina

Thank you for being part of the MHSC family!
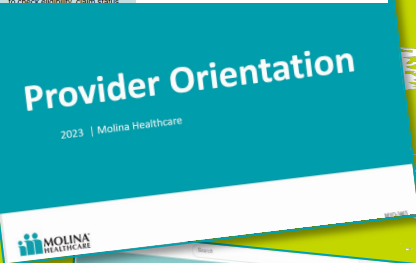
Medicaid Definitions of Terms: Authorization Appeal & Claim Disputes

Authorization Appeal

Provider Dispute for Prior Auth denial
To request an appeal, you may call:
(855) 882-3901
Fax:
(877) 823-5961

Send in writing to:
Molina Healthcare of South Carolina C/O Firstsource
PO Box 182273
Chattanooga, TN 37422

Availity Claim Payment Inquiry/ Reconsideration

A Claim Payment Inquiry or Reconsideration is a review of a claim you believe was paid incorrectly or denied <u>due</u> to a minor error.
These inquiries are typically straightforward and can be quickly resolved but are NOT CONSIDERED formal appeals so medical records are not reviewed.
This option consists of the following :

1. **Reconsideration – Authorization**
2. **Reconsideration – Eligibility**
3. **Reconsideration – Pricing Review**
4. **Reconsideration – Other**

Claims Appeal

Formerly known as a "claim reconsideration." This process is used only for disputing a payment denial, payment amount, or a code edit. Claim Appeal must be submitted on the Claim Appeal Form . May be submitted via Availity, or fax.

Types of Claim Forms

Professional & Institutional Claim Forms

The two claim forms used for billing Molina include:

UB-04 (CMS-1450): Institutional

CMS-1500: Professional

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Providers should follow standard guidance for accurate completion of UB-04 and CMS-1500 claims prior to submission

The two form types do not always stand alone. For example, if a surgeon performs a procedure in a facility such as a hospital or Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC), a CMS-1500 will be submitted for the surgeon's services only, while a separate UB-04 form will be submitted for the use of the facility. Both forms will be needed to fully bill out for a procedure.

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UB-04 Claim Form

The National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) UB-04 claim form includes 81 fields and is used by facility providers, including:

Hospitals

Nursing Facilities

Mental Health Institutions

In-Patient Facilities

Ambulatory Surgery Centers

Molina strongly encourages providers to submit claims electronically, including secondary claims.

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CMS-1500 Claim Form

The National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) CMS-1500 claim form includes 33 fields and is used by non-institutional providers, up to and including:

- Individual Provider
- Ambulatory Surgery Center
- Therapists
- Specialists
- Outpatient Clinic

Molina strongly encourages providers to submit claims electronically, including secondary claims.

Availity Essentials Portal

Availity Essentials (Availity) Provider Portal

Register for Availity at availity.com/provider-portal-registration and select your organization type.

Log into Availity

Availity Essentials Portal

Once registered providers will have access to the Availity Essentials Portal training by following these steps:

In the Availity Essentials Learning Center (ALC) that opens in a new browser tab, search the catalog and enroll for this title: Availity Essentials Overview for Molina Providers - Recorded Webinar

Select Help & Training > Get Trained

Log in to the Availity Essentials Portal
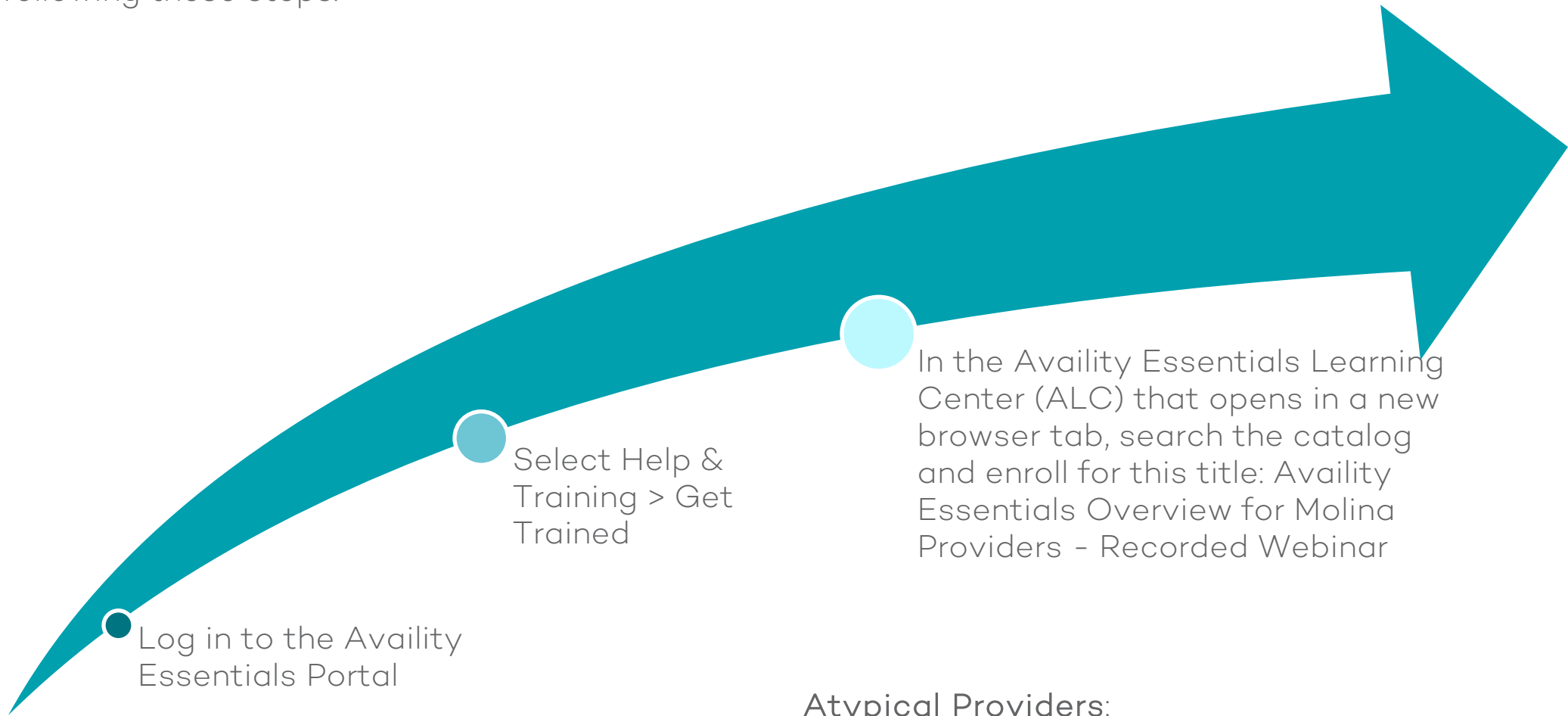
Atypical Providers:
Under "News and Announcements" select "Atypical Providers: Here's your Ticket to Working with the Availity Essentials Portal" to view training sessions.

Availity Essentials Portal

The Availity Essentials Provider Portal is secure and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Self-service Provider Portal options include:

- Online Claim Submission
- Claims Status Inquiry
- Corrected Claims
- Member Eligibility Verification and Benefits
- Secure Messaging
- Check Status of Claim Dispute
- Manage Overpayment Request
- Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®)
- Online Appeal Requests
- Care Coordination Portal
- Remittance Viewer
- View PCP Member Roster
- Submit and Check Status of PA Requests

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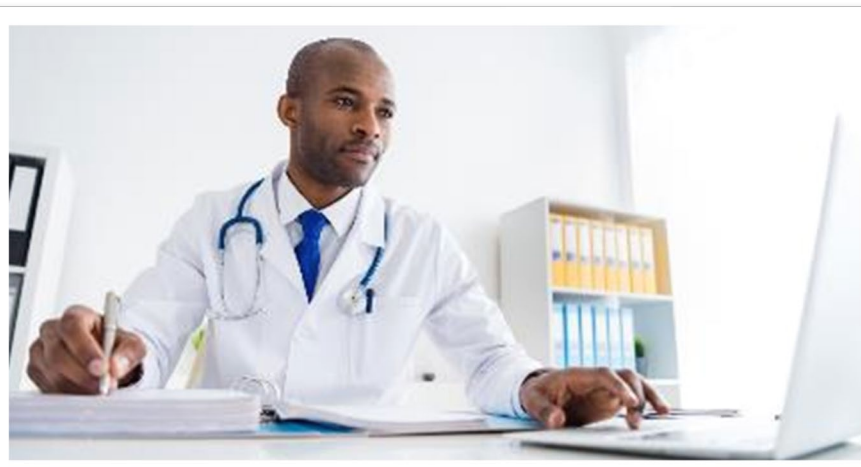
Coordination of Benefits

Primary Insurance

A Medicaid beneficiary may have a third-party resource (health insurance, another person or entity) that is liable to pay for the beneficiary's health care.

Third Parties could include:

Health Insurers (include private or employer-based coverage, Medicare and TRICARE)

Other government programs

Other liable people or entities

Coordination of Benefits (COB) ensures that payment is not more than required and helps recover payments when a third party is responsible to pay for all or some of the health care received by a member.

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Primary and Payer of Last Resort

When a person has Medicaid and there is another liable third party:

Health insurance, including Medicare and TRICARE generally pay first, to the limit of coverage liability.

Other third parties generally pay after settlement of claims.

Medicaid is payer of last resort for services covered under Medicaid, except in those limited circumstances where there is a federal statute making Medicaid primary to a specific federal program.

For members with an active waiver enrollment, the waiver is the payer of last resort.
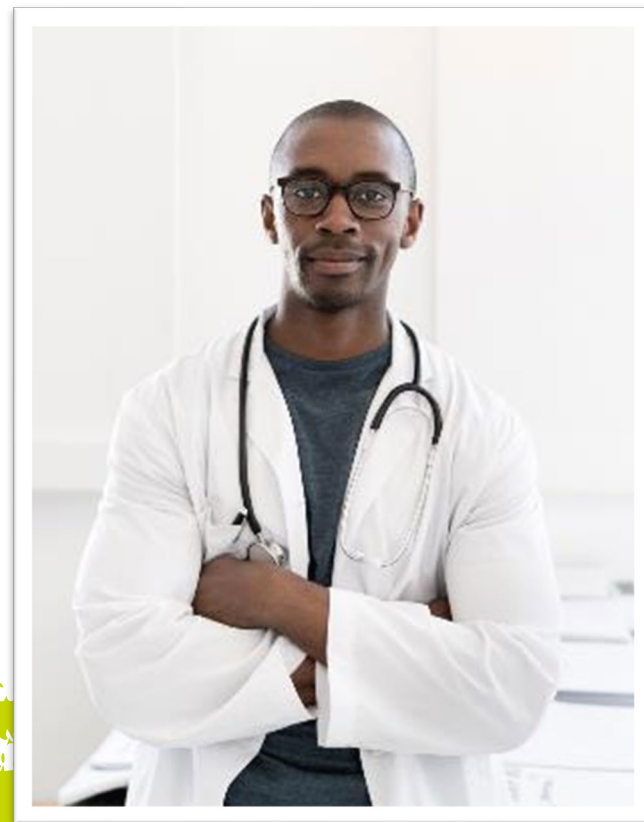
Deficit Reduction Act of 2005: Impact on Claims, Continued

If Molina identifies commercial third-party liability <u>within 270 days</u> from the provider's payment date from Molina:

- Molina will issue a letter to the provider stating the details of the third-party payer identified by Molina as well as a request for refund of the impacted claims within 60 days.

- Provider to perform COB and bill the third-party payer identified.

- Provider should refund Molina for the amount paid on the impacted claim(s) within 60 days.
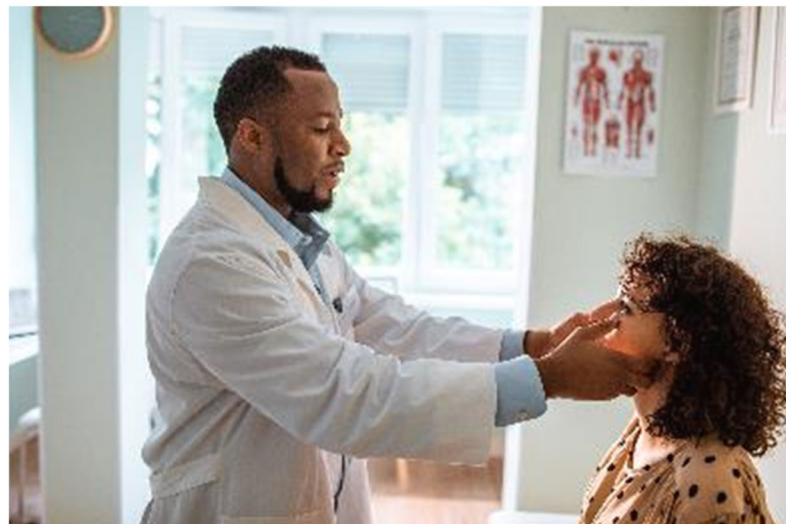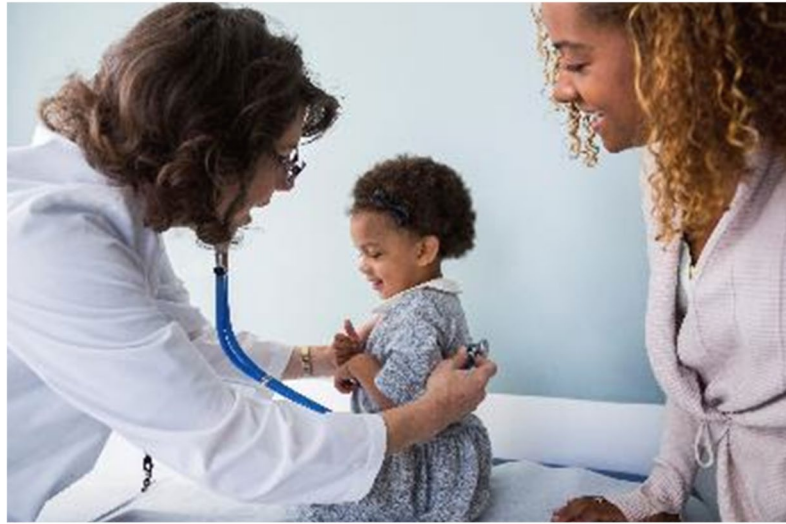
- If no refund is received from the provider within 60 days, Molina will recover the amount paid from future claim payments.

- Upon receipt of third-party payment, provider should submit the claim and third-party remittance to Molina for COB, subject to timely filing requirements.

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Code Editing

Claim Editing Process

Coding edits are based on Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), Medicaid Purchasing Administration (MPA) guidelines, industry standard NCCI policy and guidelines and industry payment rules and guidelines as specified by a defined set of indicators in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base (MPFSDB).

Molina has a claim pre-payment auditing process that identifies frequent correct coding billing errors as such as:

- Bundling and unbundling coding errors
- Duplicate claims
- Services included in global care
- Incorrect coding of services rendered

If you disagree with an edit, please follow the Claim Appeal process guidelines located in the Provider Manual.

Coding Sources: CPT

CPT is an American Medical Association (AMA) maintained uniform coding system.

CPT codes are five-digit numeric codes used to identify medical services and procedures furnished by physicians and other health care professionals.

Category I: Procedures/Services

Category III: Emerging Technology

There are three types of CPT codes:

Category II: Performance Measurement
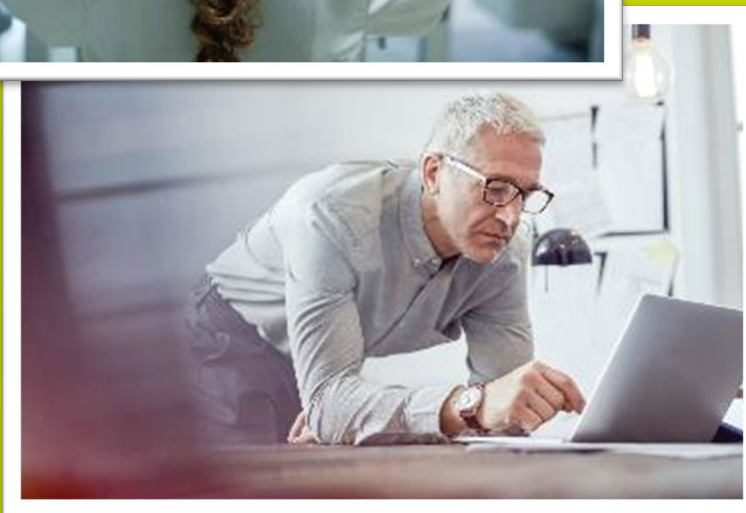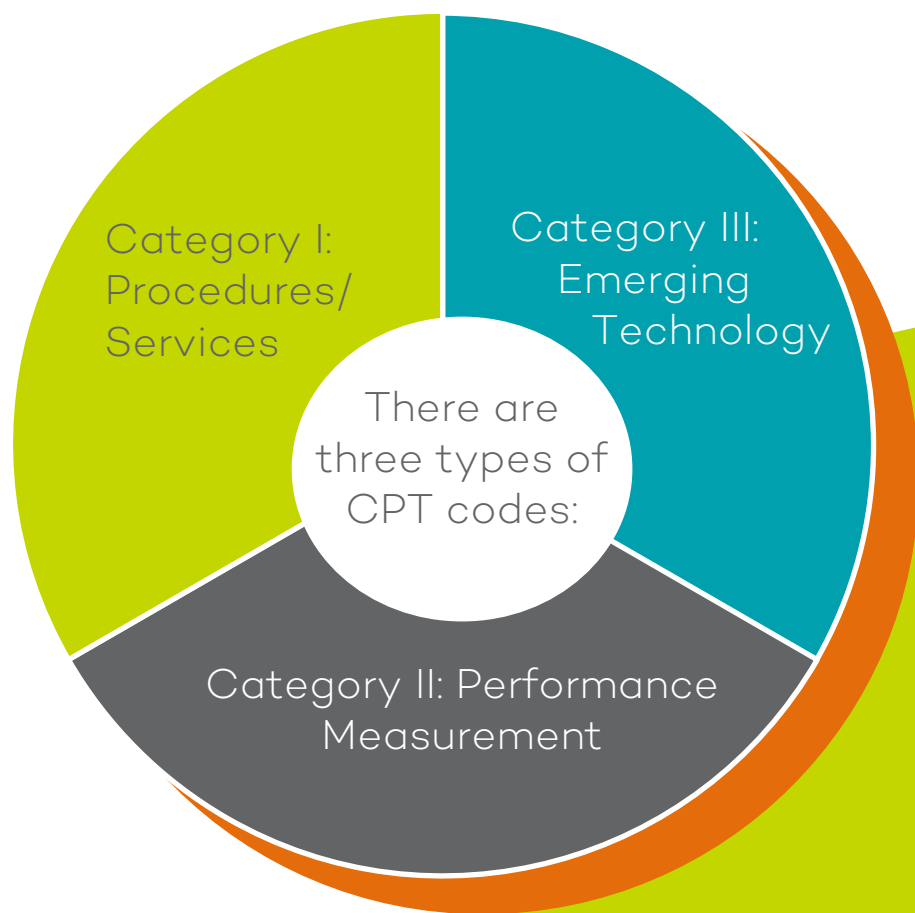
Coding Sources: HCPCS

Health Care Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) is a CMS-maintained uniform coding system.

HCPCS codes are five-digit numeric codes used to identify procedure, supply and Durable Medical Equipment (DME) codes furnished by physicians and other health care professionals.

Level I
Comprised of CPT codes

There are two types of HCPCS codes:

Level II
Used to identify products, supplies and services not included in CPT codes (ex. ambulance services and DME)

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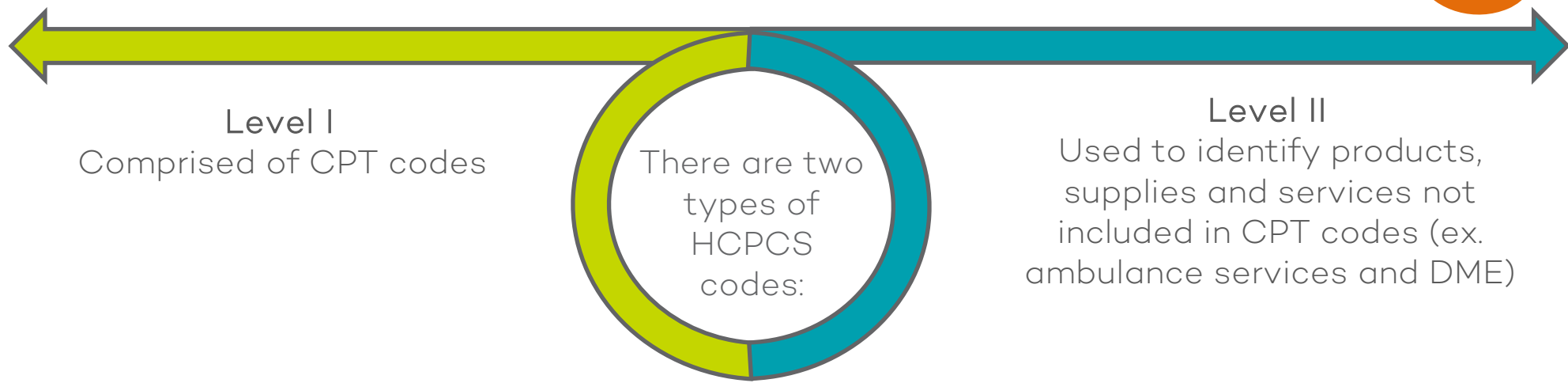
Coding Sources: ICD-10 Diagnosis

ICD-10-CM –
International Classification of Diseases, 10th revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) diagnosis codes are maintained by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control (CDC) within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ICD-10-PCS –
International Classification of Diseases, 10th revision, Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-PCS) are used to report procedures for inpatient hospital services.

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11-Digit National Drug Code (NDC)

The 11-digit National Drug Code (NDC) number must be reported on all professional and outpatient claims when submitted on the CMS-1500 and UB-04 claim forms, or electronic equivalent.

Providers will need to submit claims with both HCPCS and NDC codes with the exact NDC that appears on the medication packaging in the 5-4-2-digit format (i.e., xxxxx-xxxx-xx) as well as the NDC units and descriptors.

If the NDC information is missing or invalid, the claim line(s) will be denied.

10-Digit National Drug Code (NDC)

When the package of a drug only includes a 10-digit NDC number, the 10 digits must be converted to 11 digits by adding a leading zero to only one segment as indicated below:

Ex. 09999-9999-99

If the first segment contains only four digits, add a leading zero to the segment
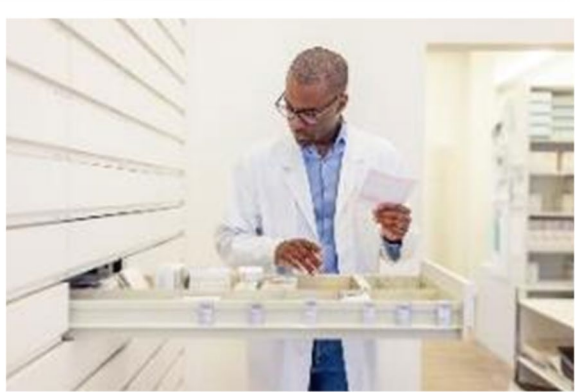
Ex. 99999-0999-99

If the second segment contains only three digits, add a leading zero to the segment

Ex. 99999-9999-09

If the third segment contains only one digit, add a leading zero to the segment

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National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI)

CMS has directed all federal agencies to implement National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) as policy in support of Section 6507 of the Patient Affordable Care Act of March 23, 2010. Molina uses NCCI standard payment methodologies.

NCCI Procedure to Procedure edits prevent inappropriate payment of services that should not be bundled or billed together, and to promote correct coding practices.

Based on NCCI Coding Manual and CPT guidelines, some services/procedures performed in conjunction with an Evaluation and Management (E&M) code will bundle into the procedure when performed by same physician and separate reimbursement will not be allowed if the sole purpose for the visit is to perform the procedures.
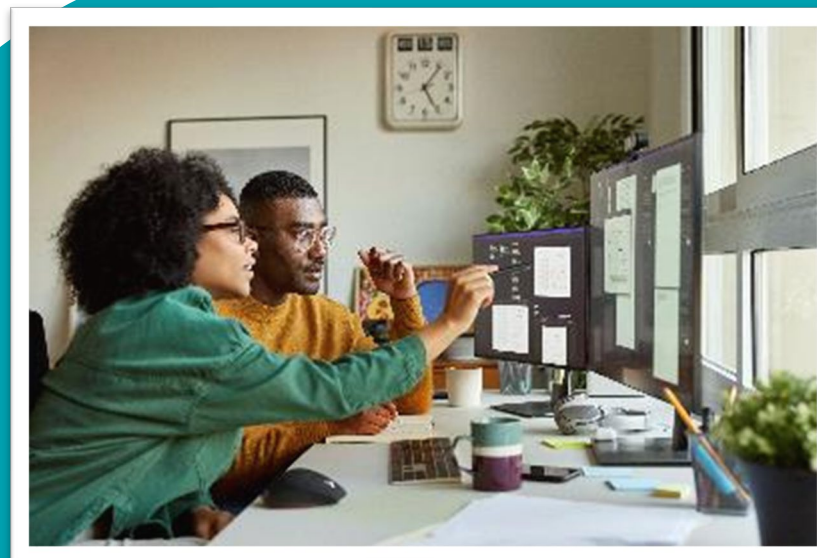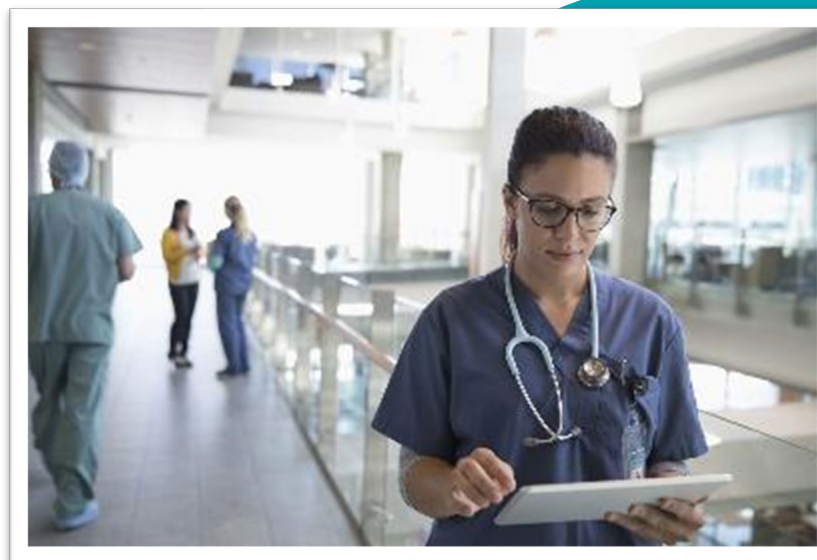
NCCI, Continued

NCCI editing also includes Medically Unlikely Edits (MUEs), which prevent payment for an inappropriate number/quantity of the same service on a single day. A MUE for a HCPCS/CPT code is the maximum number of units of service under most circumstances reportable by the same provider for the same patient on the same date of service.

Providers must correctly report the most comprehensive CPT code that describes the service performed, including the most appropriate modifier when required.

For additional information on CMS guidelines for NCCI edits, visit the CMS NCCI page.

Evaluation and Management (E&M)

Providers should report E&M services in accordance with the AMA CPT Manual and the CMS guidelines for billing E&M service codes: Documentation Guidelines for E&M.

- The level of service for E&M service codes is based primarily on the member's medical history, examination and medical decision-making.

- Counseling, coordination of care, the nature of the presenting problem and face-to-face time are considered contributing factors.

- Medical necessity of a service is the overarching criterion for payment in addition to the individual requirements of a CPT code.

- It would not be medically necessary or appropriate to bill a higher level of E&M service when a lower level or service is warranted.

- The volume of documentation should not be the primary influence upon which a specific level of service is billed and should support the level of service reported.

CMS Regulations and Guidance 30.6.1/Selection of Level of Evaluation and Management Services, A – Use of CPT Code (cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/r178cp.pdf).

E&M Pre-Payment Review

Molina evaluates and reviews high-level E&M services for all lines of business.

The evaluation and review process will include claims that appear to have been incorrectly coded based on diagnostic information that appears on the claim and peer comparison.

Service codes included in the scope of this review include 99204, 99205, 99214 and 99215.

Claims that have been identified as incorrectly coded will include a remittance message that indicates that it was identified as incorrect coding.

If a provider disagrees with a claim finding, the provider can file an Appeal following the published guidelines.

Diagnosis Related Group (DRG)

Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) (both Medicare Severity-Diagnosis Related Group [MS-DRG] and All Patient Refined-Diagnosis Related Group [APR-DRG]) clinical validations are performed by Molina and a vendor.

The DRG and principal diagnosis are to be determined upon discharge and should not be based on the clinical suspicions at the time of admission.

The DRG clinical validation determination will be made using the medical record documentation available at the time of review, or upon request, and must support all diagnoses and procedures billed, including Major Complication or Comorbidity (MCC) and Complication or Comorbidity (CC).
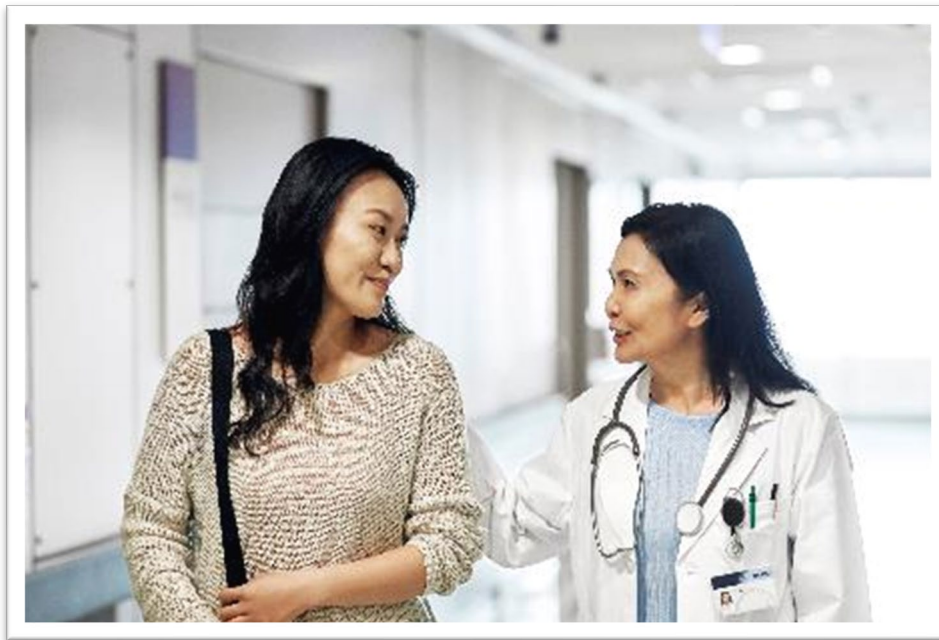
Correct DRG assignment is in accordance with industry coding standards:

Coding Clinics

ICD Coding Manual

ICD-10-CM Coding Guidelines

Uniform Hospital Discharge Data Set

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DRG, Continued

DRG clinical validation includes, but is not limited to, verification of the following:

Diagnostic code assignments

Procedural code assignments

Sequencing of codes

DRG grouping assignment

Major Complication or Comorbidity (MCC) and Complication or Comorbidity (CC), if reported

DRG, Continued

If DRG clinical validation does not substantiate the billed DRG, or it is inconsistent with standards and requirements, Molina will:

- Update the incorrect DRG to the correct DRG assignment
- Adjust payment or request refunds as appropriate
- Send a notification of the result

In the event providers do not submit requested documentation within 30 days, or the documentation submitted does not support the DRG clinical validation review, Molina may deny, reduce or recover claim payment consistent with the documentation provided.

Molina will send a notification explaining the results of the validation review.

Providers retain their right to dispute the results of these reviews as outlined in the letter or in the Provider Manual.

Optum Prepay Audit

Molina, in partnership with Optum, performs prepayment reviews utilizing widely acknowledged national guidelines for billing practices and to support uniform billing for all payers.

The prepayment claim reviews will ensure claims are billed accurately and coded correctly by reviewing state and federal policies sourced from Medicaid and Medicare rules utilized industry-wide.

The concepts utilized for the pre-pay reviews align with correct coding practices and incorporate a review of medical records to determine whether they support the services and codes billed.
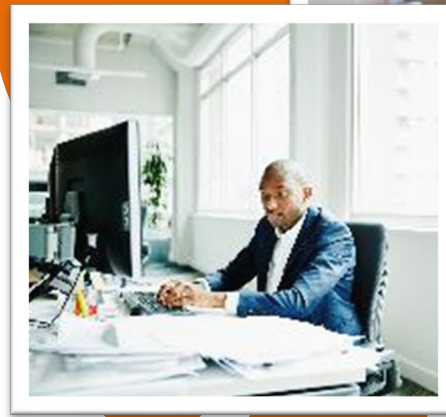
Optum Pause + Prepay Review: Services Impacted

Evaluation and Management

Surgical Services

Durable Medical Equipment

Observation Stay

Laboratory Services

Allergy Services

Behavioral Health

Radiology

Drugs and Biologics

Add on Services

Custom Fitted or Fabricated Orthotics

Anesthesia Services

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Please note: This is not an all-inclusive list

National & Local Coverage Determinations

Through implementation of claims edits, Molina's claim payment system is designed to audit claims concurrently, to detect and prevent paying claims that are inappropriate.

In the absence of state specific guidelines, Molina applies additional guidelines to their claims' payment logic, including:

- National Coverage Determinations (NCDs)
- Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs)

NCDs and LCDs are decisions by Medicare and their administrative contractors that provide coverage information and determine whether services are reasonable and necessary on certain services offered by participating providers.

Note: NCDs supersede LCDs, but LCDs expand on coverage policies for each jurisdiction, and these coverage policies may vary, including information regarding appropriate coding, credentialing, diagnostic testing and treatment.

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Code Edit Policy Disputes

When submitting an Appeal related to a code edit it is important to include the information below:

Include any supporting clinical documentation

Include trip documentation for ambulance services

Explanation of why the provider does not agree with Molina's current correct coding policy or interpretation

Include the supporting alternative policy information and the source where it can be found
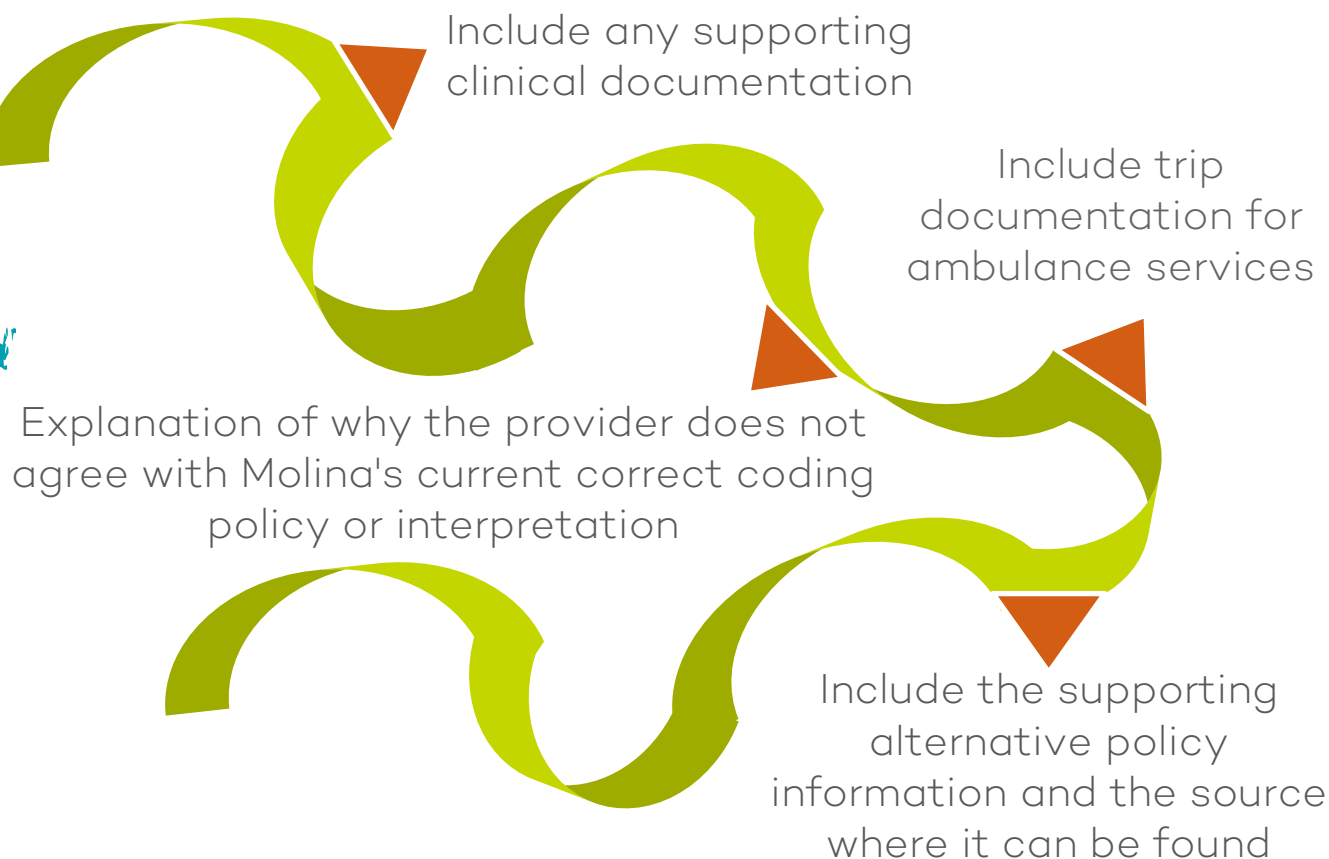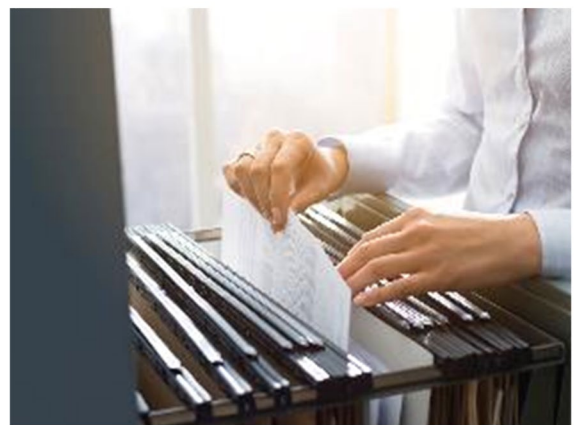
A provider can request an Appeal form regarding a code edit policy in situations where the provider's and Molina's correct coding policy sources conflict, or where they may have different interpretations of a common correct coding policy source.

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Corrected Claims

Corrected Claims

Corrected claims are considered new claims for processing purposes. Corrected claim submissions are not adjustments and should be directed through the original submission process marked as a corrected claim or it may result in the claim being denied.

- Corrected claims must be submitted electronically with the appropriate fields on the 837I or 837P completed.

- The Provider Portal includes functionality to submit corrected Institutional and Professional Claims.

- Corrected claims must include the correct coding to denote if the claim is a replacement of prior claim or corrected claim for an 837I, or the correct resubmission code for an 837P, and include the original claim number.

- Claims submitted without the correct coding will be denied.

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Corrected Claims, Continued

Corrected Claims must be received by Molina no later than the filing limitation stated in the provider contract or within 365 days of the original remittance advice. Claims submitted after the filing limit will be denied.

Reminders for the corrected claim process:

Submit electronically, Paper, or on the Provider Portal

Include all elements that need correction, and all originally submitted elements

Do not submit only codes edited by Molina

Do not submit via Appeal Process

Include the original Molina claim ID number

Corrected claims must be submitted with the Molina claim ID number from the claim being corrected, and with the appropriate corrected claim indicator based on claim form type.

Claim Submission Timelines

	Medicaid	Medicare	MMP (Duals)	Marketplace
Timely Filing Limit	**12 months/365 days** after the discharge for inpatient services or the date of service for outpatient services	**365** calendar days after the discharge for inpatient services or the date of service for outpatient services	**365** calendar days after the discharge for inpatient services or the date of service for outpatient services	**365** days from the date of service
Corrected Claims	**365** calendar days from the date of service	**365 calendar days** from the date of service or most recent adjudicated date of the claim	**365 calendar days** from the date of service	**365 calendar days** from the date of service
TPL/COB (Third Party Liability/Coordination of Benefits)	**12 months/365 days** from date of service after final determination by the primary payer	**365 calendar days** after final determination by the primary payer	**365 calendar days** after final determination by the primary payer	**365 calendar days** after final determination by the primary payer
Appeal	Requests must be made within **90 calendar days** of Molina's original remittance advice date	Requests must be made within **120 calendar days** of Molina's original remittance advice date or longer as stated in the Provider Agreement.	Requests must be made within **120 calendar days** of Molina's original remittance advice date or longer as stated in the Provider Agreement.	Requests must be made within **90 calendar days** of Molina's original remittance advice date.

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Claim Attachments

Attachments

Providers should include supporting documentation as an attachment with the initial claim, or with a corrected claim once the initial claim has been finalized.

Providers can upload documents to claims:

- Within the Provider Portal at the time of the claim submission
- Attach to a claim that was submitted through Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) while it is in adjudication using the PWK Indicator process

Note: Once the claim is in adjudication it is too late to add attachments.

Examples of attachments are consent forms, and Itemized Bills
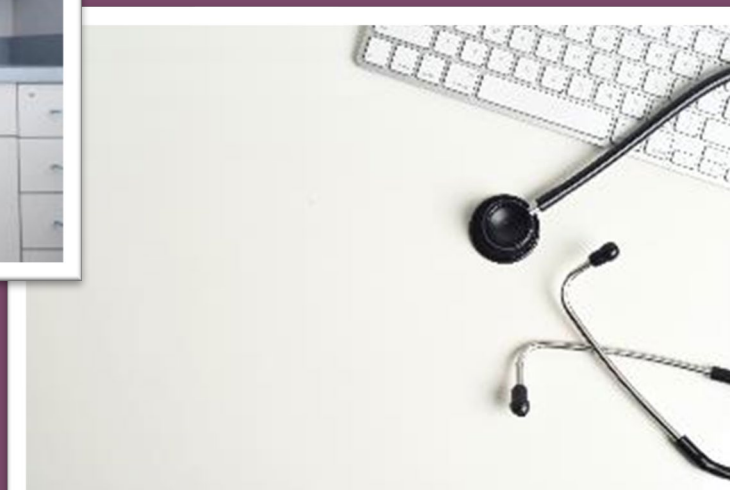
Claim Appeal

Appeal

Submit a claim appeal when disputing a payment denial, payment amount or code edit.

Primary insurance EOB, corrected claims and itemized statements are not accepted via Appeal. Please refer to the Supporting Documents or Claim Submission process guidelines.

Molina allows providers to submit claim disputes verbally, in writing or through the Availity Essentials Portal. If the provider is submitting in writing, Molina requires an intake Form which the provider completes with the claim or authorization information, the member's identifiable information and a fax number to respond to the provider's dispute. This form is the same information captured verbally during a phone call and the same information captured through the provider portal electronic submission.

The form and supporting documents can be submitted through the Availity Essentials Portal or the form can be faxed to Molina.

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Appeal Form

Request Requirements:

- Molina's form or similar document should be submitted for any dispute that is related to a claim denial that is not due to an authorization

- Requests must be fully explained as to the reason for appeal.

- The dispute must be submitted within the timeframes stated in the Provider Manual

- The submission should include previous claim/remittance advice, any other documentation to support the request and a copy of the authorization/referral form (if applicable)

    This form is available on our Provider Website under the Forms tab.

Note: According to South Carolina regulations, health care providers are not permitted to balance bill Medicaid members for services or supplies provided.

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Potentially Preventable Readmissions

Review **PI Policy** for additional information

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Readmissions

Readmission review is an important part of Molina's Quality Improvement Program to ensure that Molina members are receiving hospital care that is compliant with nationally recognized guidelines as well as federal and state regulations.

1 Day — Readmissions occurring within one calendar day from discharge (same or similar diagnosis).

Readmissions occurring within 2-30 days of discharge (same or similar diagnosis PLUS preventable). — **2-30 Days**

There are two situations for Readmissions

Molina will conduct readmission reviews for participating hospitals when both admissions occur at the same acute inpatient facility within the state regulatory requirement dates.

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Readmissions, Continued

One Calendar Day

When a subsequent admission to the same facility with the same or similar diagnosis occurs within one calendar day of discharge, the hospital will be informed that the readmission should be combined with the initial admission and will be processed as a continued stay.

2-30 Days

When a subsequent admission to the same facility occurs within 2-30 days of discharge, if it is determined that the readmission is related to the first admission (readmission), or if it is determined to be preventable, then a single payment may be considered as payment in full for both the first and subsequent hospital admissions.

Provider can dispute with supporting documentation if they believe the readmission is unrelated or unpreventable based on published guidelines.

For additional information see the Readmission Payment Policy on the Provider Website.

Sepsis

Review **PI Payment Policy 26 Sepsis** for additional information

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Sepsis and Septic Shock Payment Policy

Molina uses the revised sepsis guidelines issued by the Third International Consensus Definitions for Sepsis and Septic Shock (Sepsis-3).

The Sepsis-3 guidelines have consolidated three sepsis categories into two categories:

- Sepsis and severe sepsis have been merged into one category, now called sepsis.

- Septic shock (or Sepsis-3) have not changed significantly.

The Sepsis-3 definition will be used in clinical claim reviews to validate that sepsis was present and that related services were appropriately submitted as part of the member's claim.

If clinical documentation provided to and reviewed by Molina does not support Sepsis-3 definitions and associated services, hospital payments will be adjusted appropriately.

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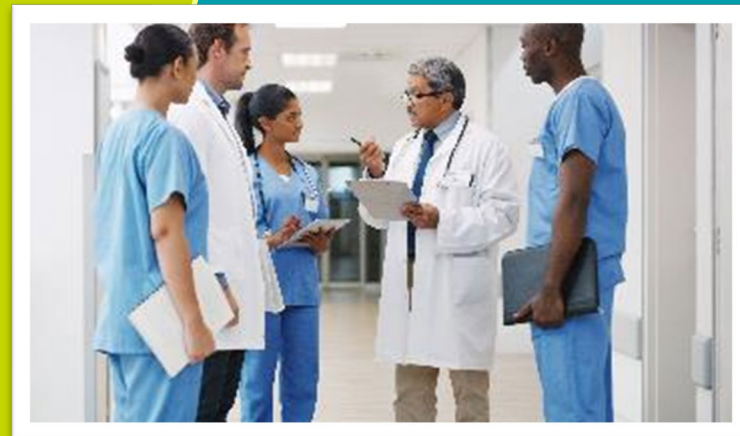
Sepsis and Septic Shock Payment Policy: Claims

Molina will review the clinical at the time of the claim receipt to determine if any diagnosis (primary or secondary) of sepsis or septic shock meet the Sepsis-3 guideline:

If clinical documentation meets Sepsis-3 guidance, the claim will be processed based on medical necessity and standard payment guidelines.

If clinical documentation does not meet Sepsis-3 guidance, the claim will be processed with the removal of the sepsis or septic shock diagnosis(es) when evaluating the payment.

If a sepsis or septic shock diagnosis is determined to be inappropriate, providers will have standard timelines via the Appeal Process for Molina to perform review of the additional documentation from providers.

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Itemized Bills

Review **PI Policy** for additional information

Molina requires an Itemized Bill be submitted with all claims over 100k

How To Identify a Claim With an Itemized Bill Request

Remit codes 252 and N26 are used when processing a claim requiring an Itemized Bill.

Remit Code	Description
252	An attachment/other documentation is required to adjudicate this claim/service.
N26	Missing itemized bill/statement.

Claims Status

Whether you submit claims via clearinghouse or the Availity Provider Portal, the Portal will show the status as pend/in process, if not yet final. You can search for the claim via the member info and Date of Service, or the claim ID provided by their clearinghouse to verify status before attempting to attach documents.

Claims Attachments

When submitting a claim through a clearinghouse, you can add attachments (i.e., the Itemized Bill) via the Provider Portal if the claim is **not** finalized (i.e., the claim must be pending or in process). If the claim has moved to a finalized status (i.e., paid or denied), a corrected claim or dispute should be submitted **with** the Itemized Bill. For assistance with the process, contact Availity Client Services at (800) 282-4548.

How To Attach

1. In the Availity Portal, go to **Claims & Payments** and select appropriate bill type (e.g., Professional Claim).
2. You will be prompted to select your organization, transaction, and payer.
3. As you complete the form, you will come to the **Attachments** section. On the **Report Type** dropdown, Itemized Bill is not an option, so select "**Medical Record Attachment.**"

Important: Attachments can only be added:
- With the initial submission.
- When a claim is pending/in-process.
- With a corrected claim.

It is **always best** to attach an Itemized Bill with the initial claim.

If you are attaching to a **previously submitted claim** that is pending/in process:

1. Use Claim Status Inquiry to find the correct claim, click it, and view the **Claim Details** page.
2. You can access the **Attachments** section at the bottom of the Claim Details page.
3. Select the type of attachment, click Select File, browse your device for the correct file, and select Upload.
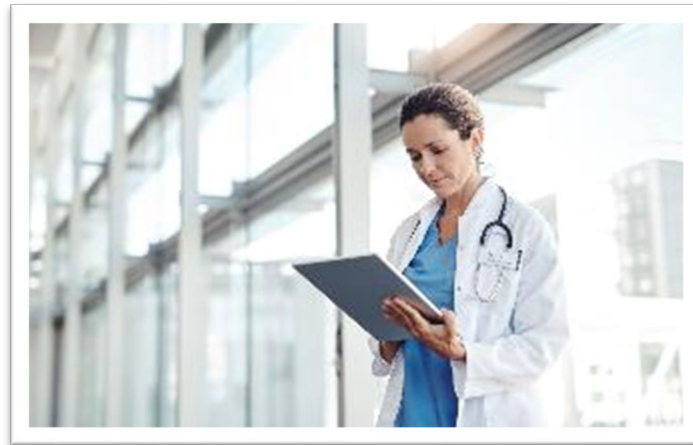4. Repeat step 3 until all appropriate files are loaded, then click Submit Attachments.

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Molina Provider Training Survey

The Molina Provider Relations Team hopes you have found this training session beneficial.

Please share your feedback with us so we can continue to provide you with excellent customer service!

Please take a few minutes to complete the Molina Provider Training survey to provide feedback on this session. The survey is located on the You Matter to Molina Page of our Provider Website, under the "Communications" tab.

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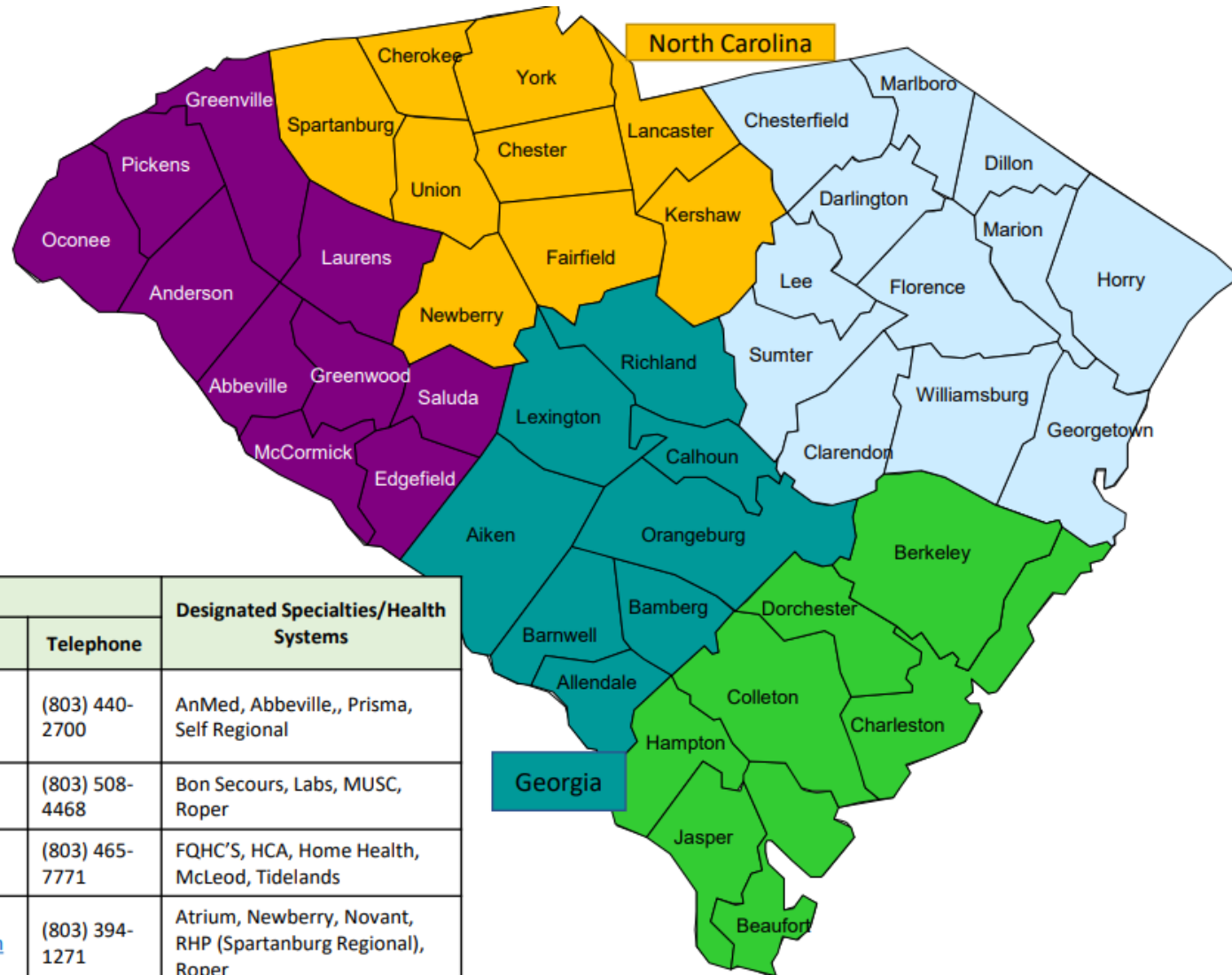
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Thank You

Questions

Open Discussion

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Thank you for participating in today's meeting!