

Member Advocacy Committee

Welcome BCBSAZ Health Choice Arizona and BCBSAZ Health Choice Pathway Members!

February 22nd, 2024





Agenda

- Welcome
- Renewing AHCCCS Benefits
- Language Services
- Discussion: Members' Access to Resources
- CAHPS Survey Reminder



Purpose



The purpose of the Member Advisory Committee and Advocacy Council (MAC) is to:

- ✓ Gain input from you as members of BCBSAZ Health Choice and Pathway
- ✓ Provide a place for you to share your feedback and help us make improvements
- ✓ Enhance overall Member experience.

As part of serving on the MAC, you will be asked for your commitment by participating and providing feedback on services and products that are offered by **US**.

The feedback you provide is confidential and will help us to evaluate and implement improvement activities to improve existing programs, services and member communication materials.



Housekeeping Rules













Be present.

& don't interrupt. Seek first to understand then to be understood. Listen to other's

opinions.

Listen attentively

Participation is key!

Respect the group's time and keep comments brief and to the point.

Speak honestly. Share ideas, ask questions and contribute to discussion. **Honest and** constructive discussions provide best

results.

Be respectful. Respect other's point of view without agreeing with them is okay. It's okay to disagree, respectfully and openly without

> being disagreeable.

We will note any pending issues and provide updates during future committee meetings.







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Renewing AHCCCS benefits



AHCCCS Renewals

- Redetermination is winding down, renew you AHCCCS application on time.
- Update your information, address, income, phone numbers, etc
- Renew with BCBSAZ Health Choice Application Assisters, HEA online, local DES office
- Have your AHCCCS ID number when renewing







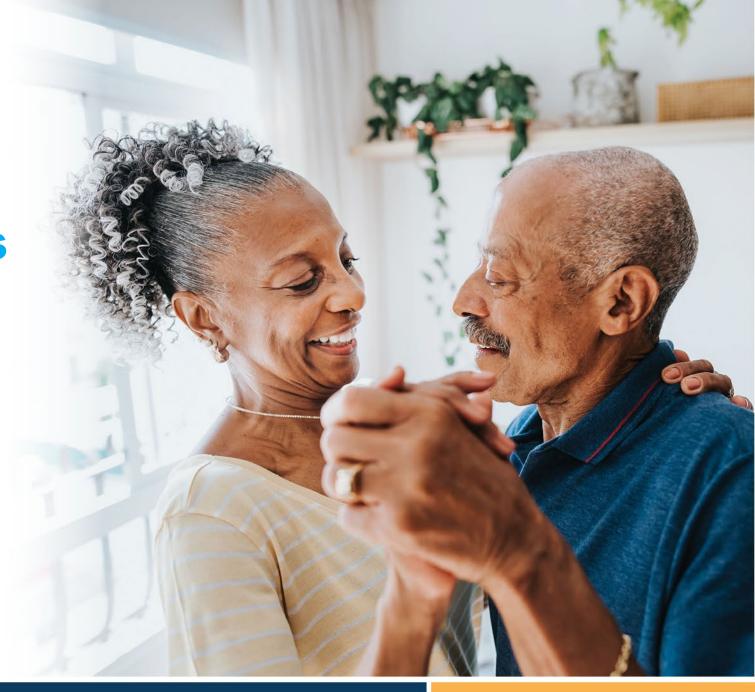
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Language Services









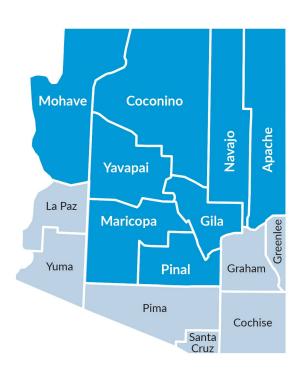
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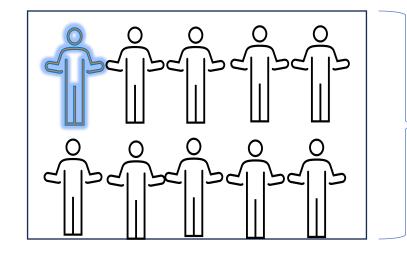
- **Culture** Values, beliefs, customs, language and attitudes that we share with others or makes us unique.
- Competency Competency means to have the ability.





BCBSAZ Health Choice and Pathway – Language Needs





1 out of every 10 members speaks a language other than English

- Blind/ visually impaired __
- Deaf/hard of hearing







Language Access Services

Providers must deliver language access services at no cost to the member. It must be accurate, timely, and protect the member's privacy and independence.

Interpretation (oral) and translation (written)

BCBSAZ Health Choice and Health Choice Pathway has these services available when you communicate with us.

All written materials is translated into Spanish. If you need materials translated into a different language, then these services are available.

Family members and minors must not take the place of qualified interpreters.





Discussion: Members' Access to Resources



Question:

• What resource needs or access to service issues are prevalent in your community?



Question:

 What has your or your members' experience been with accessing existing resources?



Question:

What barriers make accessing resources and services challenging?



Question:

How can BCBSAZ Health Choice assist with addressing these needs?



Question:

 What feedback do you have on how we can strengthen our partnerships with community-based organizations, peer and family run organizations, and providers to ultimately enhance access to care and resources for members?





CAHPS Survey Reminder



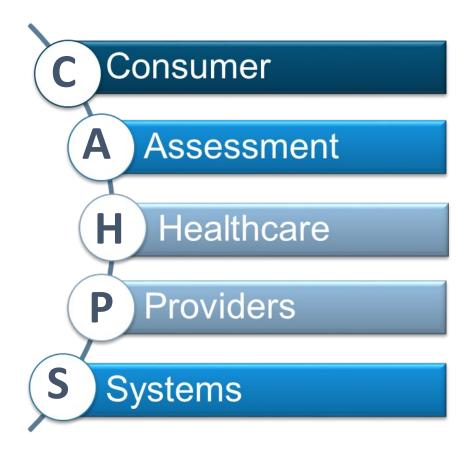
What is CAHPS?

Definition

• Is a standardized survey that helps measure your experience with your health care plan and providers.

Purpose

- Aims to improve the quality of healthcare services by collecting your perspective.
- Share how the survey helps identify areas for improvement and enhances patient-centered care.





Why is the CAHPS Survey Important to YOU?

 Your responses help share the future of your healthcare and others.

Make YOUR Voice Heard

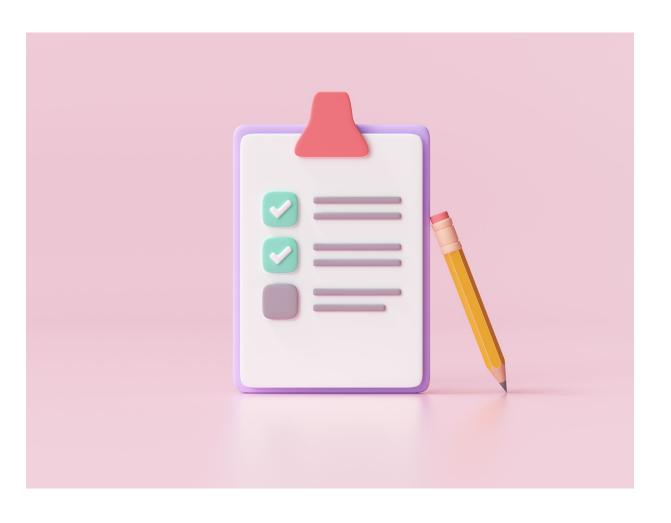
Improve YOUR Care

 Your feedback helps your BCBS Health Choice and providers understand your needs and make improvements. By sharing your experience, YOU can help ensure that others receive high-quality care.

Empower YOU As A Patient



Why is the CAHPS Survey Important to YOU?



We need your help!

Certain BCBSAZ Health Choice members can expect a survey soon.

Your responses will enhance the quality of services, so kindly return it using the enclosed prepaid envelope.

Thank you for your time and valuable feedback.



BCBSAZ Health Choice Pathway Breakout Session



Behavioral Health Awareness

- Are you aware of what benefits we have for mental health?
- Would you feel comfortable reaching out?
- If no, what would make you feel more comfortable?
- If needed, what resources would you or a family member feel most comfortable using?
 - General App resources (e.g., Better Help)
 - Telehealth (BlueCare Anywhere)
 - In-person Visits with metal health provider
 - Inpatient behavioral health
 - A crisis line



Member Services and Crisis Resources

BCBSAZ Health Choice Pathway Member Services 1-800-656-8991 (TTY 711)

Crisis Hotline Information

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis, or need someone to talk to, these hotlines are free and available 24/7:

Arizona Statewide Crisis Hotline: 1-800-534-HOPE (4673)

National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: 988

Veterans Crisis Line: 988, then press 1



Provider Search

- Find A Pharmacy or Doctor
- The Health Choice Pathway Provider Directory is a listing of primary care physicians, specialists, hospitals, urgent care centers and other providers here to serve you. The directory is updated often, so please check our online search tool or call us if you need help finding a provider.
- https://providerdirectory.healthchoicea
 z.com/Provider/ShowProviders/en/hcp







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2024 Food/OTC Benefit



Over-the-Counter (OTC) Items / Healthy Food and Produce Card



BCBSAZ Health Choice Pathway provides you with:

\$600 allowance every 3 months> toward over-the-counter health items and healthy food and produce. Your allowance can roll over to the next quarter, but it will expire in the following quarter if unused.

- You can buy healthy foods like fruits and vegetables, meat, seafood, dairy products, and water.
- You can buy OTC items such as toothpaste, pain relievers, cold remedies, vitamins, and more.



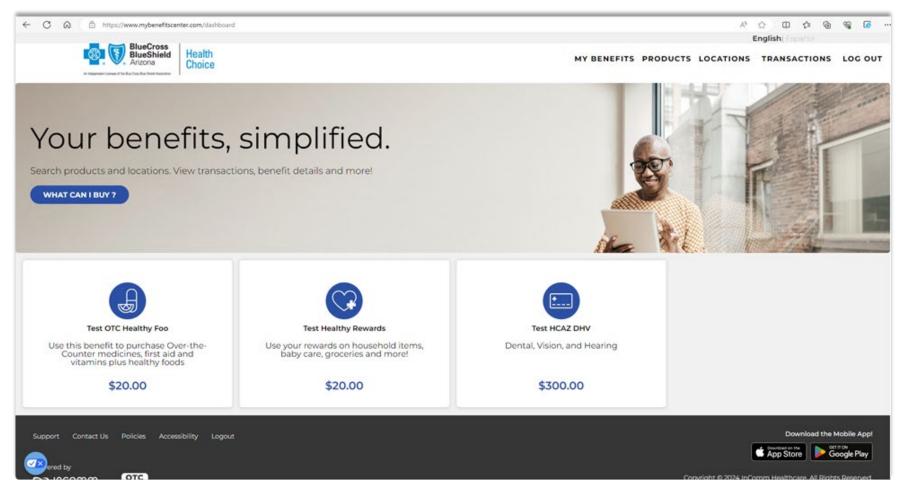
Over-the-Counter (OTC) Items / Healthy Food and Produce Card

- ✓ Retailers include
 - ✓ Frys, Smiths, Walgreens, Walmart, CVS and more!
 - ✓ My Benefit Center links to: Cvs.com, Walmart.com, Walgreens.com, Instacart, Farmbox, Mom's Meals.
 - ✓ View Eligible items on my benefit center and/or the OTC Network app.



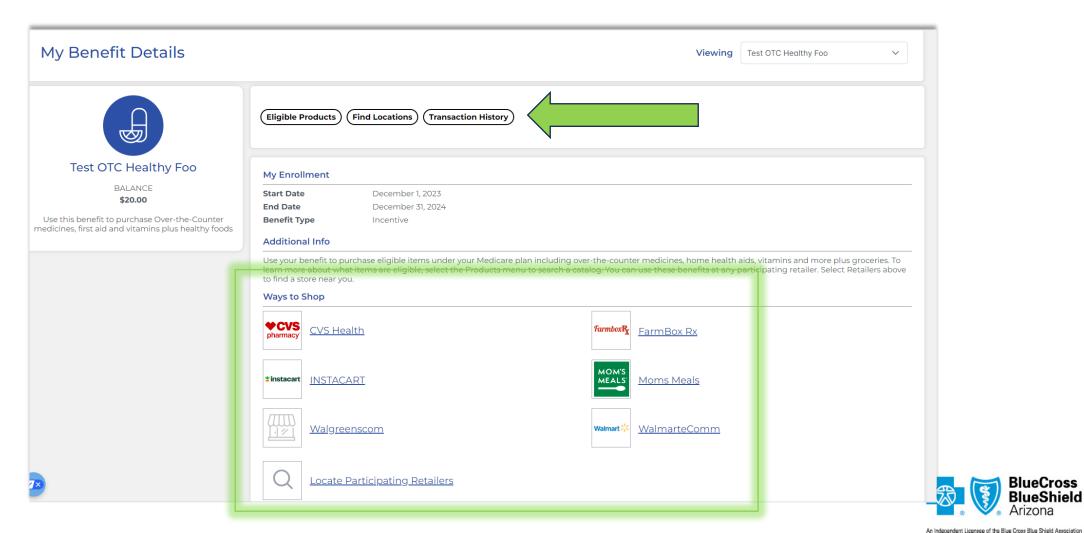


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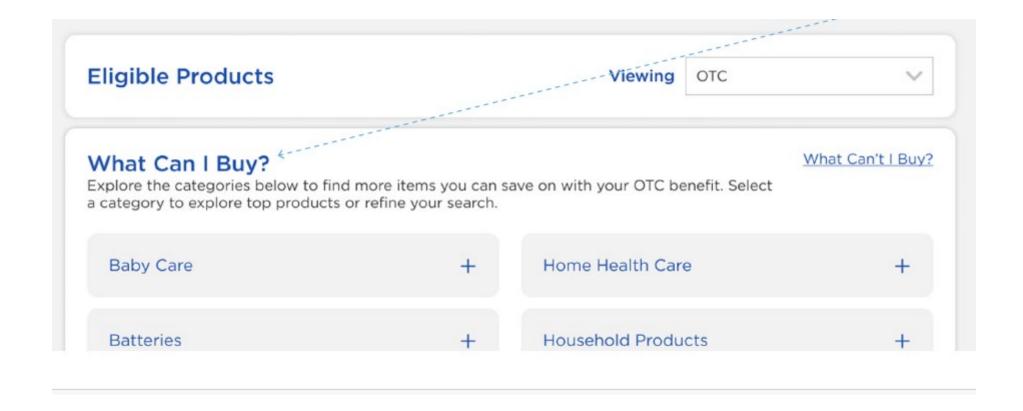
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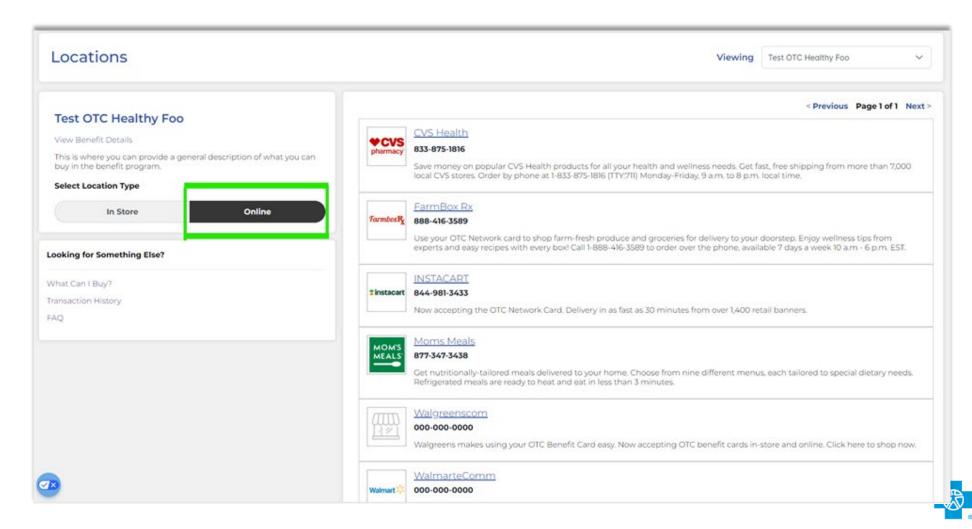
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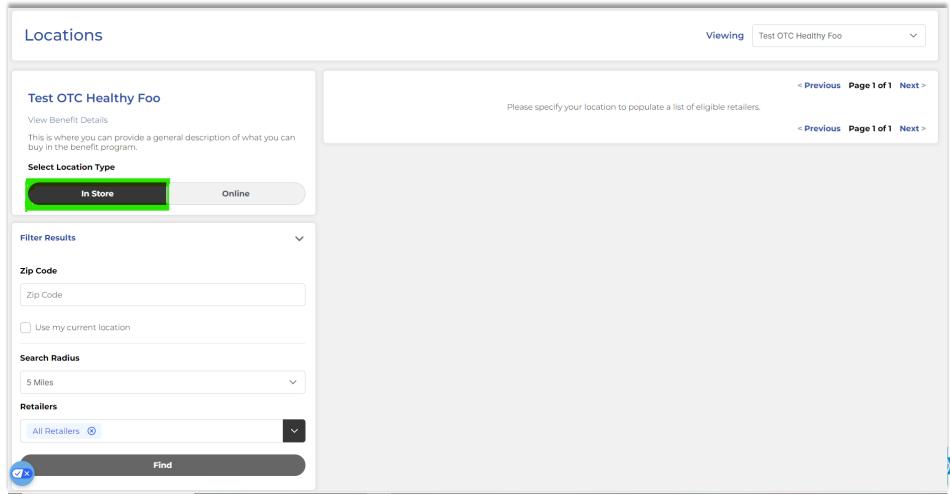


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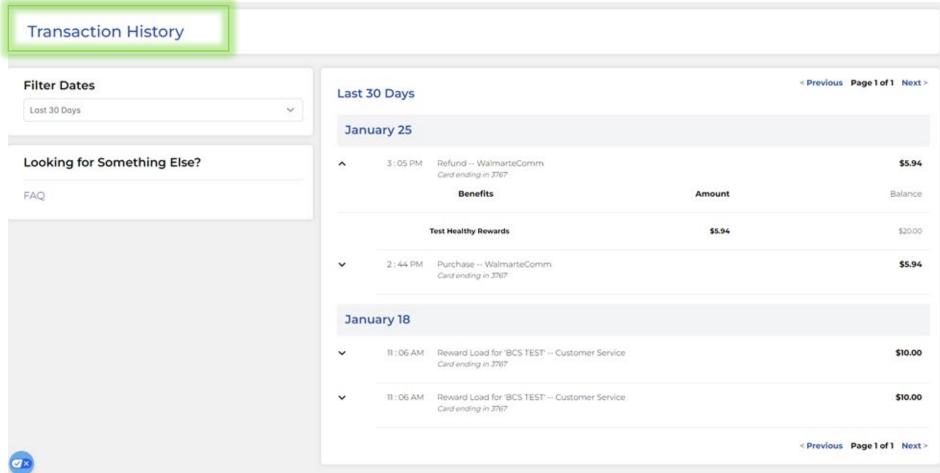
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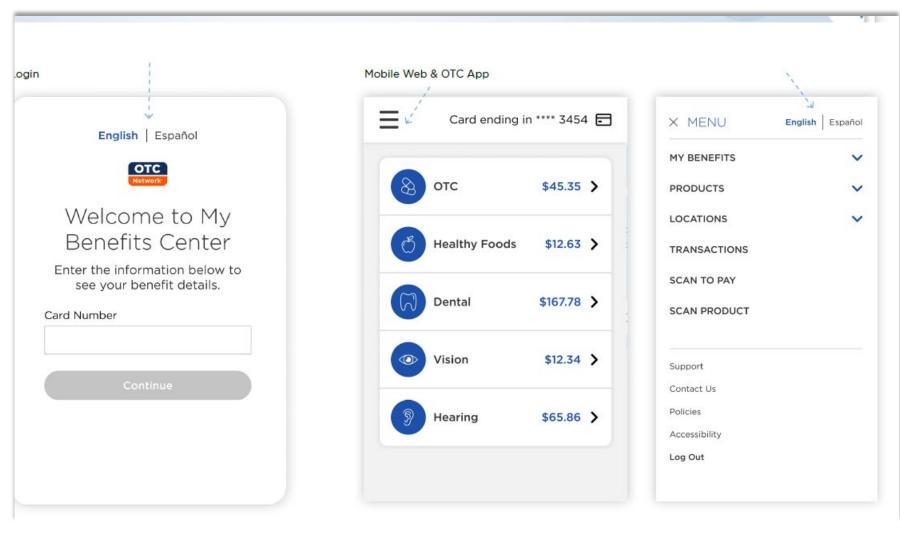
My Benefits Center – Transaction History







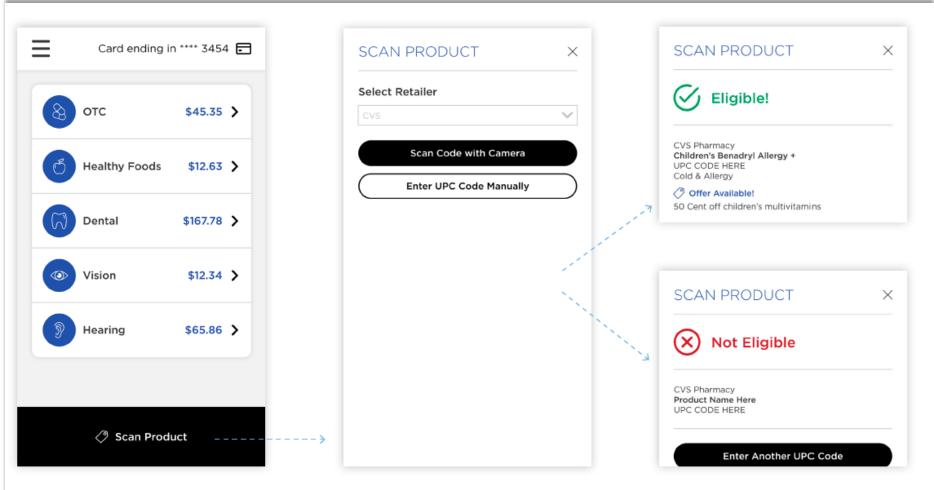
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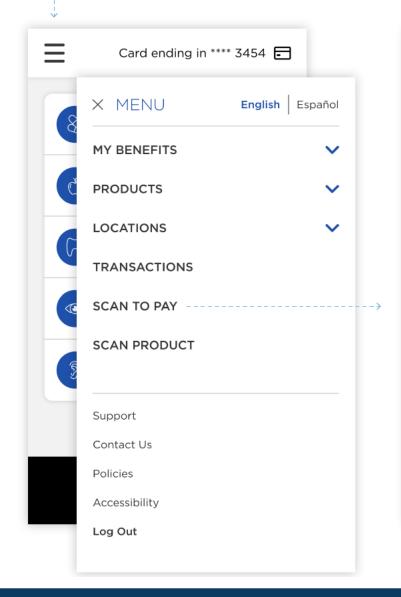


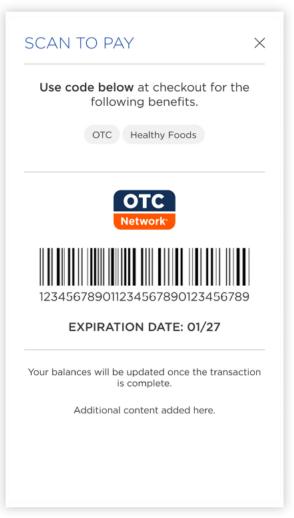


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OTC Network App







Did you know?

Q: How many reward dollars can I earn for completing an eligible health activity?

A: The amount of reward dollars you earn varies by health-related activity. The following are the 2023 eligible health activities, and the associated dollar amounts for all plans:

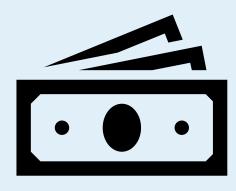
Annual Wellness Visit/In-Home Assessment: \$25

Breast Cancer Screening (Mammogram): \$50

Colorectal Cancer Screening: \$25

Diabetic Retinal Eye Exam: \$25

Osteoporosis Management: \$50 (2 per year)



Contact Member Services for more details on how to receive your healthy rewards.



2024 Medicare Star Ratings

Overall Star Rating: ★★★☆☆
Health Services Rating: ★★★☆☆
Drug Services Rating: ★★★☆☆

- ✓ Star Ratings are based on factors that include:
 - ✓ Feedback from members about the plan's service and care
 - ✓ The number of members who left or stayed with the plan
 - ✓ The number of complaints Medicare got about the plan
 - ✓ Data from doctors and hospitals that work with the plan



Open Discussion



General Questions

- Any feedback on 2024 benefits?
- Any suggestions on 2025 benefits?
- Have you had any trouble or issues in getting the care, tests, or treatment you needed?
- Have you had any trouble or issues getting an appointment to see a doctor as soon as you needed?
- Have you been able to get the medications your doctor prescribed?



Any concerns or comments or questions?

- How can we better communicate with you?
- Would you recommend your health plan to family and friends?
- On a scale of 1-10, how would your rate our health plan?







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Advanced Directives



Introduction

- BCBSAZ Health Choice supports the right of members to develop advanced directives to enhance their control over his or her medical treatment when incapacitated and their right to utilize end-of-life care and hospice services as appropriate to their healthcare needs.
- Advance Directive is defined as a document by which a person makes a
 provision for health care decisions in the event they become unable to make
 those decisions. Simply stated, it provides directions in the event of an
 accident or illness which results in your inability to communicate your wishes
 yourself. An Advance Directive can also allow you to designate a person (a
 proxy) who will make healthcare decisions for you.
- Ultimately, Advance Directives are used to enhance an incapacitated member's control over his or her medical treatment.



Health Care Decisions can include:

- Surrogate decision-makers
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- Ventilator use
- Artificial nutrition (tube feeding) and artificial hydration (IV, or intravenous, fluids)
- Use of pain medications
- Antibiotic use
- Comfort care



Types of Advance Directives

There are four types of Advance Directives:

- 1. Living Will (End of life care) A Living Will is a piece of paper that tells doctors what types of services you do or do not want if you become very sick and near death and may not be able to make health care decisions or give consent for yourself. For example, in your Living Will you might tell doctors if you want to be kept alive with machines or fed through tubes if you cannot eat or drink on your own.
- 2. Medical Power of Attorney A Medical Power of Attorney is a paper that lets you choose a person to make decisions about your health care when you cannot do it yourself.
- 3. Mental Healthcare Power of Attorney A Mental Healthcare Power of Attorney names a person to make decisions about your mental health care if it is found that you cannot.
- 4. Pre-Hospital Medical Directive (Do Not Resuscitate) A Pre-Hospital Medical Care Directive tells providers if you do not want certain lifesaving emergency care that you would get outside a hospital or in a hospital emergency room. You must complete a special orange form. You can get a free copy of this form by calling the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services at 602-364-3150.



Obtaining an Advance Directive

- If you decide that you want to have an Advance Directive, there are several ways to get this type of form; from your lawyer, a social worker or from some office supply stores. To make it easier for our members, BCBSAZ Health Choice Pathway has posted the Living Will and Power of Attorney for Healthcare forms along with instructions on how to fill out the form.
- https://www.healthchoicepathway.com/members/member-information/



Resources

Information	Documents
National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization(opens in a new tab)	Arizona Healthcare Directives Registry(opens in a new tab)
Communication skills for end of life discussions(opens in a new tab)	







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