2022 Q1 All Provider Forum

Zoom March 30, 2022



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1). Welcome! AHCCCS MCO Provider Satisfaction Survey Results	5 minutes
Charlotte Whitmore, VP Network Services	
2). LabCorp Overview	10 minutes
Tricia Parker, Payor Solutions Executive - LabCorp	
3). Member Mission Moment	5 minutes
Leslie Rodriguez, Dir. Pharmacy	
4). Performance Improvement Updates with Dr. Jane Dill, MD	15 minutes
5). Integrated Health Care Health Choice Care Management Programs, Advance Directives and End of Life Care	20 minutes
Lauren Fofanova, LCSW Dir. Integrated Healthcare Development	
Polypharmacy/Deprescribing	
Dr. Aaron Goldman Behavioral Health Medical Director	
6). EPSDT AHCCCS Updates	10 minutes
Sarab Sabagh, Manager Dental & EPSDT Program	
7.) Process Improvement Tips: Process Mapping Tools	
Forrest Tatum, MC, NCC, LAC, CPHQ, LLSSB – Sr. Dir. Of Quality Management	

Jadelyn Fields, Network Provider Service Manager and Educator

9). Q & A



15 minutes

8). Provider Resources

2022 AHCCCS Provider MCO Satisfaction Survey Results

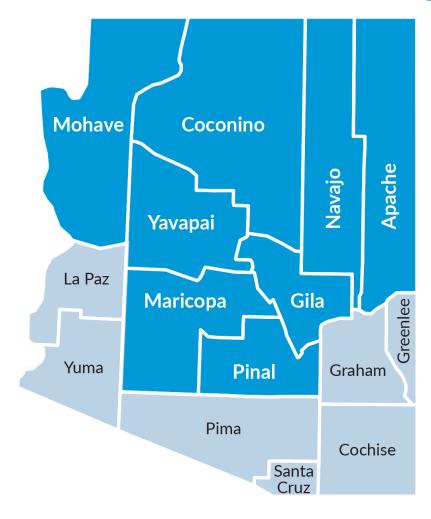
Charlotte Whitmore, VP. Network Services



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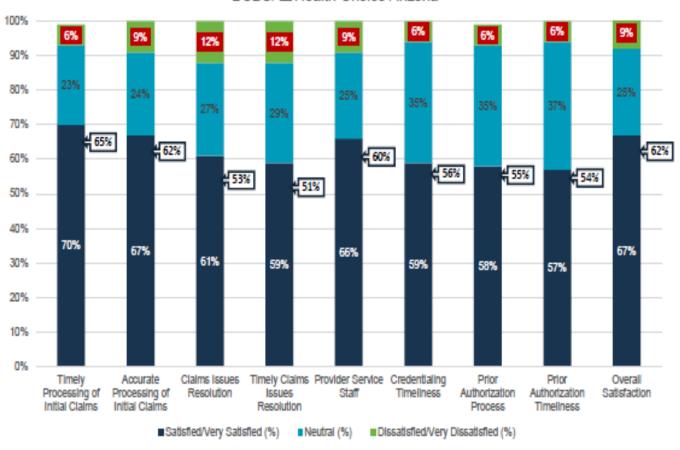


Provider Satisfaction Results

- AHCCCS conducted a provider satisfaction survey from April 15 through May 17, 2021 to solicit feedback from providers about their contracted MCOs
- A total of 282 BCBSAZ Health Choice Arizona providers responded
- Providers reported higher satisfaction with HCA in all categories surveyed compared to other AHCCCS health plans
- HCA providers expressed the most satisfaction with timely processing of initial claims

Provider Satisfaction Results

BCBSAZ/Health Choice Arizona

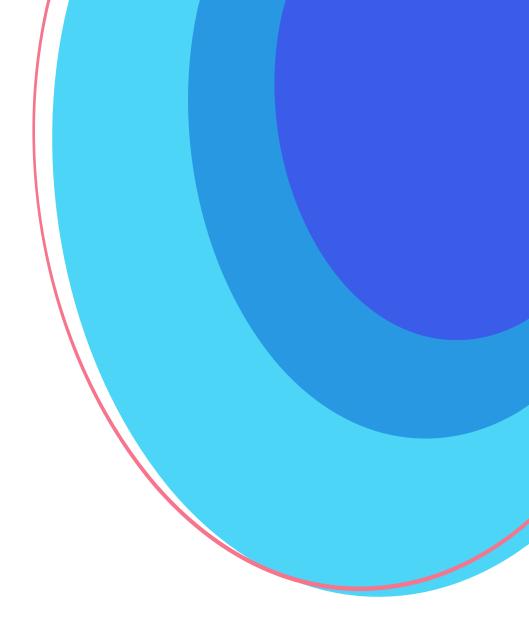


The percentage in the callout boxes identify the average in the "Satisfied" category across all AHCCCS health plans.



Arizona labcorp Overview

Tricia Parker, Payor Solutions Executive



Labcorp National Profile

Leading-edge medical laboratory providing services through a national network of primary clinical and specialty testing laboratories

>30 billion Lab test results with data sets

115 million Annual patient encounters







44 Major Testing Centers > 10,000 Phlebotomists

~ 70,000 employees worldwide

2.5 million patient specimens per week



65,000EMR & digital interfaces to deliver results

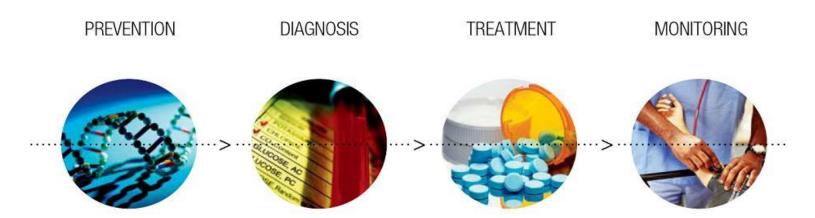
~5,000 tests on menu

Operates in 127 countries

The Value of a Lab Test

Laboratory testing represents 3% - 5% of all medical costs HOWEVER . . .

It influences 70% - 80% of all healthcare decisions



Mission to Improve Health and Improve Lives

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- ✓ Dermatology
- ✓ Endocrinology
- √ Gastroenterology
- ✓ Genetics
- ✓ Infectious Diseases
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- ✓ Oncology
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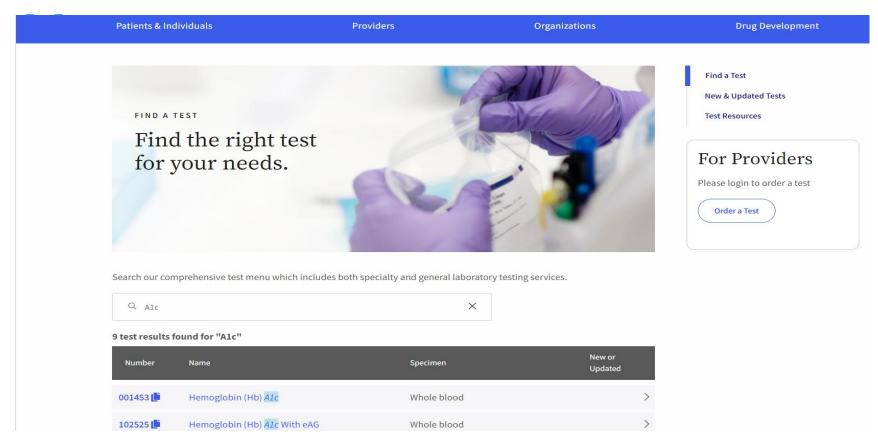
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THE SITUATION

The Pandemic Has Significantly Impacted Healthcare

postponed or canceled one or more routine health checks during the pandemic

66%

suspended treatment at some point during the pandemic

61%

experienced adverse health symptoms but did not seek treatment for them

59%

did not pursue some type of healthcare because of a loss of insurance or income

48%

Source: Tempus, April 2021 N=1,078



LABCORP DIAGNOSTICS

Improving Patient Compliance with Testing Orders

Labcorp launched a new initiative to help patients complete lab testing ordered by their health care providers.

Labcorp has launched a new program and has begun sending automated scheduling reminder emails for unfilled orders to your patients when you order testing,

Unless the testing is completed first, initial reminder emails will be sent 7 days after you have issued an order. If a patient has not completed the testing, opened the initial reminder email, or scheduled an appointment within 48 hours of receiving the first email, we will send the patient one final reminder.



Benefits to You and Your Patients

- Improves patient compliance with completing testing orders
- Keeps patients in-network to reduce out-of-pocket expenses
- Improves patient satisfaction
- Reduces burden on office staff for follow-up calls to patients



Questions? Contact your Labcorp representative.

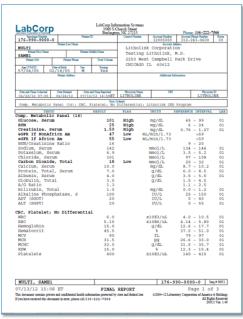
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Wellness at Every Age

AGE: 13-18



Periodic Screening

- Chlamydia and gonorrheal,5: Annual screening age 13-24 annually
- Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)15: Age 15-18: Test at least once retest annually if Increased risk
- Hepatitis B screening1: If pregnant
- Lipid screening1: Age 18-21 once during
- Syphilis testing^{1,7}: If pregnant

Screening if at Increased Risk

- Diabetes testing: with previous gestational diabetes, every 3 years for at least 10 years after pregnancy*
- Hepatitis B screening1
- Syphilis testing^{1,7}

Tuberculosis testing1

AGE: 19-35



Periodic Screening

- Cervical cytology^{1,2}: Age 21-29: Screen every 3 years cytology alone Age 30 to 65: Screen every 3 years with cytology alone, every 5 years with high-risk HPV testing alone, or co-testing every 5 years
- Chlamydia and Gonorrhea^{1,5}: Age 24 years and younger: Annual screening sexually active1.5 Age 25 and older: Annual screening if at increased risk
- Genetic testing/counseling: SMA, CF and screening for thalassemias and hemoglobinopathies should be offered in women considering pregnancy and who are pregnant⁴
- Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)1,5: Age 13-65: Test at least once during lifetime; at least once a year if at Increased risk
- Hepatitis C screening: One-time screening for asymptomatic adults ages 18-79 (repeat screening for high risk)1
- Hepatitis B screening': If pregnant
- Lipid screening1: Age 18-21 once during interval
- Syphilis testing^{1,7}: If pregnant

Screening if at Increased Risk

- Diabetes testing; with previous gestational diabetes, every 3 years for at least 10 years after pregnancy!
- Periodic assessment and genetic counseling/genetic testing for women with a personal or family history of breast, ovarian, tubal, or peritoneal cancer or who have relative(s) with a cancer susceptibility gene mutation'
- Syphilis testingur
- Thyroid Stimulating hormone in symptomatic women*
- Tuberculosis testing
- Hepatitis B screening¹

recommendations can act as a guide for health care providers, but can be adapted as necessary to meet the needs of your patients.

AGE: 40-64



Periodic Screening

- Colorectal cancer screening beginning at age 501 African American women and those with a family history of colorectal cancer may consider screening at an earlier age
- Cervical cytology^{1,3}: Age 30-65: Screen every 3 years with cytology alone, every 5 years with high-risk HPV testing alone, or co-testing every 5 years
- Lipid screening: every 5 years1
- Diabetes testing: If overweight or obese every 3 years1
- Genetic testing/counseling: SMA, CF and screening for thalassemias and hemoglobinopathies should be offered in women considering pregnancy and who are pregnant4
- Hepatitis C screening: at least once for ages 18-79 (repeat screening for high risk)1
- Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) 15: Age 13-65: Test at least once during lifetime; at least once a year if at
- Chlamydia and Gonorrhea15: Annual screening if at
- Hepatitis B screening': If pregnant
- Syphilis testing^{1,7}: If pregnant

Screening if at Increased Risk

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- Periodic assessment and genetic counseling/genetic testing for women with a personal or family history of breast, ovarian, tubal, or peritoneal cancer or who have relative(s) with a cancer susceptibility gene mutation1
- Syphilis testing^{1,7}
- Thyrold Stimulating Hormone in symptomatic women®
- Tuberculosis testing
- Hepatitis B screening¹

AGE: 65+



Periodic Screening

- Colorectal cancer screening up to age 75 and then 76-85: based on patient's overall health1,2,3
- Cervical cytology 12: Age 30-65: Screen every 3 years with cytology alone, every 5 years with high-risk HPV testing alone, or co-testing every 5 years Age 66 and older - Discontinue in women with evidence of adequate prior screening^a
- Lipid screening: once every 5 years up to 75 years of age1
- Diabetes testing: If overweight or obese every 3 years1
- Hepatitis C screening: at least once for ages 18-79 (repeat screening for high risk)1
- Chlamydia and Gonorrhea15: Annual screening If at Increased risk

Screening if at Increased Risk

- · Periodic assessment and genetic counseling/genetic testing for women with a personal or family history of breast, ovarian, tubal, or peritoneal cancer or who have relative(s) with a cancer susceptibility gene mutation1
- Human Immunodeficiency virus (HIV)^{3,2,6}
- Syphilis testing^{1,7}
- Thyroid Stimulating Hormone in symptomatic women*
- Tuberculosis testing'
- Hepatitis B screening¹





Common Wellness Tests for Women

Test Name	Test No	
General Wellness		
Metabolic Panel (14), Comprehensive	322000	
Metabolic Panel (8), Basic	322758	
Complete Blood Count (CBC) With Differential	005009	
Urinalysis, complete with Microscopic Examination with Reflex to Urine Culture, Routine	377036	
Urine Culture, Routine	008847	
Cervical Cytology (ThinPrep® Only)		
Gynecologic Pap Test–Age-based Guideline for Cervical Cancer (Aptima®) and STDs	193060	
Gynecologic Pap Test-Age-based Guideline for Cervical Cancer (Aptima®)		
Gynecologic Pap Test-Age-based Guideline for Cervical Cancer (Aptima®) Plus Chlamydia/Gonococcus	193070	
Gynecologic Pap Test-Age-based Guideline for Cervical Cancer (Aptima*) Plus Chlamydia/Gonococcus/Trichomonas		
Gynecologic Pap Test (image-guided), Liquid-based Preparation and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) (Aptima*) With Reflex to HPV Genotypes 16 and 18, 45		
Gynecologic Pap Test (image-guided), Liquid-based Preparation With Reflex to Human Papillomavirus (HPV) (Aptima*) When ASC-U		
Cardiovascular		
Lipid Panel	303756	
Lipid Panel With LDL: HDL Ratio	235010	
Lipid Panel With Total Cholesterol: HDL Ratio	221010	
Cancer		
Occult Blood, Fecal, Immunoassay	182949	
BRCAssure®: BRCAI and BRCAI Comprehensive Analysis	485030	
VistaSeq Hereditary Cancer Panel	481220	
VistaSeq® High / Moderate Risk Breast Cancer Panel	481452	
VistaSeq® GYN Cancer Panel	481330	
VistaSeq® Breast Cancer Panel	481319	
VistaSeg® Breast and GYN Cancer Panel	481341	



Labcorp offers a comprehensive test menu that supports the continuum of care for women and wellness.

Test Name	Test No.
Diabetes with/without hypertension	
Hernoglobin (Hb) A1c	001453
Hemoglobin (Hb) A1c With eAG	102525
Kidney Profile (Urine Albumen/creatinine ratio + eGFR)	140301
Kidney Profile Plus Metabolic Panel (8), Basic	140302
Kidney Profile Plus Metabolic Panel (14), Comprehensive	140303
Cardiorenal-Glycemia Status Profile (fasting not required)	245292
Infectious Disease	
Hepatitis B Surface Antigen (HBsAg) Screen, Qualitative	006510
Hepatitis Panel, Acute	322744
Hepatitis B Surface Antibody, Qualitative	006395
Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Antibody With Reflex to Quantitative Real-time PCR	144050
HIV Antigen / Antibody Combo With Reflex to Confirmation	083935
QuantiFERON®-TB Gold Plus	182879
Pre-pregnancy	
Inheritest® Core Panel	451964
inheritest® Carrier Screen, Society-guided Panel (14 Genes)	451960
inheritest® Carrier Screen, Comprehensive Panel (144 Genes)	451950
Inheritest® 500 PLUS Panel	630049
STI Profiles	
Chlamydia / Gonococcus, NAA	183194
Treponema pallidum (Syphilis) Screening Cascade	082345
Chlamydia / Gonococcus / Mycoplasma genitalium, NAA, Swab	180082
Chlamydia / Gonococcus / Mycoplasma genitalium, NAA, Urine	180049
Thyroid	
Thyroid-stimulating Hormone (TSH)	004259
Thyroid-stimulating Hormone (TSH) and Free T4	224576

Visit Labcorp.com for more information on the tests listed above and to see our complete test menu.





Be a Part of Labcorp's **Partners in Pregnancy Program**

If you are interested in participating in this comprehensive program, go to www.labcorp.com/forms/pregnancy and complete the form, or your LabCorp representative can sign you up.



LabCorp Comprehensive Pregnancy Test Offerings

Pregnancy and Prenatal		102004 Gestational Diabetes Glucose Tolerance Diagnostic		Inheritest® Carrier Screening		
Prenatal Testing			(3-Hour, 100 g)	451920		
202945 Pronatal Profile I (With HBsAg) Test Includes: ABO			use Tests	457050	Panel	
	group and Rh type; antibody screen (includes	739078	Drugs of Abuse Profile (Routine), Urine (Rive Drugs) (MS Confirmation Included)	451950 451964	Inheritest* Comprehensive Panel Inheritest* Core Panel	
	ID and titler of irregulars); CBC with differential; HBsAq; rubella, lqG; RPR with reflex to TP and	738078	Drugs of Abuse Profile (Routine), Urine (Nine			
	quantitative RPR	7.30070	Drugs) (MS Confirmation Included)	451910		
006049	06049 ABO Grouping and Rho(D) Typing		Maternal Serum Screening		451960 Inheritest* Society-guided Screening Panel	
006015 Antibody Screen		With NT Ultrasound		Hemoglobinopathy		
006213	Antibody Identification	017500	First Trimester With NT (PAPP-A, hCG, dimeric		o-Thalassemia	
188130	Group B Streptococcus Colonization Detection		inhibin A)		β-Thalassemia: HBB (Full Gene Sequencing)	
	Culture	017700	Sequential 1 (PAPP-A, hCG)	121679	Hemoglobinopathy (Hgb) Fractionation Profile Note: Also known as Hgb Electrophoresis Plus	
188135	Group B Streptococcus Colonization Detection Culture With Reflex to Susceptibilities	017750	Sequential 2 (AFP, unconjugated estriol, hCG, dimeric inhibin A)		Solubility	
188132	Group B Streptococcus Colonization Detection,	017100 Integrated 1 (PAPP-A)		Gene Specific Sequending		
	NAA"	017170	Integrated 2 (AFP, unconjugated estriol, hCG,	333561	Ashkenazi Jewish Profile Test Includes: Canavan Disease, Cystic Fibrosis (32), Familial	
188139	Group B Streptococcus Colonization Detection, NAA With Reflex to Susceptibilities		dimeric inhibin A)		Dysautonomia, Tay-Sachs	
006064	Rh Typing		NT Ultrasound	332859		
004593	TSH With Prognancy Reference Range		Serum Integrated 1 (PAPP-A)	1	Same as above, plus Bloom Syndrome, Fanconi Anemia C, Gaucher Disease, Mucolipidosis Type	
Routine	Testing	017270	Serum Integrated 2 (AFP, unconjugated estriol, hCG, dimenic inhibin A)		Niemann-Pick Disease	
005009	Complete Blood count (CBC) with Differential	017319	AFP Tetra (AFP, unconjugated estriol, hCG, dimeric	Chrom	osome, FISH, and Microarray	
006494	Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Antibodies, IgG		inhibin A)	Amnioti	ic Fluid (Prenatal Diagnosis)	
096727	Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Antibodies, Qualitative,	010801	AFP, Maternal Serum for Open Spina Bifida	510185	Chromosome and AFP	
	lgG	Noninvasive Prenatal Testing		511580	Chromosome and AFP/AChE/Hb F	
004416	hCG β Subunit, Quantitative	451927	MaterniT*21 PLUS Core (chr21,18,13, sax)	052040	Chromosome Analysis	
005041	Hemoglobin (Hb)	451951	MaterniT*21 PLUS Core (chr21,18,13, no gender)	052104	Chromosome Analysis, Reflex to SNP Microarray	
006510	Hepatitis B Surface Antigen	451931	MaterniT*21 PLUS Core + ESS		(Reveal*)	
083935	Human Immunodeficiency Virus 1/G/2 (HIV-1/G/2) Antigen/Antibody (Fourth Generation) Preliminary	452136	Maternif*21 PLUS Core + ESS (no gender)		SNP Microarray (Reveal*)	
	Test With Cascade Reflex to Supplementary Testing	451937	Maternff*21 PLUS Core + ESS + SCA		ic VIII (Prenatal Diagnosis)	
163303	Parvovirus B19 (Human), loG, loM	452122	Maternif*21 PLUS Core + ESS + SCA (no gender)	510988		
004036	Programcy Test, Urine	451934	Maternif*21 PLUS Core + SCA	511033	Chromosome Analysis, Reflex to SNP Microarray (Reveal*)	
006478	Toxopiasma gondi/Antibodies, lgG	452112	Materniff*21 PLUS Core + SCA (no gender)	E20000	FSH. Aneuploid Evaluation	
096651	Toxopolasma gondl/ Antibodies, Quantitation, loG	451941	MaterniT* GENOME		SNP Microarray (Reveal®)	
003772	Urinalysis, Complete With Microscopic	451204	MaterniT* GENOME-Flex		s of Conception and Tissue	
	Examination	550746	InformaSeg* Prenatal Test	052052		
008847	Urine Culture, Routine	550716	InformaSeq® Prenatal Test With X, Y Analysis	052065		
096206	Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) Antibodies, IgG	550757	InformaSeq® Prenatal Test With Y Analysis	032065	(Reveal®)	
096776	Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) Antibodies, Quantifative, kgG		Screening		FISH, Aneuploid Evaluation	
Gestational Diabetes		Single-Condition			SNP Microarray POC/Tissue (Reveal*)	
102277	Gestational Diabetes Glucose Tolerance Screen		Cystic Fibrosis Profile (32 Mutations)	Other To	ests	
102211	(1-Hour, 50 g)	450020	CFplus* (97 Mutations)	511035	Chromosome Analysis, Blood	
101000	Gestational Diabetes Glucose Tolerance Test (2-		Fragile X, PCR and Southern Blot Analysis	510770	FISH, Microdeletion Syndromes (Specify syndron	
	Hout, 75g)		Fragile X, PCR With Reflex to Southern Blot		on the test request form.)	
		450010	Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Carrier Testing	511402	Maternal Cell Contamination	

Keeping our clients up-to-date

LabCorp is committed to providing its clients with information about testing and services. You may opt-in to receive a women's health e-mail that will help keep you up-to-date with LabCorp's women's health testing and services.

Refuteroccs

1. American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), Guidelines for Perivatal Care. 8th ed. Bit Grove, IL: AAP; Washington, Dc: ACOG; 2017.

2. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG; Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Prenafal diagnostic testing for genetic disorders. ACOG practice buildin No. 162, May 2016. Obstet Gynecol. 2016 May; 127 (5):e108-122.



Integrated GENETICS LabCorp Specialty Testing Group

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MEMBER MISSION MOMENT Leslie Rodriguez, Director Pharmacy



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Success Story: Mother and Daughter Vaccinated Together

A Spanish-speaking member in her 80s had not received the vaccine. The HCA team member making the outreach call:

- Recognized the phone was answered in Spanish and responded by speaking in Spanish
- Heard that the member was interested in getting vaccinated, but that her daughter was highly skeptical
- Asked if they could answer any questions for either her or her daughter (the member responded by handing the phone to her daughter)
- Listened to both member and daughter, answering their questions and educating them on the risks and benefits of vaccination

Result: Both the member and her daughter scheduled vaccination appointments





Don't Assume Identifying the Root of Resistance to COVID vaccination

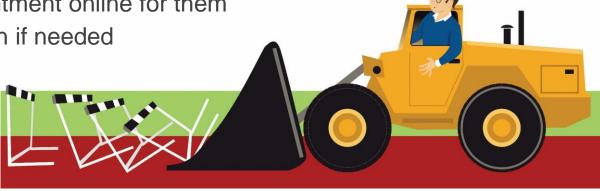
- Erroneous Assumption: If a member isn't vaccinated by now, they will never be vaccinated
- **Reality:** Many members want to be vaccinated, but . . .
 - They have no computer or internet service and cannot schedule an appointment
 - English is not their primary language, so scheduling is difficult
 - Mixed information about the benefits and risks of vaccination has them confused
 - They are waiting for their next doctor appointment to ask if the vaccine is right for them
 - A trusted family member has given them reason to doubt the vaccine
 - They lost track of their original proof of vaccination, and don't know what to do
 - They are unsure of where to start and feel too busy to research the topic
 - They lack reliable transportation to a vaccination site



Removing Roadblocks

During each outreach call, HCA pharmacy technicians:

- Talk with members and and their family members
 - Listen to their concerns
 - Answer any questions they may have
 - Engage interpreters as needed
- Coordinate appointments for the member
 - Find a pharmacy or provider near them
 - Schedule and appointment online for them
 - Line up transportation if needed





Inspiring Health and Making it Easier Data as of March 14, 2022

11,867 calls have been made to 8,806 members

- 57% Left voicemail or unable to reach
- 19% Already vaccinated
- 24% Members reached by a pharmacy team member. Of these:
 - 35% (739 members) unlikely to get vaccinated
 - 42% (876 members) answered questions; some members agreed to consider vaccination
 - 23% (486 members) helped with scheduling an appointment or coordinating transportation



New Training Program for Providers

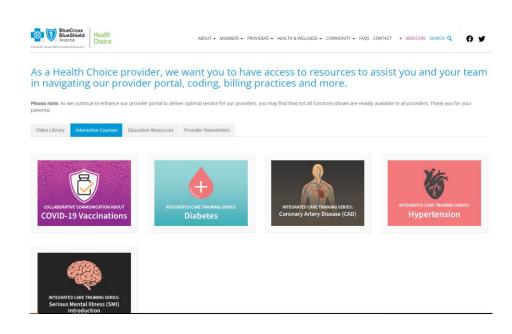
- New Training program:

 Collaborative Communication About COVID-19 Vaccinations

 Trusting conversations cannot be scripted
 Behavioral interviewing techniques
 Inquiring and offering support without judgment

Go to healthchoiceaz.com, Provider menu, Provider Education then click on the Interactive Courses tab.







Performance Improvement Updates

Jane Dill, MD



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Quality Improvement Specialists

Your Health Choice **Performance Improvement Coordinators** have transitioned to a new name with the completion of the Health Choice integration with BCBSAZ:

Quality Improvement Specialists



Quality Improvement Specialists

We have a great team and are happy to assist your practice/organization with:

- Review of Health Choice Arizona and Health Choice Pathway quality reports
- Gap Lists
- Coding/Claims reviews
- AHCCCS / Health Plan updates
- Incentive programs
- Record retrieval to assist with gap closure
- Member Attribution



Quality Improvement Specialists

New AZ Blue emails!

General Quality Improvement Email

performanceimprovement@azblue.com

Jane Dageenakis – Quality Improvement Supervisor

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Jane Dill, MD – Quality Improvement Team Medical Director

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Health Choice Pathway 2022 Comprehensive Health Evaluation (CHE) Program

- Full incentive remains at \$650 per Health Choice Pathway member who has a completed Medicare Annual Wellness Visit along with an Exchange of Data (EOD) Form
 - Partial incentive \$350 for Medicare Annual Wellness visit submitted without the EOD form
- **NEW for 2022!** Complete the EOD form and related assessments with any other visit type, for example a follow up visit for diabetes, and receive **\$200** per member.

*CHE incentive program requirements are outlined in the 2022 signed agreement letter – please reach out to our team if your organization is interested in participating and has not yet signed up.



2022 AHCCCS FOCUS AREAS

- Well Child Visits All Ages
- Breast Cancer Screening
- 7 Day Follow Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness (Child and Adult)
- Timeliness of Prenatal Care
- Other Areas (known as the AHCCCS "Secondary Measures":
 - Use of Opiates at High Dosage
 - A1c control in Diabetes
 - Cervical Cancer Screening
 - Follow up after ER visit for mental illness



Questions?



Health Choice Care Management Programs

Lauren Fofanova, LCSW Director, Integrated Health Care Development





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Care Management Programs

- Health Choice offers comprehensive care management programs designed to improve the quality of life for members with chronic health conditions and complex needs.
- As an NCQA-accredited health plan, our interactive care management programs meet national quality standards.
- Care managers are assigned based on experience in the member's specific health care needs and service area.
- Our care management programs include:
 - Comprehensive initial assessment
 - Member self-management planning
 - Coordination of member needs



Care Management Programs

Health Choice care management programs include but are not limited to the following:



Integrated Care Management – Complex needs and/or high utilization



BOWS Prevention Protocol – Overdose prevention for those with warning signs



Chronic Condition Management – Dx such as Diabetes, HIV, Hepatitis C, COPD, CHF



Opioid Care Management – Members with an opioid use disorder



Maternal Care Management – High-risk pregnancy and postpartum care



Selected Provider Program – Pharmacy and/or provider prescribing lock



SHOUT Protocol – Suicide Prevention for those with high-risk



Justice Reach-In – Transition from justice system to community



Care Management Programs

Additional information:

www.healthchoiceaz.com/providers/medical-management/

To refer a member to a Health Choice Care Management Program, or for more information, contact us at:

- 1-800-322-8670
- RWTeam@azblue.com



Advance Directives, Hospice and End of Life Care

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Advance Directives, Hospice and End of Life Care

Health Choice supports the right of members to develop advanced directives and utilize end-of-life care and hospice services when appropriate and desired by the member.

AHCCCS requires health plans to ensure that providers:

- Are educated in the concepts of End of Life (EOL) care, Advance Care Planning and Advance Directives
- Discuss Advance Directives with all adult members



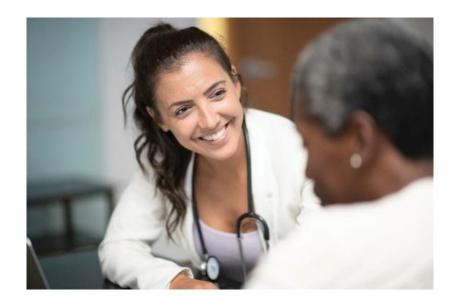
Definitions

- End of Life Care A concept of care, for the duration of the member's life, that focuses on Advance Care Planning, the relief of stress, pain, or life limiting effects of illness to improve quality of life for a member at any age who is currently or is expected to experience declining health, or is diagnosed with a chronic, complex or terminal illness.
- Advanced Care Planning A part of the End of Life care concept and is a billable service that is a voluntary face-to-face ongoing discussion between a qualified health care professional and the member to:
 - Educate the member/guardian/designated representative(s) about the member's illness and the health care options that are available to them,
 - Develop a written plan of care that identifies the member's choices for treatment, and
 - Share the member's wishes with family, friends, and his or her physicians.



Definitions

 Advance Directive – A document by which a person makes provision for health care decisions in the event that, in the future, he/she becomes unable to make those decisions.



End of Life Care

- EOL care focuses on providing treatment, comfort, and quality of life for the duration of the member's life.
- It can include provision/coordination of services such as
 - Physical and/or behavioral health medical treatment to treat the underlying illness and other comorbidities, relieve pain, and relieve stress
 - Referrals to community resources for services (i.e. pastoral services, legal services)
 - Referral to practical supports, which are non-billable services provided by a family member, friend or volunteer to assist or perform functions such as Housekeeping, Personal Care, Food preparation, Shopping, Pet care, and Nonmedical comfort measures.
- Members aged 21 years and older who receive EOL care may continue to receive Curative Care until they choose to receive hospice care.
- Members under the age of 21 may receive Curative Care concurrently with EOL care and hospice care.



Advance Care Planning

- Advance Care Planning is initiated by the member's qualified health care professional for a member at any age that is currently or is expected to experience declining health or is diagnosed with a chronic, complex or terminal illness.
- For the purposes of Advance Care Planning, a qualified health care professional is a Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Osteopath (DO), Physician Assistant (PA), or Nurse Practitioner (NP).
 - Advance Care Planning is a covered, reimbursable service when provided by a qualified health care professional. The provider may bill for providing Advance Care Planning separately during a well or sick visit.



Advance Care Planning

- Per AHCCCS rules (AMPM 310-HH), providers should perform the following as part of the EOL concept of care when treating qualifying members:
 - Conduct a face-to-face discussion with the member/guardian/designated representative to develop Advance Care Planning,
 - Teach the member/guardian/designated representative about the member's illness and the health care options that are available to the member to enable them to make educated decisions,
 - Identify the member's healthcare, social, psychological and spiritual needs,
 - Develop a written member centered plan of care that identifies the member's choices for care and treatment, as well as life goals,
 - Share the member's wishes with family, friends, and his or her physicians,
 - Complete Advance Directives,
 - Refer to community resources based on member's needs, and
 - Assist the member/guardian/designated representative in identifying Practical Supports to meet the member's needs.



Advance Directives

- Per AHCCCS Policy AMPM 640, Providers are responsible to:
 - Maintain written policies for adult members receiving care through their organization regarding the member's ability to make decisions about medical care, including the right to accept or refuse medical care and the right to execute an Advance Directive.
 - Provide written information to adult members regarding the provider's policies concerning Advance Directives, including any conscientious objections.
 - Document in the member's medical record whether or not the adult member has been provided the information, and whether an Advance Directive has been executed.
 - Prevent discrimination against a member because of his or her decision to execute or not execute an Advance Directive, and not place conditions on the provision of care to the member, because of his/her decision to execute or not execute an advance directive.
 - Provide education to staff on issues concerning Advance Directives including notification to staff who provide services such as home health care and personal care services (e.g. attendant care, respite, personal care) if any Advance Directives are executed by members to whom they are assigned to provide services, and
 - Ensure alternative Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) setting staff have immediate access to advance directive documents to provide to first responder requests.



Advance Directives

- Adult members, and when the member is incapacitated or unable to receive information, the member's family or surrogate as defined in A.R.S. §36-3231, shall be provided written information regarding Advance Directives as delineated in 42 CFR 489.102(e) concerning:
 - The member's rights, regarding Advance Directives under Arizona State law.
 - The organization's policies respecting the implementation of those rights, including a statement of any limitation regarding the implementation of advance directives as a matter of conscience.
 - A description of the applicable state law and information regarding the implementation of these rights.
 - The member's right to file complaints with ADHS Division of Licensing Services, and
 - Written policies including a clear and precise statement of limitations if the provider cannot implement an Advance Directive as a matter of conscience. This statement, at a minimum, shall:
 - Clarify institution-wide conscientious objections and those of individual physicians,
 - · Identify state legal authority permitting such objections, and
 - Describe the range of medical conditions or procedures affected by the conscience objection.



Advance Directives



- Health Current (aka Contexture) is the new home for the Arizona Healthcare
 Directives Registry (AzHDR) after 2019 legislation granted the transition of the
 registry from the Secretary of State's office to Health Current to improve
 healthcare provider access to advance directives.
- The secure online AzHDR provides a safe place to store and make accessible Arizonans' advance directive documents.
- It is available at no cost to Arizona residents.
- Provider trainings are available. Upcoming trainings: 4/22, 5/13. Register: https://healthcurrent.org/azhdr/
- Become a registered provider: <u>info@azhdr.org</u>



Resources

- Arizona Healthcare Directives Registry: https://healthcurrent.org/azhdr/
- National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, resources for providers and patients: https://www.nhpco.org/
- Coming Soon! New interactive training on Advanced Directives, Hospice, End of Life Care on the Health Choice website (click on Interactive Trainings): https://www.healthchoiceaz.com/providers/provider-education/
- Health Choice Provider Manuals:
 - Health Choice Arizona: https://www.healthchoiceaz.com/providers/provider-manual/
 - Health Choice Pathway: https://www.healthchoicepathway.com/providers/provider-manual/
- Health Choice Customer Service: 1-800-322-8670 (TTY:711)



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Health Choice

Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnostic, Treatment (EPSDT) Updates Sarab Sabagh, EPSDT/Dental Program Manager



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EPSDT AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual 430

AHCCCS revised the AMPM 430 – Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Services Form

- ➤ Updated and renamed EPSDT Tracking Forms to AHCCCS Clinical Sample Templates
- ➤ Providers are required to use the AHCCCS Clinical Sample Templates or equivalent EHR
 - ➤ Electronic form needs to include all components as on the age specific AHCCCS EPSDT Clinical Sample Templates
- ➤ Templates can be downloaded from the AHCCCS website https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/MedicalPolicyManual/40 https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/ https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/ https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/ https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/ https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/ https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/ https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/ https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/
- ➤ Submit the Clinical Sample Templates or EHR to the EPSDT department as soon after the EPSDT visit as possible via Fax :480-760-4716 or email: HCHEPSDTCHEC@azbue.com
- ➤ Addition of coverage for a 30-month EPSDT visit to align with Bright Futures



EPSDT

The EPSDT Periodicity Schedule can be found at:

https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/MedicalPolicyManual/400/430 AttachmentA.docx

 Aligned Developmental Screening with CMS/HEDIS by separating the Developmental Screening into:

General Developmental Screening

- > Should occur at the nine-month, 18 month, and 30-month EPSDT visit
- > Accepted tools are:
 - Ages and Stages Questionnaire, Third Edition (ASQ-3)
 - Parent's Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS)

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Specific Developmental Screening

- > Occurs at the 18 month and 24-month EPSDT visit
- > Approved tool for use is:
 - Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (M-CHAT-r)

CPT code 96110 is used with the EP modifier



EPSDT Eyeglass Replacements and Repair

Health Choice covers eyeglasses and other vision services, including replacement and repair of eyeglasses, for members under the age of 21 years to correct or ameliorate defects, physical illness, and conditions discovered by EPSDT screenings. There are no restrictions for replacement eyeglasses when medically necessary for vision correction. This coverage includes but is not limited to loss, breakage, or change in prescription.

EPSDT members do not need to wait for their next scheduled EPSDT well-child visit or vision screening to receive eyeglass replacement or repair.

The members can choose to accept or decline any upgrade to lenses or frames. Any upgrade that is not AHCCCS covered is the member's responsibility, and providers are required to ensure the member accepts financial responsibility and signs a financial responsibility agreement prior to rendering service. The agreement must detail the service and the amount to be paid by the member.



EPSDT/Dental Program

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Process Improvement Tips: Process Mapping Tools

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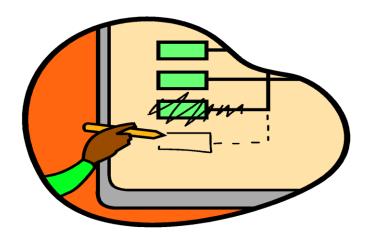


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Mapping the Process

Agenda -

- 1. Process mapping overview
- 2. Common types and uses
- 3. Analysis and process improvement





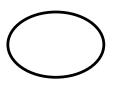
Process Mapping

- A pictorial representation of a process (steps and decision points)
 - Shows process boundaries
 - Identifies key stakeholders
 - Displays inputs (X) and outputs (Y)
- Shows inefficiencies/rework in the process
- Exposes ambiguity and variation
- Points to potential key measurements
- Helps initiate standardization to create reliable and effective processes



Process Map/Flowchart Symbols

Symbol Key



Start or end of process



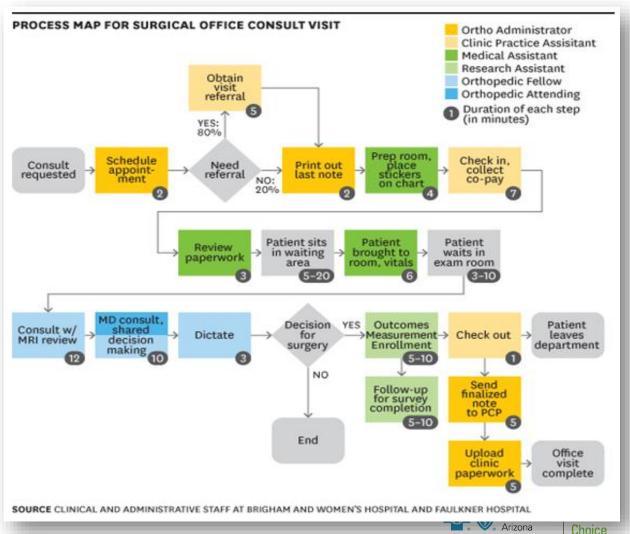
Action or task



Decision point



Sequence Connector



Why Process Map the Current State?

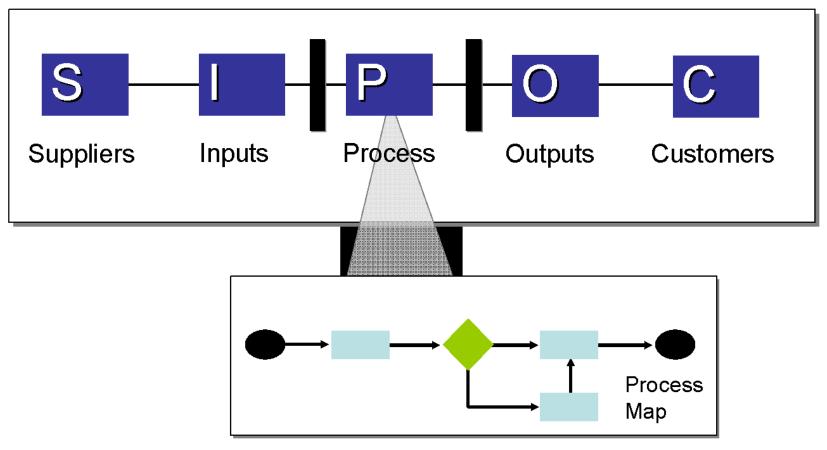
- To show process (material and information) flow simply and visually
- To clarify organization's understanding of how the current process actually operates

 To create baseline for future improvements to be made and measured – future state



High Level Process Map: SIPOC

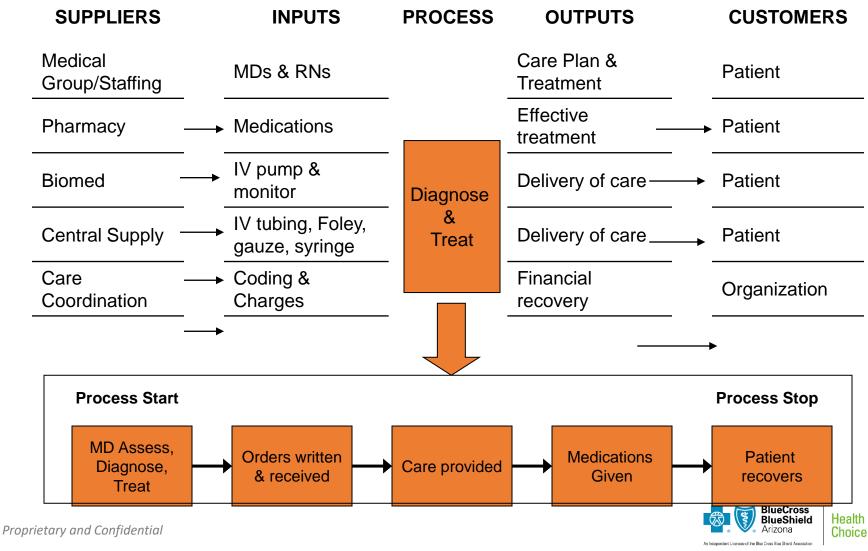
SIPOC: The starting point for any process map



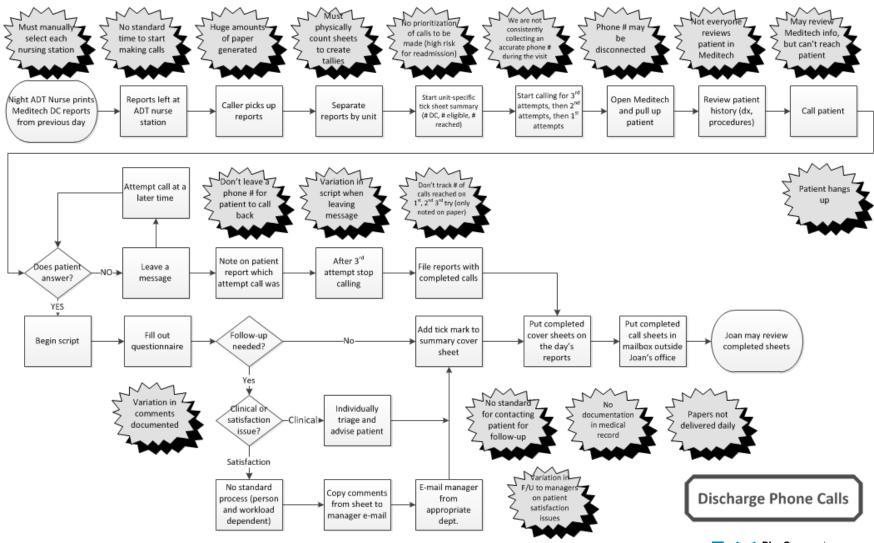
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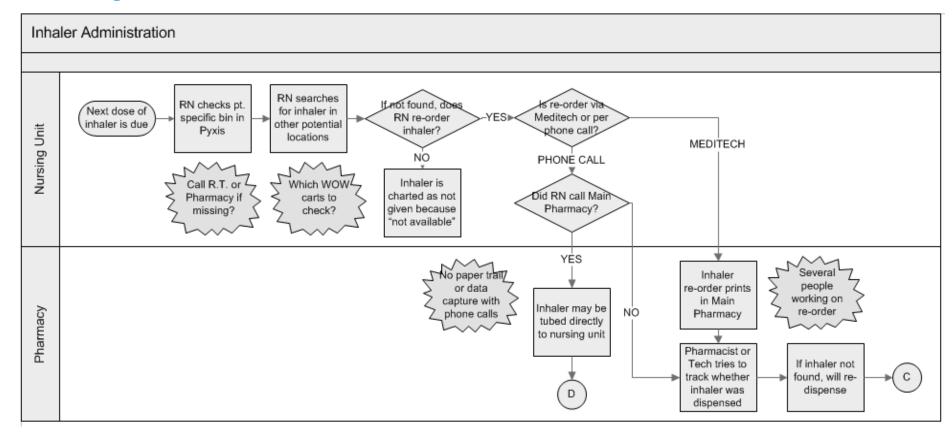
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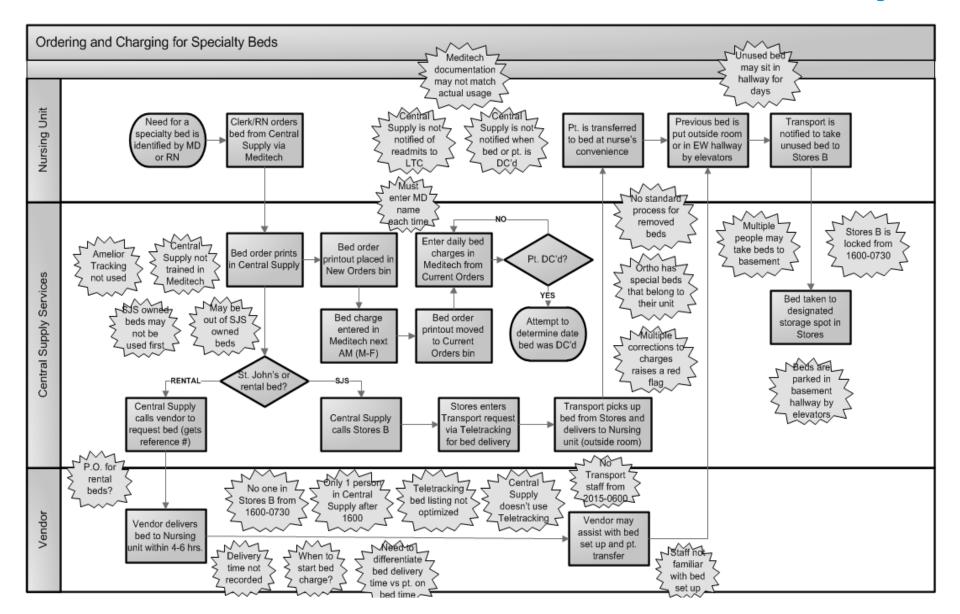
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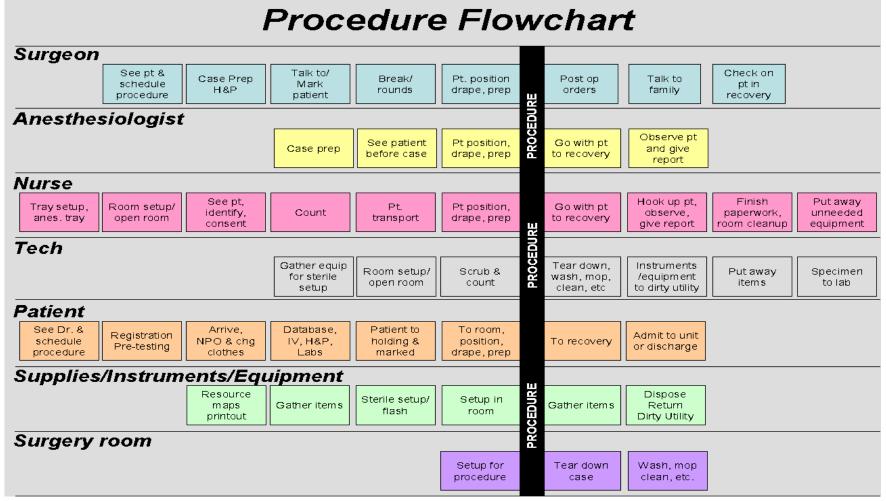
Functional Swim Lane Process Map



Functional Swim Lane Process Map



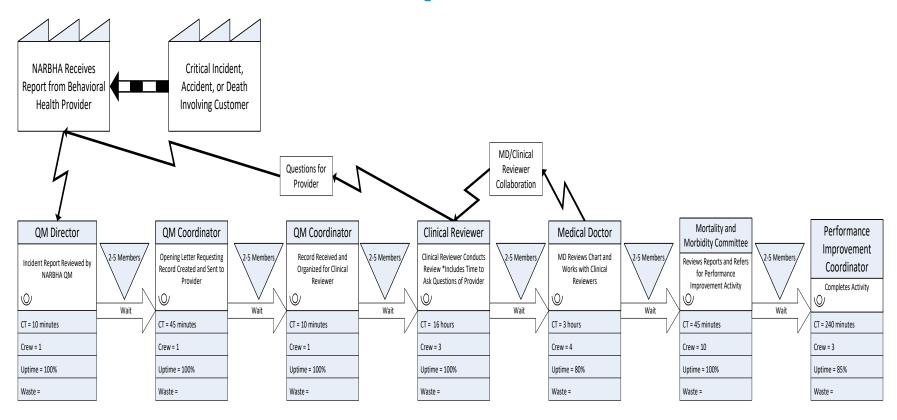
Parallel Processes Swim Lane Process Map

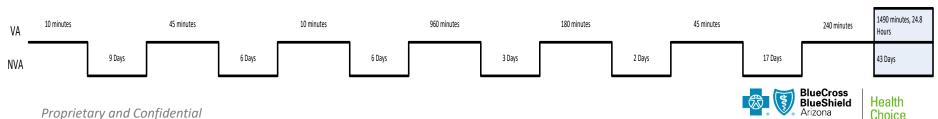


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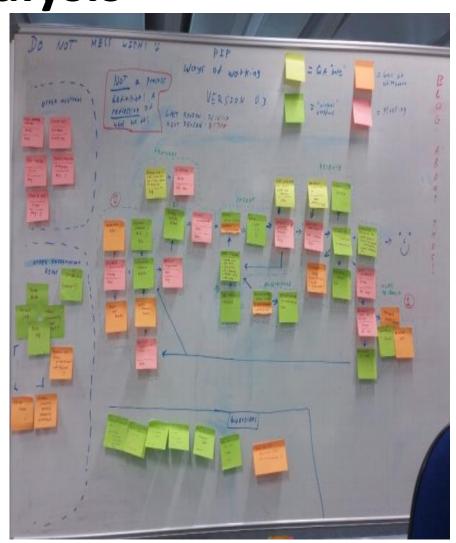
Value Stream Map





Process Map Analysis

- Is there a standardized process?
- How much variation exists?
- Why do we do this step?
- Do we need all these steps?
- Does the sequence make sense?
- Where are the hand-offs?
- Is the right resource doing each task?
- Is there any re-work?
- Do we have any data about this?





Improvement Strategies

Types of Inefficiencies

- Redundant steps
- Unclear steps
- Misplaced steps
- Steps that do not add value
- Inefficiencies in materials, job assignments or work environment

Typical Action

- Eliminate duplication
- Clarify
- Reorder
- Minimize or eliminate
- Make changes



Common Reactions to Process Mapping Activities

- Interdependence realized
 - "I never knew why that was so important."
 - "I had no idea how my actions impacted XYZ."
- Astonishment at complexity
 - "I can't believe this is what our patient have to go through."
 - "It's a miracle we ever get things right."
- Affirmation of the frustrations felt daily
 - "This explains why we feel so overwhelmed."
 - "No wonder our patients are confused."
- Motivation to change
 - "We can't continue to work like this."
- "We can do better than this."



Process Mapping Tips

- Process map as multidisciplinary team activity that includes individuals working closely with the process
- Start with high level steps to define the process scope, and then add detail
- Iterative, living documents
- Reviewed frequently and updated
- Posted for staff as a quick reference



Questions?

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<u>Institute for Healthcare Improvement Toolkit -</u> http://www.ihi.org/resources/Pages/Tools/Flowchart.aspx

http://www.ihi.org/communities/blogs/5-steps-for-creating-value-through-process-mapping-and-observation

Lean Six Sigma for Healthcare webinar:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7oH0nJDPj0&list=PL04B7FD7E27FC8CCF

AHRQ Toolkit:

https://digital.ahrq.gov/health-it-tools-and-resources/evaluation-resources/workflow-assessment-health-it-toolkit/all-workflow-tools/process-0

American Society for Quality (ASQ):

https://videos.asq.org/process-mapping-basics



Provider Resources Jadelyn Fields, Network Provider Service Manager and Educator



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Change in Member Service Hours of Operation for Health Choice Arizona

<u>Effective March 21, 2022, the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, Health Choice Medicaid, Member Service telephone line hours of operation will change.</u>

New hours of operation for Health Choice Member Services telephone line 1-800-322-8670 will be 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

Our Member Services staff may also be reached via: hchcomments@azblue.com

Health Choice Pathway Medicare Member Service hours will remain unchanged: 8am-8pm, 7 days a week.

For self-service options, please visit our provider portal: providerportal.healthchoiceaz.com



Health Choice Email Migration to BCBSAZ

The Health Choice email migration to BCBSAZ is complete.

Please ensure that you are using the @azblue.com domain when emailing your organizational contacts.

Effective 3/31/2022, emails addressed to the @healthchoiceaz.com domain will be undeliverable.



AHCCCS AMPM, ACOM, Coding & Billing Updates

!STAY UP TO DATE!

Updates to the <u>AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM)</u>, <u>AHCCCS Contractor Operations Manual (ACOM)</u>, and <u>Medical Coding Resources</u> are available on the <u>AHCCCS website</u>.

The AHCCCS Medical Coding Unit is responsible for the update and maintenance of all medical coding related to AHCCCS claims and encounters processing. This includes place of service, modifiers, new procedure codes, new diagnoses, and coding rules. This unit is also responsible for reviewing and responding to any medical coding related guidelines or questions. This includes questions related to daily limits, procedure coverage, etc.

Please also visit the <u>AHCCCS Encounters Resource</u> page for additional resource and guidance regarding coding and plan coverage updates.



Change to Health Choice Member ID Numbers

Health Choice Arizona and Health Choice Pathway member ID numbers are changing effective January 1, 2022.

All members will receive a new ID card by December 20, 2021.

The change to our member ID format is an addition of a prefix.

We've added this prefix for claims processing, and are requesting that you update your systems with this new ID format.

Here's what the new ID format looks like for each line of business:

Health Plan	ID#
Health Choice Arizona	HCIA12345678
Health Choice Pathway	MZHHC12345678
Health Choice Pathway (Dual Members)	Medicare ID #: MZHHC 12345678
	AHCCCS ID #: HCIA 12345678



Change to Health Choice Member ID Numbers Health Choice Arizona – Member ID Card Example







Member: John Q Sample

ID # HCIA12345678

Health Plan Name: Health Choice Arizona RxBIN: 123456 RxPCN: Part D RX3898 Group:

Member Services: 1-800-322-8670

ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM



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Arizona providers send medical claims to: Health Choice Arizona PO Box 52033 Phoenix, AZ 85072-2033

Providers outside of Arizona should file all claims to the local Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plan in whose service area the member received services.

HealthChoiceAZ.com

Member Services: 1-800-322-8670 24/7 Nurse Advice Line: 1-855-458-0622 Pharmacists Call: 1-800-364-6331

Benefits are limited to emergent care outside of Arizona



Change to Health Choice Member ID Numbers Health Choice Pathway – Member ID Card Example



Health Choice

Member: John Q Sample

ID #: MZHHC1234567

Health Plan Name: Health Choice Pathway (HMO D-SNP) RxBIN:

RxGRP:

004336

RxPCN:

MEDDADV

RX8748

Health Plan

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Plan ID:

H5587-002







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Arizona providers send medical claims to: Health Choice Pathway (HMO D-SNP) PO Box 52033 Phoenix, AZ 85072-2033

Providers outside of Arizona should file all claims to the local Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plan in whose service area the member received services. HealthChoicePathway.com
Member Services:
1-800-656-8991, TTY 711
Hours of Operation:
8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week
Pharmacy Prior Auth and
Appeals Fax: 1-877-424-5690
24/7 Nurse Advice Line:
1-855-458-0622
Pharmacy Help Desk:
1-866-693-4620

Benefits are limited to emergent care outside of Arizona.

Health

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Change to Health Choice Member ID Numbers Health Choice Dual - Member ID Card Example



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Member: John Q Sample

HCP ID #: MZHHC1234567 AHCCCS ID #: HCIA12345678

RxBIN: RxPCN: RxGRP:

004336 MEDDADV RX8748

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Health Plan Plan ID:

H5587-002

Health Plan Name: Health Choice Pathway (HMO D-SNP) 1-800-656-8991

Health Plan Phone #:

Health Choice Arizona

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Claim Submissions

KEEP YOUR RECORDS UP TO DATE!

By not keeping your information current, you may experience claim rejections, non-payments, or returned check payments.

All providers are recommended to submit claims/encounters electronically. Electronic billing ensures faster processing and payment of claims, eliminates the cost of sending paper claims, allows tracking of each claim/encounter sent, and minimizes clerical data entry errors.

Health Choice Arizona (AHCCCS)

Health Choice Arizona Payer ID# 62179

P.O. BOX 52033, PHOENIX, AZ 85072-2033

Health Choice Pathway (Medicare Advantage)

Health Choice Pathway Payer ID# 62180

P.O. BOX 52033, PHOENIX, AZ 85072-2033



Claim Submission Reminders

KEEP YOUR RECORDS UP TO DATE!

By not keeping your information current, you may experience claim rejections, non-payments, or returned check payments.

No Staple Required

Please do not staple documents or claims. If there is a document being submitted with the claim, the document should lay directly behind the claim and <u>each page of documentation should indicate the claim number.</u>

Prior Authorization Number

Submit claims with the full and complete Prior Authorization number reported, including leading zeros.

Sending Documentation to a specific department?

Help us stay efficient in getting your mail to the correct department, please indicate which Department your mail should be directed to:

Health Choice Arizona OR Health Choice Pathway,

Attention: SPECIFIC DEPARTMENT,
410 N. 44th Street, Suite #900
PHOENIX, AZ 85008



PROVIDER PORTAL

Are you registered for the Provider Portal?

Sign-up today!

Get access to secure member eligibility, claim status/reconsideration, submit medical and pharmacy prior authorization requests and much more.

!!!COMING SOON!!!

Online AzAHP

Our portal is available under the 'Providers' tab of each of our plan websites:

www.healthchoiceaz.com

www.healthchoicepathway.com

Easy to follow portal training video(s) on our websites

'Providers' tab -> 'Provider Education'



Secure Provider Portal View



Health Choice

HOME ELIGIBILITY CLAIMS™ MEMBER ROSTER QUALITY™ PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS™ DOCUMENTS LOG OFF

Welcome to Health Choice Provider Portal

New & Upcoming Enhancements

- Now Available: Member Admissions and/or Discharges
- (1) New member ID prefixes: Health Choice Arizona is HCI (e.g. HCIA12345678). Health Choice Pathway is MZH (e.g. MZHHC1234567)
- Now Available: Member COVID Vaccine Status Report

Provider Reminders

- Effective March 21, 2022 HCA Member Service customer service hours will be changed to: Mon - Fri 8am to 5pm. Medicare, HCP will remain the same 8am -8pm 7 days a week.
- Recent Member Admissions and/or Discharges
- If you or your agency is providing services and support to persons with autism, please take this brief 2021 ASD Diagnostician and Services Survey.
- View your Member COVID Vaccine Status Report

Member Eligibility Use the form below to look up the eligibility status for one of our members. First Name **Last Name** Date Of Birth mm/dd/yyyy ::: Or search by Member ID CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY

Use one of our convenient tools to learn more about our services.

- Claims Lookup
- . Dental Claims History
- · Vision Claims History

Need information regarding authorizations? Choose one of the following options below.

- · View Your Medical Prior Authorization Status
- Health Choice Pharmacy Prior Authorization Request
- · Health Choice Arizona Prior Authorization Grid
- · Health Choice Pathway Prior Authorization Grid (Arizona)

Use one of our convenient tools to manage your account or look up answers in our document library.

- · Provider Member Roster
- Provider Resources
- · Health Choice Integrated Care Provider Portal
- · Provider Demographic Request

Online Provider Resources Secure Provider Portal View



HOME ELIGIBILITY CLAIMS → MEMBER ROSTER QUALITY → PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS → DOCUMENTS LOG OFF

Provider Resources

Please note that user Account passwords should NOT be shared between employees. Sharing passwords is prohibited. HCA encourages the Master Account holders to set up individual user accounts in order for ndividual employees to use If you have any questions, please contact the Provider Portal Coordinator at 480-760-4651 or 1-800-332-8670.

Provider Notices/Fax

- Health Choice Arizona
- Health Choice Pathway
- · Health Choice Utah

Provider Manuals

- · Health Choice Arizona
- · Health Choice Pathway

Provider Forms

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- · Health Choice Utah

HCA Dental Matrix

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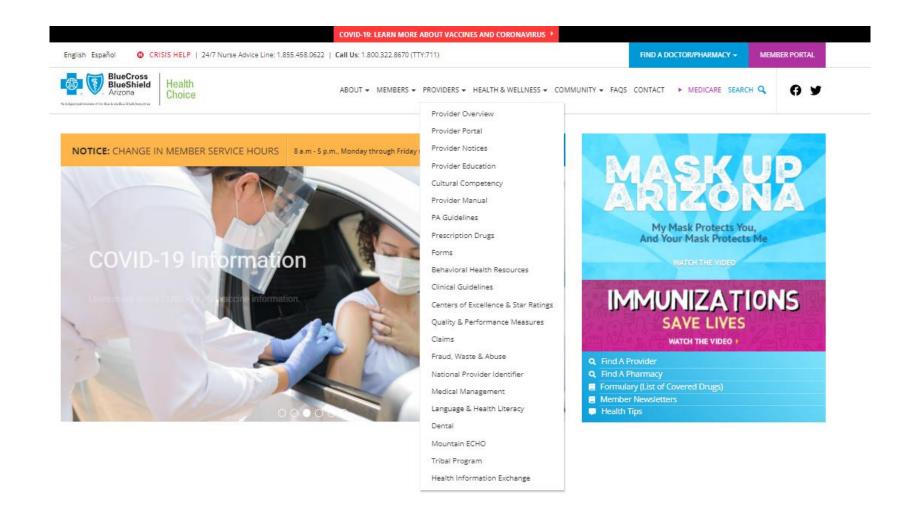
Provider Newsletters

- · Health Choice Arizona
- · Health Choice Pathway

HCG Model of Care

· Health Choice Pathway

Our Public Website Online Provider Resources



AHCCCS Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)

!!!COMING 2022!!!

To support your EVV onboarding efforts, AHCCCS has compiled several updates and reminders. We appreciate your willingness to work with AHCCCS over the past many months to prepare and initiate implementation of EVV.

Claims and Policy Grace Period – Continued

At this time, AHCCCS is seeking further guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that will inform a decision on the new date the hard claim edits will begin.

Stay Informed

Please sign up for the AHCCCS Constant Contact email list to receive any and all EVV notices like this one from AHCCCS under the "Stay Informed" tab on the AHCCCS website www.azahcccs.gov/EVV



AHCCCS Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)

!!!COMING 2022!!!

This extension does not mean that providers can wait to start EVV

Compliance with EVV was required beginning January 1, 2021. Providers should use this period to develop operational procedures, train administrative personnel, onboard members, and caregivers and self-monitor agency compliance in order to avoid billing challenges when the hard claim edit period begins.

Once the hard claim edits begin, providers will not get paid unless all the required EVV visit data is present.

In partnership with Sandata, AHCCCS will be periodically posting "quick tips" to help providers using the Sandata system. The first in the installment is a "quick tip" to help providers understand and resolve clients showing up in a pending status. Quick tips are now available on the AHCCCS website under the Sandata EVV System Resources and Technical Assistance tab.

For more questions about billing, please reference the Billing FAQ on the EVV webpage (www.azahcccs.gov/EVV).



Q&A



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