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# Select Health News

## Select Health Customer Service

In 2023, the **Select Health Member Services** department answered 1.2 million phone calls and 31,000 chats. The **Member Advocates team**, which helps members find the right doctor, made more than 19,000 appointments.

But it's not just the numbers — Select Health is regularly recognized for its customer service and high satisfaction levels. It's all in the name of making insurance accessible and empowering members to understand their health benefits by being in control of their treatments, coverage, and payments.

### It starts with excellent training.

Select Health is intentional in how it trains caregivers and aims to empower them with the training and tools to help members.

“Our training is scenario-based, which means caregivers are trained on how to provide service on the phones,” said Jenni Crump, director of Member Services. “They’re given scenarios for how they can put these skills into action in a caring way. We focus on how we interact with our callers by listening to them, partnering with them, and delivering the best level of service possible.”

“When caregivers are empowered, they are able to do their best work and deliver on our mission and the service that sets us apart,” said Amanda Atkins, senior manager of Member Services.

### CUSTOMER SERVICE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

The National Council for Quality Healthcare (NCQA) lists Select Health plans as some of the top rated plans in Utah and Idaho.

NCQA ratings are based on the quality of care patients receive, how happy patients are with their care, and health plans' efforts to keep improving.

### We focus on personalized service.

Member Advocate Jasmine Sosa showed the human side of service when she called more than a dozen providers to help a Medicare member who'd made an appointment with a specialist but hoped to see a doctor sooner. The member said Jasmine's kindness made her feel informed and involved throughout the process.

Every day, Select Health caregivers receive calls and messages about a variety of member issues. Member Advocate Scotia Maccarthy recently answered a call from a distressed member who needed help finding an urgent care clinic after falling in their backyard. The member had an idea of where to go, but Scotia quickly discovered that the clinic didn't offer urgent care services.

Scotia found multiple clinics nearby where the member would be in-network and then offered to stay on the call while the member drove to the care site.

During the call, the member got lost and ended up at the wrong care site. Scotia confirmed that the location was in-network, allowing the member to be seen immediately.

“Our members are calling in because they don't know what to do, where to start, who to see, or in some cases what they have to do to be seen,” Scotia said. “We have all that information right in front of us. From the outside looking in, though, it can be like trying to find one specific noodle in a bowl of spaghetti.”

Select Health serves as partners in health — connecting members with the right care at the right time and making healthcare more accessible. These examples of personalized services not only lead to better patient outcomes and experiences — they help reduce costs to the patient, care provider, and Select Health.

Article based on Select Health Customer Service Bucks Industry Trends by Michelle Kaiser, *Intermountain Health Caregiver Brief*, March 21, 2024.

## Jason Worthen: New Select Health President for Nevada/Southern Utah

Jason Worthen has been selected as the President for Select Health in Nevada and Southern Utah (the Select Health Desert Region). Jason joined Select Health in November 2022 as Medicare AVP, then served as VP of Government Programs, interim leader of the Desert Region.

As Desert Region President, Jason will be responsible for the strategic direction and oversight of the region, which includes all products and members in Nevada and Southern Utah. He will oversee development and execution of strategic initiatives for all aspects of Select Health's participation in the area's health insurance market.

Jason will also continue to oversee government programs and risk adjustment in the markets we serve, including the expansion of Medicare and Medicaid in all Select Health regions and markets.

Prior to joining Select Health, Jason served as the Senior Vice President for Medicare Programs nationally for Steward Health Care and as Regional Vice President at Steward Health Care. He was responsible for risk operations and managed care contracts of the Steward Accountable Care Organization (ACO)—Steward Health Care Network. Prior to Steward Health, Jason served as the President and CEO of Health Choice Utah where he managed growth, operations, and profitability.

Jason brings 30 years of experience in the healthcare industry and has a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Utah.

Jason's vast industry knowledge and experience have helped elevate our Medicaid and Medicare plans, expansion in Nevada, and risk adjustment models. He brings expert-level knowledge of government programs, customer engagement, and sustainable growth for the Desert Region.



## Tina Ballamis: New Desert Region AVP

**Congratulations to Tina!** As the new Desert Region AVP, Tina brings 25 years of healthcare experience, including many years as Select Health's senior provider development operations manager. In that role, she had accountability for strategic provider data management, strategic alliances in Idaho/Nevada, and provider compliance.

Tina's experience also includes serving as senior regulatory partner in Compliance for Intermountain Health and in product development at Select Health overseeing ACA products and provider network strategies for Nevada and Idaho.



# Quality Provider Program\* News

## Focus on Maternal Mental Health Screening

We honor mothers in May around the globe. Australians present chrysanthemums to their “mums.” In Peru, families gather in cemeteries to honor all women in their family, present and past. At the end of rainy season, Ethiopians feast for three days, and men sing while women dance. In America, we celebrate mothers on the second Sunday of May with flowers and gifts. In each culture, celebrating mothers involves personalized action by the community.

### How does the healthcare community honor mothers in a personalized and actionable way?

At Select Health, we honor mothers through our Quality Provider Program (QPP) measures focusing on maternal mental health (**part of the Women's Health QPP Program currently offered only in Utah**). These quality measures support the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Sets (HEDIS) focused on prenatal and postpartum depression screening. Each of these measures comprise two parts: the screening process and follow-up care. To comply with the measures, we look for electronic evidence that the member:

- Was screened for depression using a validated screening tool once during pregnancy and again in the postpartum period
- Received follow-up care within 30 days for any positive screening result

We invite you to join Select Health in honoring the mothers in our communities by:

- Making maternal mental health screening a priority in your practice
- Establishing a follow-up process for positive screenings



- Standardizing documentation of all screenings and interventions in coded fields
- Sharing your work with payers via electronic means

### Why prioritize maternal mental health screening?

Mental health conditions are the most common complication of pregnancy, with 1 in 5 women experiencing issues with depression, anxiety, or substance use in the perinatal period. Of great concern, mental health conditions are the leading cause of maternal mortality in the first year postpartum. Death by suicide and overdose/poisoning related to substance use disorder account for 23% of pregnancy-related deaths. Unfortunately, these preventable complications largely go unrecognized and untreated.

Making screening a priority in your practice brings recognition to the crisis facing mothers and identifies women that may benefit from mental health interventions. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) recommends depression

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\*Referred to as Quality Provider Plus Program in Idaho, Colorado, and Nevada but may not be available for all regions/networks.

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screening twice during pregnancy and once in the postpartum period using a standardized and validated screening tool. These tools typically take less than 5 minutes for a patient to complete and help normalize mental health discussions with their provider.

### How can we foster positive screening follow up?

According to the American Psychiatric Association, “Upwards of 75% of pregnant persons affected by mental health symptoms remain untreated” and are often termed “therapeutic orphans.”\* Ironically, the very focus of obstetric care is left motherless.

How then, can obstetricians adopt mental healthcare and follow-up in their practice? When a positive screening occurs, the goal of follow-up care should address **at least one of the following within 30 days:**

- An outpatient follow-up visit (in person or via telephone, e-visit, or virtual check-in) with a diagnosis of depression or other behavioral health condition
- A depression case management encounter that documents assessment for depression symptoms or a depression/other behavioral health condition diagnosis
- A behavioral health encounter, including assessment, therapy, collaborative care, or medication management
- A dispensed antidepressant medication
- Documentation of additional depression screening on a full-length instrument indicating **either** no depression **or** no symptoms that require follow-up (i.e., a negative screen) on the same day as a positive screen on a brief screening instrument

Don't let a lack of resources or knowledge inhibit maternal mental health screening and follow-up care. Recognize that the obstetric provider does not have to bear the responsibility of follow-up care alone. As your partner in maternal mental health, our Women's

Health QPP provides referral resources, educational opportunities, and workflow solutions to make follow-up care possible. Also consider referring patients with maternal mental health needs to the [Select Health Healthy Beginnings](#) program for assistance with care management.

### What practice management approaches help support screening and follow-up consistency?

**Using the electronic medical record (EMR) to standardize documentation.** Standardized healthcare documentation via the EMR reduces variability and improves safety, accuracy, quality, and if used properly, gives providers time back in their busy schedule. This is particularly true with standardized mental health screening. For example, missed or misinterpreted information on standardized mental health screening tools can have serious consequences, specifically for questions addressing self-harm. These individuals may require further assistance and/or immediate interventions to stay safe.

Standardized documentation can also give providers time back in their day, providing easily identified, clear, and concise information for warm hand-offs to mental healthcare providers. Documenting screening tools in a coded field also assists with billing efficiency and sharing information for automated quality measurement.

**Sharing electronic data.** HEDIS maternal mental health measures require Electronic Clinical Data Systems (ECDS) reporting to encourage electronic data sharing between healthcare plans and providers. This exchange of data is mutually beneficial. The healthcare plan can collect data and report to the National Council for Quality Assurance (NCQA) electronically, and providers can receive the highest quality data available to improve care quality.

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Our Women's Health QPP (currently available in Utah) is designed to support clinics in this effort. When enrolled in the program, we connect you with our data analytics team to set up data transfer and perform audits to ensure accuracy. We also grant access to a provider portal with performance data and a gap-in-care report that supports follow-up care and identifies outstanding gaps in mental health screenings.

Select Health recognizes the significant effort and resources associated with implementing maternal mental healthcare into practice. Our Women's Health QPP is designed to support clinics adjusting workflows to provide maternal mental healthcare and other important preventative health measures. As such, the program provides clinics with best practice solutions, referral resources, and payment for closing gaps in care.

### How can I learn more?

If you are interested in how our program can help your clinic implement maternal mental health screenings and follow-up care, please contact either:

- Kari Hardy, RN, Provider Quality Performance Consultant ([Kari.Hardy@selecthealth.org](mailto:Kari.Hardy@selecthealth.org))
- Chanda Clift, Provider Quality Performance Manager ([Chanda.Clift@selecthealth.org](mailto:Chanda.Clift@selecthealth.org))

\* American Psychiatric Association. *Perinatal Mental and Substance Use Disorders*. [psychiatry.org. https://www.psychiatry.org/getmedia/344c26e2-cdf5-47df-a5d7-a2d444fc1923/APA-CDC-Perinatal-Mental-and-Substance-Use-Disorders-Whitepaper.pdf](https://www.psychiatry.org/getmedia/344c26e2-cdf5-47df-a5d7-a2d444fc1923/APA-CDC-Perinatal-Mental-and-Substance-Use-Disorders-Whitepaper.pdf). Accessed April 24, 2024.

### Resources:

- **Maternal Mental Health**
  - [Most common complication of pregnancy](#)
  - [#1 cause of postpartum mortality](#)
  - [Women not receiving mental health treatment](#)
- **Importance of follow-up care**
  - [ACOG recommendations](#)
  - National Council for Quality Assurance ([NCQA](#)) HEDIS Measures, especially:
    - ✓ [HEDIS prenatal depression screening](#)
    - ✓ [HEDIS postpartum depression screening](#)
- [Standardized documentation](#)
- [Electronic data sharing](#)

## New Maternal Mental Health Resources Released in May

In May, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released key documentation relevant to maternal mental health, including:

- The [National Strategy to Improve Maternal Mental Health Care](#), which addresses the urgent public health crisis of maternal mental health and substance use issues. Recommendations in this strategy were developed by the [Task Force on Maternal Mental Health](#), a subcommittee of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Advisory Committee for Women's Services.
- [The Task Force on Maternal Mental Health's Report to Congress](#), which along with the accompanying national strategy, are part of broader federal efforts to address U.S. women's overall health, and maternal health in particular. This strategy and report are consistent with the [White House Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis](#) and the [White House Initiative on Women's Health Research](#).
- [Maternal Mental Health State Report Cards](#), released as part of a congressional briefing on the latest national maternal health statistics and federal maternal mental health policy.

## Make Your Quality Provider Program Work for YOU!

Your Select Health Quality Provider Program (QPP) engagement needs to fit your practice workflow and bandwidth. We want to help customize your experience with QPP based on the type of user you are. Typically, clinics fall into one of these three types and can change types as the practice expands. Access our online [Resources](#) area for customized guides for each type of user.

### The Basic User

This type of user is typically a single-provider clinic with one person doing quality assurance who pulls a gaps list occasionally to call patients and make appointments to help close gaps for specific measures. Basic users will find customized guidance for:

- Accessing and navigating the QPP dashboard
- Pulling simple gaps lists
- Formatting a gaps list



### The Intermediate User

This type of user is a clinic with a few providers at a single location who pull and print gaps lists monthly and may divide up gaps to close (per provider or measure) to share with team members. This clinic likely uses some functions of the Quality Data Correction (QDC) tool. Intermediate users will find customized guidance on:

- Using the data exported from the QPP dashboard
- Accessing and navigating the QDC tool

### The Super User

This is typically a multi-provider/multi-location enterprise with a team dedicated to quality assurance. This team uses the dashboard to create "friendly" provider competitions and has a well-defined, follow-up process for high-risk members. They make comprehensive use of the QDC tool for maintaining a member compliance list, case management, and evaluating their hospital census. Super users will find customized guidance for:

- Accessing other reports on the QPP Report Hub (e.g., Hospital Census Report, Case & Disease Management Patient List, etc.)
- Using a visual Member Compliance list to better see gaps required for a particular member





# Pharmacy News

## Diabetes Formulary Changes in 2024

Changes are coming to our prescription drug coverage for members with diabetes. Several medications will no longer be covered; however, many existing and new alternatives will still be covered.

### Commercial

For Commercial formularies, we will remove Jardiance (empagliflozin) and combinations, and Tradjenta (linagliptin) and combinations from formulary effective **October 1, 2024** (effective **January 1, 2025**, for Nevada). This change will be effective for all current users of these drugs and combinations as well as future users of SGLT2 (sodium-glucose cotransporter 2) inhibitors and DPP4 (dipeptidyl peptidase IV) inhibitors.

We will notify providers and members multiple times before **October 1**, as this will be a significant change. Brenzavvy (bexagliflozin) and Qtern (dapagliflozin/saxagliptin) will be added as preferred products. There will be no changes to insulin coverage. Please see **Figure 1** (below) for a summary of these changes.

### Medicare

For Medicare formularies, the only change to formulary effective **July 1, 2024**, is the addition of Humalog. The SGLT2/DPP4 coverage will not change for Medicare members. Please see **Figure 2** for a summary of Medicare formulary changes.

Figure 1. Commercial Formulary Changes

| Current Preferred Therapies |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Preferred Therapies (Effective 10/1/24)                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SGLT2 inhibitors            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Farxiga</b> (dapagliflozin)</li><li>• <b>Jardiance</b> (empagliflozin)</li><li>• <b>Xigduo</b> (dapagliflozin/metformin)</li><li>• <b>Synjardy</b> (empagliflozin/metformin)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Farxiga</b> (dapagliflozin)</li><li>• <b>Xigduo</b> (dapagliflozin/metformin)</li><li>• <b>Brenzavvy</b> (bexagliflozin)</li></ul> |
| DPP4 inhibitors             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Tradjenta</b> (linagliptin)</li><li>• <b>Jentadueto</b> (linagliptin/metformin)</li><li>• alogliptin</li><li>• alogliptin/metformin</li></ul>                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• alogliptin</li><li>• alogliptin/metformin</li><li>• saxagliptin</li><li>• saxagliptin/metformin</li></ul>                             |
| SGLT2/ DPP4 inhibitors      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Glyxambi</b> (empagliflozin/linagliptin)</li><li>• <b>Trijardy</b> (empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin)</li></ul>                                                                     | <b>Qtern</b> (dapagliflozin/saxagliptin)                                                                                                                                      |

Figure 2. Medicare Formulary Changes

| Current Preferred Therapies |                                                                                                                                     | Preferred Therapies (Effective 7/1/24)                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Short Acting Insulins       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Insulin aspart</li><li>• <b>Novolog</b> (insulin aspart)</li><li>• Insulin lispro</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Insulin aspart</li><li>• <b>Novolog</b> (insulin aspart)</li><li>• Insulin lispro</li><li>• <b>Humalog</b> (insulin lispro)</li></ul> |

### Updated Pharmacy Provider Reference Manual Available

Access the updated [Pharmacy Provider Reference Manual](#) for 2024.



# Select Health Medicare News

## Select Health Medicare Health Outcomes Survey (HOS)

**Q: What is the Health Outcomes Survey (HOS)?**

**A:** The HOS is sent to a random sampling of patients who have a Medicare Advantage plan. It is related to patient-provider relationships and asks questions related to physical and mental health, bladder issues, physical activity, fall risk and prevention, and other topics.

**Q: Why does HOS matter?**

**A:** HOS data helps the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) monitor health plan performance based on patient health outcomes. It also affects Star Quality Ratings that help Medicare beneficiaries choose a health plan.

**Q: When is the HOS sent?**

**A:** Each year a random sample of Medicare Advantage members are surveyed by a CMS-approved vendor. A baseline HOS is sent in July and respondents who are still a plan member two years later get a follow-up HOS in September.

**Q: How can providers affect HOS outcomes?**

**A:** You can positively impact HOS results by starting important conversations during office visits (see **Figure 3** below and on the next page). Use every office visit to ask patients about physical activity, depression, bladder issues, and falls. Discuss preventions, recommendations, and treatments. Create recall about conversation by following up with patients after a visit. Member perception of care and recall are key to impacting HOS results.

**Q: What actions does Select Health take?**

**A:** First, Select Health administers an HOS like survey to our Select Health Medicare members. This year there will be live outreach to members who report a fall or report being afraid of falling. We will also be sending letters and emails to these members as added reminders of what they can do to prevent a fall. Second, Select Health will be developing some support materials for our providers to have when patients voice concerns about physical activity, depression, bladder issues or falls.

Figure 3. Suggested Actions to Improve HOS Results

| HOS Measure                                                 | Sample HOS Questions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Potential Provider Actions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Improving and Maintaining Mental Health and Physical Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the past 12 months, did you talk with your provider about your mental health? For example, did your provider ask if you're feeling depressed, having trouble sleeping, taking any medications, or seeing another provider to help you maintain your well-being?</li><li>• In general, would you say your health is: excellent, very good, good, fair, poor</li><li>• Does your health limit you in these activities: pushing a vacuum cleaner, playing golf, or climbing stairs.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss physical and mental health.</li><li>• Ask patient if they've felt down or depressed.</li><li>• Refer patient to a mental health provider as appropriate.</li><li>• Offer activities to improve mental health such as walks, socializing, crossword puzzles, going to a senior center, etc.</li><li>• Ask patients what factors (such as pain) may be limiting their ability to complete daily activities.</li><li>• Refer to a specialist as appropriate.</li></ul> |
| Monitoring Physical Activity                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the past 12 months, did you talk with your provider about your level of exercise or physical activity? For example, did your provider ask if you exercise regularly?</li><li>• Has your provider advised you to start, increase or maintain your level of exercise or physical activity? For example, did your provider advise you to start taking the stairs, increase walking every day, or to maintain your current exercise program?</li></ul>                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Talk about the importance of exercise and physical activity.</li><li>• Discuss how to start, increase, or maintain activity.</li><li>• Refer patients with limited mobility or walking/ balance issues to physical therapy to learn safe and effective exercises.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

Figure 3. Suggested Actions to Improve HOS Results, Continued

| HOS Measure               | Sample HOS Questions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Potential Provider Actions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Improving Bladder Control | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have you talked with your provider about urine leakage?</li> <li>There are many ways to control leaking of urine, including bladder training exercises, medication, and surgery. Have you ever talked with a provider about any of these approaches?</li> </ul>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask if bladder control is a problem and discuss when it has been a problem and other symptoms that may be accompanying it.</li> <li>Discuss treatments for bladder control issues that may arise as patient ages, such as behavioral therapy, exercises, medications, medical devices, or surgery.</li> </ul> |
| Reducing Fall Risk        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the past 12 months, did you talk with your provider about falling or problems with balance or walking?</li> <li>Has your provider done anything to help prevent falls or treat problems with balance or walking? Some things they might advise are to use a cane or walker.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss balance problems, falls, difficulty walking, and other fall risks.</li> <li>Suggest cane or walker.</li> <li>Check blood pressure with patient standing, sitting, and reclining.</li> </ul>                                                                                                           |

## Update to Statin Exclusion Coding

**NEW:** PQA has removed the ICD-10 code of **T46.6X5A** from the eligible rhabdomyolysis myopathy exclusions. Please refer to the updated table below for appropriate statin exclusions. As a reminder, exclusion coding must be submitted in a claim EACH year for the patient to be removed from statin measures. Charting a statin intolerance in the EMR does not remove a member from the statin measures. Use the list of required codes in **Figure 4** below; note that a statin allergy does not count without coding for one of these listed exclusions below.

Figure 4. Overview of Qualifying Statin Exclusions to be Coded

| For Diabetes Patients ONLY                                                                                        |                                                                | For Cardiovascular Patients ONLY                                                                              |                                                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prediabetes (R73.03, R73.09 codes)</li><li>• PCOS (E28.2 codes)</li></ul> |                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IVF</li><li>• Myalgia (M79 codes)</li><li>• Palliative Care</li></ul> |                                                                              |
| For BOTH Diabetes and Cardiovascular Patients                                                                     |                                                                |                                                                                                               |                                                                              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cirrhosis</li></ul>                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hospice Care</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Myopathy (G72 codes)</li></ul>                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pregnancy</li></ul>                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dialysis</li></ul>                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lactation</li></ul>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Myositis (M60 codes)</li></ul>                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rhabdomyolysis (M62 codes)</li></ul> |

**Questions?** Contact either Kirstin Johnson, Select Health Quality Consultant RN (for cardiovascular statin measure) at **801-442-8224** or [kirstin.johnson@selecthealth.org](mailto:kirstin.johnson@selecthealth.org) OR LeeAnn Madrid (for diabetes statin measure) with the Select Health pharmacy team at [leann.madrid@selecthealth.org](mailto:leann.madrid@selecthealth.org).

# Practice Management Resources

## Automate Select Health Preauthorization Requests: Switch to CareAffiliate®

**CareAffiliate** is our online preauthorization tool for **Select Health commercial plans (Med and Value)**. It enables you to submit preauthorization requests and supporting documentation online rather than through fax or email. This electronic functionality improves security and the speed at which requests are reviewed.

As the industry moves to online preauthorization, there will come a time when faxing requests is no longer a viable option for payers and providers.

### Why use CareAffiliate for commercial preauthorization?

Compared to faxed and emailed requests, using the CareAffiliate tool offers many benefits, such as:

- Reduced response time
- 24/7 preauthorization status information
- No risk of faxed information being lost, sent to the wrong number, or other errors
- Reduced follow-up calls and decision delays due to missing information
- Automatic review and preauthorization decisions for many procedures

### How do I access CareAffiliate?

To request access for both CareAffiliate and the Provider Benefit tool, follow these [online instructions](#).

### Where can I learn more?

Learn more by reading the CareAffiliate [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or by visiting our [online training area](#), where we now feature short training videos and live training appointments.

### Recent Updates

**April 24, 2024:** Eye procedures have been updated to reflect current criteria for the Medicare plan.

**April 3, 2024:** Eye procedures have been updated to reflect current criteria for Commercial plans in Nevada.

**March 13, 2024:** Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy request type has been updated to improve user experience.

### Remember:

- **Exclude:** Procedure codes that do not require review should not be included on requests.
- Try the following steps to resolve common issues, such as being unable to access a provider or receiving a 401 error:
  - Clear your browsing data. **Ctrl+Delete** keyboard shortcut can be used for most browsers.
  - Instead of selecting the requesting or servicing provider from the type-ahead drop-down list, do a new search by using the magnifying glass icon and entering the NPI.
- **Pharmacy Preauthorization?** Submit pharmacy preauthorization requests through [PromptPA](#).

**Questions?** Email us at [careaffiliate@selecthealth.org](mailto:careaffiliate@selecthealth.org).

## Immunization Updates and ACIP Highlights

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) met on **February 28–29, 2024**, for its regular triennial vaccine meeting.

**Figure 5** below summarizes the votes, key guidance, and discussions from these meetings related to COVID-19, chikungunya, diphtheria tetanus DT, influenza, polio, RSV, and meningococcal vaccines.

Learn more by accessing:

- **Related details** (vaccine evidence presented, committee discussion, and votes) for each recommendation summarized in **Figure 5** can be found on the [Select Health Provider Tools](#) area of our website at ACIP Meeting Updates.
- **Archived meeting minutes and slides** are available on the [ACIP meeting website](#) (click on "Meeting Materials").
- **COVID vaccine recommendations** are available on the CDC's [Clinical Considerations](#) website.

Figure 5. Vaccines Guidance Summary

| VOTES                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>COVID-19</b>              | ACIP recommended the administration of an additional dose of 2023–2024 Formula COVID-19 vaccine to persons ages 65 years and older at least four months after the prior dose of 2023–2024 Formula COVID-19 vaccine. Immunocompromised patients should receive an additional dose of 2023–2024 at least two months after the prior dose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>CHIKUNGUNYA VACCINE</b>   | ACIP recommends one dose of the live-attenuated chikungunya vaccine (IXCHIQ®; Valneva) for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those persons ages 18 years and older at risk of chikungunya when traveling to a region experiencing an outbreak</li> <li>• Laboratory personnel working with live virus</li> <li>• Those persons ages 65 years and older traveling to locations with evidence of Chikungunya virus transmission in the past five years</li> <li>• Adults with plans to stay six months or longer in locations with evidence of virus transmission</li> </ul> |
| <b>DIPHTHERIA TETANUS DT</b> | The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program added Td vaccine for use in children ages less than seven years with a contraindication to the pertussis component of the DTaP vaccine. DT vaccine is no longer available.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| REVIEWS AND DISCUSSIONS      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>INFLUENZA</b>             | Vaccine effectiveness for the 2023–2024 season is comparable to seasons with good strain match in preliminary analyses. ACIP anticipates that most influenza vaccines will be trivalent for the 2024–2025 influenza season due to the removal of the B/Yamagata strain.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>H INFLUENZA</b>           | For the hexavalent vaccine, ACIP plans to vote in June 2024 on whether Vaxelis® can be used preferentially in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) infants for <i>H. influenzae</i> protection.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>POLIO</b>                 | ACIP discussed whether two fractional IPV doses administered outside of the U.S. could be counted as a dose toward the U.S. Vaccination schedule.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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Figure 5. Vaccines Guidance Summary, Continued

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| <b>RESPIRATORY<br/>SYNCYTIAL VIRUS<br/>(RSV) — ADULT</b> | ACIP discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trial results of an mRNA RSV candidate vaccine for persons ages 60 years and older</li><li>• Post-licensure reports of Guillain Barré Syndrome (GBS) in older recipients</li><li>• The potential for changing to a universal recommendation for adults ages 60 years and older or for an older cohort</li><li>• The potential for a risk-based recommendation for adults ages 50–59 years and whether timing vaccination near the respiratory season is preferable.</li></ul> |
| <b>MENINGOCOCCAL<br/>VACCINES</b>                        | ACIP continued discussion regarding a revised adolescent meningococcal schedule with a planned vote at its February 2025 meeting and reviewed a candidate GSK pentavalent meningococcal ABCWY (MenABCWY) vaccine.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>PNEUMOCOCCAL</b>                                      | ACIP reviewed considerations of a Merck pneumococcal conjugate, 21-valent (PCV21) candidate vaccine.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

**Questions about immunization?** Contact Tamara Sheffield, MD, MPA, MPH, Medical Director, Immunization Programs, Intermountain Health, at **801-442-3946**.

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