

# PROVIDER Bulletin



March 27, 2018

This Provider Bulletin applies to the lines of business and provider types checked below:

- PHP (Medicare)    
  Primary Care Physicians    
  Specialists  
 PHC (Medicaid)    
  Ancillary    
  Hospitals

## Direct Referral

An “authorization” is not required for a participating Primary Care Practitioner (PCP) to refer a Plan Member to a participating specialist for consultation and related treatment. A Direct Referral may be written for up to three (3) visits and is valid up 90 days. **Diagnostic procedures, tests and treatment requiring “authorization” must be requested by the specialist/treating provider and not the PCP.**

To locate a participating network specialist of PHP (Medicare Advantage Part D plan) or PHC (Medicaid Reform HMO) please access the Plan’s on-line **Network Provider/Facility/Pharmacy Search** tool located on our website: [www.positivehealthcare.org](http://www.positivehealthcare.org).

Participating PCPs, we ask that you use the below Director Referral Form to communicate referrals to participating network specialists. If you need to refer to a specialist who is not in our network, please fax your request to 877-243-3536.

The below Direct Referral Form may be downloaded from our website [www.positivehealthcare.org](http://www.positivehealthcare.org) under the Publication and Forms tab.

**DIRECT REFERRAL**

No authorization number is required for payment.  
 Paper Claims Department, PHP & PHC, P.O. Box 7490, La Verne, CA 91750  
 Electronic Claims: Clearinghouse: Emdeon; Submitter I.D.: 95411

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_ Diagnosis Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider/Specialist	Address & Telephone Number	Appointment Date & Time

PCP Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTE: All lab work must be referred to LabCorp.**

**Eligibility:** Member must be eligible at the time of visit. To verify eligibility for PHP (HMO SNP) (Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plan) or PHC Florida (Medicaid HMO plan), call (866) 990-9322 or fax to (888) 972-5340.  
**Benefits:** Member must have appropriate benefits level at the time of visit. Provider of service must verify benefits.  
**Signature:** Direct Referral Form must be signed by the referring primary care provider.  
**Provider:** The provider to whom member is referred must be an in-network provider and utilize contracted facilities.  
**Time:** This referral is effective for ninety (90) days from the date issued for initial and two (2) follow-up visits. **Additional visits, or visits after**

**This Provider Bulletin is not intended to replace or conflict with any requirements outlined in your signed agreement with AHF, PHP or PHC. If you have any questions or suggestions contact the Provider Relations Department at 954.522.3132 or email to Remon.Walker@phcplans.org**



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