# **HEALTH PLAN NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**

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## THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW <u>MEDICAL INFORMATION</u> ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

# **Medical Information Privacy Notice**

#### Effective January 1, 2024

We<sup>1</sup> are required by law to protect the privacy of your health information. We are also required to provide you this notice, which explains how we may use information about you and when we can give out or "disclose" that information to others. You also have rights regarding your health information that are described in this notice. We are required by law to abide by the terms of this notice that is currently in effect.

The terms "information" or "health information" in this notice include information we maintain that reasonably can be used to identify you and that relates to your physical or mental health condition, the provision of health care to you, or the payment for such health care. We will comply with the requirements of applicable privacy laws related to notifying you in the event of a breach of your health information.

We have the right to change our privacy practices and the terms of this notice. If we make a material change to our privacy practices, we will provide to you, in our next annual distribution, either a revised notice or information about the material change and how to obtain a revised notice. We will provide you with this information either by direct mail or electronically, in accordance with applicable law. In all cases, if we maintain a website for your particular health plan, we will post the revised notice on your health plan website. We reserve the right to make any revised or changed notice effective for information we already have and for information that we receive in the future.

# How We Collect, Use, and Disclose Information

**We** collect, use, and disclose your health information to provide that information:

- To you or someone who has the legal right to act for you (your personal representative) in order to administer your rights as described in this notice; and
- To the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, if necessary, to confirm we are meeting our privacy obligations.

**We may** collect, use, and disclose health information for your treatment, to pay for your health care and to operate our business. For example, we may collect, use, and disclose your health information:

- For Payment of premiums owed to us, to determine your health care coverage, and to process claims for health care services you receive, including for coordination of other benefits you may have. For example, we may tell a doctor whether you are eligible for coverage for certain medical procedures and what percentage of the bill may be covered.
- For Treatment, including to aid in your treatment or the coordination of your care. For example, we may share information with other doctors to help them provide medical care to you.
- For Health Care Operations as necessary to operate and manage our business activities related to providing and managing your health care coverage. For example, we might talk to your physician to suggest a disease management or wellness program that could help improve your health or we may analyze data to determine how we can improve our services. We may also de-identify health information in accordance with applicable laws.
- To Provide You Information on Health-Related Programs or Products such as alternative medical treatments and programs or about health-related products and services, subject to limits imposed by law.
- For Plan Sponsors, if your coverage is through an employer sponsored group health plan. We may share summary health information and enrollment and disenrollment information with the plan sponsor. We also may share other health information with the plan sponsor for plan administration purposes if the plan sponsor agrees to special restrictions on its use and disclosure of the information in accordance with federal law.
- For Underwriting Purposes; however, we will not use or disclose your genetic information for such purposes. For example, we may use some health information in risk rating and pricing such as age and gender, as permitted by state and federal regulations. However, we do not use race, ethnicity, language, gender identity, or sexual orientation information in our underwriting process, or for denial of services, coverage, and benefits.
- For Reminders, we may collect, use, and disclose health information to send you reminders about your benefits or

care, such as appointment reminders with providers who provide medical care to you.

• For Communications to You about treatment, payment or health care operations using telephone numbers or email addresses you provide to us.

**We may** collect, use, and disclose your health information for the following purposes under limited circumstances and subject to certain requirements:

- · As Required by Law to follow the laws that apply to us.
- To Persons Involved with Your Care or who help pay for your care, such as a family member, when you are incapacitated or in an emergency, or when you agree or fail to object when given the opportunity. If you are unavailable or unable to object, we will use our best judgment to decide if the disclosure is in your best interest. Special rules apply regarding when we may disclose health information about a deceased individual to family members and others. We may disclose health information to any persons involved, prior to the death, in the care or payment for care of a deceased individual, unless we are aware that doing so would be inconsistent with a preference previously expressed by the deceased.
- For Public Health Activities such as reporting or preventing disease outbreaks to a public health authority. We may also disclose your information to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or persons under the jurisdiction of the FDA for purposes related to safety or quality issues, adverse events or to facilitate drug recalls.
- For Reporting Victims of Abuse, Neglect or Domestic Violence to government authorities that are authorized by law to receive such information, including a social service or protective service agency.
- For Health Oversight Activities to a health oversight agency for activities authorized by law, such as licensure, governmental audits and fraud and abuse investigations.
- For Judicial or Administrative Proceedings such as in response to a court order, search warrant or subpoena.
- For Law Enforcement Purposes to a law enforcement official for purposes such as providing limited information to locate a missing person or report a crime.
- To Avoid a Serious Threat to Health or Safety to you, another person, or the public, by, for example, disclosing information to public health agencies or law enforcement authorities, or in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.
- For Specialized Government Functions such as military and veteran activities, national security and intelligence activities, and the protective services for the President and others.
- For Workers' Compensation as authorized by, or to the extent necessary to comply with, state workers compensation laws that govern job-related injuries or illness.
- For Research Purposes such as research related to the evaluation of certain treatments or the prevention of disease or disability, if the research study meets federal privacy law

requirements, or for certain activities related to preparing a research study.

- To Provide Information Regarding Decedents to a coroner or medical examiner to identify a deceased person, determine a cause of death, or as authorized by law. We may also use and disclose information to funeral directors as necessary to carry out their duties.
- For Organ Donation Purposes to entities that handle procurement, banking or transplantation of organs, eyes or tissue to facilitate donation and transplantation.
- **To Correctional Institutions or Law Enforcement Officials** if you are an inmate of a correctional institution or under the custody of a law enforcement official, but only if necessary (1) for the institution to provide you with health care; (2) to protect your health and safety or the health and safety of others; or (3) for the safety and security of the correctional institution.
- To Business Associates that perform functions on our behalf or provide us with services if the information is necessary for such functions or services. Our business associates are required, under contract with us and pursuant to federal law, to protect the privacy of your information.
- Additional Restrictions on Use and Disclosure. Some federal and state laws may require special privacy protections that restrict the use and disclosure of certain sensitive health information. Such laws may protect the following types of information:
  - 1. Alcohol and Substance Use Disorder
  - 2. Biometric Information
  - Child or Adult Abuse or Neglect, including Sexual Assault
  - 4. Communicable Diseases
  - 5. Genetic Information
  - 6. HIV/AIDS
  - 7. Mental Health
  - 8. Minors' Information
  - 9. Prescriptions
  - 10. Reproductive Health
  - 11. Sexually Transmitted Diseases

We will follow the more stringent and protective law, where it applies to us.

Except for uses and disclosures described in this notice, we will use and disclose your health information only with a written authorization from you. This includes, except for limited circumstances allowed by federal privacy law, not using or disclosing psychotherapy notes about you, selling your health information to others, or using or disclosing your health information for certain marketing communications, without your written authorization. Once you give us authorization to use or disclose your health information, you may take back or "revoke" your written authorization at any time in writing, except if we have already acted based on your authorization. For information on how to revoke your authorization, contact the phone number listed on your health plan ID card.

## What Are Your Rights

The following are your rights with respect to your health information:

- You have the right to ask to restrict our uses or disclosures of your information for treatment, payment, or health care operations. You also have the right to ask to restrict disclosures of your information to family members or to others who are involved in your health care or payment for your health care. We may also have policies on dependent access that authorize your dependents to request certain restrictions. Any request for restrictions must be made in writing. Please note that while we will try to honor your request and will permit requests consistent with our policies, we are not required to agree to any request for a restriction.
- You have the right to ask to receive confidential communications of information in a different manner or at a different place (for example, by sending information to a P.O. Box instead of your home address). We will accommodate reasonable requests in accordance with applicable state and federal law. In certain circumstances, we will accept your verbal request to receive confidential communications, however; we may also require you to confirm your request in writing. In addition, any requests to modify or cancel a previous confidential communication request must be made in writing. Mail your request to the address listed below.
- You have the right to request to see and obtain a copy of certain health information we maintain about you such as claims and case or medical management records. If we maintain your health information electronically, you have the right to request that we send a copy of your health information in an electronic format to you. In some cases, you may receive a summary of this health information. You must make a written request to inspect and copy your health information. Mail your request to the address listed below. In certain limited circumstances, we may deny your request to inspect and copy your health information. If we deny your request, you may have the right to have the denial reviewed. We may charge a reasonable fee for any copies.
- You have the right to ask to amend certain health information we maintain about you such as claims and case or medical management records, if you believe the health information about you is wrong or incomplete. Your request must be in writing and provide the reasons for the requested amendment. Mail your request to the address listed below. We will respond to your request in the timeframe required under applicable law. In certain circumstances, we may deny your request. If we deny your request, you may have a statement of your disagreement added to your health information.

- You have the right to request an accounting of certain disclosures of your information made by us during the six years prior to your request. This accounting will not include disclosures of information made: (i) for treatment, payment, and health care operations purposes; (ii) to you or pursuant to your authorization; (iii) to correctional institutions or law enforcement officials; and (iv) other disclosures for which federal law does not require us to provide an accounting. Any request for an accounting must be made in writing.
- You have the right to a paper copy of this notice. You may ask for a copy of this notice at any time. Even if you have agreed to receive this notice electronically, you are still entitled to a paper copy of this notice. If we maintain a website, we will post a copy of the revised notice on our website. You may also obtain a copy of this notice on your website.
- In certain states, you may have the right to request that we delete your personal information. Depending on your state of residence, you may have the right to request deletion of your personal information. We will respond to your request in the timeframe required under applicable law. If we are unable to honor your request, we will notify you of our decision. If we deny your request, you have the right to submit to us a written statement of the reasons for your disagreement with our assessment of the disputed information and what you consider to be the correct information. We will make your statement accessible to parties reviewing the information in dispute.

# **Exercising Your Rights**

- Contacting your Health Plan. If you have any questions about this notice or want information about how to exercise your rights, please call the toll-free member phone number on your health plan ID card or you may contact a UnitedHealth Group Customer Call Center Representative at 1-866-633-2446 (TTY/RTT 711).
- Submitting a Written Request. To exercise any of your rights described above, mail your written requests to us at the following address:

UnitedHealthcare Customer Service - Privacy Unit PO Box 740815 Atlanta, GA 30374-0815

• **Filing a Complaint.** If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with us at the address listed above.

You may also notify the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services of your complaint. We will not take any action against you for filing a complaint.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This Medical Information Notice of Privacy Practices applies to health plans that are affiliated with UnitedHealth Group. For a current list of health plans subject to this notice go to www.uhc.com/privacy/entities-fn-v1.

# THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW <u>FINANCIAL INFORMATION</u> ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

#### Effective January 1, 2024

We<sup>2</sup> are committed to maintaining the confidentiality of your personal financial information. For the purposes of this notice, "personal financial information" means information about an enrollee or an applicant for health care coverage that identifies the individual, is not generally publicly available, and is collected from the individual or is obtained in connection with providing health care coverage to the individual.

### **Information We Collect**

Depending upon the product or service you have with us, we may collect personal financial information about you from the following sources:

- Information we receive from you on applications or other forms, such as name, address, age, medical information and Social Security number;
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates or others, such as premium payment and claims history; and
- Information from a consumer reporting agency.

# **Disclosure of Information**

We do not disclose personal financial information about our enrollees or former enrollees to any third party, except as required or permitted by law. For example, in the course of our general business practices, we may, as permitted by law, disclose any of the personal financial information that we collect about you, without your authorization, to the following types of institutions:

 To our corporate affiliates, which include financial service providers, such as other insurers, and non-financial companies, such as data processors;

- To nonaffiliated companies for our everyday business purposes, such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), or respond to court orders and legal investigations; and
- To nonaffiliated companies that perform services for us, including sending promotional communications on our behalf.

# **Confidentiality and Security**

We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards, in accordance with applicable state and federal standards, to protect your personal financial information against risks such as loss, destruction or misuse. These measures include computer safeguards, secured files and buildings, and restrictions on who may access your personal financial information.

## **Questions About this Notice**

If you have any questions about this notice, please **call the tollfree member phone number on your health plan ID card or contact the UnitedHealth Group Customer Call Center at 1-866-633-2446 (TTY 711).** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For purposes of this Financial Information Privacy Notice, "we" or "us" refers to health plans affiliated with UnitedHealth Group, and the following UnitedHealthcare affiliates: ACN Group of California, Inc.; AmeriChoice Corporation; Benefitter Insurance Solutions, Inc.; Claims Management Systems, Inc.; Dental Benefit Providers, Inc.; Ear Professional International Corporation; Excelsior Insurance Brokerage, Inc.; gethealthinsurance.com Agency, Inc.; Golden Outlook, Inc.; Golden Rule Insurance Company; HealthMarkets Insurance Agency; Healthplex of CT, Inc.; Healthplex of NJ, Inc.; Healthplex, Inc.; HealthSCOPE Benefits, Inc.; International Healthcare Services, Inc.; Level2 Health IPA, LLC; Level2 Health Holdings, Inc.; Level2 Health Management, LLC; Managed Physical Network, Inc.; Optum Care Networks, Inc; OptumHealth Care Solutions, LLC; Optum Health Networks, Inc.; Oxford Benefit Management, Inc.; Oxford Health Plans LLC; Physician Alliance of the Rockies, LLC; POMCO Network, Inc.; POMCO, Inc.; Real Appeal, LLC; Solstice Administrators of Alabama, Inc.; Solstice Administrators of Missouri, Inc.; Solstice Administrators of North Carolina, Inc.; Solstice Administrators, Inc.; Solstice Benefit Services, Inc.; Solstice of Minnesota, Inc.; Solstice of New York, Inc.; Spectera, Inc.; Inree Rivers Holding, Inc.; UHIC Holdings, Inc.; UMR, Inc.; United Behavioral Health; United Behavioral Health of New York I.P.A., Inc.; UnitedHealthcare, Inc.; United HealthCare Services, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare Service LLC; Urgent Care MSO, LLC; USHEALTH Administrators, LLC; USHEALTH Group, Inc.; and Vivify Health, Inc. This Financial Information Privacy Notice only applies where required by Iaw. Specifically, it does not apply to (1) health care insurance products offered in Nevada by Health Plan of Nevada, Inc. and Sierra Health and Life Insurance Company, Inc.; or (2) other UnitedHealth Group health plans in states that provide exceptions for HIPAA covered entities or health insurance products. For a current list of entities su

# Language Assistance Services

We<sup>1</sup> provide free language services to help you communicate with us. We offer interpreters, letters in other languages, and letters in other formats like large print. To get help, please call **1-866-633-2446** or the toll-free member phone number listed on your health plan ID card TTY/RTT 711. We are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. E.T.

ATENCIÓN: Si habla **español (Spanish)**, hay servicios de asistencia de idiomas, sin cargo, a su disposición. Llame al 1-866-633-2446.

請注意:如果您說中文 (Chinese),我們免費為您提供語言協助服務。請致電:1-866-633-2446。

XIN LƯU Ý: Nếu quý vị nói tiếng **Việt (Vietnamese)**, quý vị sẽ được cung cấp dịch vụ trợ giúp về ngôn ngữ miễn phí. Vui lòng gọi 1-866-633-2446.

알림: 한국어(Korean)를 사용하시는 경우 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-866-633-2446번으로 전화하십시오.

PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng **Tagalog (Tagalog)**, may makukuha kang mga libreng serbisyo ng tulong sa wika. Mangyaring tumawag sa 1-866-633-2446.

ВНИМАНИЕ: бесплатные услуги перевода доступны для людей, чей родной язык является **Русский** (**Russian**). Позвоните по номеру 1-866-633-2446.

تنبيه: إذا كنت تتحدث العربية (Arabic)، فإن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية المجانية متاحة لك. الرجاء الأتصال بـ 1-866-633-2446.

ATANSYON: Si w pale **Kreyòl ayisyen (Haitian Creole)**, ou kapab benefisye sèvis ki gratis pou ede w nan lang pa w. Tanpri rele nan 1-866-633-2446.

ATTENTION : Si vous parlez **français (French)**, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Veuillez appeler le 1-866-633-2446.

UWAGA: Jeżeli mówisz po **polsku (Polish)**, udostępniliśmy darmowe usługi tłumacza. Prosimy zadzwonić pod numer 1-866-633-2446.

ATENÇÃO: Se você fala **português (Portuguese)**, contate o serviço de assistência de idiomas gratuito. Ligue para 1-866-633-2446.

ATTENZIONE: in caso la lingua parlata sia l'**italiano (Italian)**, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Si prega di chiamare il numero 1-866-633-2446.

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توجه: اگر زبان شما فارسی (Farsi) است، خدمات امداد زبانی به طور رایگان در اختیار شما می باشد.
1-866-633-2446 تماس بگیرید.
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कृमा ध्यान दें: यदि आप **हिंदी (Hindi)** भाषी हैं तो आपके लिए भाषा सहायता सेवाएं नि:शुल्क उपलब्ध हैं। कृमा पर काल करें 1-866-633-2446.

CEEB TOOM: Yog koj hais Lus **Hmoob (Hmong)**, muaj kev pab txhais lus pub dawb rau koj. Thov hu rau 1-866-633-2446.

ចំណាប់អារម្មណ៍: បើសិនអ្នកនិយាយ**ភាសាខ្មែរ(Khmer)**សេវាជំនួយភាសាដោយឥតគិតថ្លៃ គឺមានសំរាប់អ្នក។ សូមទូរស័ព្ទ ទៅលេខ 1-866-633-2446។

PAKDAAR: Nu saritaem ti **Ilocano (Ilocano)**, ti serbisyo para ti baddang ti lengguahe nga awanan bayadna, ket sidadaan para kenyam. Maidawat nga awagan iti 1-866-633-2446.

DÍÍ BAA'ÁKONÍNÍZIN: **Diné (Navajo)** bizaad bee yániłti'go, saad bee áka'anída'awo'ígíí, t'áá jíík'eh, bee ná'ahóót'i'. T'áá shoodí kohjį' 1-866-633-2446 hodíilnih.

OGOW: Haddii aad ku hadasho **Soomaali (Somali)**, adeegyada taageerada luqadda, oo bilaash ah, ayaad heli kartaa. Fadlan wac 1-866-633-2446.

ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ : Αν μιλάτε Ελληνικά (Greek), υπάρχει δωρεάν βοήθεια στη γλώσσα σας. Παρακαλείστε να καλέσετε 1-866-633-2446.

ધ્યાન આપો: જો તમે ગુજરાતી (Gujarati) બોલતા હો તો આપને ભાષાકીય મદદરૂપ સેવા

વિના મૂલ્ચે પ્રાપ્ય છે.

કૃપા કરી1-866-633-2446 પર કોલ કરો.

УВАГА: Якщо ви розмовляєте **українською мовою (Ukrainian)**, у вас є можливість скористатися безкоштовними послугами перекладача. Зателефонуйте, будь ласка, за номером 1-866-633-2446.

# **Notice of Non-Discrimination**

We<sup>3</sup> do not treat members differently because of sex, age, race, color, disability or national origin.

If you think you were treated unfairly because of your sex, age, race, color, disability or national origin, you can send a complaint to:

Civil Rights Coordinator UnitedHealthcare Civil Rights Grievance P.O. Box 30608 Salt Lake City, UTAH 84130 UHC\_Civil\_Rights@uhc.com

You must send the complaint within 60 days of the incident. We will send you a decision within 30 days. If you disagree with the decision, you have 15 days to appeal.

If you need help with your complaint, please call **1-866-633-2446** or the toll-free member phone number listed on your health plan ID card, TTY/RTT 711. We are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. E.T.

You can also file a complaint with the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human services. **Online:** https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf Complaint forms are available at https://www.hhs.gov/ocr/complaints/index.html **Phone:** Toll-free **1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697** (TDD) **Mail:** U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building Washington, D.C. 20201

<sup>3</sup>For purposes of the Language Assistance Services and this Non-Discrimination Notice ("Notice"), "We" refers to the entities listed in Footnote 1 of the Notice of Privacy Practices and Footnote 2 of the Financial Information Privacy Notice. Please note that not all entities listed are covered by this Notice.