

# Frequently Asked Questions Member Guide





# Welcome to the Family

**At Medical Mutual®, we have a long-standing commitment to help our members get the care they need by giving them access to high-quality healthcare, a large network of doctors and hospitals, and a wide range of health programs.**

As part of this commitment, we want to make sure our members understand and get the most out of the benefits we offer. To help you learn more about our services, we are providing this Member FAQ Guide as an easy-to-use, quick-reference tool.

If you are a current member and have more questions, visit our website, [MedMutual.com/Member](http://MedMutual.com/Member), and log in to our secure member website, My Health Plan. Or call our dedicated Customer Care Center at the number on your identification card. For information about your specific benefits, please refer to your Certificate or Benefit Book.

If you are not a current member, additional resources and information are available online at [MedMutual.com](http://MedMutual.com), or talk to your employer or broker about the benefits available to you.

We look forward to serving your healthcare needs.



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## “What charges do I need to pay for when I receive services?”

Depending on your plan, you may be responsible for:

- A copay at each visit
- An annual individual and/or family deductible
- Coinsurance up to your maximum out-of-pocket amount
- Charges for non-covered services
- Charges in excess of the allowed amount if you go to a doctor or facility not in our network

To find out how much you might need to pay for certain services, log in to My Health Plan or the MedMutual mobile app to use My Care Compare, our cost comparison tool. You can look up estimates for medical services like lab work, X-rays, MRIs, therapy and more.

## “How do I know if a certain procedure, surgery or service is covered by my plan?”

To check your covered benefits, review the Schedule of Benefits section in your Certificate or Benefit Book. Your Certificate or Benefit Book may also be available when you log in to your plan’s website or My Health Plan. Call our Customer Care Center if your specific service is not listed in the Schedule of Benefits or Exclusions.

Covered benefits usually include medically necessary hospital stays and surgeries, diagnostic tests, visits to the doctor and preventive care. Some plans include prescription drug coverage.

Medically necessary (or medical necessity) is defined as a service, supply and/or prescription drug needed to diagnose or treat a condition we decide is:

- Good medical practice and not experimental or investigational

- Not primarily for your convenience or the convenience of a provider
- The most appropriate supply or level of service that can be safely provided to you

When applied to your care as an inpatient, this means your medical symptoms or condition require that the services cannot be safely or adequately provided to you as an outpatient. When applied to prescription drugs, this means the prescription drug is cost effective compared to other prescription drugs that will produce similar clinical results.

Coverage exclusions typically include convenience or personal hygiene items, massage therapy, hypnosis, most over-the-counter drugs, vitamins or herbal remedies, experimental or investigational treatments, charges for missed appointments and after-hours care appointments, or cosmetic procedures. Be sure to review your Certificate or Benefit Book, which may also be available when you log in to your plan’s website or My Health Plan, for a full list of coverage exclusions.

Note: The most accurate way to get specific benefit details for your policy is to call Customer Care and provide the medical coding your doctor’s office will use on the claim, such as the codes for the specific service provided (the CPT codes) and the reason for the service (the diagnosis codes).

If you are not yet a member and want more information about covered and non-covered services, please review a Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC). If you are looking for an individual policy, review plans available in your area on MedMutual.com (sample Certificate Books are also available). If you are part of an employer group plan, review the SBC provided as part of your open enrollment materials.

## “How does Medical Mutual determine if a new medical technology or procedure is covered?”

We perform an extensive evaluation of the new use of medical technologies, medications, behavioral health procedures and devices to ensure they are medically appropriate for our members. After multiple experts conduct this evaluation, a decision is made whether to include the new service in the coverage provided to our members. Coverage for new services may be limited to specific medical conditions, age groups, gender, places of service, types of service or diagnoses. Experimental or investigational services may not be covered. This list can be found on My Health Plan by clicking on Prior Approval under Benefits & Coverage.

## “Where can I find a list of doctors, hospitals or providers who are in my plan?”

To find a list of network providers:

- Log in to My Health Plan and select Find a Provider
- Download our mobile app, available through the Apple App Store or Google Play (search MedMutual)
- Call our Customer Care Center at the number on your ID card

If you are not a member, visit [MedMutual.com](https://www.medmutual.com) and click Find a Doctor to see what networks and providers are available to you based on the type of plan you need.

For your personal benefit information, visit [My Health Plan at MedMutual.com/Member](https://www.MedMutual.com/Member).

## “What happens if I don’t go to doctors or health providers in my plan?”

Most plans require you to choose network doctors (including specialists) and hospitals for services to be covered at the highest benefit level.

If you go outside the network, you will be responsible for paying a non-network deductible and coinsurance and/or excess charges above the allowed amount we would normally pay for covered services. You would also pay for charges for non-covered services and for services we might deny.

If you are a member of an HMO health plan, you do not have out-of-network coverage, other than for emergency services. You will be responsible for paying the charges in full. Please log in to My Health Plan or the MedMutual mobile app and select Find a Provider to see a list of providers in your HMO network.

## “How can I find information about network doctors, hospitals and providers?”

As our member, you can find information about providers in your health plan’s network by using the Find a Provider or My Care Compare tools on My Health Plan, or on the MedMutual mobile app. Information includes:

- Name, address and phone number
- Professional qualifications
- Specialties
- Education
- Hospital affiliation
- Board certification

You can also call our Customer Care Center for information about a provider’s residency completion.

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Download the Medical Mutual mobile app, available through the Apple App Store or Google Play (search MedMutual). You can view, fax or email your ID card; find a doctor, hospital or urgent care facility based on your current location; and view your claims, deductible and out-of-pocket spending information.

## “How do I get primary care services?”

Primary care services, like immunizations and physical exams, are done by providers who specialize in general medicine, family practice, internal medicine, geriatrics and pediatrics. These services are often provided in your primary care provider's office.

## “How do I get behavioral health, specialty or hospital services?”

Primary care providers can tell you when and where to get behavioral health, specialty and hospital services. Check your Certificate or Benefit Book for mental health disorders and substance abuse benefits. Information about specialists can be found by using My Care Compare or Find a Provider on My Health Plan or the MedMutual mobile app.

## “What should I do if I have trouble scheduling an appointment?”

If you have trouble scheduling an appointment with a healthcare professional, you can:

- Complete our Problem Scheduling an Appointment forms on My Health Plan (click Resources & Tools, then Forms, and choose Behavioral Health or Medical)
- Call Customer Care
- Email/Chat with Customer Care through My Health Plan

We will work with you to determine the cause of the issue, which will help us improve the quality of our networks.

## “Do I need prior authorization for certain procedures?”

Certain services and drugs require prior authorization for medical necessity before you have the procedure or service—especially if the service or drug is considered experimental or investigational and not eligible for coverage. Prior authorization is not a guarantee of payment; payment is based on your benefits and contract provisions. Visit My Health Plan and click on Prior Authorization under Benefits & Coverage to view the services and medications on the Prior Approval List.

“How do I get prior authorization?”

If your provider is in the network, he or she will be responsible for contacting us for prior authorization. If your provider is not in the network, you will need to get our prior authorization before treatment. Contact Customer Care if you need help requesting prior authorization.

If you are scheduled for a hospital stay, once you have been admitted to the hospital, our nurses will work with your provider to gather information about your condition. Utilization management makes sure your treatment is within the standard of care.

Medical Mutual has utilization management authorization procedures for hospital stays and some ambulatory services before, during and after a service is provided. Our utilization management staff can answer your questions about processes, issues or requirements, such as inpatient admissions, denials and appeals (including behavioral health services and issues). They are available Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. (EST).

To speak with a utilization management or behavioral health nurse, please call one of the numbers listed in the chart below:

Utilization Management/Behavioral Health Nurse	
Case Management	(800) 258-3175
Behavioral Health Case Management	(800) 258-3186
Utilization Management	(800) 338-4114
TTY/TDD for the Hearing and Speech Impaired	(800) 750-0750 or speed dial 711

“How can I or my caregiver get help if I have a serious medical condition or complex medical event?”

Through our Case Management program, our Registered Nurse Case Managers are available to help you or your caregiver find resources and services, communicate with your healthcare team and monitor your progress to make sure services are appropriate and effective. This voluntary program addresses the healthcare options and needs of members who have complex illnesses or life-limiting or incurable conditions.

Case Management nurses are also available to help coordinate care, provide information about community services in your area and provide education about your condition.

To speak with a Registered Nurse Case Manager Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, select the appropriate phone number from the chart above. Please call between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (EST).

“How do I get care and coverage when I am away from home?”

If you get sick or are in an accident while away from home, call the number on your ID card that is specific to locating a network doctor or hospital, or use our Find a Provider tool on My Health Plan or our mobile app. If you need to be admitted to a hospital, call the prior approval number on your ID card before your stay. If your condition is a medical emergency, go to the nearest emergency room or, if necessary, call 911.

## “How can I set up an advance directive (e.g., Living Will, Power of Attorney, Do Not Resuscitate)?”

An advance directive is a legal document used to tell doctors, hospital personnel, your family or your representative what kind of care you want to receive if you become unconscious or unable to communicate. There are three types of advance directives: Living Will, Healthcare Power of Attorney and Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order. For more information, contact the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) by phone at (800) 658-8898, or online at nhpco.org.

To find a network palliative or hospice care provider, log in to My Health Plan at [MedMutual.com/Member](https://www.MedMutual.com/Member) or on our mobile app. Click Find a Provider then search by Provider Type, depending on the care you want. If searching by physician, choose Hospice and Palliative Medicine as your specialty. If searching by facility, choose Hospice Center as your facility type.

Palliative care is treatment that enhances comfort and improves the quality of a person's life during the last phase of life. We also urge you to discuss this matter with your provider and family.

## “How does Medical Mutual improve the quality of healthcare?”

We promote and improve the quality of healthcare for members through our Quality Improvement program, which monitors and evaluates the quality and safety of healthcare our members receive. It also communicates important clinical information to our members.

To view the Quality Improvement program description, visit [MedMutual.com/QualityImprovement](https://www.MedMutual.com/QualityImprovement).

To make sure you get the right medical care, we have a team of clinicians who work together to review certain tests, treatments or hospital stays in a process called Utilization Management. We send an appropriate care statement to all employees, management staff and contracted providers who deal with Utilization Management activities.

Decisions are based only on the appropriate use of care and services for the member and their coverage. There isn't any direct or indirect reward or incentive for providers or any other participants in decision making for denying or limiting coverage or service. We don't provide financial incentives for decisions that result in less use of care or services.

At times, Medical Mutual conducts member surveys, for example about your satisfaction with your health plan. We appreciate receiving completed responses, which help us improve our services.

## “How do I submit a claim?”

In-network providers must submit a claim for you. If you go to a doctor, hospital or provider that is not in our network, ask them to submit a claim for you on a standardized claim form. If the provider will not submit the claim for you, contact our Customer Care Center or log in to My Health Plan for a claim form. Complete the claim form and attach an itemized bill that includes the diagnosis, procedure, date of service, charge and provider's or facility's name and address. Submit the completed form to the address on your ID card within the timeframe stated in your Certificate or Benefit Book.

If you go to a hospital or provider outside the country, get a copy of all your medical records and an itemized bill. If needed, have your records and bills translated to English. Submit your claim forms, bills, medical records and proof of payment to the address on your ID card. Please remember, benefit coverage and limitations still apply. Refer to your Certificate or Benefit Book for details.

## “Where do I find a claim form?”

You can find claim forms by logging in to My Health Plan and clicking on Forms on the Resources & Tools page or by calling Customer Care.

## “How can I get care after normal office hours?”

When you are ill, injured or feel like you need immediate care, call your primary care provider (PCP) first. Your PCP can assess your symptoms and direct you to the right place to get care. If your PCP's office is closed and you need prompt but not emergency medical attention, go to a network urgent care facility or convenience clinic that can treat your condition. This may cost less than an emergency room visit.

Symptoms that may require an urgent care or convenience clinic visit include:

- Signs of the flu
- Signs of a sprain
- Signs of a sinus, ear or bladder infection

Your health plan may also offer a 24-hour nurse line service for help with non-emergency situations. Check your member ID card for the phone number, if applicable to your plan.

## “What is an emergency?”

In an emergency, symptoms are severe and serious enough that a person who has no medical training, with an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect that the result would be any of the following if immediate medical care is not received:

- Placing the health of the individual or, in the case of a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child, in serious jeopardy
- Serious impairment to bodily functions
- Serious dysfunction of any body part or organ

## Log in to My Health Plan to Manage and Improve Your Health

When it comes to your health, find out where you stand. Take our online Health Assessment to learn how healthy you are and identify your risks for certain chronic diseases. Get tips and tools to help manage and improve your health.

Visit [MedMutual.com/Member](https://www.MedMutual.com/Member) and log in to My Health Plan to find the Health Assessment on your homepage. If you do not have access to a computer or the Internet, call Customer Care to get copies of this information.

If you are not a My Health Plan user, register at [MedMutual.com/Member](https://www.MedMutual.com/Member), then Click on Register for an Account.

Not a member? Try a demo of My Health Plan by clicking Launch Demo Account.

To track changes in your health status, complete the Health Assessment once a year.

## “How do I get emergency care?”

During a medical emergency, go to the nearest emergency room or, if necessary, call 911. Contact your network provider within 24 hours of the emergency to arrange follow-up care, if necessary. If you are admitted to a hospital, our Utilization Management department will work with your provider to review your care. You do not need to contact us for prior approval for emergency care.

## “How can I ask a question or voice a complaint?”

If you have a problem or concern, you can:

- Call Customer Care
- Email Customer Care through My Health Plan by clicking on Contact Us
- Mail a letter to your benefit administrator or employer or to Medical Mutual, MZ: 22-2S-4807, 2060 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44115

When reviewing your complaint, we will follow the complaint procedure described in your Certificate or Benefit Book.

## “Can I file a complaint anywhere else?”

If applicable to your health plan, you may contact your state's department of insurance. You can find the contact information on your state's website, under state agencies in your phone book or by calling our Customer Care Center. If your complaint is about a denial, reduction or termination of a benefit or service and you continue to disagree with our decision, you have the right to file a complaint with the department of insurance after all appeal rights have been exhausted.

Members of self-insured groups (other than a public employee benefit plan) should not file a complaint with the department of insurance. To learn how to file a complaint, contact your group official or employer, check your Certificate or Benefit Book, or contact the U.S. Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration ([dol.gov/ebsa](http://dol.gov/ebsa)).

For your personal benefit information, visit My Health Plan through the MedMutual mobile app.

## “How can I file an appeal if my claims, requested services or eligibility have been denied?”

- If you are part of a self-funded labor union or other self-insured group, refer to your Benefit Book for how to file an appeal
- All others may refer to the following appeal procedure

As a member, you may exercise your right to appeal a denial to pay a claim or approve a service or procedure according to the applicable laws of the state where your policy was sold and applicable federal law. There is no charge for filing an appeal.

Your appeal must be filed within 180 days from the date you received your original denial. Member appeal forms can be found under Forms in the Resources & Tools section of My Health Plan or by calling Customer Care. Instructions for completing the form and submitting your appeal are included on the form. To support your appeal, please send any records, doctor's office notes, photos, dental X-rays and/or radiology reports you would like considered in making a decision about your appeal.

An appeal request must come from the patient unless he or she is a minor (in which case a parent or legal guardian of the patient may file the appeal), has appointed an individual as power of attorney representing the patient or has authorized an individual to act as his or her representative.

To appeal a denial for services you need immediately, call Utilization Management or Behavioral Health (see the Care Management Phone Numbers chart on page 5). Urgent care appeals will be decided within 72 hours, as will appeals for care you need while you are in the hospital. Our decision about all non-urgent appeals will be made within 30 days from the date we receive your appeal request (or sooner according to the laws of your state). You will receive our decision in writing. If our original decision is not overturned, you will be notified of any additional appeal rights you may have.

## “Could the department of insurance review my case if it is denied?”

Yes. If we deny a claim, do not approve a service or procedure, or reduce or terminate coverage for a healthcare service because it is not covered under the terms of your policy or Certificate, and the department of insurance has jurisdiction over your plan, you may have the option to submit an inquiry to the department of insurance in the state where your policy was sold.

You should first file your appeal with us. If your appeal has been reviewed and continues to be denied, you or an authorized representative (an individual authorized by you to file appeals on your behalf) will be informed of any additional appeal rights, including instructions for how and where to file your request for review by the department of insurance in your state. The department of insurance may review the terms of your policy or Certificate and determine whether the healthcare service is a covered service. If a medical issue must be resolved before a determination of coverage is made, you will be notified so the medical issue may be properly reviewed.

## “How can I get an independent external review of my denied claim or request for a service or procedure at no cost?”

Depending on your health plan, you may qualify for an external review by an Independent Review Organization (IRO) if the service you are appealing meets certain conditions set by applicable state or federal law. You must first exhaust the internal appeal process with us unless you are eligible to exercise our external review rights concurrently or immediately. You will be told in writing of your external review rights as part of our initial

appeal decision. You will also be told of the timeframe you have from the date you receive our initial appeal decision to request an external review.

IROs will decide urgent and non-urgent cases in the timeframes established by the applicable state or federal law and regulations. You will be told in writing of the IRO's decision.

## “What are my rights as an ERISA plan member?”

For members of an Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) plan, the group administrator is required to administer the plan according to its written provisions. Members of an ERISA plan also have the right, under Section 502(a) of ERISA, to bring a civil action after a denial on appeal. Please contact your group administrator to learn if you are affected by ERISA or for more information. Any statute of limitations applicable to pursuing your claim in court will be suspended during the period of the additional voluntary appeal. If you decide to proceed with a voluntary appeal, you do not need to exhaust this option prior to pursuing a claim in court.

## “What are my rights as a member of a public entity (schools and government)?”

Public entities are not subject to ERISA, so your rights are different from those available to an ERISA plan member. Please refer to your Benefit Book for more information.

# Member Rights

## “What are my rights and responsibilities as a member?”

As a Medical Mutual member, you have certain rights and responsibilities. Being familiar with them will help you participate in your own healthcare, which will ultimately empower you to make the best healthcare decisions possible.

Please know we support member rights and member responsibilities, which we define as your role in working with us to achieve a high-quality, cost-effective health outcome. We encourage you to review these guidelines to be an informed healthcare consumer.

For a printed copy of the member rights and responsibilities, please call our Customer Care Center at the number on your ID card. This document is also available on our website, [MedMutual.com/MemberRights](http://MedMutual.com/MemberRights).

### Information Disclosure

- You have the right to receive accurate, easy-to-understand information about your health plan, providers, covered services, financial liability, health promotion, illness prevention, advance directives (e.g., Living Will, Healthcare Power of Attorney), and rights and responsibilities.
- You have the right to receive information about us. As applicable to your plan, you have the right to receive information about services provided on behalf of your employer or plan sponsor as well as our staff, and staff qualifications and any contractual relationships.
- You may choose to ask another person to help you or act on your behalf if you are unable to act alone at any step in the healthcare process.
- If English is not your primary language or if you have a disability or do not understand your health plan or healthcare, we can provide help so you can make informed healthcare decisions.

### Access to Emergency Services

- If you have severe pain, an injury or sudden illness that leads you to believe that your health is in serious jeopardy, you have the right to be screened and stabilized for an emergency medical condition in a facility that provides emergency care.
- When you are injured, or experiencing severe pain or sudden illness that leads you to believe your health is in serious jeopardy, you do not need our prior approval before seeking emergency care.
- When using emergency room services for emergency care, you are not required to see a network provider, and you will not be charged an out-of-network penalty for receiving services for emergency care from an out-of-network provider.

### Choice of Providers

- You have the right to choose providers, hospitals, pharmacies and other facilities within our network.
- You have the right to choose a primary care provider in our network who is accepting new patients.
- You have the right to see a specialist in our network without a referral from your primary care provider.

### Coverage

- If you are a member of a group health plan or non-grandfathered individual policy, with plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, you have the right to receive covered services without the consideration of pre-existing conditions.
- You have the right to not have your policy rescinded after it was active except in situations of fraud or intentional misrepresentation, according to federal and state laws and the terms of your policy.
- You may have the right to receive certain essential health benefits covered by your health plan without annual dollar limits.
- You have the right to get covered services and prescriptions filled within a reasonable timeframe.

- You have the right to receive coverage for an ongoing course of treatment pending the outcome of an appeal of a coverage decision that reduces or terminates benefits for that course of treatment.
- For the services provided to you within the terms of your plan, your rights include prompt and accurate payment of your claims.
- You have the right to have your coverage decisions made by individuals who have expertise in the area of medicine in which your claim falls and by individuals who are impartial.

## Participation in Your Health Plan and in Treatment Decisions

- You have the right to talk in confidence with your healthcare provider and to participate in making decisions about your care.
- You have the right to a candid discussion of appropriate or medically necessary treatment options for your conditions, regardless of cost or benefit coverage.
- You have the right to decline medical treatment or participation in a program we offer and to disenroll from services we offer.
- You have the right to make recommendations about this Member Rights and Responsibilities policy statement.
- You have the right to restrict the information that your healthcare provider shares with your health plan if you self-pay for services in full and notify the provider of your restriction.

## Privacy and Confidentiality

- You have the right to exercise all federal and state privileges that protect your personal and medical information and records. You can also exercise your privacy rights under the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) without fear of retaliation or condition of payment.
- You have the right to privacy and confidentiality in the usage of your personal and medical information and records.

## Respect and Nondiscrimination

- You have the right to fair, considerate, courteous, respectful and nondiscriminatory care from your healthcare providers, our employees and plan representatives. You have the right to be treated with respect and recognition of your dignity and your right to privacy.
- You have the right to ask for help if you think you are treated unfairly or your rights are not respected.
- You are not required to waive rights to get benefits from your health plan.

## Request to Place Restrictions on Use/ Disclosure of Protected Health Information

- You have the right to request that your information receive special treatment, meaning that you can request additional restrictions on your information when used for treatment, payment or other day-to-day operations. **Please Note: Medical Mutual of Ohio is not required to agree to the restriction.**
- You have the right to access or receive a copy of your protected health information maintained by us in a designated record set. For access to your entire medical record, you must contact the doctor or facility that provided the service.
- You have the right to request an amendment to your personal and medical information. We cannot amend information we did not create. We will refer you to the service provider if you request an amendment to your diagnosis or treatment information.
- You have a right to an accounting of certain disclosures of your information made by us and our business associates over the last six years.
- You have the right to complain if you believe your rights have been violated, including the right to complain to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- You have the right to receive a Notice of Privacy Practices describing our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your protected health information.

- You have the right to request that we communicate with you in confidence about your information at a location different from the address associated with your policy.

## Complaints and Appeals

- You have the right to voice complaints or appeals about us, the care provided or any quality issue.
- You have a right to communicate complaints to us and receive instructions on how to use the complaint process that includes our standards of timeliness for responding to and resolving complaints and quality issues.
- You have the right to request and receive, at no charge, copies of the information and documentation we considered or relied on to make a coverage decision.
- You have the right to file an appeal of a denial or reduction of a benefit or a claim because you were told it was not medically necessary, was experimental or investigational, was not a benefit of your health plan or involved a pre-existing condition.
- You have the right to file an appeal if you were denied coverage because of ineligibility or your policy was rescinded after you became an active member.
- You have the right to get a fair, objective and timely review and resolution of an appeal; to be told how the appeal will be handled according to federal and state laws; and to be told any important time limits related to filing your appeal.
- If you are covered by a fully insured plan, you have the right to request a review of a denied service or benefit by your state's department of insurance (DOI). A review by your state's DOI may be available if we deny, reduce or discontinue coverage for a service you were told is not covered, not medically necessary or is experimental or investigational.
- Once you have exhausted your internal appeals, you may have the right to an external review by an Independent Review Organization (IRO). This right may exist if we deny, reduce or discontinue coverage for a service on the basis of medical necessity, appropriateness of care, healthcare setting, level

of care, effectiveness of a covered benefit, or an experimental or investigational determination. This right depends on the type of health plan you have. Review your Certificate or Benefit Book, or contact us or your health plan administrator to find out if this right and the process for pursuing this right applies to your health plan.

## Member Responsibilities

- When speaking with us or your provider, supply all the information needed to provide care.
- When speaking with us or your provider, understand your health problems and participate in developing a mutually agreed-upon treatment plan and goals that work for you and your doctor or health provider, to the degree possible.
- When speaking with us or your provider, follow the agreed-upon plan and instructions for care.
- Choose a primary care provider who is accepting new patients and can coordinate medical services if required or advised by your plan.
- Take responsibility for improving or maintaining your healthy lifestyle habits including exercising, not smoking, controlling stress, eating a healthy diet, drinking alcohol only in moderation and following safety guidelines.
- Learn how to voice a complaint and file an appeal.
- Learn about your coverage options, limitations and exclusions by reviewing the resources available to you.
- Know the rules about use of network providers, coverage and prior approval according to your plan.
- Know how to get information from your health plan's website, customer service and/or your health plan administrator.
- Meet your financial obligations to the providers who treat you.
- Report to us suspected wrongdoing and fraud.
- Be a responsible consumer of healthcare resources available to you.

## “Is support offered for language or speech assistance?”

Yes, we provide language assistance for those who speak a language other than English or have special needs. If you have a special preference relating to the administration of your health plan or getting medical care, please call our Customer Care Center (or TTY/TDD (800) 750-0750 or speed dial 711 for the hearing and speech impaired).

Language assistance is available to answer your questions and help you register an appeal or complaint. We offer bilingual telephone translation services and can respond to your appeal or complaint in your primary language. To ask for language assistance, please call Customer Care and tell the Customer Care Specialist that language assistance is needed.

Callers who do not speak English will be connected by Customer Care to a language line interpretation service.

**Para la ayuda de interpretación de lenguaje por favor póngase en (contacto) con el Servicio de Cliente al número localizado en su tarjeta de identificación.**

## “What does Medical Mutual do to protect my right to privacy?”

We have strict policies and procedures to protect your personal information, including data on your health information that is stored on our computer systems and in our files. You can view our Notice of Privacy Practices on our website for more information on the collection, use and disclosure of members' protected health information (PHI), and how to access, amend or request a restriction to the use or disclosure of your PHI by us.

## “How do I exercise my privacy rights?”

Visit our website to find information about privacy rights. Look for the HIPAA Privacy link in the footer of our website, or call Customer Care.

## “What should I do if I believe my rights have been violated?”

If you feel your rights have been violated, call Customer Care or complete the Complain About a Violation of Your Privacy Rights form located on the HIPAA Privacy section of MedMutual.com.

## “How do I change my personal information?”

You can change your personal information (e.g., address, phone number) by logging in to My Health Plan at MedMutual.com/Member. Click on My Profile, then Profile Settings to review and make changes. You can also call Customer Care to make any necessary changes to your personal information.

If you have coverage through a group health plan, you should also notify your plan sponsor.

## “How can I update family members on my plan?”

If you have coverage through your employer, work with your employer to add or remove dependents. If you have individual or family coverage through a broker, work with your broker to add or remove dependents. If you need assistance, please call Customer Care.

# Get the Most Out of Your Medical Benefits

Remember these tips to save money and maximize your benefits:

- **Stay in Network:** For the lowest out-of-pocket cost, see doctors and hospitals in your network. Use our online My Care Compare tool on [MedMutual.com/Member](https://www.MedMutual.com/Member) to choose one today. Or download our mobile app, available through the Apple App Store or Google Play (search MedMutual), and find a provider based on your current location.
- **Know What's Covered:** Review your benefits online or speak to a Customer Care Specialist to make sure a service is covered.
- **Use a Lower-Cost Facility:** For minor injuries or illnesses, use an in-network convenience clinic or urgent care facility, or talk to your doctor.
- **Take Care of Yourself:** Take advantage of preventive services covered at little or no cost to you. Review your benefits online or speak to one of our Customer Care Specialists for a complete list of what's covered by your plan.

For additional benefit-specific questions, email Customer Care at [MedicalMutualCustomerCare@MedMutual.com](mailto:MedicalMutualCustomerCare@MedMutual.com).

## Common Medical Terminology

**Allowed Amount:** The highest amount we will cover (pay) for a service.

**Coinsurance:** A certain percent you must pay each benefit period after you have paid your deductible. This payment is for covered services only. You may still have to pay a copay.

**Copayment (Copay):** The amount you pay to a doctor or health provider at the time you receive services. You may have to pay a copay for each covered visit to your provider, depending on your plan. Not all plans have a copay.

**Covered Charges:** Charges for covered services your health plan pays. There may be a limit on covered charges if you receive services from providers outside your plan's network of providers.

**Deductible:** The amount you pay for your healthcare services before your health insurer pays. Deductibles are based on your benefit period (typically a year at a time).

**Preventive Services vs. Medical Services:** Preventive services are those you get before you have any related condition or problem. They are important to maintain your health. Medical services are related to diagnosing, monitoring and treating health conditions.

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