Managed Care Claims and Prior Authorizations Submission: Frequently Asked Questions – Part 2

NC Medicaid

Question	WellCare (WCHP) Response	AmeriHealth Caritas (AMHC)	Healthy Blue Response	Carolina Complete Health (CCH)	United Healthcare (UNHC) Response
		Response		Response	
How to file a claim with	WellCare (WCHP) accepts both	The claims submission process	Providers have the option of	Electronic Claims Submission	Both In-Network (INN) and Out-of-
the PHP – what are the	electronic and paper claims (but	described below applies to providers	submitting claims electronically or by	CCH can receive ANSI X12N 837	Network (OON) providers may submit
options (virtual, fax,	not faxes). Paper claims must be	who wish to submit out of network	mail. Providers participating and	professional, institution or encounter	claims via EDI submission, under
paper, etc.)?	received on original red/white	claims. This process can be found on	those not participating with Healthy	transactions. In addition, it can	Payer ID 87726. However, prior to
	CMS claim forms so faxes are not	page 4 of the AmeriHealth Caritas	Blue may enroll with our trading	generate an ANSI X12N 835	doing so, they will need to enroll with
	considered compliant. Please see	North Carolina (AMHC) Provider	partner, Availity at <u>www.availity.com</u> .	electronic remittance advice known	our clearinghouse OptumInsight to
	the provider manual, provider	Claims and Billing Manual, which can		as an Explanation of Payment (EOP).	establish a secure connection, and
	resource guide, and Quick	be found at	Additional Claims information can be	Providers that bill electronically have	they (or their claims processing
	reference guide at this link for	www.amerihealthcaritasnc.com:	received by calling 844-594-5072, and	the same timely filing requirements	service) may do so by calling 866-367-
	detailed information regarding	"In accordance with 42 C.F.R.	selecting the Claims prompt.	as providers filing paper claims.	9778 and selecting option 3.
	clean claims and step by step filing	§438.602(b), health care providers			
	instructions.	(including ordering, prescribing, or		In addition, providers that bill	UNHC uses this clearinghouse with
	https://www.wellcare.com/en/Nor	referring only providers) interested in	Paper Claim Submission	electronically must monitor their	both INN and OON providers, so
	th-Carolina/Providers/Medicaid	participating in the AMHC network	All paper claims should be submitted	error reports and evidence of	there is nothing unique about this
		must be screened and enrolled as a	to:	payments to ensure all submitted	process for an OON provider.
	Electronic Claim Submission	Medicaid provider by the North	Blue Cross NC Healthy Blue Claims	claims and encounters appear on the	
	Via Wellcare provider portal at	Carolina Department of Health and	P.O. Box 61010 Virginia Beach, VA	reports. Providers are responsible for	An OON provider may also submit a
	https://provider.wellcare.com	Human Services (NCDHHS) and shall	23466	correcting any errors and	paper claim by mail to:
		be reenrolled every three years,		resubmitting the affiliated claims and	UnitedHealthcare Community
	Paper Claim Submission	except as otherwise specifically		encounters.	Plan
	All paper claims should be	permitted by DHHS in the Revised			P.O. Box 5280
	submitted to:	and Restated RFP 30-190029-DHB,		CCH's Payor ID is 68069. Our	Kingston, NY 12402-5240
	WellCare Health Plans	Section V. This applies to non-		Clearinghouse vendors include	
	Attn: Claims Department	participating in and/or out of the		Availity and Change Healthcare	
	P.O. Box 31224	State providers as well. Claims for all		(formerly Emdeon). Please visit our	
	Tampa, FL 33631-3224	services provided to Plan members		website for our electronic Companion	
		must be submitted by the provider		Guide which offers more instructions.	
		who performed the services.			



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		Submitting Claims Providers may submit claim via electronic or paper methods: <i>Electronic/EDI</i> Use the payer ID for AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina: 81671. <i>Paper/Mail</i> AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina Attn: Claims Processing Department P.O. Box 7380 London KY 40742-7380 Additional details regarding the billing and the claims submission process may also be found within the Provider Claims and Billing Guide at www.amerihealthcaritasnc.com		For questions or more information on electronic filing please contact: CAROLINA COMPLETE HEALTH C/O CENTENE EDI DEPARTMENT 800-225-2573, ext. 25525 Or by e-mail at EDIBA@centene.com Paper Claim Submission All paper claims and encounters should be submitted to: Carolina Complete Health Attn: Claims PO Box 8040 Farmington MO 63640-8040	
How does PHP determine if the provider made "good faith" efforts in contracting top determine reimbursement?	Per our Good Faith contracting policy NC35-ND-001 (copied here), if within 30 calendar days the potential network provider rejects the request or fails to respond either verbally or in writing, WellCare may consider the request for inclusion in the NC Medicaid Managed Care Provider Network rejected by the provider. If discussions are ongoing, or the contract is under legal review, WellCare shall not consider the request rejected. The 30 day period begins when the provider has received a copy of the contract that is consistent with the version of the contract approved by the department.	 The Good Faith Contracting Policy must be developed in and submitted for approval to fulfill a PHP/DHB contract requirement. If DHB determines appropriate, AMHC is willing to share the policy in redacted form to remove information that is considered proprietary and/or confidential. AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina will share a redacted version with DHB upon request. AMHC offers to contract with a provider using a NC DHHS approved provider agreement in writing via letter, email, or fax; an AMHC Account Executive will follow up the initial outreach within 10 business days and negotiations will continue until both parties agree on contract 	Healthy Blue maintains a Good Faith Contracting policy and requires three unsuccessful attempts at completing a contract before the determination is made.	Definition of Good Faith Effort: The Good Faith Effort starts from when the provider receives a version of the contract which is consistent with the version approved by the Department and include the standard provisions for provider contracts found in Attachment G. Required Standard Provisions of PHP and Provider Contracts, including the prescribed provisions located therein. The initial contract offering will serve as the first effort. If the provider does not execute the first effort, CCH will make a second effort at least 10 calendar days after the first effort taking into consideration any feedback from the provider. If the provider does not execute the agreement from the second effort,	Per contractual requirement, UNHC developed a "Good Faith Provider Contracting Policy" which was submitted for Department review and approval 90 days post contract award. Per those requirements, UNHC included a definition of "good faith" contracting effort and defined it as "United engaged in a good faith effort to contract with a provider of healthcare services but the provider refused, or failed to meet United's objective quality standards." The policy expands on the process for documenting contracting outreach attempts and objective further elaborates on what it means to meet objective quality standards.

		 terms or decide not to move forward If within 30 calendar days of receiving an agreement, the potential network provider rejects the agreement or fails to respond verbally or in writing, AMHC may consider the request for inclusion in the AMHC network rejected; if discussions are ongoing or the contract is under legal review, AMHC shall not consider the request rejected. AMHC will consider all facts and circumstances surrounding a Provider's willingness to contract, including reviews of non-standard requests, prior to determining that AMHC made a good faith effort which was not accepted. 		CCH will make a third and final effort at least 10 calendar days after the second effort taking into consideration any feedback from the provider from the previous efforts. CCH will have exhausted all good faith contracting efforts after the third and final effort. The good faith contracting effort period must be at least 30 calendar days, but CCH may allow additional time if discussions are ongoing, contract revisions are being made or negotiated, the contract is under legal review by the provider or if in the opinion of CCH such additional time could lead to an executed contract. If after at least 30 days and the three good faith attempts, the provider fails to respond to the efforts verbally or in writing, the request to join the network will be considered rejected.	our database. We will not reimburse the OON provider more than 90% of the Medicaid fee-for-service rate if the provider refuses to contract or fails to meet objective quality standards.
What information is needed from the provider to file a claim?	Paper claims must be received on original and complete red/white CMS claim forms. Please see the provider manual, provider resource guide, and quick reference guide. All of these resources including detailed information regarding clean claims and step by step instructions can be found on the public Provider Portal, which does not require a username and password, by going to: <u>https://www.wellcare.com/en/Nor th- Carolina/Providers/Medicaid/Form</u> <u>§</u>	AMHC is required by applicable contract requirements with the Department and by applicable North Carolina and federal regulations to capture specific data regarding services rendered to its members. A detailed list of data elements, as listed here, are needed in order for a claim to be paid. This information is found in the AMHC Provider Claims and Billing Manual that can be accessed at www.amerihealthcaritasnc.com. The following mandatory information is required on all claims, both institutional and professional: • Member's (patient's) name • Member's Plan ID number	 Electronic claim submissions will adhere to specifications for submitting medical claims data in standardized Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12N 837 formats. Electronic claims are validated for Compliance SNIP levels 1 to 4: Professional claims that meet standardized X12 EDI Transaction Standard: 837P - Professional Claims Institutional claims that meet standardized X12 EDI Transaction Standard: 837I - Institutional Claims Claim submissions, whether electronic or paper, must include the following information: 	CCH follows Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) rules and regulations, specifically the Federal requirements set forth in 42 USC § 1396a(a)(37)(A), 42 CFR §447.45 and 42 CFR § 447.46; and in accordance with State laws and regulations, as applicable. Providers must bill with their NPI number in box 24Jb. We encourage our providers to also bill their taxonomy code in box 24Ja and the Member's Medicaid number in box 1a to avoid possible delays in processing. Claims missing the required data will be returned, and a notice sent to the provider, creating payment delays; Such claims are not	In terms of data elements needed for a provider to file a claim - this information is available in our provider administrative guide and located on UNHC's provider website: https://www.uhcprovider.com/en/ad min-guides/administrative-guides- manuals-2021/ch10-our-claims- process-2021/ch10-our-claims- process-2021/claims-enc-data-sub- ch10-guide.html • Billing provider name, address, telephone number (F1) • Type of bill (F4) • Statement Covers Period (F6) • Patient Name (F8b) • Patient Birth Date (F10) • Patient Sex (F11) • Admission date (F12) • Admission Hour (F13) • Admission Type/Visit (F14)

Generally speaking, all claims must have complete and compliant data including: • Current CPT and ICD-10 (or its successor) codes • TIN • NPI number(s) • Provider and/or practice name(s) matching the W-9 initially submitted to WellCare	 Member's date of birth and address Other insurance information: company name, address, policy and/or group number Amounts paid by other insurance (with copies of matching EOBs) Information advising if member's condition is related to employment, auto accident or liability suit Date(s) of service, admission, discharge Primary, secondary, tertiary and fourth ICD-10-CM/PCS diagnosis codes, coded to the full specificity available, which may be 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 digits. Name of referring physician, if appropriate HCPCS procedures, services or supplies codes CPT procedure codes with appropriate modifiers CMS place of service code Charges (per line and total) Days and units Physician/supplier Federal Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number National Practitioner Identifier (NPI) and Taxonomy Physician/supplier billing name, address, zip code, and telephone number Name and address of the facility where services were rendered NDC's required for physician administered injectables that are eligible for rebate Invoice date Provider Signature 	 Member's ID number including alpha prefix Member's name Member's date of birth ICD-10-CM diagnosis code Date of service Place of service Procedures, services or supplies rendered with CPT-4 codes/HCPCS codes/ disease-related groups Itemized charges Days or units Provider tax ID number Provider name according to contract Billing provider information, and rendering provider information when different than billing or when billing a group taxonomy NPI of billing and rendering provider when applicable, or API when NPI isn't appropriate Taxonomy of billing provider, attending and rendering provider when submitted Coordination of benefits/other insurance information Precertification number or copy of precertification NDC, unit of measure and quantity for medical injectables 	 considered "clean" and therefore cannot be accepted into our system. Claims eligible for payment must meet the following requirements: The enrollee must be effective on the date of service (see information below on identifying the enroll(lee), The service provided must be a covered benefit under the enrollee's contract on the date of service, and Referral and prior authorization processes must be followed, if applicable. Payment for service is contingent upon compliance with referral and prior authorization policies and procedures, as well as the billing guidelines outlined in this manual. When submitting your claim, you need to identify the enrollee. There are two ways to identify the enrollee: The CCH enrollee number found on the enrollee ID card or the provider portal. The Medicaid or North Carolina Health Choice Number provider portal or the provider portal. 	 Source of Referral for admission (F15) Discharge Status (F17) Condition Codes (F18-28) if applicable Occurrence Codes and Dates (F31-34) if applicable Value Codes and Amounts (F39- 41) if applicable Revenue Code (F42) Revenue Code Description (F43) HCPCs, CPT Codes (F44) Service Date (F45) Service Units (F46) Total Charges (F47) Payer Name (F50A-C) NPI (F56) Insured Name (F58A-C) Patients Relationship to Insured (F59A-C) Insured's Unique Identifier (F60A-C) Principal Diagnosis Code (F67) Other Diagnosis Code (F67) Other procedure codes and dates (F74a-e) Attending provider and Identifiers (F76) Other providers (F77-79) if applicable In summary, similar to an INN, an OON claim will require certain data field to be completed accurately and the claim that is submitted to UNHC must pass basic NC Provider Validation rules. However, there is no rule validation surrounding the address or provider names so the rules will not deny based on
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					abbreviations for address or name alone.
In what instances would a provider/PHP need to agree to a single case agreement?	Single case agreements are usually reserved for services provided by an out of network provider when no in network provider is available. This would only likely occur for a delivery out of state or mother/baby requires highly specialized care at OON facility. These are handled on a case by case basis and are not a normal occurrence.	If a non-participating provider offers needed services that a participating provider cannot offer in the member's service area, a single case agreement would be needed.	 In order for provider/PHP to develop a Single case agreement, several criteria must be present: A member is enrolled with NC Medicaid and Healthy Blue The provider is not in-network The member cannot be redirected to an in-network provider The out-of-network request has been approved as medically necessary 	 The vast majority of Single case agreements (SCAs) will be initiated internally by Medical Management, Appeals & Grievances (A&G) or Behavioral Health. On occasion, we may get a direct request from a provider, particularly if they are waiting for a contract to be effective. There are two common origins for SCAs: Internal requests mainly from Medical Management, Appeals & Grievances (A&G) or Behavioral Health and The much rarer request directly from a provider with an existing relationship with a member and/or the negotiator This accounts for the two common reasons where an SCA might be requested; 1) to cover services rendered OON and 2) to cover services when the existing network providers are at capacity 	Single Case Agreements (SCAs) are negotiated on a case by case basis, and there is no default process to a SCA if a provider decides not to enter a contractual agreement with UNHC through a good faith contracting effort. With that said, at times (SCAs) are created in order to ensure the member's needs are met. In such instances, UNHC would typically expect a referral from INN to an OON provider to meet particular medical needs, review the network to ensure there is no INN provider that can render that same service in the proximity.
What is the first date the PHP intends to start issuing medical and pharmacy payments after Managed Care Launch? What is the payment cycle for medical and pharmacy claims?	WCHP will issue the first medical claims payment on July 6, 2021. Pharmacy payments are issued at the point of sale and the first pharmacy payment will be issued on July 1, 2021. Both medical and pharmacy claims will be paid daily, thereafter. Check runs take place daily except for Sundays, last day of the month and national holidays.	AMHC will issue the first payment for medical and pharmacy claims on July 7, 2021. After the first payment runs on July 7, medical payment cycles will be every Monday and Wednesday, while Pharmacy cycles will run every four days.	Medical claims submitted on July 1, 2021, will be paid by July 30, 2021 or sooner. Pharmacy claims that are submitted on July 1, 2021 will be paid by July 14, 2021 or sooner. Payment disbursements for both medical and pharmacy claims are sent on Wednesdays.	CCH will be running check runs each Tuesday and Friday beginning on July 13, 2021.	 UNHC's first check cycle will be on July 12, 2021. Check cycles take two days to complete. One day for ERA (electronic remittance advice)/PRA (paper remittance advice) generation and one day for check payment either through paper or electronic EFT. Therefore, the first payment for North Carolina Medicaid will be completed on July 14, 2021.

					Payment cycle for both medical and pharmacy claims will be a daily check cycle.
What message will providers see in the Provider Portal regarding individual claim status prior to first payments being released?	WCHP's provider portal will display a banner with the date they intend on executing their first check run (July 6, 2021 for medical claims and July 1, 2021 for pharmacy claims).	There will be no provider messaging prior to first payments being released.	The claims status in our secure Provider Portal (Availity) will return the status at the time of the inquiry. Claim status will show as Pending/Paid or Denied.	CCH portal returns an EMS message queue, which includes the claim number, rejection code/message and etc. The providers will see a message displaying the claim has been accepted.	 The claim will show as Acknowledged until the claim is processed. It will show Pending if: We are waiting on additional information from the provider or The claim is still being worked on
					It will show Payable if it is processed but waiting for the payment to be posted.
How can I determine	WCHP provides a Prior	AMHC provides a Prior Authorization	Healthy Blue provides a Prior	CCH provides a Prior Authorization	UNHC provides a Prior Authorization
which services require	Authorization look-up Tool to	look-up Tool to determine if a PA is	Authorization look-up Tool to	look-up Tool to determine if a PA is	look-up Tool to determine if a PA is
prior authorization for a	determine if a PA is required prior	required prior to rendering services.	determine if a PA is required prior to	required prior to rendering services.	required prior to rendering services.
health plan?	to rendering services. WCHP's	AMHC's Provider Look-up tool can be	rendering services. Healthy Blue's	This tool will go live later this	UNHC's Provider Look-up tool can be
	Provider Look-up tool can be found	found at:	Provider Look-up tool can be found	summer, before the launch of NC	found at:
	at:	www.amerihealthcaritasnc.com	at:	Medicaid Managed Care.	https://UHCprovider.com/priorauth
	https://www.wellcare.com/North- Carolina/Providers/Authorization-		https://provider.healthybluenc.com/		
	Lookup		north-carolina-provider/prior- authorization-lookup		
How can I submit a prior authorization to a health	WCHP submission methods:	AMHC submission methods:	Healthy Blue submission methods:	CCH submission methods:	UNHC submission methods:
plan?	Standard:	Standard:	Standard:	Standard:	Standard:
-	Online via Provider Portal:	Online via Provider Portal:	Online via Provider Portal:	Online via Secure Provider Portal:	
	https://provider.wellcare.com/	https://navinet.navimedix.com	https://provider.healthybluenc.com/ north-carolina-provider/prior-	http://carolinacompletehealth.com/	Online via Prior Authorization and Notification Tool on Link:
	Via fax to the numbers listed on the associated forms:	Via Fax to 833-893-2262	authorization	Use the Prior-Auth Check Tool on the website to quickly determine if a	https://UHCprovider.com/priorauth
	https://www.wellcare.com/North- Carolina/Providers/Medicaid/Form	Call: 833-900-2262	Via Fax to:	service or procedure requires prior authorization. This tool will go live	If you're unable to use Link, call Provider Services at 877-842-3210.
	<u>s</u>	After hours and holidays: Call 855-375-8811	800-964-3627 (Inpatient)	later this summer, before the launch of NC Medicaid Managed care.	Urgent:
	Urgent:		844-445-6649 (Outpatient)		Call Provider Services at 877-842-
	Call 866-799-5318 and follow the	Pharmacy:		Call 833-552-3876	3210 and follow the prompts.
	prompts.	Via fax to 877-234-4274	Urgent : Call 844-594-5072	Via Fax to 919-670-4948	Pharmacy:
	Pharmacy:	Call 866-885-1406			Online via CoverMyMeds portal:
	Via Fax to 800-678-3189		Pharmacy:	Urgent:	https://www.covermymeds.com/mai
			Via Fax to 844-376-2318	Call 919-719-4161.	

https://providerportal.surescripts.	Emergency: Prior authorization is not required for emergency services when a member seeks emergency	Call 844-594-5072	Pharmacy: Call 833-585-4309	n/prior-authorization- forms/optumrx/
	care.			Online via SureScripts portal: https://providerportal.surescripts.net /ProviderPortal/optum/login