

### NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES MOLINA HEALTHCARE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC.

# THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

Molina Healthcare of South Carolina, Inc. ("**Molina Healthcare**", "**Molina**," "**we**" or "**our**") uses and shares protected health information about You to provide Your health benefits. We use and share Your information to carry out treatment, payment and health care operations. We also use and share Your information for other reasons as allowed and required by law. We have the duty to keep Your health information private and to follow the terms of this Notice. The effective date of this Notice is October 1, 2019.

**PHI** stands for these words, protected health information. PHI means health information that includes Your name, Member number or other identifiers, and is used or shared by Molina Healthcare.

#### Why does Molina Healthcare use or share Your PHI?

We use or share Your PHI to provide You with healthcare benefits. Your PHI is used or shared for treatment, payment, and health care operations.

#### For Treatment

Molina Healthcare may use or share Your PHI to give You, or arrange for, Your medical care. This treatment also includes referrals between Your doctors or other health care providers. For example, we may share information about Your health condition with a specialist. This helps the specialist talk about Your treatment with Your doctor.

#### For Payment

Molina Healthcare may use or share PHI to make decisions on payment. This may include claims, approvals for treatment, and decisions about medical need. Your name, Your condition, Your treatment, and supplies given may be written on the bill. For example, we may let a doctor know that You have our benefits. We would also tell the doctor the amount of the bill that we would pay.

#### For Health Care Operations

Molina Healthcare may use or share PHI about You to run our health plan. For example, we may use information from Your claim to let You know about a health program that could help You. We may also use or share Your PHI to solve Member concerns. Your PHI may also be used to see that claims are paid right. Health care operations involve many daily business needs. It includes but is not limited to, the following:

- Improving quality;
- Actions in health programs to help Members with certain conditions (such as asthma);
- Conducting or arranging for medical review;
- Legal services, including fraud and abuse detection and prosecution programs;

- Actions to help us obey laws;
- Address Member needs, including solving complaints and grievances.

We will share Your PHI with other companies ("**business associates**") that perform different kinds of activities for our health plan. We may also use Your PHI to give You reminders about Your appointments. We may use Your PHI to give You information about other treatment, or other health-related benefits and services.

## When can Molina Healthcare use or share Your PHI without getting written authorization (approval) from You?

The law allows or requires Molina Healthcare to use and share Your PHI for several other purposes including the following:

#### Required by Law

We will use or share information about You as required by law. We will share Your PHI when required by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). This may be for a court case, other legal review, or when required for law enforcement purposes.

#### **Public Health**

Your PHI may be used or shared for public health activities. This may include helping public health agencies to prevent or control disease.

#### Health Care Oversight

Your PHI may be used or shared with government agencies. They may need Your PHI for audits.

#### Judicial or Administrative Proceedings

Your PHI may be used or shared for judicial or administrative proceedings, such as in response to a court order, search warrant or subpoena.

#### Research

Your PHI may be used or shared for research in certain cases.

#### Law Enforcement

Your PHI may be used or shared with police to help find a suspect, witness or missing person.

#### Health and Safety

Your PHI may be shared to prevent a serious threat to public health or safety.

#### **Government Functions**

Your PHI may be shared with the government for special functions. An example would be to protect the President.

#### Victims of Abuse, Neglect or Domestic Violence

Your PHI may be shared with legal authorities if we believe that a person is a victim of abuse or neglect.

#### Workers Compensation

Your PHI may be used or shared to obey Workers Compensation laws.

#### **Other Disclosures**

Your PHI may be shared with funeral directors or coroners to help them to do their jobs.

#### When does Molina Healthcare need Your written authorization (approval) to use or share Your PHI?

Molina Healthcare needs Your written approval to use or share Your PHI for a purpose other than those listed in this Notice. Molina needs Your authorization before we disclose Your PHI for the following: (1) most uses and disclosures of psychotherapy notes; (2) uses and disclosures for marketing purposes; and (3) uses and disclosures that involve the sale of PHI. You may cancel a written approval that You have given us. Your cancellation will not apply to actions already taken by us because of the approval You already gave to us.

#### What are Your health information rights?

You have the right to:

#### • Request Restrictions on PHI Uses or Disclosures (Sharing of Your PHI)

You may ask us not to share Your PHI to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations. You may also ask us not to share Your PHI with family, friends or other persons You name who are involved in Your health care. However, we are not required to agree to Your request. You will need to make Your request in writing. You may use Molina Healthcare's form to make Your request.

#### • Request Confidential Communications of PHI

You may ask Molina Healthcare to give You Your PHI in a certain way or at a certain place to help keep Your PHI private. We will follow reasonable requests, if You tell us how sharing all or a part of that PHI could put Your life at risk. You will need to make Your request in writing. You may use Molina Healthcare's form to make Your request.

#### • Review and Copy Your PHI

You have a right to review and get a copy of Your PHI held by us. This may include records used in making coverage, claims and other decisions as a Molina Healthcare Member. You will need to make Your request in writing. You may use Molina's form to make Your request. We may charge You a reasonable fee for copying and mailing the records. In certain cases we may deny the request. *Important Note: We do not have complete copies of Your medical records. If you want to look at, get a copy of, or change Your medical records, please contact Your doctor or clinic.* 

#### • Amend Your PHI

You may ask that we amend (change) Your PHI. This involves only those records kept by us about You as a Member. You will need to make Your request in writing. You may use Molina Healthcare's form to make Your request. You may file a letter disagreeing with us if we deny the request.

#### • Receive an Accounting of PHI Disclosures (Sharing of Your PHI)

You may ask that we give You a list of certain parties that we shared Your PHI with during the six years prior to the date of Your request. The list will not include PHI shared as follows:

- for treatment, payment or health care operations;
- to persons about their own PHI;
- sharing done with Your authorization;
- incident to a use or disclosure otherwise permitted or required under applicable law;
- as part of a limited data set in accordance with applicable law.

We will charge a reasonable fee for each list if You ask for this list more than once in a 12- month period. You will need to make Your request in writing. You may use Molina Healthcare's form to make Your request.

You may make any of the requests listed above, or may get a paper copy of this Notice. Please call our Customer Support Center at (855) 885-3176.

#### What can You do if Your rights have not been protected?

You may complain to Molina Healthcare and to the Department of Health and Human Services if You believe Your privacy rights have been violated. We will not do anything against You for filing a complaint. Your care and benefits will not change in any way.

You may complain to us at:

Customer Support Center Attention: Manager, Member Services 115 Fairchild St., Suite 340 Daniel Island, South Carolina 29492 Phone: (855) 885-3176

You may file a complaint with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at:

Office for Civil Rights U.S. Department of Health & Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building Washington, D.C. 20201 Phone: (800) 368-1019, TTY: (800) 537-7697, Fax: (202) 619-3818

#### What are the duties of Molina Healthcare?

Molina Healthcare is required to:

- Keep Your PHI private;
- Give You written information such as this on our duties and privacy practices about Your PHI;
- Provide You with a notice in the event of any breach of Your unsecured PHI;
- Not use or disclose Your genetic information for underwriting purposes;
- Follow the terms of this Notice.

This Notice is Subject to Change

Molina Healthcare reserves the right to change its information practices and terms of this Notice at any time. If we do, the new terms and practices will then apply to all PHI we keep. If we make any material changes, Molina will post the revised Notice on our web site and send the revised Notice, or information about the material change and how to obtain the revised Notice, in our next annual mailing to our members then covered by Molina.

**Contact Information** 

If You have any questions, please contact the following office:

Customer Support Center Attention: Manager, Member Services 115 Fairchild St., Suite 340 Daniel Island, South Carolina 29492 Phone: (855) 885-3176 You have the right to get this information in a different format, such as audio, Braille, or large font due to special needs or in your language at no additional cost.

Usted tiene derecho a recibir esta información en un formato distinto, como audio, braille, o letra grande, debido a necesidades especiales; o en su idioma sin costo adicional.

ATTENTION: If you speak English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call Member Services. The number is on the back of your Member ID card. (English)

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame a Servicios para Miembros. El número de teléfono está al reverso de su tarjeta de identificación del miembro. (Spanish)

注意:如果您使用繁體中文,您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電會員服務。電話號碼載於您的會員證背面。(Chinese)

CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Hãy gọi Dịch vụ Thành viên. Số điện thoại có trên mặt sau thẻ ID Thành viên của bạn. (Vietnamese)

PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa Mga Serbisyo sa Miyembro. Makikita ang numero sa likod ng iyong ID card ng Miyembro. (Tagalog)

주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 회원 서비스로 전화하십시오. 전화번호는 회원 ID 카드 뒷면에 있습니다. (Korean)

تنبيه: إذا كنت تستخدم اللغة العربية، تتاح خدمات المساعدة اللغوية، مجانًا، لك. اتصل بقسم خدمات الأعضاء. ورقم الهاتف هذا موجود خلف بطاقة تعريف العضو الخاصة بك. (Arabic)

ATANSYON: Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen, gen sèvis èd pou lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Rele Sèvis Manm. W ap jwenn nimewo a sou do kat idantifikasyon manm ou a. (French Creole)

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, вы можете бесплатно воспользоваться услугами переводчика. Позвоните в Отдел обслуживания участников. Номер телефона указан на обратной стороне вашей ID-карты участника. (Russian)

ՈՒՇԱԴՐՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ․ Եթե դուք խոսում եք հայերեն, կարող եք անվձար օգտվել լեզվի օժանդակ ծառայություններից։ Զանգահարե՛ք Հաձախորդների սպասարկման բաժին։ Հեռախոսի համարը նշված է ձեր Անդամակցության նույնականացման քարտի ետևի մասում։ (Armenian)

注意事項:日本語を話される場合、無料の言語支援をご利用いただけます。 会員サービスまでお電話ください。電話番号は会員IDカードの裏面に記載されております。 (Japanese)

توجه؛ اگر به زبان فارسی صحبت میکنید، خدمات کمک زبانی، بدون هزینه در دسترس شما هستند. با خدمات اعضا تماس بگیرید. شماره تلفن روی پشت کارت شناسایی عضویت شما درج شده است. (Farsi)

ਧਿਆਨ ਦਿਓ: ਜੇਕਰ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਬੋਲਦੇ ਹੋ, ਤਾਂ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਲਈ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਮੁਫ਼ਤ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹਨ। ਮੈਂਬਰ ਸਰਵਿਸਿਜ

(Member Services) ਨੂੰ ਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ। ਨੰਬਰ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ Member ID (ਮੈਂਬਰ ਆਈ.ਡੀ.) ਕਾਰਡ ਦੇ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਪਾਸੇ ਹੈ। (Punjabi)

ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistungen zur Verfügung. Wenden Sie sich telefonisch an die Mitgliederbetreuungen. Die Nummer finden Sie auf der Rückseite Ihrer Mitgliedskarte. (German)

ATTENTION : Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez les Services aux membres. Le numéro figure au dos de votre carte de membre. (French) LUS CEEV: Yog tias koj hais lus Hmoob, cov kev pab txog lus, muaj kev pab dawb rau koj. Cov npawb xov tooj nyob tom qab ntawm koj daim npav tswv cuab. (Hmong)