



# Member Handbook



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PO Box 31384

Tampa, FL 33631

1-855-577-8234 (TTY: 711)

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**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

200 Independence Avenue SW, Room 509F, HHH Building  
Washington, DC 20201

Phone: **1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697** (TDD)

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# WELCOME

## **Thank you for choosing Iowa Total Care as your health plan!**

Iowa Total Care works with the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). We provide health services for the Iowa Medicaid program. With your doctor, we help manage your care and health. Our job is to make sure you get the services you need to stay healthy.

## **What is the Iowa Medicaid program?**

The Iowa Medicaid program provides physical health services, behavioral health services, long-term services and supports (LTSS), select vision services, non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT), and community benefits.

## **Who is Iowa Total Care?**

Iowa Total Care is a Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO). A member is anyone who gets services from the MCO. The purpose of an MCO is to give members access to all the health services they need through one company.

As an MCO, Iowa Total Care will help coordinate your individual healthcare needs. By doing this, our goal is to improve health outcomes for every Iowa resident we have the privilege to serve.

Contact us to request information such as:

- Benefits, eligibility, claims or participating providers.
- How we work with your other health plans (if you have one).
- How we pay our providers.

If you want to tell us ways to improve or recommend changes in our policies, procedures or services, call Iowa Total Care Member Services: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

## **Iowa Total Care in the Community**

Iowa Total Care is committed to our community. We offer support and programs statewide to all Iowans. Visit [IowaTotalCare.com](https://www.IowaTotalCare.com) to learn more.

## **About Your Member Handbook**

**THIS HANDBOOK IS NOT A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE. IT SHALL NOT BE TAKEN TO BE PROOF OF INSURANCE COVERAGE BETWEEN IOWA TOTAL CARE AND THE MEMBER.**

The Member Handbook is a detailed guide to Iowa Total Care and your healthcare benefits. The Member Handbook explains your rights, your benefits, and your responsibilities as a member of Iowa Total Care. Please read this booklet carefully.

It gives you information on your benefits and services such as:

- What is covered/not covered by Iowa Total Care.
- How to get the care you need.
- How to get your prescriptions filled.
- How to choose your Primary Care Provider (PCP).
- Eligibility requirements.
- Your rights and responsibilities.
- What to do if you are unhappy about your health plan or coverage.
- When to use urgent care instead of the emergency room.
- Materials you will receive from Iowa Total Care.

Services mentioned are funded in part with the state of Iowa.

Iowa Total Care does not deny services based on moral or religious objections.

Call Member Services to receive a paper copy or an additional copy of the member handbook at no cost to you. Paper copies of the handbook will be mailed within five business days. The toll-free phone number is 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711). You may also visit [IowaTotalCare.com](http://IowaTotalCare.com) to view the member handbook.

Please take time to look over your handbook. Keep it handy in case you need it.

## **Important Contact Information**

### **Iowa Total Care Member Services**

- Phone: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).
- Call this number for all member services, such as:
  - Nurses (available 24/7).
  - Vision.
  - Non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT).
  - Medical management.
  - Lifeline Program.
  - Care management.
  - Physical and behavioral health.
  - Waiver and facility-based services.
  - Ombudsmen.
  - To request an interpreter.
- Hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m. CT.
- Website: [IowaTotalCare.com](http://IowaTotalCare.com).
- Address:  
1080 Jordan Creek Parkway, Suite 400 South  
West Des Moines, IA 50266

## **24/7 Nurse Advice Line**

- Phone: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).
- 24/7 Nurse Advice Line is available 24 hours a day, every day.
- Website: [IowaTotalCare.com](http://IowaTotalCare.com).

## **Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT): MTM Health**

- Phone: 1-877-271-4819.
- Available to Iowa Health Link members.
- Hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m. CT.
- Website: [IowaTotalCare.com](http://IowaTotalCare.com) or [mtm-inc.net/mtm-link](http://mtm-inc.net/mtm-link).

## **Vision: Centene Vision Services**

- Phone: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).
- Hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m. CT.
- Website: [IowaTotalCare.com](http://IowaTotalCare.com).

## **State Contact Information**

### **Iowa Medicaid (IM) Member Services Call Center or Enrollment Broker**

- Phone 1-800-338-8366 (toll-free); 1-515-256-4606 (in the Des Moines area).
- Call this number for MCO choice counseling and enrollment for Iowa Health Link members. IM Member Services can also help with premium payments and financial hardship requests for Iowa Health and Wellness Plan members.
- For telephone accessibility assistance if you are deaf, hard-of-hearing, blind, or have difficulty speaking, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942.
- Hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. CT.
- You can also email IM Member Services at: [imemember@hhs.iowa.gov](mailto:imemember@hhs.iowa.gov).
- Website: [hhs.iowa.gov/medicaid/member-services](http://hhs.iowa.gov/medicaid/member-services).

### **Hawki Customer Service**

- Phone: 1-800-257-8563 (toll-free).
- Call this number for MCO choice counseling and enrollment for **Hawki** members. **Hawki** Customer Service can also help with premium payments and questions.
- Hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. CT.

## Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Contact Center

- Phone: 1-855-889-7985.
- Hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. CT.
- Call this number if you are new to Medicaid and have application questions.

## Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Income Maintenance Customer Service Center or Enrollment Broker

- Phone: 1-877-347-5678.
- Hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. CT.
- Call this number to report changes for continued Medicaid eligibility, such as when employment starts and ends.
- Find your local HHS office: [hhs.iowa.gov/about/hhs-office-locations](https://hhs.iowa.gov/about/hhs-office-locations).

## Child and Dependent Adult Abuse

- If you suspect a child or dependent adult is being abused, call the Abuse Hotline at 1-800-362-2178, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- If the child or dependent adult is in immediate danger, call 911.

## Your ID Cards

All members receive a **Medical Assistance Eligibility Card (form 470-1911)**.



- Keep your card until you get a new one.
- Always carry your card with you and don't let anyone else use it.
- Show your card to the provider every time you get care.
- If you lose your Medicaid card, call Iowa Medicaid Member Services: 1-800-338-8366.
- If you go off of Iowa Medicaid and come back on, a new card will not be issued. Please contact Iowa Medicaid Member Services to request a new Medicaid card.




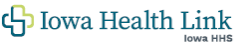
## Managed Care Organization Card

When you enroll, Iowa Total Care will mail you an Iowa Total Care member ID card. Bring your ID card to all appointments.

Your **Iowa Total Care/Hawki** ID card will look like this:

<p><b>Front</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 10px;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">   </div> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>NAME/NOMBRE: SAMPLE A. SAMPLE                      MEDICAID ID #: XXXXXXXXXX                      DOB: mm/dd/yyyy                      PCP Name/Nombre Del PCP:                      PCP Phone/Teléfono del PCP: XXX-XXX-XXXX</p> <p>Program Type/Tipo de programa:                      XXXXXXXX</p> <p><i>Bring your Iowa Total Care ID card when you see your doctor or go to receive care.                      Lleve su tarjeta de identificación de Iowa Total Care cuando vea a su médico o vaya a recibir atención.</i></p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Effective/Fecha Efectiva: MM/DD/YYYY</p> <p>RXBIN: 004336                      RXPCN: MCAIDADV                      RXGRP: RX5477</p> <p>Copay: \$XX</p> </td> </tr> </table> </div>	<p>NAME/NOMBRE: SAMPLE A. SAMPLE                      MEDICAID ID #: XXXXXXXXXX                      DOB: mm/dd/yyyy                      PCP Name/Nombre Del PCP:                      PCP Phone/Teléfono del PCP: XXX-XXX-XXXX</p> <p>Program Type/Tipo de programa:                      XXXXXXXX</p> <p><i>Bring your Iowa Total Care ID card when you see your doctor or go to receive care.                      Lleve su tarjeta de identificación de Iowa Total Care cuando vea a su médico o vaya a recibir atención.</i></p>	<p>Effective/Fecha Efectiva: MM/DD/YYYY</p> <p>RXBIN: 004336                      RXPCN: MCAIDADV                      RXGRP: RX5477</p> <p>Copay: \$XX</p>	<p><b>Back</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION/                      INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE DE CONTACTO</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>MEMBERS/MIEMBROS: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711)</b>                      24/7 Nurse Advice Line / Línea de consejo de enfermería 24/7: 1-833-404-1061                      National Suicide &amp; Crisis Lifeline / Línea Nacional de Suicidio y Crisis: 988</p> <hr/> <p><b>PROVIDERS/PROVEEDORES:</b>                      Eligibility: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711) • Prior Authorization: 1-833-404-1061                      Provider/claims information via the web: <a href="http://IowaTotalCare.com">IowaTotalCare.com</a>                      Pharmacy Help Desk: 1-888-996-0082                      Envolve Vision Eligibility &amp; Claims Inquiries: 1-833-564-1205</p> <hr/> <p><small>If you have an emergency, call 911 or visit the nearest emergency room (ER).                      For non-emergencies, call your PCP or the 24/7 Nurse Advice Line.                      Si tiene una emergencia, llame al 911 o vaya a la sala de emergencia más cercana. Si no está seguro de si necesita ir a la sala de emergencia, llame a su PCP o la línea de consejo de enfermería de atiende 24/7.</small></p> </div>
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We will mail you your permanent ID card after you have chosen a Primary Care Provider (PCP). Your member ID card is proof you are an Iowa Total Care member. Show this ID card every time you need care. This includes:

- Medical appointments.
- Urgent care.
- Vision appointments.
- Behavioral health appointments.
- Emergency visits.
- Picking up prescriptions from the pharmacy.

You must also keep your state-issued Medicaid ID card with you to receive Medicaid benefits not provided by Iowa Total Care.

Anytime you receive a new member ID card from us, please destroy your old one. If you lose your Iowa Total Care member ID card, or did not receive one, we can replace the card. You can also view your ID card on the Iowa Total Care mobile app until your new card is received. To replace the card, please visit our secure member portal ([member.iowatotalcare.com](https://member.iowatotalcare.com)) to ask for a new one or call Member Services: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711). We will send you a new ID card within seven business days.

You can print a paper copy of your Iowa Total Care member ID card from our secure member portal: [member.iowatotalcare.com](https://member.iowatotalcare.com).

**Always keep your cards with you and safe.** Make sure they are not stolen or used by someone else. Iowa Total Care coverage is for you only. It is up to you to protect your member ID card. No one else can use your member ID card. It is against the law to give or sell your member ID card to anyone. If another person uses your card, you may be disenrolled from Iowa Total Care and the state could charge you with a crime.

# ACCESSIBILITY

Iowa Total Care is committed to making sure you understand your benefits. If you have trouble reading what we send you or communicating with us, we can help.

To get a large print, braille or audio CD version of this handbook or any other written material, contact Iowa Total Care Member Services for assistance: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

For members who don't speak English, we offer help in many different languages. Call Member Services to get any of these services at no cost to you:

- Over-the-phone interpreter services.
- Interpretation at your doctor visits.
- This member handbook or any other written materials in your preferred language.
- Additional information, including our language services request form, is available on our Language Services webpage:  
[iowatotalcare.com/members/medicaid/language-services.html](http://iowatotalcare.com/members/medicaid/language-services.html).

For members who are deaf or hard of hearing:

- To call us using a TTY relay service, call 711.
- We'll set up and pay for you to have a person who knows sign language help you during your doctor visits.

## Accessibility to Services

Iowa Total Care is committed to ensuring that all providers and services are as accessible (including physical and geographic access) to individuals with disabilities as they are to individuals without disabilities.

If you have difficulty getting an appointment with a provider, or accessing services because of a disability, contact Iowa Total Care Member Services for assistance: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

## Are there any online behavioral health services?

Iowa Total Care offers online access to behavioral health resources through [Teladoc.com](http://Teladoc.com). With Teladoc, you can talk to a doctor seven days a week by phone, video or app. You'll have access to in-network providers for non-emergency issues, the ability to track your symptoms and learn more about your diagnosis, and more.

# ELIGIBILITY

## **If You Move**

If you move, please contact the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Income Maintenance Customer Call Center at 1-877-347-5678 and Iowa Total Care at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711). Hawki members should contact Hawki Member Services at 1-800-257-8563 and Iowa Total Care at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

## **If You Are No Longer Eligible for Medicaid or Hawki**

Iowa Total Care is here to help with any Medicaid or Hawki eligibility concerns. Please call Iowa Total Care Member Services: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

## **Renewal & Changes in Your Coverage**

### **Renewal**

Most Medicaid programs require coverage to be renewed every 12 months. HHS will send you a letter when your renewal date is coming up. You may lose your Medicaid coverage if you do not renew by the deadline.

**Keep your health coverage! Renew benefits each year with these simple steps.**

#### **Step 1: Watch your mail.**

You'll receive a renewal form from Iowa HHS.

Look for your form up to 45 days before your coverage will end.

#### **Step 2: Complete the renewal form.**

Complete the renewal form when you receive it.

Fill out all the information on each page.

Be sure to sign the signature page.

#### **Step 3: Return the renewal form.**

Return the form to HHS by the due date.

Use the prepaid, self-addressed envelope you received with your form.

Don't have the envelope? You can mail the renewal form to the image center listed on the renewal form or return it to any HHS office.

Not sure what you need to do? We can help. Call Iowa Total Care Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711) or call the HHS Contact Center at 1-855-889-7985.

## **Changes in Your Coverage**

Major life changes can affect your eligibility with Iowa Total Care. It is important to let HHS and Iowa Total Care know when you have these life changes. If you have a major life change, please call the HHS Call Center at 1-877-347-5678. If you are a Hawki member and have a major life change, please contact Hawki Member Services at 1-800-257-8563. These changes may also be reported to Iowa Total Care at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711). Some examples of major life changes are:

- Changing your name.
- A change in your health insurance.
- If you add or lose other insurance coverage.
- If you are added to or removed from someone else's insurance.
- Changing jobs.
- Your ability or disability changes.
- Your family changes. This might mean your family got bigger because of a birth or a marriage. Or your family got smaller. This may be because a family member passed or moved away.
- Changes in your income or assets.
- You become pregnant. Call Iowa Total Care if you are pregnant. We have special help for you and your baby. Contact Iowa Total Care Member Services for more information: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

## **Change in Benefits**

Sometimes, Iowa Total Care may need to change your covered services or our network providers and hospitals. HHS may also change the covered services we arrange for you. If this happens, we will send you a letter telling you about changes to your plan benefits.

## **Notice of Significant Change About Your Primary Care Provider (PCP)**

Your PCP's office may move, close, or leave our plan. We will tell you within 14 days of the change. We can help you pick a new PCP and send you a new ID card within five working days after you pick a new PCP. Call Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

# IOWA HEALTH LINK

Most members who get health coverage from Iowa Medicaid are enrolled in the Iowa Health Link managed care program. A managed care organization, or MCO, is a health plan which coordinates your care. Iowa Total Care is your MCO. The benefits you receive from Iowa Total Care depend on the type of Medicaid coverage you have.

Iowa Total Care is offered statewide. We have a network of providers across the state of Iowa who you may see for care. We will also coordinate your care to help you stay healthy.

To see what qualifications you need for the Iowa Health Link program, visit the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services website:

**[hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/iowa-health-link/faq](https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/iowa-health-link/faq)**.

## **Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) program**

Members enrolled with PACE will need to be determined eligible under a new Medicaid coverage group to transition to an Iowa Health Link Managed Care program. Please contact your PACE provider for assistance in applying for a new coverage group before making any changes to your plan. Your PACE provider will assist you with disenrolling with PACE and enrolling with the Iowa Health Link Managed Care program if you are found to be eligible for another Medicaid coverage group.

Medicaid members that are American Indian or Alaskan Native (AI/AN) and have not chosen the AI/AN "Race Option" on their Medicaid application will automatically be enrolled with an MCO. In order for members in this population to remain as Fee-for-Service, and not be required to enroll with an MCO, the member will need to take action and contact the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Call Center at 1-877-347-5678 to have their member application revised prior to initial MCO assignment. If the member chooses not to take any action, the member is considered to have "opted in" to the managed care program.

# IOWA HEALTH AND WELLNESS PLAN

The Iowa Health and Wellness Plan (IHAWP) program provides health coverage at low or no cost to Iowans. Members are between the ages of 19 and 64. Eligibility is based on household income. To learn more about the benefits and services you may be able to get, refer to the **Covered Benefits and Services** section of this document.

## Healthy Behaviors for Iowa Health and Wellness Plan Members

Members in the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan can receive free\* healthcare if they complete what are known as Healthy Behaviors. To participate in the Healthy Behaviors Program and avoid monthly payments after the first year, each year Iowa Health and Wellness Plan members must:

1. **Get an annual wellness exam or physical by visiting your provider**  
**OR**  
**Get a dental exam by visiting your dentist**  
**AND**
2. **Complete a health risk screening (HRS).** The health risk screening consists of a few questions about your general health. Iowa Health Link members should contact Iowa Total Care to complete their HRS. **Iowa Total Care's toll-free number is 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).**

## Monthly Contributions for Iowa Health and Wellness Plan Members

- Members will receive free\* health coverage under the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan in their first year of eligibility.
- Members **must** complete their Healthy Behaviors in their first year, and every year after, to continue to receive free health services for the following year.
- Members who **do not** complete their Healthy Behaviors every year may be required to pay a small monthly contribution that depends on their family income.
- Monthly contributions are either \$5 or \$10 depending on a member's family income.
- Members who **do not** complete their Healthy Behaviors and do not pay their monthly bill after 90 days, depending on their income, **may be disenrolled** from the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan.

\*There are very few, or no, costs for the first year and very few costs after that. A small monthly payment may be required based on income. There is an \$8 co-pay for using the emergency room for non-emergency services.

## **Wellness Exam**

In a wellness exam, your health care provider will do things like check your blood pressure and pulse, listen to your lungs with a stethoscope, recommend preventative screenings or take a blood sample to check your cholesterol.

## **Dental Exam**

In a dental exam, your dentist will go over your dental health. You may receive a cleaning or basic X-rays.

## **Health Risk Screening (HRS)**

In addition to your wellness exam -OR- dental exam, you must also complete a health risk screening. This screening should be completed within 90 days of enrollment, and annually every enrollment year. Set aside 15–40 minutes to complete a survey that asks questions about your health and your experience in getting health services.

To complete your HRS, visit our secure member portal ([member.iowatotalcare.com](https://member.iowatotalcare.com)) or contact Iowa Total Care Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

## **Financial Hardship**

If you are unable to pay your contribution, you may check the hardship box on your monthly statement and return the payment coupon OR call Iowa Medicaid Member Services at 1-800-338-8366.

**Important:** Claiming financial hardship will apply to that current month's amount due only. You will still be responsible for amounts due from past months. You will also be responsible for amounts due in future months unless you claim hardship in those months. Any payment that is more than 90 days past due will be subject to recovery, and depending on your income, you may be disenrolled.

# HAWKI

The Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (Hawki) Program offers health insurance to children who have no other health insurance. Members are under 19 years of age. Eligibility is based on household income. No family pays more than \$40 per month. Some families pay nothing at all.

To learn more about the benefits and services Hawki members may be able to receive, refer to the **Covered Benefits and Services** section of this handbook.

# COVERED BENEFITS AND SERVICES

As a member of the Iowa Total Care program, you will receive a variety of medical benefits and services. Some services may require prior approval. Please work with your healthcare provider to determine if the specific service you need is covered. You may contact Iowa Total Care to find providers you can see for your medical care described below by calling 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

Service	Hawki Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	Iowa Health & Wellness Plan (IHAWP)	Iowa Health & Wellness Plan (IHAWP): Medically Exempt	Iowa Health Link Traditional Medicaid
<b>Behavioral Health Services</b>				
(b)(3) services (intensive psychiatric rehabilitation, community support services, peer support, and residential substance use treatment)		✓	✓	✓
Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)		✓	✓	✓
Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS)		✓	✓	✓
Crisis response and subacute mental health services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Inpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment	✓	✓	✓	✓
Office visit	✓	✓	✓	✓
Outpatient mental health and substance abuse	✓	✓	✓	✓
Psychiatric Medical Institutions for Children (PMIC)		✓	✓	✓

<b>Service</b>	<b>Hawki Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)</b>	<b>Iowa Health &amp; Wellness Plan (IHAWP)</b>	<b>Iowa Health &amp; Wellness Plan (IHAWP): Medically Exempt</b>	<b>Iowa Health Link Traditional Medicaid</b>
<b>Durable Medical Equipment (DME)</b>				
Breast pumps	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diabetes equipment & supplies	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hearing aids	✓	✓	✓	✓
Medical equipment and supplies	✓	✓	✓	✓
Orthotics	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Emergency Care</b>				
Ambulance	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hospital emergency room	✓ \$25 copay may exist	✓ \$8 copay may exist	✓ \$8 copay may exist	✓ \$3 copay may exist
Urgent care center	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Home Health</b>				
Home health services: • Home health aide • Occupational therapy (OT) • Physical therapy (PT)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Private duty nursing/personal care per EPSDT authority		✓ Up to age 21	✓ Up to age 21	✓ Up to age 21
<b>Hospice</b>				
Daily categories: • Continuous • Facility respite • Inpatient hospital • Room & board • Routine care	✓	✓	✓	✓

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<b>Hospital Services</b>				
<b>Inpatient Hospital Services</b>				
Bariatric surgery for morbid obesity <i>(Limitations may apply.)</i>			✓	✓
Breast construction, following breast cancer and mastectomy	✓	✓	✓	✓
Inpatient hospital services: • Physician services <i>(includes anesthesia)</i> • Room & board • Supplies surgery	✓	✓	✓	✓
Organ/bone marrow transplants <i>(Limitations may apply.)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Preapproval of inpatient admissions <i>(required for non-emergent admissions)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Outpatient Hospital Services</b>				
Abortions <i>(Certain circumstances must apply. Contact Member Services for coverage criteria. Prior authorization required.)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Ambulatory surgical center <i>(includes anesthesia)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chemotherapy	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dental treatment that cannot be completed in a normal dental setting	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dialysis	✓	✓	✓	✓
Outpatient diagnostic lab, radiology	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Laboratory Services</b>				
Colorectal cancer screening	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diagnostic genetic testing	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pap smears	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pathology tests	✓	✓	✓	✓
Routine laboratory screening and diagnostic services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sexually transmitted infection (STI) and sexually transmitted disease (STD) testing	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS)</b>				
<b>Community-Based Services</b>				
Childcare medical services				✓
Case management HCBS waiver and HCBS habilitation populations only				✓
Section 1915 (i) Habilitation Services			✓	✓

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Section 1915 (c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)				✓
<b>Institutional Services</b>				
Community-Based neurobehavioral rehabilitation services			✓	✓
ICF/MC (Intermediate care facility for medically complex)				✓
ICF/ID (Intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities)				✓
Nursing facility (NF)			✓	✓
Nursing facility for the mentally ill (NF/MI)			✓	✓
Skilled nursing facility (SNF)		✓ Limited to 120 days	✓ Limited to 120 days	✓
Skilled nursing facility out of state (skilled preapproval)				✓
<b>Outpatient Therapy Services: Prior authorization may be required for these services.</b>				
Cardiac rehabilitation	✓	✓	✓	✓
Occupational therapy	✓	✓	✓	✓
Oxygen therapy	✓	✓	✓	✓
Physical therapy	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pulmonary therapy	✓	✓	✓	✓
Respiratory therapy	✓	✓	✓	✓
Speech therapy	✓	✓	✓	✓

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<b>Pharmacy Services</b>				
Medical Pharmacy Benefits: Limitations may apply for these services.				
Medical supplies	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vaccines	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nicotine cessation	✓	✓	✓	✓
Naloxone	✓	✓	✓	✓
Test & treat (e.g., flu, covid, etc.)	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Point-of-Sale (POS) Pharmacy Benefits</b>				
Pharmacy POS drugs based on state PDL*	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Preventative Services</b>				
Affordable Care Act (ACA) preventative services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT)		✓ Up to age 21	✓ Up to age 21	✓
Immunizations	✓	✓	✓	✓
Routine check-ups	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Professional Office Services</b>				
Allergy serum and injections	✓	✓	✓	✓
Allergy testing	✓	✓	✓	✓
Certified nurse midwife services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chiropractor (Limitations may apply.)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Contraceptive devices	✓	✓	✓	✓

<b>Service</b>	<b>Hawki Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)</b>	<b>Iowa Health &amp; Wellness Plan (IHAWP)</b>	<b>Iowa Health &amp; Wellness Plan (IHAWP): Medically Exempt</b>	<b>Iowa Health Link Traditional Medicaid</b>
Diabetic self-management training	✓	✓	✓	✓
Family planning and family planning related services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gynecological exam	✓	✓	✓	✓
Injections <i>(Limitations may apply.)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Laboratory tests	✓	✓	✓	✓
Newborn child office visits	✓	✓	✓	✓
Podiatry	✓	✓	✓	✓
Routine eye exam <i>(One routine vision exam per calendar year.)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Routine hearing exam <i>(Limit of one routine hearing exam per calendar year.)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Specialist office visit <i>(PCP referral may be required.)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Radiology Services</b>				
Mammography	✓	✓	✓	✓
Routine radiology screening and diagnostic services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sleep study testing	✓	✓	✓	✓

Service	Hawki Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	Iowa Health & Wellness Plan (IHAWP)	Iowa Health & Wellness Plan (IHAWP): Medically Exempt	Iowa Health Link Traditional Medicaid
<b>Transportation Services</b>				
<p>Non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT): Includes taxi, paratransit, and stretcher van services, as well as bus pass and mileage reimbursement. Pick-up and drop-off services and mileage reimbursement is allowed from member's home, work, or school prior to and from a trip to a doctor's appointment or pharmacy.</p>			✓	✓
<p>Waiver transportation program: Covered for HCBS members on intellectual disability (ID), elderly, brain injury (BI) or physical disability (PD) waivers who have transportation included in their service plan.</p>				✓ When case managers write additional transportation benefits into the member's service plan, based on need.
<b>Vision Benefits</b>				
Eyewear**	✓		✓ Only eligible for members 19 or 20 years old.	✓
Eyewear repairs***		✓	✓	✓

Service	Hawki Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	Iowa Health & Wellness Plan (IHAWP)	Iowa Health & Wellness Plan (IHAWP): Medically Exempt	Iowa Health Link Traditional Medicaid
Routine eye exams****	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>For coverage questions, please call Iowa Total Care at 1-833-404-1061.</b>				

### Transportation Benefits

Iowa Total Care covers non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) for Iowa Health Link members. This includes medically necessary covered services, such as doctor appointments, dialysis, and counseling appointments. Iowa Total Care works with MTM Health to provide transportation.

Schedule your ride at least two working days before your appointment. You can schedule rides up to 30 days before your appointment. Urgent medical trips can be requested with less than two days' notice. MTM Health may check with your provider to make sure your appointment is urgent.

### To Schedule Transportation

To schedule a ride, you can call MTM Health, or use their mobile app:

- Call 1-877-271-4819.
- Use the mobile app to schedule a ride:
  1. Search for MTM Link Member in the Google Play or iOS App Store on your smartphone.
  2. Download the MTM Link app to your mobile device.
  3. Register using an email address.
  4. Log in and get started.

The mobile app gives you the ability to:

- Request new services that are covered under your NEMT benefit.
- View scheduled services.
- View real-time updates from your driver.
- Receive notifications about your services.
- Cancel services that you no longer need.
- Submit gas mileage reimbursement (GMR) claims.
- Update your MTM Health contact preferences.

You are to be dropped off at your appointment location within 15 minutes of the scheduled appointment time. To *cancel* transportation services, call 1-877-271-4819. Be sure to notify them if your appointment date or time changes.

## **To Schedule Return Trip After Appointment**

Call 1-877-271-4819 to reach MTM Health. MTM Health will:

- Confirm your pickup location.
- Contact the transportation company and inform them you are ready to be picked up. You are to be picked up within 60 minutes of appointment completion.

Note: Nursing homes are responsible for non-emergency medical transportation trips within a 30-mile radius of the nursing home. If you are a nursing home resident and need to see a doctor less than 30 miles from your location, your nursing home is to provide transportation.

## Dental Benefits

Iowa Total Care only covers dental procedures done in a hospital setting.

For questions about your dental benefits, call Iowa Medicaid Member Services at 1-800-338-8366 or visit [hhs.iowa.gov/medicaid/plans-programs/dental-wellness-plan](https://hhs.iowa.gov/medicaid/plans-programs/dental-wellness-plan).

## Excluded Services (Services Not Covered)

Iowa Total Care does not pay for the following services:

- Services or items used for cosmetic purposes only.
- Acupuncture.
- Infertility services.

This is not a complete list of excluded services. If you want to know if a service is covered, please call Iowa Total Care at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

## Prior Authorizations

Some services and benefits require prior approval. This means your provider must ask Iowa Total Care to approve those services or benefits before you get them. We may not cover the service or drug if you don't get approval.

If there are services that were approved before your coverage starts with Iowa Total Care, those services will still be approved for the first 30 days you're enrolled in Iowa Total Care, whether an in-network or out-of-network provider asked for the approval.

After the first 30 days you're enrolled with Iowa Total Care, if you wish to keep getting services from an out-of-network provider, or if the services require prior approval, the provider must ask us to approve them before you can get these services.

Emergency Services do not require prior approval.

The following services may sometimes require prior approval. Ask your provider if prior approval is needed:

- Diagnostic tests (x-ray & lab).
- Scheduled outpatient hospital services.
- Planned inpatient admission.
- Post-stabilization care (after you get out of the hospital).
- Out-of-network providers need Iowa Total Care approval (with the exception of family planning services).
- Certain behavioral health and substance use disorder services. Ask your provider if prior approval is needed.

If you have questions about an approval request, call Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

## **Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)**

Electronic visit verification (EVV) is a way to verify where and when direct care services for a member occur. Home health services, including skilled nursing visits and home health aides, are required to be recorded using an EVV system. Waiver personal care service providers must also use EVV to document the time and location of service(s) they provide. Waiver services that are required to use EVV include attendant care agencies, self-directed personal care providers, home maintenance support agencies and CCO employees that provide home maintenance support.

EVV is a federal requirement under the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act requires that EVV systems collect and verify the following:

1. Type of service performed.
2. Beneficiary receiving the service.
3. Caregiver providing the service.
4. Date of the service.
5. Location of the service.
6. Time the service begins.
7. Time the service ends.

Currently, personal care service providers are using EVV whether they are a traditional Medicaid provider or a Consumer Choices Option (CCO) employee. Assisted living facilities and residential care facilities are able to opt out of using.

CareBridge is the company Iowa has chosen to be the aggregator for all EVV data. Agencies can choose to utilize CareBridge as their EVV vendor directly or can elect to use a third-party vendor that is Cures Act compliant. Any agencies that use a third-party EVV vendor must still send all required EVV data to CareBridge. CareBridge is utilized to send all required EVV claims for billing to Iowa Total Care. Iowa Total Care directly pays the providers based on the claim that is submitted through CareBridge. There is no charge to members or caregivers for using the CareBridge EVV platform. Providers and their employees can use the CareBridge mobile app on their mobile phone or tablet to check in and out of their visits in a member's home. If the provider does not have an electronic device, they can call into CareBridge on a phone using the Interactive Voice Response system.

### **Member Portal and Interactive Voice Response (IVR)**

You will have access to the Member Portal or call the Member IVR number at 1-515-800-2537 to make sure that your visit details are correct in the system. CareBridge has training information to help you get started.

If you have any questions regarding EVV, please contact your assigned community-based case manager or care manager, if you have one. If you are not assigned a community-based case manager or care manager, please contact Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

# GOING TO THE DOCTOR

When you need to see a doctor, be sure to see one that is a part of the Iowa Total Care network. You do not need approval from Iowa Total Care or a referral from your in-network doctor for these services:

- Visits to a primary care provider (PCP), pediatrician or family doctor.
- Visits to specialist doctors. Some specialists need a referral from your PCP. Visit [IowaTotalCare.com](http://IowaTotalCare.com) for full details.
- Urgent care.
- Obstetrics & gynecology (OB/GYN) care.
  - Make an appointment as soon as you think you are pregnant.
  - Female members will have direct access to an in-network OB/GYN, or other women's health specialist for routine OB/GYN services regardless of whether your PCP (general practitioner, family practitioner or internist) provides such women's health services, including routine gynecological exams.
- Behavioral health services (mental health and substance use services).
- Routine vision services.

Iowa Total Care's local provider network is a group of doctors, hospitals and other healthcare providers who have agreed to provide you with your healthcare services.

To search the Provider Directory, visit [findaprovider.iowatotalcare.com/location](http://findaprovider.iowatotalcare.com/location) and use the Find a Provider tool. This tool will have the most up to date information about the provider network, including information such as name, address, telephone number, whether they are accepting new patients, professional qualifications, languages spoken, gender, specialty and board certification status. For more information about a provider's medical school and residency, call Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

## Picking Your Primary Care Provider (PCP)

When you become an Iowa Total Care member, you must choose a family doctor. This doctor is called a primary care provider (PCP). You must choose a PCP within 10 calendar days from your initial enrollment. If you do not choose one, we will assign you one.

If you did not choose a PCP, we will notify you of your assigned PCP when you receive your Iowa Total Care member ID card. This mailing will include your assigned PCP's name, location, and office telephone number, as well as offering you an opportunity to select a different PCP, if you are not satisfied with the plan-assigned PCP.

Your PCP will be your main doctor. They can help coordinate all of your health needs. You can choose any PCP in our network. You can change your PCP any time.

Your PCP can be a:

- Family or general practitioner.
- Internal medicine.
- Pediatrician.
- Advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP).
- Obstetrician or gynecologist (OB/GYN).
- Physician assistant (under the supervision of a physician).
- Attending specialist (for members requiring specialty care for their acute or chronic conditions, or condition related to a disability).
- Federally Qualified Health Centers and rural health clinics.
- American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) tribe, tribal organization, or urban AI/AN organization.

If you would like to know more about a PCP, call Iowa Total Care Member Services: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711). They can tell you what language the provider speaks, if they are in the network, where they are located, and their location accessibility accommodations.

If you would like to change your PCP, we will help you. There are two ways to change your PCP:

1. Use the secure member portal: [member.iowatotalcare.com](https://member.iowatotalcare.com).
2. Call Iowa Total Care Member Services to help you: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711). After you select a new PCP, we will send you a new Iowa Total Care member ID card with your new PCP's name and telephone number on it.

## Going to Your PCP

After you choose your PCP, make an appointment with them. This will give you both a chance to get to know each other. Your PCP can give you medical care, advice, and information about your health.

Call your PCP's office to make an appointment. Remember to bring your Iowa Total Care member ID card and Iowa Medicaid ID card. Hawki members should bring their Hawki ID card. If you need help getting an appointment with your PCP, call Iowa Total Care Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711), and we will assist.

**Important:** You have unlimited visits to your PCP. There is no cost to you. Make appointments with them when you feel sick. You should also have a wellness check-up every year.

## **How To Make An Appointment**

### **Making Appointments With Your PCP**

- For routine appointments, call your PCP's number listed on the front of your Iowa Total Care ID Card, during normal business hours.
- For emergencies, follow the process documented in the **Emergency and Urgent Care** section of this document.
- Let the scheduling representative know you would like to make an appointment with your PCP (for example, a checkup or a follow-up visit).
- Transportation to your appointment may be available. For details, refer to the **Transportation Benefits** section of this document.
  - To schedule a ride, call MTM Health: 1-877-271-4819.

### **Making Appointments With Specialists**

- If you need services your PCP cannot provide, your PCP may help schedule your appointment with a specialist or you may contact the specialist directly. Referrals are not required to see a specialist.
- Most specialists are Iowa Total Care providers. Be sure to talk to your provider to understand how referrals work.

### **Canceling An Appointment With Any Provider**

- In the event you are unable to keep an appointment, call the provider's office at least 24 hours before the scheduled appointment. Use the same number you used to make the appointment.
- Let the scheduling representative know you need to cancel or reschedule your appointment with the provider's name, on the date, and at the time you were initially scheduled.
- To cancel transportation services, call MTM Health: 1-877-271-4819.
- Not canceling your appointments or not showing up for scheduled appointments may lead to your provider asking you to be reassigned to another provider.

### **Second Opinion**

Members have the right to ask for a second opinion at no cost to the member about the diagnosis or the options for surgery or other treatment of a health condition. You can get a second opinion from a network provider or a non-network provider if a network provider is not available. Please call Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

## **Specialists**

Iowa Total Care does not need a referral from your PCP to cover your service with a specialist, but the specialist may still want a referral from your PCP. This helps them give you the right treatment. They will tell you if they need a referral. Members can also receive a second opinion at no cost to the member. If you would like help finding an in-network provider, please call Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

## **Procedures for Obtaining Out-of-Network Services and Special Benefit Provisions (for example, copayments, limits, or rejections of claims)**

If there are services that were approved before your coverage starts with Iowa Total Care, those services will still be approved for the first 30 days you're enrolled in Iowa Total Care, whether an in-network or out-of-network provider asked for the approval.

After the first 30 days you're enrolled with Iowa Total Care, if you wish to keep getting services from an out-of-network provider, or if the services require prior approval, the provider must ask us to approve them before you can get these services.

### **Benefit Provisions**

- Emergency services: In- or out-of-network.
- If not an actual emergency, an \$8 copay applies.
- If seeing a specialist out-of-network and do NOT get prior authorization, the claim is denied.
- If seeing a specialist out-of-network, with a prior authorization, the claim is paid at a reduced benefit (80%).

You may have to pay for out-of-network services if you do not get prior authorization. If you have questions, call Member Services: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

## **Notice of Significant Change About Your PCP**

Your PCP's office may move, close, or leave the Iowa Total Care network. If this happens, we will notify you within 15 days. We can help you pick a new PCP and send you a new ID card within five business days after you pick a new PCP. Please call Member Services for assistance: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

# PHARMACY

## Prescriptions

When you need a prescription, your doctor will send it electronically to your pharmacy. The pharmacy can fill your prescription, but if the prescription is not listed on the Iowa Preferred Drug List (PDL) it may not be covered.

All Iowa Total Care members must use a pharmacy in our network. **To find a pharmacy, call Iowa Total Care Member Services: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711) or you can look for a pharmacy at [findaprovider.iowatotalcare.com/location](https://www.iowatotalcare.com/location).**

To find a pharmacy online:

1. Type your city or zip code into the *Find a Doctor* search bar.
2. Click *Update*.
3. Choose *Other* and type the name of your pharmacy.
  - a. Select the pharmacy type in the Select Specialty area. Only pharmacies in the Iowa Total Care network are listed.

Show your Iowa Total Care ID card to the pharmacy when you pick up medication. Do not wait until you are out of a medication to request a refill. Call your doctor or pharmacy a few days before you run out.

## Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medicines

Iowa Total Care members have access to some Over-the-Counter (OTC) medications with an electronically-submitted prescription from an authorized prescriber.

You can also contact Iowa Total Care Member Services: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711). Some OTC medications may require a prior authorization.

## Preferred Drug List (PDL)

Your pharmacy benefit has a Preferred Drug List (PDL). The PDL shows the drugs covered by Medicaid and is composed of drugs recommended by the Iowa Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee. **You can find the link to the Iowa Medicaid PDL at [www.iowamedicaidpdl.com/pa-pdl/preferred-drug-lists.html](https://www.iowamedicaidpdl.com/pa-pdl/preferred-drug-lists.html)**, in the Nonprescription Drugs section.

To request a printed copy of the PDL, call Member Services: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

Iowa Medicaid has both brand and generic drugs on the preferred drug list. Generic drugs have the same active ingredients as their brand name counterparts. For many medications, a generic is the first choice, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires generics to be safe and work the same as brand name drugs. In some cases, a brand name drug is preferred over available generics. If there are no generics available there may be more than one brand name drug that is preferred to treat a condition.

If you have both Medicaid and Medicare, you are dual-eligible. If you are dual-eligible you have your pharmacy benefit through Medicare Part D Plans, and because you qualify for Medicaid, you automatically qualify for the “extra help” feature that is available to low-income Medicare recipients. The terms of your coverage (which drugs are covered, number of days’ supply offered, etc.) is determined by the Medicare Part D Plan. If you are dual-eligible, you do not have pharmacy benefits administered through Iowa Total Care with the exception of certain over-the-counter items that are part of the Medicaid benefit but not part of the Medicare benefit.

Preferred drugs are listed on the PDL to help identify those drugs that are clinically appropriate, safe, and cost-effective treatment options. Non-preferred medications are also listed. These require a prior authorization but are available options if a preferred drug is not suitable for your condition.

**Some preferred and non-preferred prescriptions will require prior authorization.** Your provider may have to send us a request for approval for certain drugs on the PDL. Your provider may have to send information on why a certain drug is medically necessary. Prior authorization criteria is developed by the Iowa Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Commission. Should the medication require a prior authorization, you may receive a 72-hour emergency supply of the medication while the prior authorization is being reviewed.

Some prescriptions also have a quantity limit. If your provider has determined that you need to take more of a medicine than is allowed on the quantity limit list, that will also require a prior authorization.

### **Step Therapy**

Some medications listed on the Iowa Medicaid Preferred Drug List require that other medications be tried first before you can receive the step therapy medication. If Iowa Total Care has a record that the required medication was tried first, then step therapy medication will then be covered automatically. If Iowa Total Care does not have a record that the required medication was tried, your physician/clinician may provide this additional information.

If Iowa Total Care does not grant a prior authorization request, we will notify you and your physician/clinician and provide information regarding the appeal process.

If your drug is not covered, you can ask your doctor to prescribe a similar drug that is covered. If your doctor feels you need to have the drug that is not covered, your doctor can ask us to make an exception.

Most medications are covered up to a 31-day supply with the exception of some contraceptives and other maintenance medications. Some contraceptives and some maintenance medications are covered up to a 90-day supply.

For questions, please refer to the Iowa Medicaid PDL or call Iowa Total Care Member Services: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

Medicines work best when you take them the way your doctor prescribed. Part of that is making sure you get them refilled on time. To fill your prescriptions:

- Ask your provider to send your prescriptions to the pharmacy of your choice.
- Show your Iowa Total Care member ID card to the pharmacy.
- If you use a new pharmacy, tell the pharmacist about all of the medicines you're taking including over-the-counter (OTC) medicines, too.

It's good to use the same pharmacy each time. This way, your pharmacist:

- Will know all the medicines you are taking.
- Can watch for problems that may occur.

Iowa Total Care does not charge members any copayments for prescriptions.

Iowa Total Care does cover these types of medication:

- Prescription drugs and some over-the-counter (OTC) items approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- Self-injectable drugs (including insulin).
- Drugs to help you quit smoking.

Iowa Total Care does not cover:

Drugs that do not have FDA approval or compendia indications.

- Experimental or investigational drugs.
- Drugs to help you get pregnant.
- Drugs used for weight loss, cosmetic use, or hair growth.
- Drugs used to treat erectile problems.
- Drug Efficacy Study Implementation (DESI) drugs. The FDA has very little proof that the drugs will help. Also, the reason for their medical need has not been proven.
- Drugs for relief of cough and cold, except listed non-prescription drugs.

Iowa Total Care offers mail order prescriptions to our members. To request a mail order prescription, please contact Iowa Total Care Member Services: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

# EMERGENCY AND URGENT CARE

## Emergencies

Emergency care is covered by Iowa Total Care in the United States and does not require a prior authorization. You can use any hospital or other setting for emergency care. An emergency is when not getting medical attention could risk your health, or during pregnancy, the health of an unborn child. An emergency can include an accident, injury, or sudden illness.

### Go to the emergency room for:

- Broken bone(s).
- Gun or knife wound(s).
- Bleeding that will not stop.
- You are pregnant, in labor and/or bleeding.
- Severe chest pain or heart attack.
- Drug overdose.
- You feel you are a danger to yourself or others.
- Poisoning.
- Bad burn(s).
- Shock (you may sweat, feel thirsty or dizzy, or have pale skin).
- Convulsions or seizures.
- Trouble breathing.
- Suddenly unable to see, move or speak.

### Do NOT go to the emergency room for:

- Flu, cold, sore throat, or earache.
- A sprain or strain.
- A cut or scrape that does not need stitches.
- To get more medicine or have a prescription refilled.
- Diaper rash.

**Emergency rooms are for emergencies.** If you can, call your Primary Care Provider (PCP) first. If your condition is severe, call 911 or go to the nearest hospital. You do not need approval.

**If you are not sure if it is an emergency, call your doctor.** Your doctor will tell you what to do. If your doctor's office is closed, there should be a message telling you how to get help. You can also call our 24/7 Nurse Advice Line: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

You can go to a hospital that is not in the Iowa Total Care network. You can use any hospital emergency room in the United States. Show the provider your Iowa Total Care member ID card.

Call your PCP and Iowa Total Care after you go to the emergency room. Call within 48 hours of your emergency. This helps us make sure you get the follow-up care you need. Our toll-free phone number is 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

## **Non-Emergency Care in the Emergency Room**

You should not go to the emergency room for a medical illness where immediate care is not needed. This is called non-emergency care. The emergency room staff will decide if your medical illness is an emergency by conducting appropriate medical screening. If the emergency room staff decides your medical illness is not an emergency, they must let you know. Before the emergency room staff provides care for the medical illness, that is not an emergency, they must tell you where you can go to get care.

**\* There is an \$8 copay for IHAWP members and \$25 for Hawki premium members for using the emergency room for non-emergency services.**

## **Out-of-Network Emergency Services**

Out-of-network emergency services do not need approval from Iowa Total Care. All other services from an out-of-network provider need prior authorization. We will check to see if there is an in-network provider who can help you. If not, we will help you find an out-of-network provider.

**IMPORTANT:** You may have to pay for out-of-network services if you do not get prior authorization. If you have questions, call Member Services: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

## **Emergency Transportation**

Iowa Total Care covers emergency ambulance transportation. They will take you to the nearest hospital. Ambulance transportation from one healthcare facility to another is only covered when it is:

- Medically necessary.
- Arranged for and approved by an in-network provider.

If you have an emergency and you need help getting to the emergency room, call 911.

## **Urgent Care**

Urgent care is NOT emergency care. You should use urgent care when you have an injury or illness that is not life threatening but needs to be treated within 48 hours. Use urgent care when you cannot wait for an appointment with your doctor. Only go to the emergency room if your provider tells you to or if you have a life-threatening emergency.

When you need urgent care, follow these steps:

- **Call your PCP.** The name and phone number are on your Iowa Total Care member ID card. An after-hours number is listed. Your doctor may help you and give you directions over the phone.
- **If you cannot reach your PCP, call our 24/7 Nurse Advice Line.** The toll-free phone number is 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711). You will talk to a nurse. Have your Iowa Total Care member ID card with you. They will ask you for your number. The nurse will help you over the phone. If you need to see a doctor, they will help you find care.
- **If you have a mental illness or addiction crisis, do not wait to get help.** Call our Behavioral Health Crisis Line at our toll-free number: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711). Then press \*. They can help with depression; substance use and other behavioral health needs. You can also call or text 988, the National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. It offers free, confidential access to trained counselors 24/7.

**If your provider tells you to go to the nearest emergency room, go right away. Take your Iowa Total Care member ID card and Iowa Medicaid ID card with you.**

## Hospital Services

Hospital services are those services provided in the hospital setting. These services may be considered observation, inpatient or outpatient services. Please speak with your provider about these services as they are subject to authorization requirements. Emergency services never require authorization. If you are experiencing a true medical emergency, go to the nearest hospital.

## Obstetrical Inpatient Care

Obstetrical inpatient care is medical care for a pregnant or postpartum patient while they are in the hospital. If you gave birth in the hospital, Iowa Total Care will not restrict benefits during the first 48 hours if you gave birth by vaginal delivery, or the first 96 hours if you gave birth by cesarean section.

If you gave birth in the hospital, the 48- or 96-hour period starts at the time of delivery. If you gave birth outside the hospital and are later admitted to the hospital because of childbirth (as determined by the attending provider), the time period begins when you get admitted into the hospital.

Your attending provider may decide to discharge you earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable), after talking with you. Iowa Total Care offers neither incentives nor disincentives for early discharge of mothers or newborns.

## Routine Care

Medical care, which is not urgent or emergent in nature and can wait for a regularly scheduled physician appointment, is considered a routine care event. You should call your PCP to schedule routine care. If you go to the emergency room for these types of services, you may be required to pay a copayment for the services you get there.

## **Post-Stabilization Services**

Post-stabilization services are services you need after an emergency. These services help get your health back to normal. These services are important and help make sure you do not have another emergency. Post-stabilization services are covered and subject to prior authorization requirements.

## **Family Planning**

Iowa Total Care covers family planning services for males and females of childbearing age. You do not need a referral or authorization to see the practitioner of your choice in- or out-of-network. There is no out-of-pocket cost (copay) for these services and/or supplies.

# MEMBER COSTS

## Copayments

A copayment is a set dollar amount you pay when you get certain services or treatment. It is your share of the cost for a covered healthcare service.

**The only services where a copayment may apply is for use of a hospital emergency room (ER) to treat non-emergent conditions.**

- Iowa Health and Wellness Plan members may be charged a \$8 copayment for each visit to the emergency room that is not considered an emergency.
- Hawki members will be charged a \$25 copayment for each visit to the emergency room that is not considered an emergency. A copayment shall not be charged to Hawki members who are not required to pay a premium.
- All other Iowa Medicaid members may be charged a \$3 copayment for each visit to the emergency room that is not considered an emergency.

Before providing non-emergency services and imposing copayments, the hospital providing care must:

1. Conduct an appropriate medical screening to determine that the member does not need emergency services.
2. Inform the member of the amount of his or her co-payment obligation for non-emergency services provided in the hospital ER.
3. Provide the member with the name and location of an available and accessible alternative non-emergency services provider.
4. Determine that the alternative provider can provide services to the member in a timely manner with no copayment.
5. Provide a referral to coordinate scheduling for treatment by the alternative provider.

If the member is advised of the available alternative provider and of the amount of the copayment and chooses to receive treatment for a non-emergency condition at the hospital ER, the hospital will assess the copayment.

Emergency services for emergent conditions are exempt from any copayment.

## Paying Copayments

- You must make copays directly to provider at the time of service.
- You are always responsible for paying a provider's full charges for non-covered services.

At any time, you can ask us how much you and your household have paid in copays. There are several ways to request your copay totals:

- Contact Iowa Total Care Member Services: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).
- Request through your online account on the secure member portal.
- Request this information from your care coordinator.

If you do not agree with the copay totals we tell you, you have the right to appeal.

If you paid a copay that you should not have been charged for, you have the right to be paid back by the provider who collected the copay.

If you get a bill, do not wait! Call our Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711). Iowa Total Care will look into this for you.

## Exemptions

These types of members are always exempt from paying copays:

- Children under the age of 21.
- Pregnant women.
- Individuals receiving hospice care.
- Federally recognized American Indians/Alaska Natives.
- Children in foster care.
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Care Program (BCCCP).
- Disabled children under Family Opportunity Act.

## Member Liability/Client Participation

The other type of cost sharing is when a member must pay for a portion of their monthly services. This is referred to as **client participation**. If you are assigned a client participation, your provider will bill you up to this amount for the services you receive.

## Client Participation

Client participation is the amount the member must pay before Medicaid reimbursement for services is available. Members may be subject to client participation in an institutional setting or under 1915(c) home and community-based services. The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has the responsibility of determining the member liability amount.

A nursing facility or Immediate Care Facility for the Intellectually Disabled (ICF/ID) can discharge members due to non-payment of the client participation. In this instance, Iowa Total Care will work to find an alternative facility willing to serve the member. However, the client participation will apply at the new facility because it is a condition of the member's eligibility for Medicaid services.

## Explanation of Benefits

If you receive a service from a provider and we don't pay for that service, you may receive a notice from us called an Explanation of Benefits (EOB). **This is not a bill.** The EOB will tell you:

- The date you received the service.
- The type of service.
- The reason we cannot pay for the service.

### If you receive an EOB:

- **You don't need to call or do anything at that time.**
- You are not liable for payment.
- It tells you how you can appeal this decision.

# REWARDS PROGRAM

Iowa Total Care has a program that gives our members rewards for completing healthy behaviors. Once you complete a healthy activity, you will receive your My Health Pays<sup>®</sup> Visa Prepaid Card\*. Each time you complete a qualifying healthy activity, we are notified, and your reward dollars are added to your existing card.

Rewards can range from \$10 to up to \$50. You can use your My Health Pays<sup>®</sup> rewards to help pay for:

- Utilities.
- Transportation.
- Telecommunications.
- Childcare services.
- Education.
- Rent.
- Gas (at Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh gas stations only).
- Everyday items at Walmart, Sam's Club, and Hy-Vee\*\*.

Visit [IowaTotalCare.com/MyHealthPays](https://www.IowaTotalCare.com/MyHealthPays) or call Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711) for more details and a current list of healthy activities.

## How do I get my rewards card?

The first time you do something on the list, a card will be mailed to you. The card is usually mailed within 90 days after a healthy activity is completed. It will have your first reward on it. When you complete other healthy behaviors from the list, more reward dollars will be added. Keep your card after you use it. Your rewards will be added to the same card.

For questions about rewards impacting your Medicaid eligibility or client participation, please contact your Medicaid Maintenance Worker.

## What qualifies as a healthy activity?

Visit [IowaTotalCare.com](https://www.IowaTotalCare.com) or call Member Services for a list of healthy activities that qualify for rewards, such as:

- Completing a health risk screening within 90 days of an initial enrollment, then once per enrollment year (must be at least nine months since last completion to earn reward).
- Completing a Notification of Pregnancy form within the first or second trimester of pregnancy.
- Annual breast cancer screening (age restrictions apply).
- Getting a well care visit (age restrictions apply).
- Getting the flu vaccine (age restrictions apply).
- Attending a Stakeholder Advisory Board meeting.

\*This My Health Pays<sup>®</sup> Visa Prepaid Card is issued by The Bancorp Bank pursuant to a license from Visa U.S.A. Inc. The Bancorp Bank; Member FDIC. Card cannot be used everywhere Visa debit cards are accepted.

\*\*This reward may not be used to buy alcohol, tobacco, firearms products, gift cards, lottery tickets, or get cash. Valid for grocery purchases at Walmart, Sam's Club, and local Hy-Vee stores.

# VALUE-ADDED SERVICES

We offer these value-added services to our members. If you have any questions about these services, call Iowa Total Care Member Services: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

Service	Description	How It Works	My Health Pays Reward?
<p><b>Start Smart for Your Baby® (Start Smart)</b></p> <p><b>Who is eligible?</b> Iowa Total Care members who are pregnant or just had a baby.</p>	<p>Start Smart promotes education and communication between pregnant members and our case managers to ensure a healthy pregnancy and first year of life for their babies. The program provides educational materials as well as incentives for going to prenatal, postpartum, and well-child visits.</p>	<p>To participate in the program, log in to your member portal account: <b><u><a href="#">member.iowatotalcare.com</a></u></b> to complete a Notification of Pregnancy form. Or call Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711) to get started.</p>	<p>Rewards can range from \$15 to \$40, depending on the stage in which you complete and submit the Notification of Pregnancy form and/or attend your prenatal doctor visit.</p>
<p><b>Start Smart for Your Baby® Shower Program</b></p> <p><b>Who is eligible?</b> Iowa Total Care members who are pregnant.</p>	<p>Baby showers are conducted in a classroom environment with the purpose of educating pregnant members about prenatal and postpartum care for themselves and their newborn. Classes cover the basics of prenatal care, including nutrition, the risk of smoking and benefits of smoking cessation, the progress of a fetus throughout pregnancy, the importance of regular follow-up with medical providers, common health issues that occur during pregnancy, and a review of the Start Smart and MemberConnections® programs.</p>	<p>Eligible members are invited to attend a baby show held in their area.</p>	<p>No rewards are provided for attending the baby shower; however, Iowa Total Care may partner with vendors to provide items you and your baby may need.</p>

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<p><b>Flu Prevention Program</b></p> <p><b>Who is eligible?</b> All Iowa Total Care members.</p>	<p>The program provides information about preventing transmission of the influenza virus by encouraging you to get the seasonal flu vaccines, taking everyday precautions to prevent illness, and educating on what to do if a member (or family member) becomes ill.</p>	<p>The Flu Program is our annual flu prevention campaign that provides targeted outreach to you as a member. Additionally, you are able to obtain your flu vaccine at participating pharmacies, subject to age or other restrictions of the pharmacy.</p> <p>To find a pharmacy or doctor near you, review “Flu Shots” under the Benefits &amp; Services section on <a href="http://IowaTotalCare.com">IowaTotalCare.com</a> or call Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).</p>	<p>Receive \$10* in My Health Pays® rewards when you get a flu vaccine during flu season.**</p> <p><i>*Applies to ages 18 and up.</i></p> <p><i>**Flu season is September – April.</i></p>
<p><b>My Health Pays® Member Rewards</b></p> <p><b>Who is eligible?</b> All Iowa Total Care members.</p>	<p>Get rewards for focusing on your health with our My Health Pays program! Members earn reward dollars for completing healthy activities. Earn when you get a flu shot, annual checkup, and more. Once you complete your first healthy activity, you’re signed up!</p>	<p>Once you complete a qualifying healthy activity, we are notified. Your card will be mailed to you within 4 to 6 weeks. Remember to keep your card, as future reward dollars will be added to it for each qualifying healthy activity you complete.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<b>Service</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>How It Works</b>	<b>My Health Pays Reward?</b>
<p><b>Diabetes In-Home Test Kit</b></p> <p><b>Who is eligible?</b> Members between the ages of 18–75 who have been diagnosed with diabetes.</p>	<p>We have partnered with HarmonyCares Lab2U to provide an in-home Diabetes Monitoring Test – HgbA1C kit at no cost to you. The results from the screening kit will help you better manage your health.</p>	<p>Eligible members can call Member Services to request a kit. Iowa Total Care will mail a test kit to your home. The kit will contain instruction on how to complete the test and where to mail it. Results will then be mailed to you and your primary doctor.</p>	<p>Receive \$15 in My Health Pays® rewards for completing the in-home test. You may earn this amount twice per calendar year.</p>
<p><b>Doc’s Kids Club</b></p> <p><b>Who is eligible?</b> Iowa Total Care members ages 10 and under.</p>	<p>Follow along with our friend Doc the Dog as we build healthy habits together. Doc sends newsletters full of fun activities, kid-friendly recipes, read-along stories, and so much more! Kids even get a special gift just for signing up.</p>	<p>Visit our Member Resources page and head to the Doc’s Kids Club tab to sign up.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Education Benefits</b></p> <p><b>Who is eligible?</b> Iowa Total Care members ages 18 and up.</p>	<p>Missing a high school diploma? Earn your HiSET certificate. HiSET is a high school equivalency test. It shows that you have the same knowledge and skills as a high school graduate. You'll get a certificate when you pass. It's called a High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED).</p>	<p>Call Member Services to learn more: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).</p>	<p>Receive \$50 in My Health Pays® rewards for earning your HSED.</p>
<p><b>Member Connections Community Outreach Program</b></p>	<p>This program allows us to provide a high touch, personal level of interaction with our members that builds strong relationships and trust. MemberConnections Representatives (MCRs) are hired from within the communities we serve to</p>	<p>MCRs make home visits to high-risk members we cannot reach by phone, and will assist with member outreach, coordinate social services, and attend community events to provide health</p>	<p>MCRs can help ensure high-risk members receive the care they need to manage their health conditions:</p>

<b>Service</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>How It Works</b>	<b>My Health Pays Reward?</b>
<p><b>Who is eligible?</b> Iowa Total Care high-risk members with multiple chronic health conditions.</p>	<p>help ensure that our outreach is culturally competent and conducted by people who know the needs of the people in the community. MCRs receive comprehensive training, including Community Health Outreach Worker certification, and become an important part of our MemberConnections and care coordination staff.</p>	<p>education and outreach.</p>	<p><b>Annual screenings &amp; checkups: \$15 to \$30.</b></p>
<p><b>Tobacco Cessation Program</b></p> <p><b>Who is eligible?</b> Iowa Total Care members ages 13 and older.</p>	<p>Coaching calls to provide guidance and support to assist in tobacco cessation.</p>	<p>Call Member Services to learn more: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711) or 1-800-QUIT NOW to enroll.</p>	<p>Earn up to \$60 in My Health Pays Rewards for program completion.</p>
<p><b>Suicide Prevention Plan Program</b></p> <p><b>Who is eligible?</b> All Iowa Total Care members.</p>	<p>Our Choose Tomorrow program is for members who may be feeling suicidal. If you're in crisis, let us help. You don't have to struggle alone. We care about you and your safety. Our staff can connect you to support and tools you need to feel better.</p>	<p>Get help finding a behavioral provider. Call Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711) and asking about our Choose Tomorrow program.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Substance Abuse Support Program</b></p> <p><b>Who is eligible?</b> All Iowa Total Care members.</p>	<p>Struggling with or at risk of substance abuse? We can help through our Health Assistance, Linkage &amp; Outreach (HALO) program. It connects members in need with Iowa Total Care case managers. They'll help you find a road to recovery.</p>	<p>Call Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711) and ask about our HALO program. A case manager will work with you to help with care.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<b>Service</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>How It Works</b>	<b>My Health Pays Reward?</b>
<p><b>Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Transition Coordination Fund</b></p> <p><b>Who is eligible?</b> Members transitioning home from select settings; see How It Works.</p> <p>The member must not otherwise be eligible for other funds (e.g., money follows the person, grant program, community resources, county funds).</p>	<p>Members are eligible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to \$750 if they have a home they are returning to, or</li> <li>• Up to \$1,500 if they will need a home.</li> </ul> <p>Funds may be used for items including utility set-up, housing (rent and/or deposit), household items (linens, bedding, towels), food, cleaning supplies and more.</p>	<p>This fund is available for members transitioning home from the following settings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intermediate Care Facility for the Intellectually Disabled (ICF/ID),</li> <li>• Nursing Facility (NF)</li> <li>• Psychiatric Medical Institution for Children (PMIC),</li> <li>• Community Neuro Rehabilitation Services (CNRS),</li> <li>• Residential Care Facilities (RCF)</li> <li>• Mental Health Institute (MHI), or an</li> <li>• Out-of-State (OOS) placement.</li> </ul> <p>All requests must be initiated by Case Management and approved by Iowa Total Care directors prior to discharge.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Health Coaching</b></p> <p><b>Who is eligible?</b> All Iowa Total Care members.</p>	<p>Whether you have a chronic condition like asthma or diabetes, or want to focus on exercise and healthy eating, we can assist. Our staff will help you learn ways to live better and feel better.</p>	<p>Free health coaching is available through Iowa Total Care’s Healthy Solutions for Life program for our members. The programs provide telephonic outreach, education, and support services.</p> <p>Call 1-833-234-9026 to enroll.</p>	<p>Receive \$10 in My Health Pays® rewards for completing the intake assessment.</p> <p>Receive \$30 in My Health Pays® rewards for creating your care plan with measurable goals.</p> <p>Receive \$50 in My Health Pays®</p>

Service	Description	How It Works	My Health Pays Reward?
			rewards for successfully closing your care plan.
<p><b>Foster Care Kits</b></p> <p><b>Who is eligible?</b> Iowa Total Care members in foster care with Health and Human Services (HHS) involvement, handing out kits to different age groups each year.</p>	<p>We know being a child can be tough, especially if you're in foster care. That's why Iowa Total Care offers a free focus kit to these members.</p>	<p>Call Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711) and ask about our foster care kits. The kits contain literacy materials, items to help relax, and reading on managing anxiety and starting high school.</p>	N/A
<p><b>Foster Care Assistance</b></p> <p><b>Who is eligible?</b> Iowa Total Care members who are in a foster care setting with Health and Human Services (HHS) involvement.</p>	<p>Foster care can have a lot of transitions, and we are here to support you. We can help you adjust to your placement and support you with our other value-added services.</p>	<p>Email us at <a href="mailto:ITC_FosterCare@IowaTotalCare.com">ITC_FosterCare@IowaTotalCare.com</a> and let us know that you'd like foster care assistance.</p>	N/A
<p><b>Sensory Items</b></p> <p><b>Who is eligible?</b> Iowa Total Care members below age 18 with a sensory need who are also enrolled in one of our care management or case management programs.</p>	<p>Select sensory items from our predetermined list to support your sensory needs.</p>	<p>Contact your care manager or case manager to determine your eligibility and look at what sensory items are available.</p>	N/A

Service	Description	How It Works	My Health Pays Reward?
<p><b>Home-Delivered Meals</b></p> <p><b>Who is eligible?</b> Iowa Total Care members who are pregnant or new parents.</p>	<p>Pregnant or have a new baby? Struggling to feed your family or yourself? You may qualify for free home-delivered meals.</p>	<p>We'll take the worry out of mealtime, so you can focus on your new little one.</p> <p>Iowa Total Care staff will also discuss your future food needs. There may be a program that can help. If eligible, we'll help you apply.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Lifeline Program</b></p> <p><b>Who is eligible?</b> Iowa Total Care members without access to reliable cell phone service.</p>	<p>Need cell phone service? The Lifeline program offers support for eligible people without access to reliable phone service. Through our partner, Assurance Wireless, qualifying members can get no-cost cell phone service with their Lifeline plan.</p>	<p>To apply, you can visit <a href="http://assurancewireless.com/">assurancewireless.com/</a> or speak to your care manager.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<b>Service</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>How It Works</b>	<b>My Health Pays Reward?</b>
<p><b>Car Seat</b></p> <p><b>Who is eligible?</b> Iowa Total Care members who are pregnant; see How It Works.</p>	<p>Pregnant members can receive a car seat for their babies.</p>	<p>To be eligible, members must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a completed notification of pregnancy form filed,</li> <li>• Visit their doctor while in the first trimester or within 42 days of enrollment in Iowa Medicaid, and</li> <li>• Be engaged with Start Smart for Your Baby until 36 weeks of pregnancy.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Doula Program</b></p> <p><b>Who is eligible?</b> Iowa Total Care members who are pregnant.</p>	<p>Eligible Iowa Total Care members can get free doula support.</p> <p>A doula is a trained companion who guides you through the birthing process. Doulas offer education and comfort before and after birth. They can also be there when you deliver. Members receive in-person visits, on-call care, and more.</p>	<p>Eligible members can contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Doula Network, our partner for this program: 1-877-436-8527</li> <li>• Iowa Total Care Member Services: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711)</li> </ul> <p>Members must be pregnant and live in Polk, Johnson, Black Hawk, Scott, and Woodbury counties.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

# WELLNESS CARE

Your health is important to us. Good health begins with enough sleep, healthy food, and healthy behaviors. One of these behaviors is to see your doctor annually (children more frequently) and to follow the advice of your doctor.

## Wellness Care for Adults

You should schedule a yearly well visit once per calendar year with your Primary Care Provider (PCP) to safeguard your health. These checkups can include a physical exam, blood tests, and the shots you need. If there is a health problem, it can be discovered and treated early. How often you get a screening is based on your age and risk factors. Talk to your doctor about what's right for you.

## Wellness Care for Children

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) is preventive care for Iowa Health Link children under the age of 21. These are also called well-child checkups. Doctor visits when your child is well help make sure they are growing, healthy, and safe. These services are provided at no cost to you. How often your child gets a screening is based on his/her age and risk factors. Talk to your doctor about what's right for your child.

The chart below shows when babies, children and young adults need to see their doctor for a health check. We don't want your child to miss any key steps toward good health as they grow. To help remind you of check-ups, Iowa Total Care may call you or send you a reminder in the mail.

Doctors and nurses will examine your child or teen.

- They will give shots for disease prevention when necessary. Shots are important to keep your child healthy.
- Your child should have their blood drawn to test for lead at 12 and 24 months.
- They will also ask questions about health problems and tell you what to do to stay healthy.
- If they find a problem during the checkup, your doctor can send your child to a specialist.

Age Group	Health Check Schedule
Infancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birth</li> <li>• 3 to 5 days</li> <li>• By 1 month</li> <li>• 2 months</li> <li>• 4 months</li> <li>• 6 months</li> <li>• 9 months</li> </ul>
Early Childhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 months</li> <li>• 15 months</li> <li>• 18 months</li> <li>• 24 months</li> <li>• 30 months</li> <li>• 3 years</li> <li>• 4 years</li> </ul>
Middle Childhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each year for ages 5-10 years</li> </ul>
Adolescence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each year for ages 11-21 years</li> </ul>

Many schools, activities, and other organizations require a “sports physical.” This is a limited exam. Tell your provider if you need this exam. They can complete the forms you need during your child’s well-child checkup.

We have many programs and tools to help keep you and your family healthy, including:

- Health coaching.
- Care management services.
- Pregnancy care and parenting classes.
- Well-care reminders.

Your provider may suggest one of these programs for you. If you want to know more about these programs, please call Member Services: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

# CARE FOR PREGNANT MEMBERS

Start Smart for Your Baby® is Iowa Total Care's program for all pregnant members. Women may see any obstetrician or gynecologist (OB/GYN) for pregnancy care without being sent by their primary care provider (PCP). This care is called prenatal care. It can help you have a healthy baby. Even if you already had a baby (postpartum), postnatal care is important. The postpartum (or postnatal) period begins immediately after childbirth. With our Start Smart for Your Baby® program, members receive health information and rewards for getting prenatal and postpartum care.

- If you think you may be pregnant, see your PCP or an OB/GYN right away. You do not need a referral from your PCP to see an OB/GYN doctor. It is important to start prenatal care as soon as you become pregnant. Call Member Services if you need help finding an OB/GYN in the Iowa Total Care network: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).
- When you find out you are pregnant, please complete the Notification of Pregnancy form available on our secure member portal: **[member.iowatotalcare.com](https://member.iowatotalcare.com)**. Also, contact the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services Income Maintenance Customer Service Center at 1-877-347-5678 to report this change for Medicaid. When you call, please provide them with your confirmed due date.
- See your PCP or OB/GYN throughout your pregnancy.
- Make sure you go to all your visits when your PCP or OB/GYN tells you to.
- Make sure you go to your provider after you have your baby for follow-up care (on or between seven to 84 days after your baby is born).

There are things you can do to help have a safe pregnancy. Talk to your doctor about medical problems you have, like diabetes and high blood pressure. Do not use tobacco, alcohol, or drugs now or while you are pregnant.

You should see your doctor before you are pregnant if you have had the following problems:

- Three or more miscarriages.
- Preterm birth, also known as premature birth, is the birth of the baby at fewer than 37 weeks gestational age.
- Stillbirth.

## When you are pregnant, keep the following in mind:

- Go to the doctor (OB/GYN) as soon as you think you are pregnant. It is important for you and your baby's health to see a doctor as early as possible.
- If you have had problems or a high-risk pregnancy in the past, you may need extra care. Choose a doctor you can see during your entire pregnancy. It is even better to see your doctor before you get pregnant. The doctor can help you get your body ready for pregnancy.
- You should choose a pediatrician for your baby before it is born. If you do not choose a pediatrician, Iowa Total Care will choose one for you.

It is important to have healthy lifestyle habits while you are pregnant. This includes exercising, eating balanced meals, not smoking, and sleeping 8–10 hours a night. These things can help you and your baby stay healthy.

## A Note About Folic Acid

Folic acid is very important for your baby's health. Getting enough folic acid can help prevent serious birth defects. Folic acid is a B vitamin. It is found mostly in leafy green vegetables like kale and spinach. It is also found in enriched grains. Some foods with folic acid in them include:

- Orange juice.
- Green vegetables.
- Beans.
- Peas.
- Fortified breakfast cereals.
- Enriched rice.
- Whole wheat bread.

It is difficult to get enough folic acid from food alone. Ask your doctor about taking prenatal vitamins. These will have the extra folic acid your baby needs. Your baby needs this right away. This is one reason to see your doctor as soon as you think you could be pregnant.

## When You Become Pregnant

When you first find out you are pregnant, you should complete the Notification of Pregnancy form available on our secure member portal:

**[member.iowatotalcare.com](http://member.iowatotalcare.com)**.

## The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

If your baby is admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), we offer the Start Smart for Your Baby® NICU program. Parents receive education and support, including tips on how to get through the tough times and things they can do to help their baby while in NICU. Call Member Services for more information: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

## **Smoking Cessation**

If you are pregnant and smoke, we can help you stop smoking. We have a free smoking cessation program for pregnant women. The program has trained healthcare workers who are ready to help you one-on-one.

They will provide the education, counseling and support you need to help you quit smoking. Through regular phone calls, you and your health coach develop a plan to make changes to help you stop smoking.

# CARE MANAGEMENT

We offer one-on-one help for members with a specific health concern. Care management gives support to members who need extra help to be as healthy as possible. These services can:

- Assist members with education about lifestyle changes.
- Work with members, family, and doctors to develop health care goals.
- Assist members moving from hospital to home or home to another setting.
- Assist members in finding benefits and community resources.

Our staff will reach out to you within 90 calendar days of your enrollment. The staff member will ask you some questions about your health and healthcare needs while completing a health risk screening tool. It is important that we speak to be sure you get or continue to get the services you need. This will help us determine if you have needs we can help you with. If you need help, we will visit with you and talk about your needs and how we can help. We will work together on a care plan specifically for you. We may even be able to help you with things such as food, shelter, and community resources you may not know about.

## Should You Be in Care Management?

Care management could be helpful to you if you:

- Have a lifelong illness like asthma or diabetes.
- Have or are at risk for a serious condition.
- Have a behavioral health need.
- Have a developmental or physical disability.
- Have some other special healthcare need.
- Have nursing facility level of care needs.
- Need Home and Community-Based Services.
- Are using the Self-Directed Community Benefit Services.

## What is a Care Manager?

A care manager is a healthcare coordinator. They work closely with you to plan your health goals. They help you figure out the steps to achieve your goals.

Our care coordination/care management teams include:

- Registered nurses (RN).
- Licensed social workers (LSW).
- Behavioral health clinicians (counselor or social worker).
- Community health services representatives.

Your care manager will work with you and your providers to help you get the care you need. Together, you will develop your individualized plan of care. Sometimes they can arrange treatment that is not typical for most people. They may work with our medical director to discuss additional care when:

- There is a serious condition, and treatment will probably take a long time.
- There are alternative services that can be used instead of covered services that are more expensive.
- More services than usual are necessary.

We will work with you individually to establish a person-centered service plan and allow you to participate in arranging and directing your own care if you wish to do so. We will stop or adjust the plan if it is no longer appropriate, or it doesn't work. For more information about care management or making changes to currently assigned care management program, you can call Member Services and ask to speak with care management staff. We will help you find the right resources for your needs.

# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Behavioral health refers to mental health and substance use (alcohol and drug) treatment. Sometimes talking to a friend or family member can help you work out a problem. When that is not enough, call your doctor or Iowa Total Care. We can give you support. We can talk to your providers/doctors and help you find mental health and substance use providers to help you.

You do not need a referral from your doctor. You can go to any provider in our network for services. Providers will help you figure out what services might best meet your needs. To learn more about specific covered benefits, contact Iowa Total Care: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

## How do I know if I/my child needs help?

- Can't cope with daily life.
- Feels very sad, stressed or worried.
- Not sleeping or eating well.
- Thinks about hurting themselves or others.
- Bothered by strange thoughts, like hearing or seeing things other people don't.
- Drinking alcohol or using other substances.
- Having problems at school.
- The school or daycare thinks that your child should see a doctor about mental health or substance use problems, including attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).
- Unable to concentrate.
- Feels hopeless.

If you have a behavioral health concern, we can help you find a provider. We want you to have a provider who will be a good match for you. It is important for you to have someone to talk to so you can work on solving problems.

## Resources

Did you know you can also request a behavioral health toolkit? Each kit contains informational flyers and resources on mental health challenges. Call Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711) to request your kit or download the files at [iowatotalcare.com/members/medicaid/suicide-awareness-education](http://iowatotalcare.com/members/medicaid/suicide-awareness-education).

## What do I do in a behavioral health emergency?

In a life-threatening emergency, call 911 or you can go to the nearest emergency room. You do not have to wait for an emergency to get help. Iowa Total Care has a free crisis support line: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711). They will help you at any time for free. They can help with depression, mental illness, substance use and other behavioral health needs. You can also call the National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988. If you would like to speak to an Iowa Total Care case manager, call Member Services for assistance finding a provider in your area: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

# DISEASE MANAGEMENT

Iowa Total Care provides disease management health coaches to help members with conditions like:

- Asthma.
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
- Diabetes.
- Heart problems.
- High blood pressure.
- Depression and anxiety.
- Obesity.
- Tobacco cessation.

Health coaches will talk to members about:

- How to take medications,
- What screening tests to get, and
- When to call their PCP.

Health coaches will listen to your concerns and help you get the things you need. The goal of disease management is to help you understand and take control of your condition. Better control means better health. For more information, call Member Services: 1-833-404-1067 (TTY:711).

# LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

Iowa Total Care coverage includes services for members who require services and supports at a level that is provided in facility-based settings, such as a nursing home or an intermediate care facility (ICF). This is referred to as long-term care (LTC). When the same type of care is provided to you in your home and/or community (home and community-based services), in an intermediate care facility for the intellectually disabled (ICF/ID), or in a nursing facility or skilled nursing facility, it is called long-term services and supports (LTSS).

## Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)

Home and community-based services (HCBS) programs are designed for people with disabilities, chronic mental illness and older Iowans who need help with the normal activities of daily living, like eating, bathing, dressing, or using the bathroom. HCBS can help people maintain their quality of life while staying in their home instead of moving to an institutional setting, such as a nursing home.

If you are not currently receiving HCBS, Iowa Total Care will help you with the process to access those services. An assessment is needed to determine your level of need for your level of need for services. If the assessment shows you need those services, and you are eligible for Medicaid, you may be able to receive nursing home services or choose to receive services in your home.

To receive HCBS, you must meet the specific requirements of one of Iowa's eight HCBS programs:

### AIDS/HIV Waiver

AIDS/HIV Waiver services may be available to people who:

- Are diagnosed by a physician as having AIDS or HIV infection.
- Are determined to need ICF or hospital level of care.

Based on your assessed needs, covered services may include:

### AIDS/HIV Waiver Services

- Adult day care.
- Attendant care.
- Counseling services.
- Home-delivered meals.
- Home health aide.
- Home maintenance support.
- Nursing care.
- Respite.
- Consumer Choices Option (CCO).

## **Brain Injury Waiver**

Brain Injury (BI) Waiver services may be available to people who are:

- Determined to have a brain injury diagnosis, as defined under the Iowa Administrative Code.
- Determined to need ICF, SNF, or ICF/ID level of care.
- At least one month of age.

Based on your assessed needs, covered services may include:

### **Brain Injury Waiver Services**

- Adult day care.
- Attendant care.
- Family training services.
- Home and vehicle modifications.
- Interim medical monitoring and treatment.
- Personal emergency response system (PERS).
- Prevocational services.
- Positive behavioral support and consultation.
- Respite.
- Specialized medical equipment.
- Supported community living (SCL).
- Supported employment.
- Transportation.
- Consumer Choices Option (CCO).

## **Children's Mental Health Waiver**

Children's Mental Health (CMH) Waiver services may be available to people who:

- Age ranges from birth to age 18.
- Have a diagnosis of serious emotional disturbance (SED) as verified by a licensed mental health professional within the past 12 months.
- Are determined to need hospital level of care.

This service can be managed by a community-based case manager (CBCM). Based on your assessed needs, covered services may include:

### **Children's Mental Health Waiver Services**

- Environmental modifications, adaptive devices, and therapeutic resources.
- In-home family therapy.
- Family and community supports.
- Respite.

## **Elderly Waiver**

Elderly Waiver services may be available to people who are:

- Age 65 or older.
- Determined to need ICF or skilled level of care.

Based on your assessed needs, covered services may include:

### **Elderly Waiver Services**

- Adult day care.
- Assistive devices.
- Assisted living.
- Attendant care.
- Companion care.
- Personal emergency response system.
- Home and vehicle modifications.
- Home-delivered meals.
- Home health aide.
- Home maintenance support.
- Mental health outreach.
- Nursing care.
- Nutritional counseling.
- Respite.
- Transportation.
- Consumer Choices Option (CCO).

## **Habilitation**

Habilitation services may be available to people who:

- Are eligible for Medicaid and have a household income that does not exceed 150% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- Meet a needs-based evaluation, have one risk factor, and meet at least two of five criteria showing need for assistance.

This service can be managed by a Waiver CBCM.

- Based on your assessed needs, covered services may include:  
Home-based habilitation.
- Day habilitation.
- Prevocational.
- Supported employment.

## **Health and Disability Waiver**

Health and Disability Waiver services may be available to people who:

- Are under age 65 and blind or determined disabled by receipt of Social Security disability benefits or through the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services' disability decision process.
- Are ineligible for SSI if over age 21; members receiving HD Waiver services upon reaching age 21 may continue to be eligible, regardless of SSI eligibility until they reach age 25.
- Meet all non-financial requirements for Medicaid.
- Are determined to need ICF, SNF, or ICF/ID level of care.

Based on your assessed needs, covered services may include:

### **Health and Disability Waiver Services**

- Adult day care.
- Attendant care.
- Counseling services.
- Home and vehicle modifications.
- Home-delivered meals.
- Home health aide.
- Home maintenance support.
- Interim medical monitoring and treatment.
- Nursing services.
- Nutritional counseling.
- Personal emergency response system (PERS).
- Respite.
- Consumer Choices Option (CCO).

## **Intellectual Disability Waiver**

Intellectual Disability Waiver services may be available to people who:

- Have a diagnosis of intellectual disability as determined by a psychologist or psychiatrist.
- Are determined to need ICF/IDICF/ID level of care.

Based on your assessed needs, covered services may include:

### **Intellectual Disability Waiver Services**

- Adult day care.
- Attendant care.
- Day habilitation.
- Home and vehicle modifications.
- Home health aide.
- Interim medical monitoring and treatment.
- Nursing.
- Personal emergency response system (PERS).
- Prevocational services.

- Respite.
- Supported community living (SCL).
- Residential-based supported community living (RBSCCL).
- Supported employment.
- Consumer Choices Option (CCO).

## **Physical Disability Waiver**

Physical Disability Waiver services may be available to people who:

- Have a physical disability.
- Are ages 18 to 64.
- Are determined blind or disabled by receipt of Social Security disability benefits or through the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services' disability determination process.

Based on your assessed needs, covered services may include:

### **Physical Disability Waiver Services**

- Attendant care.
- Home and vehicle modification.
- Personal emergency response system (PERS).
- Specialized medical equipment.
- Transportation.
- Consumer Choices Option (CCO).

For more information about each of the HCBS programs please visit:

**[hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/iowa-medicaid-programs/hcbs](https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/iowa-medicaid-programs/hcbs)**.

## **Case Management**

Case Management Services are provided to eligible members who are accessing HCBS services. Case management services may be provided by an Iowa Total Care community-based case manager (CBCM). Case management services will assist with:

- Coordinating and monitoring your health care needs.
- Coordinating and monitoring your services provided by physical, behavioral, and supportive service providers.
- Linking, coordinating, and monitoring Medicaid and non-Medicaid services.
- Linking, coordinating, and monitoring services and resources available in your community.
- Facilitating communication with members and their informal support(s) during the process of referring, coordinating, and monitoring necessary services and supports.
- Coordinating your transportation benefit, through available HCBS services or MTM Health.
- We also have complex care management for eligible members with unique health and wellness needs. We may reach out to you to discuss the program with you.

## **Service Coordination Program**

Members accessing HCBS services will have a person-centered service plan (PCSP). This is completed by the CBCM with the member and their chosen team. The PCSP is a plan consisting of services and supports that will meet the needs of the member to live as independently as possible in the community.

- The PCSP is developed and finalized at an interdisciplinary team meeting with participants chosen by the member.
- The PCSP is individualized to the member and is based on the member's current assessment.
- The PCSP includes member prioritized goals, services, needs, desired outcomes, emergency plan, risk factors, and rights restrictions.

## **Transportation for Waiver Services**

If you are on a waiver that includes the transportation benefit, your case manager will:

- Work with you and your care team to determine the number of trips or mileage to be authorized.
- Submit the authorization to MTM Health to enable trips to be scheduled.
- Coordinate with you and your care team to arrange the waiver transportation with the provider of your choice through MTM Health for recurring and one-time trips and provide education on how to cancel scheduled waiver trips.

## **In Lieu of Services (ILOS)**

In partnership with Iowa Medicaid, Iowa Total Care offers In Lieu of Services (ILOS) to Iowa Medicaid members who are currently on a waitlist for one of Iowa's 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers. ILOS are available to support members who are at immediate risk of hospitalization or institutionalization and those wanting to return to a community living environment. For additional information including requirements and limitations, please refer to Iowa HHS Medicaid Informational Letter 2620 or reach out to our internal teams listed below.

*Please note: Members in limited benefit group, such as Iowa Health and Wellness Plan (IHAWP) or Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (Hawki) are not eligible for ILOS.*

Services available:

- Pre-tenancy and tenancy sustaining services.
- Housing transition navigation services.
- Case management.
- Respite care.
- Personal care services.
- Medically tailored meals.
- Assistive services/devices.
- Home modifications.
- Vehicle modifications.
- Intermittent supported community living (SCL).
- Supported employment.
- Personal emergency response system.
- Specialized medical equipment.
- Adult day care.
- Non-medical transportation.

For additional questions, please contact Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY:711).

# CONSUMER CHOICES OPTION

## Self-Direction

Self-direction, also called Consumer Choices Option (CCO), means that you choose your personal caregiver(s). CCO is available under the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers, except for the Children's Mental Health (CMH) Waiver. CCO gives you control over your Medicaid dollars so that you can develop a plan to meet your needs by directly hiring employees and/or purchasing other goods and services. CCO offers more choice, control, and flexibility with your Home and Community-Based Services to enable you to stay in your home and community.

The CCO program allows you to have control over when your services are provided, how they are provided and who will be hired to provide your services to you. This gives you the ability to make choices, select and employ staff, and control the quality of your services. If you would like assistance to help manage your employees and/or budget, you can choose to delegate the tasks to someone else you trust to manage this for you. Your community-based case manager (CBCM) can work with you to choose a delegate budget authority.

CCO may be right for you if you answer yes to these questions:

- Do you want more control over how waiver Medicaid dollars are spent on your needs?
- Do you want to be the employer of the people that provide support to you?
- Do you want to be responsible for recruiting, hiring, and firing your workers and service providers?
- Do you want to be responsible for training, managing, and supervising your workers and service providers?
- Do you want the flexibility to be able to purchase goods or services in order to meet your needs?

If you would like to choose this option, you simply let your CBCM know you are interested. You will work with your CBCM to determine the services available for self-direction and develop a person-centered service plan (PCSP). You may choose an independent support broker (ISB) who will help you develop your individual budget, organize your services, and recruit employees.

You will also work with a financial management service that will help manage your tasks as an employer. They will complete background checks on your employees and will use your budget to pay your workers on your behalf.

You will be responsible for hiring and training your employees. Your caregivers must be able to pass a background check and be 18 years or older to provide supported employment and 16 years or older to provide self-directed personal care services. Your caregiver works for you and is supervised by you. You will sign the timesheets and monitor how the services are provided. The caregiver may do things like help you with dressing, cleaning, fixing meals, or other care needs identified in your assessment.

Your CBCM will complete a self-assessment tool with you to determine if you are eligible to self-direct your services. Please ask your CBCM for more details.

The following services can be chosen for self-direction:

1. AIDS/HIV Waiver
  - a. Home and vehicle modification.
  - b. Home delivered meals.
  - c. Home maintenance support.
  - d. Basic individual respite.
  - e. Self-directed personal care.
2. Brain Injury Waiver
  - a. Home and vehicle modification.
  - b. Prevocational services.
  - c. Basic individual respite.
  - d. Self-directed personal care.
  - e. Specialized medical equipment.
  - f. Supported community living.
  - g. Supported employment.
  - h. Transportation.
3. Elderly Waiver
  - a. Assistive devices.
  - b. Companion care.
  - c. Home and vehicle modification.
  - d. Home delivered meals.
  - e. Home maintenance support.
  - f. Basic individual respite.
  - g. Self-directed personal care.
  - h. Senior companion.
  - i. Transportation.
4. Health and Disability Waiver
  - a. Home and vehicle modification.
  - b. Home delivered meals.
  - c. Basic individual respite.
  - d. Self-directed personal care.

## 5. Intellectual Disability Waiver

- a. Day habilitation.
- b. Home and vehicle modification.
- c. Prevocational services.
- d. Basic individual respite.
- e. Self-directed personal care.
- f. Supported community living.
- g. Supported employment.
- h. Transportation.

## 6. Physical Disability Waiver

- a. Home and vehicle modification.
- b. Self-directed personal care.
- c. Specialized medical equipment.
- d. Transportation.

Please note that some services may be subject to electronic visit verification (EVV), a tracking system that verifies when a person receives a Medicaid-funded personal care service. Currently, this applies to self-directed personal care and home maintenance support. You will be required to sign off on the employee's EVV service record before the employee will be paid for services they provide to you. For questions regarding EVV services and your role, please contact your assigned CBCM.

If you feel the CCO is right for you, talk with your CBCM to learn more. You may choose to stop directing your own care at any time. Just talk with your CBCM. More information about CCO is online:

**[hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/member-services/cco](https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/member-services/cco)**.

# ATTENDANT CARE

Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver programs offer the opportunity for you to have help in your own home or your community. One option is attendant care, which can give you the help you need to stay in your own home. Attendant care must be direct, hands-on services that you cannot perform for yourself. Attendant care cannot provide for your personal supervision or for someone to stay with you overnight.

There are two kinds of attendant care services: non-skilled and skilled.

**Non-skilled services** include help with normal daily life activities such as dressing, bathing, meals, bedtime, taking medicine, making appointments, handling money, communicating with others, doctor visits, errands, and housekeeping.

**Skilled services** are medical services that require a licensed nurse or therapist to supervise the person who does these things for you. These include monitoring medications, post-surgical nursing care, injections, recording vital signs, tube feedings, catheter care, colostomy care, therapeutic diets, and intravenous therapy.

**You are the employer of your attendant care.** You will need to fill out an Attendant Care Agreement Form with your CBCM and the agency or CCO employee you are hiring to provide attendant care. The Attendant Care Agreement outlines the duties your attendant care provider will perform, how often they complete the duties, and what their rate will be. Your attendant care provider can be an attendant care provider agency or a CCO employee. If it is a person you know, it is available through CCO and is called 'Self-Directed Personal Care.' If it is through an agency, it is called 'Attendant Care.' Remember, this person will be in your home helping you do the things needed so you can remain to live independently in the community. It is important that you feel comfortable with him or her. Your CBCM can help you determine how much funding is available to you under your HCBS Waiver for attendant care services. This will help you plan work schedules and your provider's salary.

**Electronic visit verification (EVV).** Attendant care services are required to be verified through EVV for attendant care agencies or self-directed personal care unless you live in an assisted living or residential care facility. This verification should be done by your provider on the date of service to help ensure timely payment. For questions regarding this process or your role in EVV, please contact your assigned CBCM.

## How to Get Attendant Care Services

To receive attendant care, you must already be approved for one of the HCBS Waiver programs that has attendant care as an available service. If you request to use attendant care as a service, you will have a meeting with your CBCM and the provider of your choice. Your CBCM must agree that attendant care services are right for you so that you are healthy and safe.

For more information on finding the right provider, attendant care agreements, rates, record keeping, backup plans, personnel issues, reporting abuse and more, visit: [\*\*hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/iowa-medicaid-programs/cdac\*\*](https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/iowa-medicaid-programs/cdac).

# YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

## Member Rights

As a member you have certain rights. Iowa Total Care wants to always respect your rights. We expect our providers to respect your rights.

- Be treated with respect, dignity, and privacy.
- To take part in the community and work, live and learn to the fullest extent possible.
- To receive healthcare services as stated in Federal regulations.
- Know that your medical records and discussions with your providers will be private and confidential.
- Receive information on all available treatment options and alternatives, including treatment in the least restrictive setting, presented in a manner appropriate to the member's condition and ability to understand.
- Have access to creating and using an advance directive.
- Be able to receive covered services in a fair manner.
- Be able to make decisions regarding his or her healthcare, including the right to refuse treatment.
- Be free from any form of restraint or seclusion used as a means of coercion, discipline, convenience, or retaliation as stated in federal regulations.
- Have access to your medical records and be able to request corrections.
- Be able to choose a representative to help with making care decisions.
- Be able to provide informed consent.
- A right to express a concern or appeal about Iowa Total Care or the care that it provides.
- To receive a response in a reasonable period of time.
- Be able to choose from available contract providers that follow Iowa Total Care's prior authorization requirements.
- Be able to receive information about Iowa Total Care including covered services, contract providers and how to access them.
- Be able to receive information about Iowa Total Care, its services, providers and members' rights and responsibilities.
- Be able to request copayment totals paid. If there is a disagreement about the totals, you are able to appeal this information.
- Be free from harassment by Iowa Total Care or its contract providers.
- Have an open discussion with your provider about your treatment options, regardless of cost or benefit coverage.
- A right to get information on care options in a way that you can understand, regardless of cost or coverage.
- Be able to take an active part in understanding physical and behavioral health problems and setting treatment goals with your provider.
- Be able to make recommendations regarding Iowa Total Care's member rights and responsibilities.

- Be able to exercise your rights and doing so will not affect the way Iowa Total Care, Iowa Total Care providers or Iowa Medicaid treats you.
- To request a change in community-based case managers (CBCMs).
- A right to seek second opinions.
- A right to get help with care coordination from the PCP's office.
- A right to choose your health professional and long-term supports and services providers to the extent possible and appropriate, as per 42 CFR §438.6(m).
- A right to get healthcare services that are similar in amount and scope to those given under Medicaid Fee-For-Service. This includes the right to get healthcare services that will achieve the purpose for which the services are given.
- A right to get services that are fitting and are not denied or reduced due to:
  - Diagnosis.
  - Type of illness.
  - Medical condition.
- A right to be given information in a manner and format you can understand, as defined in the Provider Agreement and the Member Handbook. This includes:
  - Enrollment notices.
  - Informational materials.
  - Instructional materials.
- A right to get free oral interpretation services for all non-English languages.
- A right to be notified that interpretation services are available and how to access them.
- A right to request Iowa Total Care's adopted practice guidelines.
- A right to get adequate and timely information on Iowa Total Care's Provider Incentive Plan, upon request.

## **Member Responsibilities**

As a member you have certain responsibilities. Treatment can work better if you do these things. Your responsibilities are:

- Notify Iowa Medicaid if:
  - Your family size changes.
  - Your phone number changes.
  - You move out of the state or have other address changes.
  - You get or have health coverage under another policy, other third party, or there are changes to that coverage.
- Work on improving your own health.
- Tell Iowa Total Care when you go to the emergency room.
- Treat providers and staff with dignity and respect.
- Talk to your provider about preauthorization of services they recommend.
- Be aware of cost-sharing responsibilities. Make payments that you are responsible for.
- Inform Iowa Total Care if your member ID card is lost or stolen.
- Show your Iowa Total Care member ID card when getting healthcare services.
- To choose a primary care provider (PCP).
- To keep appointments and follow-up appointments.
- To access preventive care services.

- To live healthy lifestyles and avoid behaviors known to be harmful.
- Know Iowa Total Care procedures, coverage rules and restrictions the best that you can.
- Contact Iowa Total Care when you need information or have questions.
- Give providers and Iowa Total Care accurate and complete medical information so you can be provided appropriate care.
- To follow care prescribed by the provider or to let the provider know why treatment cannot be followed, as soon as possible.
- Ask your providers questions to help you understand treatment. Learn about the possible risks, benefits, and costs of treatment alternatives. Make care decisions after you have thought about all of these things.
- To make your PCP aware of all other providers who are treating you. This is to ensure communication and coordination in care. This also includes behavioral health providers.
- Be actively involved in your treatment. Understand your health problems and participate in developing mutually agreed-upon treatment goals, to the degree possible.
- Follow the grievance process if you have concerns about your care.

## **Community-Based Case Management Choice**

At Iowa Total Care, we do our best to assign a community-based case manager (CBCM) that lives in the same community as you. This means your CBCM will have knowledge about your local services and the supports that are available to you. We understand that sometimes there can be conflicts between members and CBCMs and that you may want to request a different CBCM. Your CBCM should be a person you feel comfortable with.

If you feel you need a change in CBCM, please call Member Services. They will connect you with a CBCM manager in your area. The manager will discuss the reason you would like to change CBCMs with you. If a change is needed, Iowa Total Care will make every effort to transition you to another CBCM in your area.

## **Member Satisfaction**

You can help Iowa Total Care improve the way our health plan works. Through our Stakeholder Advisory Board, we give members like you the chance to share your thoughts and ideas with us. The Board shares health education with our members. It discusses ways to focus on preventative health. At these meetings, you can talk about the services you get. You can tell us how we are doing. You can share your ideas on policy changes. You may ask questions or share any concerns. You can also receive a \$25 My Health Pays® reward each time you join a Stakeholder Advisory Board meeting.

**Would you like to join our Stakeholder Advisory Board?** Just call Member Services. The toll-free phone number is 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711). They can give you information about joining the Stakeholder Advisory Board.

## Cultural Competency

It is important to Iowa Total Care that we provide services that are mindful of each member's culture. This means you receive services that are respectful of your social and cultural needs.

It is important to us that our providers are also aware and respectful of these needs.

We give providers training and tools to help them. We support providers by:

- Accessing language services for our members who cannot communicate because of a language barrier. This includes interpreter services in non-English languages, sign language, and TTY services. There is no cost for these services.
- Race and ethnicity have an influence on health and treatment decisions. Providers should understand these issues.
- Providers who help members are given training on cultural competency and accessing language services.

## Quality Improvement Program

Iowa Total Care is committed to providing quality healthcare for you and your family. Our primary goal is to improve your health and help you manage any acute and/or chronic illness or disability. We want to help you get safe, reliable, and quality healthcare from our programs.

Our programs follow standards of the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA) and include:

- Reviewing of doctors and providers when they become part of our network.
- Making sure members have access to all types of healthcare services.
- Giving members support and education about general healthcare and specific diseases.
- Sending reminders to get annual tests, adult physical treatments, flu shots, preventive care, immunizations, cervical or breast cancer screenings.
- Looking into any member concerns regarding care received. If you have a concern about the care you received from your doctor or any service provided by Iowa Total Care, please contact Member Services at 1-833-404-1061.

Iowa Total Care believes your ideas can help make services better. We send out a member survey each year. The survey asks questions about your experience with your healthcare providers and health plan. We hope you will take the time to send us your answers if you receive a survey.

Do you have questions about our Quality Improvement Program? Please contact Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711) or visit [IowaTotalCare.com](http://IowaTotalCare.com).

As part of our quality initiatives, Iowa Total Care has a team helping members in need of food, housing, and more. Contact Member Services: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711). Ask to speak to a Housing and Resource Specialist.

# OTHER INSURANCE AND BILLS

## **If You Have Medicare or Other Insurance Coverage**

If you have Medicare or other health insurance in addition to Medicaid coverage, this coverage is considered your primary insurance. Your Medicaid coverage through Iowa Total Care is secondary. These other coverages will pay for services from participating physicians, hospitals, and other network providers. Medical services are based on the guidelines of that program. Your doctor will bill Medicare or other insurance first for services covered by both programs and Medicaid will be billed second for any cost-sharing. Your Medicaid benefits will not change your primary insurance benefits. Be sure to show both your Medicare/other insurance coverage and Medicaid ID cards each time you go to a doctor's visit.

If you have any questions regarding your coverage, please call Iowa Total Care Member Services: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

# GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

You, or someone you choose to help you, may file an appeal or grievance by phone or in writing. Iowa Total Care can help you complete forms to file a grievance or an appeal. If you need help, please call Member Services at our toll-free number: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711). We have people to help you Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. CT. Translation services are also available if needed. Iowa Total Care will not treat you differently for filing an appeal or grievance.

## Grievances

A grievance may be about anything you are unhappy with while receiving services as a member of Iowa Total Care. Some examples are:

- Unclear or wrong information from staff.
- Poor quality of care.
- Rudeness from a provider or employee.
- Failing to respect your member rights.
- You disagree with the decision to extend an appeal timeframe.
- Unpaid medical bills.
- Any other access to care issues.

## How to File a Grievance

You can file a grievance at any time by:

- Phone: Iowa Total Care Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).
- Fax: 1-833-809-3868, Attn: Grievances.
- Mail:

Iowa Total Care  
Attn: Grievances  
1080 Jordan Creek Parkway, Suite 400 South  
West Des Moines, IA 50266

- Email: [AppealsGrievances@IowaTotalCare.com](mailto:AppealsGrievances@IowaTotalCare.com).

If you submit your grievance in writing, be sure to include:

- Your first and last name.
- Your Medicaid ID number.
- Your address and telephone number.
- What made you unhappy.
- What you would like to have happen.

If you want someone to file the grievance for you, we need your written permission. We have a form you can use to give someone else this permission. The form is titled **Authorized Representative Designation Form**. You can find it on [IowaTotalCare.com](http://IowaTotalCare.com). You can also call Member Services and ask for the form. Parents or legal guardians of members that are minors do not need to fill out this form.

## **What to Expect After You File a Grievance**

We will send you a letter within three (3) business days after you file a grievance to let you know we received it.

If you have information to help us with your grievance, please send it to us by fax, mail or email.

You can request copies of the documents we used to resolve your grievance free of charge. We will send a resolution letter to you within 30 calendar days from the date received by Iowa Total Care. If additional information is needed to resolve your grievance, an extension of 14 calendar days may be requested by Iowa Total Care. We will only request an extension if it is in your best interest. If additional time is needed, we will let you know by phone and in writing at least two (2) days before the 30 calendar days are up. You may file a grievance if you disagree with the extension. Members can also request an extension if you need additional time to support your grievance. If you want an extension, please contact Iowa Total Care Member Services.

## **Appeals**

An appeal is a request for Iowa Total Care to review a decision we made about a service that was denied, reduced, or limited. Examples of this would be:

- Denied requested care or services.
- Approved a smaller amount of a service than you asked for.
- Ends a service or care that was approved before.

These decisions are called “Adverse Benefit Determinations.”

You will get a letter in the mail that will tell you why that decision was made. If you do not agree with a decision, you have 60 calendar days from the date on the letter you received to ask for an appeal. You can ask to file the appeal by phone or in writing.

## How to File an Appeal

You can file an appeal up to 60 calendar days from the date on the letter that states what decision was made. If you need help filing an appeal, please call Iowa Total Care Member Services. Iowa Total Care will help you complete the steps for filing an appeal.

Appeals may be filed by:

- Phone: Iowa Total Care Member Services: 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).
- Fax: 1-833-809-3868, Attn: Appeals.
- Mail:  
Iowa Total Care Attn: Appeals  
1080 Jordan Creek Parkway, Suite 400 South  
West Des Moines, IA 50266
- Email: **[AppealsGrievances@IowaTotalCare.com](mailto:AppealsGrievances@IowaTotalCare.com)**.

If you submit your appeal in writing, be sure to include:

- Your first and last name.
- Your Medicaid ID number.
- Your address and telephone number.
- The reason for the appeal.

You or someone you choose can help you file an appeal. If you want someone else to file the appeal, we will need your permission in writing. We have a form you can use to give someone else permission to file the appeal. The form is titled “Authorized Representative Designation.” You can get this form from Iowa Total Care Member Services or on **[IowaTotalCare.com](http://IowaTotalCare.com)**. This form will also be included with the letter you received. Parents or legal guardians of members that are minors do not need to fill out this form.

You have the right to submit additional information either in person or in writing to support your appeal prior to the appeal being reviewed. The timeframe to submit this information to Iowa Total Care is limited. You will be notified of the due date for the information. If we do not receive it, the appeal will be continued without it.

## What to Expect After You Request an Appeal

We will send you a letter within three (3) business days to let you know we received your appeal.

If you have information to help us resolve your appeal, please send it to us. You can send that information in by fax, mail, or email.

You can request copies of the documents used to resolve the appeal free of charge.

We will send a resolution letter within 30 calendar days of receiving your appeal. If additional information is needed to resolve your appeal, an extension of 14 calendar days may be requested by Iowa Total Care. We will only request an extension if it is in your best interest. If we need more time, we will let you know by phone and in writing at least two (2) days before the 30 calendar days are up. You may file a grievance if you disagree with the extension. Members can also request an extension if they need additional time to prepare your appeal. If you want an extension, please contact Iowa Total Care Member Services.

You may request an expedited appeal to be completed in 72 hours if it is a situation that may cause you physical or mental harm. If the request does not need to be completed in 72 hours, we will complete it in the standard 30 days.

We will not treat you differently for filing an appeal.

## State Fair Hearings

If you are not happy with the outcome of your appeal with Iowa Total Care, you can request a State Fair Hearing. Members must complete an appeal with Iowa Total Care and receive a resolution letter before they can ask for a State Fair Hearing. You will get a resolution letter with the appeal decision on it. From the date on the resolution letter, you have 120 calendar days to request a State Fair Hearing. You can request that services be continued during a State Fair Hearing.

Requests can be made to the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for a State Fair Hearing. Requests can be filed in person, online, by phone, fax or mail at:

Attn: Iowa Department of Health and Human Services  
Appeals Bureau, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
321 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319  
Phone: 515-564-4044  
Fax: 888-723-9637  
Online: [hhs.iowa.gov/appeals/how-appeal](https://hhs.iowa.gov/appeals/how-appeal)

If you need assistance or want to file by phone, you can contact the HHS Appeals Bureau at 1-888-723-9637.

## Continuing to Receive Services

You can request for services to continue while we review the appeal and during the State Fair Hearing process. You need to request that services be continued within 10 calendar days of the date on the letter you received about your service denial, reduction or limitation.

**IMPORTANT:** If the appeal or State Fair Hearing finds Iowa Total Care's decision was right, you may have to pay for the service that was continued during the appeal and State Fair Hearing.

## Ombudsman

If you get long-term care in a facility or under one of the seven Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers, the Managed Care Ombudsman can help you:

- With education and information.
- With a problem you cannot solve by talking with Iowa Total Care Member Services.
- If you feel you are not getting the care you need.
- If you feel your rights are not respected.
- With complaint resolution or filing a grievance.
- File an appeal or State Fair Hearing request.

You may contact the Managed Care Ombudsman by mail, phone, fax, or email at:

Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman  
Attn: Managed Care Ombudsman  
Jessie M. Parker Building  
510 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2  
Des Moines, IA 50313-9025  
Phone: 1-866-236-1430 (toll-free); 1-515-725-3333 (in the Des Moines area)  
Fax: 1-515-725-3313  
Email: **[ManagedCareOmbudsman@iowa.gov](mailto:ManagedCareOmbudsman@iowa.gov)**

If you are a member who is not receiving the long-term care services the Managed Care Ombudsman covers, you may contact the State of Iowa Office of Ombudsman for assistance by mail, phone, fax, or email at:

State of Iowa Office of Ombudsman  
Ola Babcock Miller Building  
1112 East Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50319  
Phone: 1-888-426-6283 (toll-free); 1-515-281-3592 (in the Des Moines area)  
Fax: 1-515-242-6007  
Email: **[Ombudsman@legis.iowa.gov](mailto:Ombudsman@legis.iowa.gov)**

# ESTATE RECOVERY

Estate recovery legal reference: 441 IAC 75.28(7)

The cost of medical assistance is subject to recovery. The recovery includes the full amount of capitation payments made to a managed care plan, including medical and dental, even if the plan did not pay for any services. Members affected by the estate recovery policy are those who:

- Are 55 years of age or older, regardless of where they are living; or
- Are under age 55 and:
  - Reside in a nursing facility, an intermediate care facility for persons with an intellectually disability, or a mental health institute, and
  - Cannot reasonably be expected to be discharged and return home.

For more information, call Iowa Medicaid Member Services at 1-800-338-8366 (TTY: 1-800-735-2942) or 1-515-256-4606 when calling within the Des Moines area Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You may also learn more from Iowa Medicaid: [hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/member-services/estate-recovery](https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/member-services/estate-recovery).

# ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

All Iowa Total Care adult members have a right to make advance directives. An advance directive protects your rights for medical care. It helps to plan for future treatment decisions ahead of time. It tells people what you want if you are not able to make your own decisions. Your doctor can help discuss these options before you have an emergency. Then if you do have a medical emergency and cannot communicate what you need, your doctors will already know what to do.

Examples of common types of advance directives include:

- **A Living Will.** This tells a doctor what kind of medical care you want to receive (or not receive). This lets you decide ahead of time which treatments you would want or not want to prolong your life. A living will is only used when you are near the end of life with no hope to recover. Treatments could include:
  - Feeding tubes.
  - Breathing machines.
  - Organ transplants.
  - Treatments to make you comfortable.
- **A Healthcare Power of Attorney.** This names someone who is allowed to make healthcare decisions for you. This is only used if you are unable, in the judgement of your doctor, to make healthcare decisions.
- **A “Do Not Resuscitate” (DNR) Order.** This tells healthcare providers not to give cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) if your heart and/or breathing stops. A DNR order is only about CPR. It does not provide instructions about other treatments.

# FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE

Iowa Total Care is committed to preventing, identifying, and reporting all instances of suspected fraud, waste, and abuse. Fraud, waste, and abuse means that any member, any provider, or another person is misusing the Iowa Medicaid program or Iowa Total Care resources.

It is against the law for a doctor, dentist, pharmacist, other healthcare provider or an individual Medicaid recipient to receive Medicaid benefits based on false information.

Some examples of fraud, waste and abuse are:

- Billing or charging you for services that were not provided.
- Offering you free services, medical equipment or supplies in exchange for your Medicaid number.
- Providing you treatment or services you don't need.
- Someone using another person's Medicaid or Iowa Total Care identification card.

If you suspect anyone is committing fraud, waste, and abuse, including healthcare providers, contact Iowa Total Care's Hotline at 1-866-685-8664. You can remain anonymous.

You can also report suspected Medicaid fraud to the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services by calling 1-877-347-5678.

# NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

**THIS NOTICE SAYS HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND SHARED AND HOW YOU CAN GET THIS INFORMATION. *PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.***

## **Effective 1/1/2026**

For help translating or understanding this notice, please call 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711).

## **Covered Entities Duties:**

Iowa Total Care is a company that helps manage your healthcare. Iowa Total Care must protect your Protected Health Information (PHI) and keep it private. This notice explains how we may use and share your PHI and what your rights are regarding your information.

Iowa Total Care is responsible:

- To keep your PHI safe.
- To give you this notice and tell you about how we protect and use your health information.
- To follow the rules in this notice.
- To tell you when your PHI has been shared in error or not kept safe.

Iowa Total Care will change this notice when needed. We will make the changed notice effective for your PHI and any received in the future. Iowa Total Care will make these changes quick. We will give you this notice whenever there is a change to:

- How we use or share your PHI.
- Your rights.
- Our legal duties.
- Other privacy practices within this notice.

We will make any changed notices available.

## **Internal Protections of Oral, Written and Electronic PHI:**

Iowa Total Care keeps your PHI safe. We must keep your Race, Ethnicity, and Language (REL), and sexual orientation information safe. We have privacy and security processes to help.

To protect your PHI, we:

- Train our employees to keep your information private.
- Require our business partners to follow privacy and security processes.
- Keep our offices safe.
- Provide your PHI only for business reasons with people who need to know.
- Keep your PHI safe when we send or store it electronically.
- Use tools to keep the wrong people from getting your PHI.

## **Allowable Uses and Releases:**

The following is a list of how we may use or share your PHI without your approval or release:

- **Treatment.**
  - We may share with doctors or hospitals to help them take care of you.
- **Payment.**
  - We may use your PHI to pay for the care you receive.
- **Healthcare operations.**
  - We may use your PHI to improve our services, handle complaints, and check the quality of your care.

In our healthcare operations, we may share PHI with contracted partners. We will have written agreements to protect the privacy of your PHI with these partners. We may share your PHI with another person or agency that must follow the federal Privacy Rules. They must have a relationship with you. This includes the following:

- Quality assessment and improvement activities.
- Reviewing the skill or ability of medical providers.
- Care management and care coordination.
- Finding or stopping medical fraud and abuse.

Your race, ethnicity, language and sexual orientation are protected by the health plan's systems and laws. This means the information you share is private and secure. We can only share this information with health care providers. It will not be shared with others without your approval. We will use this information to help improve the quality of your care and services.

This information helps us to:

- Better understand your medical needs.
- Know your language preference when seeing medical providers.
- Supply medical information that meets your needs.
- Offer programs to help you be your healthiest.

This information is not used for underwriting purposes or to make decisions about your ability to get coverage or services.

- **Group health plan/plan sponsor.**
  - We may share your PHI with an employer or other group(s) that provide a medical program to you, if they agree to certain limits on how they will use or share the PHI (e.g., agreeing not to use the PHI for employment-related actions or decisions).

## **Other Allowed or Required Releases:**

- **Fundraising activities.**
  - We may use or share your PHI for fundraising activities (e.g., raising money for a charitable foundation or like groups to help support their activities). If we do contact you for fundraising activities, we will give you the chance to say no, or stop getting such asks in the future.
- **Underwriting purposes.**
  - We may use or share your PHI for underwriting purposes, to decide about a coverage application or request. However, we cannot use or share your PHI that is genetic information in the underwriting process.
- **Appointment reminders/treatment alternatives.**
  - We may use and share your PHI to remind you of an appointment with us or your doctor. We may use and share your PHI to inform you about treatment options or other benefits and services (e.g., how to stop smoking or lose weight).
- **As required by law.**
  - We may share your information if required by law.
- **Public health activities.**
  - We may share your information to help stop the spread of diseases.
- **Victims of abuse and neglect.**
  - If we have a belief that a member is subject to abuse, neglect, or domestic violence we may share your PHI to:
    - Local, state, or federal government authority,
    - Social services, or
    - A protective services agency authorized by law.
- **Judicial and administrative proceedings.**
  - We may share your information if ordered by a court.
- **Law enforcement.**
  - We may share your relevant PHI with law enforcement when needed for the purposes of responding to a crime.
- **Substance use disorder (SUD) records.**
  - We will not use or disclose your SUD records in legal proceedings against you unless:
    - We receive your written consent, or
    - We have received a court order. The court order must include a subpoena or similar legal document requiring a response.
- **Coroners, medical examiners, and funeral directors.**
  - We may share your PHI to a coroner or medical examiner to help decide a cause of death. We may also share your PHI with funeral directors to perform their duties.

- **Organ, eye, and tissue donation.**
  - We may share your PHI with organ procurement groups. We may share your PHI with those who work in procurement or transplant of organs, eyes, and tissues.
- **Threats to health and safety.**
  - We may use or share your PHI if we believe, in good faith, that the use or sharing is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious or imminent threat to the health or safety of a person or the public.
- **Specialized government functions.**
  - We may share your PHI:
    - If you are a member of U.S. Armed Forces, or as required by military command authorities,
    - Authorized federal officials for national security concerns,
    - Intelligence activities,
    - The Department of State for medical suitability determinations,
    - The protection of the President, or
    - Other authorized persons as may be required by law.
- **Workers' compensation.**
  - We may share your PHI to follow laws relating to workers' compensation or other similar programs, established by law, which supply benefits for work-related injuries or illness without regard to fault.
- **Emergency situations.**
  - We may share your PHI in an emergency, or if you are injured or not present, with a family member, friend, authorized disaster relief agency, or any other person earlier named by you.
    - If we decide through our professional judgment and experience, that sharing is in your best interest, we will only share the PHI that is needed for the person's involvement in your care.
- **Inmates.**
  - If you are an inmate of a correctional institution or under the custody of a law enforcement official, we may share your PHI:
    - To the correctional institution or law enforcement official,
    - When the institution needs to provide you with medical care,
    - To protect your health or safety,
    - The health or safety of others, or
    - The safety and security of the correctional institution.
- **Research.**
  - We may share your PHI with researchers when their clinical research study has been approved and where certain safety measures are in place to make sure the privacy and protection of your PHI are kept.

## Uses and Releases That Require Your Permission

We must obtain your written permission to use or share your PHI, with limited exceptions, for the following reasons:

- **Sale of PHI.**
  - We will ask your permission before selling your information to someone else.
- **Marketing.**
  - If we want to use your information to sell products or services to you.
- **Psychotherapy notes.**
  - If we have notes from your therapy sessions, we need your permission to share them.

You have the right to end your approval, in writing at any time, not including the PHI already used or shared based on that first authorization.

## Individuals' Rights

The following are your rights concerning your PHI. If you would like to use any of the following rights, please contact us using the information at the end of this notice.

- **Right to request restrictions.**
  - You can ask us not to share your information in certain situations.
- **Right to request confidential communications.**
  - You can ask us to contact you in a specific way, like only sending mail to your home.
- **Right to access and receive a copy of your PHI.**
  - You can ask to see or get a copy of your health information.
- **Right to correct your PHI.**
  - If you think your information is wrong, you can ask us to fix it.
- **Right to receive an accounting of disclosures.**
  - You can ask for a list of people or groups we have shared your information with.
- **Right to file a complaint.**
  - If you feel your privacy rights have been violated or that we have violated our own privacy practices, you can file a complaint with us in writing or by phone using the contact information at the end of this notice.

To file a complaint with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights:

- Send a letter,  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.,  
Washington, D.C. 20201
- Call 1-800-368-1019 (TTY: 1-866-788-4989), or
- Visit [www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints).

**WE WILL NOT TAKE ANY ACTION AGAINST YOU FOR FILING A COMPLAINT.**

- **Right to receive a copy of this notice.**
  - You may ask for a copy of our notice at any time by using the contact information listed below. If you get this notice from our website or by email, you are allowed to request a paper copy of the notice.

**Contact Information**

If you have questions about this notice, our privacy practices related to your PHI, or how to exercise your rights contact us using the information listed below:

Iowa Total Care  
Attn: Privacy Official  
1080 Jordan Creek Parkway, Suite 400 South  
West Des Moines, IA 50266  
1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711)

# ACCESS TO YOUR DIGITAL RECORDS

## New Options for Managing Your Digital Health Records

On July 1, 2021, a new federal rule named the “Interoperability and Patient Access Rule (CMS 915 F)” made it easier for members to get their health records when they need it most. You now have full access to your health records on your mobile device which lets you manage your health better and know what resources are open to you.

Imagine:

- You go to a new doctor because you don’t feel well, and that doctor can pull up your health history from the past five years.
- You use an up-to-date provider directory to find a provider or specialist.
- That provider or specialist can use your health history to diagnose you and make sure you get the best care.
- You go to your computer to see if a claim is paid, denied, or still being processed.
- If you want, you can take your health history with you as you switch health plans.\*

**\*Since 2022, members can now start to request that their health records go with them as they switch health plans.**

THE NEW RULE MAKES IT EASY TO FIND INFORMATION\*\* ON:

- Claims (paid and denied).
- Pharmacy drug coverage.
- Specific parts of your clinical information.
- Healthcare providers.

**\*\*You can get information for dates of service on or after January 1, 2016.**

For more information, review the Interoperability and Patient Access information under the Member Resources section on [iowaTotalCare.com](https://iowatotalcare.com) or login to our secure member portal to visit your member account: [member.iowatotalcare.com](https://member.iowatotalcare.com).

# OTHER PLAN DETAILS

## Member Survey

Iowa Total Care is interested in hearing what our members think about our plan. Based on our survey results, we will try to improve and build Iowa Total Care around our members' needs.

A member experience survey is sent to a randomly selected group of members each year. Surveys are sent from our certified vendor to ask members what they think about us and our services. We strongly recommend that members who receive a survey take advantage of this opportunity. This is a chance to inform us on what we did well and what we could work on.

## Non-Discrimination Policy

Iowa Total Care complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex which includes discrimination on the basis of sex characteristics, including intersex traits, pregnancy or related conditions; sexual orientation; and sex stereotypes. Iowa Total Care does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex which includes discrimination on the basis of sex characteristics, including intersex traits, pregnancy or related conditions; sexual orientation; and sex stereotypes.

## How to Disenroll from Iowa Total Care

You can change your health plan with good cause for reasons such as:

- You move out of the service area.
- Your provider is not in the MCO's network.
- You need related services to be performed at the same time. Not all related services are available within your MCO's provider network. Your Primary Care Provider (PCP) or another provider determined that receiving the services separately would subject you to unnecessary risk.
- Lack of access to providers experienced in dealing with your healthcare needs.
- Your provider has been terminated or no longer participates with your MCO.
- Lack of access to services covered under the contract.
- Poor quality of care given by your MCO.
- The MCO plan does not cover the services you need due to moral or religious objections.
- For members that use Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS), the member would have to change their residential, institutional or employment supports provider based on that provider's change in status from an in-network to an out-of-network provider with Iowa Total Care and, as a result, would experience a disruption in their residence or employment.

If you believe you have a good cause reason to change to a new health plan, you can file a grievance by contacting us by fax, mail, email, or by phone.

You can call Iowa Total Care Member Services at 1-833-404-1061 (TTY: 711) Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. CT.

Or you can contact us by:

- Fax: 1-833-809-3868, Attn: Grievances.
- Mail:  
Iowa Total Care  
Attn: Grievances  
1080 Jordan Creek Parkway, Suite 400 South  
West Des Moines, IA 50266
- Email: [AppealsGrievances@IowaTotalCare.com](mailto:AppealsGrievances@IowaTotalCare.com).

State-initiated disenrollment may occur based on changes in conditions, including:

- You are no longer eligible for Medicaid.
- You move to another state.
- The agency decides that participating in the Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (HIPP) is more cost-effective than enrollment in the contract.
- Death.

## **What is Utilization Management?**

We want to make sure you get the right care and services. Our utilization management process is designed to make sure you get the treatment you need.

We will approve all covered benefits that are medically necessary. Our Utilization Management (UM) department checks to see if the service needed is a covered benefit. If it is a covered benefit, the UM nurses will review it to see if the service requested meets medical necessity criteria. They do this by reviewing the medical notes, assessments, and talking with your doctor if needed. Iowa Total Care does not reward practitioners, providers, or employees who perform utilization reviews, including those of the delegated entities. UM decision making is based only on appropriateness of care, services, and existence of coverage. Iowa Total Care does not reward practitioners or other individuals for issuing denials of coverage. Furthermore; Iowa Total Care does not offer financial incentives for UM decision makers who encourage decisions that result in underutilization.

## **What is Utilization Review?**

Iowa Total Care reviews services to ensure the care you receive is the best way to help improve your health condition. Utilization review includes:

### **Preservice or Prior Authorization Review**

Iowa Total Care may need to approve medical services before you receive them. This process is known as prior authorization. Prior authorization means that we have pre-approved a medical service.

To see if a service requires prior authorization, check with your PCP, the ordering provider, or Iowa Total Care Member Services. When we receive your prior authorization request, our nurses and doctors will review it. If prior authorization is not received on a medical service when required, you may be responsible for all charges.

### **Concurrent Review**

Concurrent utilization review evaluates your services or treatment plans (like an inpatient stay or hospital admission) as they happen. This process determines when treatment may no longer be medically necessary. It includes discharge planning to ensure you receive services you need after your discharge from the hospital.

### **Retrospective Review**

Retrospective review takes place after a service has already been provided. Iowa Total Care may perform a retrospective review to make sure the information provided at the time of authorization was correct and complete. We may also evaluate services you received due to special circumstances (for example, if we didn't receive an authorization request or notification because of an emergency).

### **Adverse Determinations and Appeals**

An adverse determination occurs when a service is not considered medically necessary, appropriate, or because it is experimental or investigational. You will receive written notification to let you know if we have made an adverse determination. In the notice, you will receive detailed information about why the decision was made, as well as the process and time frame you should follow for submitting an appeal.

## **New Technology**

Health technology is always changing, and we want to grow with it. If we think a new medical advancement can benefit our members, we evaluate it for coverage. These advancements include:

- New technology.
- New medical procedures.
- New drugs.
- New devices.
- New application of existing technology.

Sometimes, our medical director and/or medical management staff will identify technological advances that could benefit our members. We will bring these new benefit opportunities to our state partners to consider whether we should change any of our benefits to include the new technology.

If a request is made for a service that is not a covered benefit, our Medical Director will review the request and make a one-time determination to make an Exception to Policy request to the Director of Iowa Department of Health and Human Services.

The organization distributes an annual statement to all members and to all practitioners, providers, and employees who make UM decisions, affirming the following:

1. UM decision making is based only on appropriateness of care and service and existence of coverage.
2. The organization does not reward practitioners or other individuals for issuing denials of coverage.
3. Financial incentives for UM decision makers don't encourage decisions that result in underutilization.

# GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**Appeal:** An appeal is a request for a review of an action. A member or member's authorized representative may request an appeal following a decision made by Iowa Total Care.

Iowa Total Care actions that a member may choose to appeal:

- Denial of or limits on a service.
- Reduction or termination of a service that had been authorized.
- Denial in whole or in part of payment for a service.
- Failure to provide services in a timely manner.
- Failure of Iowa Total Care to act within required timeframes.
- For a resident of a rural area with only one MCO, the denial of services outside the network.

Members may file an appeal directly with Iowa Total Care. If the member is not happy with the outcome of the appeal through Iowa Total Care, they may file an appeal with the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through a State Fair Hearing.

**Attendant Care:** Attendant care helps people do things that they normally would for themselves if they were able.

Attendant care services include:

- Bathing.
- Grocery shopping.
- Medication management.
- Household chores.

**Care management:** Care management helps you manage your complex healthcare needs. It may include helping you get other social services, too.

**Chronic condition:** Chronic condition is a persistent health condition or one with long-lasting effects. The term chronic is often applied when the disease lasts for more than three months.

**Client participation:** Client participation is what a Medicaid member pays for long-term services and supports (LTSS) services such as nursing home or home supports.

**Community-Based Case Management (CBCM):** Community-Based Case Management (CBCM) helps Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) members manage complex healthcare needs. It includes planning, facilitating, and advocating to meet the member's needs. It promotes high-quality care and cost-effective outcomes. CBCMs make sure that the member's care plan is carried out. They make updates to the care plan as needed.

**Copayment (Copay):** Some medical services have a copayment, which is your share of the cost. If there is a copayment, you will pay it to the provider. The provider will tell you how much it is.

- Iowa Health and Wellness Plan members will be charged an \$8 copayment for each visit to the emergency room that is not considered an emergency.
- Hawki members will be charged a \$25 copayment for each visit to the emergency room that is not considered an emergency.
- All other Iowa Medicaid members\* will be charged a \$3 copayment for each visit to the emergency room.

*\*Children under the age of 21 and pregnant women will not be charged a copayment for any services.*

**Durable Medical Equipment (DME):** Durable medical equipment (DME) is reusable medical equipment for use in the home. It is rented or owned by the member and ordered by a provider.

**Electronic Visit Verification (EVV):** Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) is a way to verify where and when direct care services for a member occur. Home Health services, including skilled nursing visits and home health aides, are required to be recorded using an EVV system. Waiver personal care service providers must also use EVV to document the time and location they provide services. Waiver services that are required to use EVV include attendant care agencies, self-directed personal care providers and home maintenance support.

**Emergency medical condition:** An emergency medical condition is any condition that you believe endangers your life or would cause permanent disability if not treated immediately.

If you have a serious or disabling emergency, you do not need to call your provider or Iowa Total Care.

Go directly to the nearest hospital emergency room or call an ambulance. The following are examples of emergencies:

- A serious accident.
- Stroke.
- Severe shortness of breath.
- Poisoning.
- Severe bleeding.
- Heart attack.
- Severe burns.

**Emergency medical transportation:** Emergency medical transportation provides stabilization care and transportation to the nearest emergency facility.

**Emergency room care:** Emergency room care is provided for emergency medical conditions.

**Emergency services:** Emergency services are provided when you have an emergency medical condition.

**Excluded services:** Excluded services are services that Medicaid does not cover. The member may have to pay for these services.

**Good cause:** You may request to change your MCO during your 12 months of closed enrollment. A request for this change, called disenrollment, will require a good cause reason.

Some examples of good cause for disenrollment include:

- Your provider is not in the MCO's network.
- You need related services to be performed at the same time. Not all related services are available within your MCO's provider network. Your primary care provider (PCP) or another provider determined that receiving the services separately would subject you to unnecessary risk.
- Lack of access to providers experienced in dealing with your healthcare needs.
- Your provider has been terminated or no longer participates with your MCO.
- Lack of access to services covered under the contract.
- Poor quality of care given by your MCO.
- The MCO plan does not cover the services you need due to moral or religious objections.
- For members that use Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS), the member would have to change their residential, institutional or employment supports provider based on that provider's change in status from an in-network to an out-of-network provider with Iowa Total Care and, as a result, would experience a disruption in their residence or employment.

**Grievance:** A grievance is an expression of dissatisfaction about any matter other than a decision. You, your representative, or provider who is acting on your behalf and has your written consent may file a grievance. The grievance can be filed at any time from the date the matter occurred. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- You are unhappy with the quality of your care.
- The doctor who you want to see is not an Iowa Total Care doctor.
- You are not able to receive culturally competent care.
- You got a bill from a provider for a service that should be covered by Iowa Total Care.
- Rights and dignity.
- Any other access to care issues.

**Habilitation services:** Habilitation services are HCBS services for members with chronic mental illness.

**Health care coordinator:** A health care coordinator is a person who helps manage the health of members with chronic health conditions.

**Health insurance:** A type of insurance coverage that pays for medical and surgical expenses incurred by the insured.

**Health risk assessment:** A health risk assessment (HRA) is a short survey with questions about your health.

**Healthy Behaviors Program:** Members in the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan can get free\* healthcare if they complete what are known as Healthy Behaviors. To participate in the Healthy Behaviors program and avoid monthly payments after the first year, each year Iowa Health and Wellness Plan members must:

1. Get a wellness exam -OR- get a dental exam  
AND
2. Get a health risk assessment.

\*There are very few, or no, costs for the first year and very few costs after that. A small monthly payment may be required based on income. There is an \$8 copay for using the emergency room for non-emergency services.

**Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS):** Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) provide support to keep Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) members in their homes and communities.

**Home health care:** Home health is a program that provides services in the home. These services include visits by nurses, home health aides and therapists.

**Hospice services:** Care designed to give supportive care to people in the final phase of a terminal illness and focus on comfort and quality of life, rather than cure.

**Hospital inpatient care:** Hospital inpatient care, or hospitalization, is care in a hospital that requires admission as an inpatient. This usually requires an overnight stay. These can include serious illness, surgery or having a baby. (An overnight stay for observation could be outpatient care.)

**Hospital outpatient care:** Hospital outpatient care is when a member gets hospital services without being admitted as an inpatient. These may include:

- Emergency services.
- Observation services.
- Outpatient surgery.
- Lab tests.
- X-rays.

**Level of care:** Members asking for HCBS waivers or facility care must meet level of care criteria. These must be consistent with people living in a care facility such as a nursing facility. Level of care is determined by an assessment approved by Iowa Department of Health and Human Services.

**Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS):** Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) help Medicaid members maintain quality of life and independence. LTSS are provided in the home or in a facility if needed.

**Long-term care services:**

- Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS).
- Intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities.
- Nursing facilities and skilled nursing facilities.

**Medically necessary:** Services or supplies needed for the diagnosis and treatment of a medical condition. They must meet the standards of good medical practice.

**Network:** Iowa Total Care has a network of providers across Iowa who you may see for care. You don't need to call us before seeing one of these providers. Before getting services from your providers, please show them your Iowa Total Care ID card to ensure they are in our network. There may be times when you need to get services outside of our network. If a needed and covered service is not available in-network, it may be covered out-of-network at no greater cost to you than if provided in-network.

**Non-participating provider:** A non-participating provider is a provider who does not have a contract with Iowa Total Care to provide services to you. Before receiving services from your providers, please show them your Iowa Total Care ID card.

**Over-the-counter medications (OTC):** Iowa Total Care covers many OTC medications that are on the state's covered list. A provider must write you a prescription for the OTC medication you need.

**Participating provider:** A participating provider has a contract with Iowa Total Care to provide services to you.

**Physician services:** Physician services are necessary medical services performed by doctors, physician assistants and nurse practitioners. They must be licensed to practice.

**Plan:** Iowa Total Care is your health plan, or Plan, which pays for and coordinates your healthcare services.

**Premium:** A premium is the amount you pay for your health insurance every month. Most Iowa Health Link members are not required to pay a premium. Some Iowa Health and Wellness Plan members and some Hawki members must pay monthly premiums depending on their income.

**Prescription drug coverage:** Iowa Total Care provides payment for all or part of the cost of medications identified as covered on the Iowa Medicaid Preferred Drug List, for eligible members of Iowa Medicaid. This is known as prescription drug coverage.

**Prescription drugs:** A medication that is available only with written instructions from a licensed prescriber and dispensed by either the prescriber or a licensed pharmacist.

**Preferred drugs:** Preferred drugs are those that Iowa Medicaid has determined are the best value for treating most people with a certain condition. Preferred drugs with conditions are also a good value, but your doctor/provider may need to provide some additional information before coverage is given. Non-preferred medications are medications that require additional steps before coverage can be considered. Your doctor/provider may have you try one or more preferred drugs before requesting coverage for a non-preferred medication.

**Prevocational services:** Prevocational services are services where the member can gain skills that lead to paid employment.

**Primary care physician:** A primary care physician directly provides or coordinates your healthcare services. A primary care physician is the main provider you will see for checkups, health concerns, health screenings and specialist referrals.

**Primary care provider:** A Primary Care Provider (PCP) is either a physician, a physician assistant or nurse practitioner, who directly provides or coordinates your healthcare services. A PCP is the main provider you will see for checkups, health concerns, health screenings, and specialist referrals.

**Prior authorization:** Some services or prescriptions require approval from Iowa Total Care for them to be covered. This must be done before you get that service or fill that prescription.

**Provider:** A provider is a healthcare professional who offers medical services and support.

**Referral:** A referral means that your PCP must give you approval to see someone that is not your PCP. If you don't get approval, we may not cover the services. There are certain specialists in which you do not need a referral, such as women's health specialists.

**Rehabilitation services and devices:** Rehabilitation services and devices help you keep, get back, or improve skills for daily living after you were sick, hurt or disabled. This may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, and psychiatric rehabilitation.

**Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED):** Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) is a mental, behavioral, or emotional disturbance. An SED impacts children. An SED may last a long time and interferes with family, school, or community activities.

SED does not include:

- Neurodevelopmental disorders.
- Substance-related disorders.

- Other conditions that may be a focus of clinical attention unless they co-occur with another (SED).

**Service plan:** A service plan is a plan of care for members accessing HCBS waiver and habilitation services. Your service plan is based on your needs and goals. It is created by you and your interdisciplinary team to meet HCBS waiver criteria.

**Skilled nursing care:** Nursing facilities provide 24-hour care for members who need nursing or skilled nursing care. Medicaid helps with the cost of care in nursing facilities. You must be medically and financially eligible. If your care needs require that licensed nursing staff be available in the facility 24 hours a day to provide direct care or make decisions regarding your care, then a skilled level of care is assigned.

**Skilled nursing facility level of care:** Skilled nursing facility level of care describes the type and amount of skilled nursing care a nursing facility resident needs.

**Specialist:** Specialists are healthcare professionals who are highly trained to treat certain conditions.

**Supported employment:** Supported employment means ongoing job support for people with disabilities. The goal is to help the person keep a job at or above minimum wage.

**Treatment plan:** A documented plan that describes the member's condition and the treatment that will be needed, detailing the treatment to be provided and expected outcome and expected duration of the treatment prescribed by the healthcare professional. The treatment plan shall be developed in collaboration with the member, the member's family, or the member representative.

**Urgent care:** Urgent care is when you are not in a life-threatening or permanent disability situation and have time to call your MCO or provider. If you have an urgent care situation, you should call your provider or MCO to get instructions.

The following are some examples of urgent care:

- Fever.
- Earaches.
- Upper respiratory infection.
- Stomach pain.
- Sore throat.
- Minor cuts and lacerations.