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Working with UCare

Whether you are a new provider or a long-standing partner with UCare, this document contains a high-level overview of key administrative procedures important to our partnership. Our goal is to provide clear and transparent guidance and support, so you can focus on delivering the best care and experience to your patients, our members.

PROVIDER WEBSITE ([UCare.org/providers](https://ucare.org/providers))

Bookmark the [Provider Website](https://ucare.org/providers) to quickly find important information needed to effectively work with UCare. UCare's Provider Website ensures easy access to a variety of news, authorization grids, manuals, required forms and other resources for health care professionals who provide care to UCare members. Click this [Provider Website Quick Reference Guide](#) for more details.

UCARE PROVIDER MANUAL

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Bookmark the [Provider Manual](#). UCare's Provider Manual is an extension of your contract. Checking it regularly for updated information and reference material is required. Additional information and resources are available on the Provider Website. Use the Provider Manual as your source of truth when doing business with UCare.

POLICIES AND RESOURCES

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This section contains important policies and resources available to help you work with UCare members. For a detailed list visit our policies and resources page on our website.

Examples:

[2021 UCare Product by County Map](#)
[2021 UCare Member ID Card Samples](#)

[Provider Key Contact Information](#)
[UCare Product/Benefit Information](#)

PROVIDER NEWS

[CLICK TO SIGN UP](#)

Sign up to receive email communications from UCare. Each month, we publish our provider newsletter, *Health Lines*. For urgent changes to process or complex initiatives, we release Provider Bulletins. View all communications in the News Library on the [Provider News](#) page of our website.

PROVIDER PORTAL

[UCARE PROVIDER PORTAL LOGIN](#)

The Provider Portal is a secure website that allows your organization to access information needed to work with UCare members. You can view claims, EOPs and authorizations, verify member eligibility, email our Provider Assistance Center, and search the UCare Provider Network. Click this [Provider Portal Quick Reference Guide](#) for more details.

PROVIDER ASSISTANCE CENTER

If you have a question for UCare, you can send a secure message to the Provider Assistance Center when logged into the UCare Provider Portal. This secure messaging system is the preferred method of contact for complex inquiries.

You may also call our Provider Assistance Center at 612-676-3300 or 1-888-531-1493 Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

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CREDENTIALING

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Seeing UCare members prior to the credentialing approval date and a contract effective date will result in out-of-network claim processing, claim rejections or claim denials. If you have questions about credentialing or are unsure if a practitioner has completed the process, contact credentialinginfo@ucare.org.

CONTRACTING

If you have questions about your contract, need to know your contract effective date or know what products you are contracted to provide services for, contact providercontracts@ucare.org.

MANAGE YOUR INFORMATION

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Ensure UCare has accurate information for your organization, location and service providers, so we can accurately display your information in the Provider Directory for our members. You can add or term locations, add or term practitioners, or update demographic information using our online tools.

ELIGIBILITY & AUTHORIZATION

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Eligibility

Member eligibility should be confirmed before seeing UCare members. Check UCare's [Provider Website](#) for coverage levels, co-payments, co-insurance and other information.

Providers have three options to verify that an individual is an active UCare member:

- Use the Member Lookup page on the [UCare Provider Portal](#).
- Use the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system by calling the Provider Assistance Center
 - Have the individual's UCare member ID number and date of birth ready.
- Access the 270/271 transaction via McKesson PCS Support. Your clearinghouse can enroll with PCS to transmit these transactions to your organization. Have your clearinghouse contact CHC_pcssupport@changehealthcare.com or call 1-877-411-7271 to begin the enrollment and provisioning process.

For MHCP members, you can also use MN-ITS, the Minnesota DHS system for MHCP claims and other transactions. If you have questions or need access to MN-ITS, contact the MHCP Provider Call Center at 651-431-2700 or 1-800-366-5411.

Authorization & Notification

To check if a service or item requires prior authorization or notification, please refer to the authorization & notification grid by plan product at <https://home.ucare.org/en-us/providers/eligibility-authorization/> or contact the Provider Assistance Center at 612-676-3300 or 1-888-531-1493 toll free.



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CLAIMS & BILLING

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Checking the status of a claim or searching for a remittance advice (EOP) is performed within [UCare's Provider Portal](#).

THIRD PARTY BILLING

If you contract with a third-party biller to call UCare on your behalf, we need a signed acknowledgement form on file giving UCare permission to release information. Click the link below to approve a third-party biller.

[Provider Notification/Change/Update/Termination Third-Party Agreement](#)

CLEARINGHOUSE INFORMATION

Payer ID: 52629

UCare Minnesota Health Care Program Plans and Dual Eligible Plans

Payer ID: 55413

UCare Medicare plans, UCare Medicare Plans with M Health Fairview & North Memorial, EssentiaCare, UCare Individual & Family Plans and UCare Individual & Family Plans with M Health Fairview

For more information visit, [Resources for Electronic Transactions](#)

If you have questions about EDI transactions, please email EDISupport@ucare.org

PAYMENT AND REMITTANCE

UCare offers Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA). If you would like to begin receiving funds and remits electronically, please complete the Provider Payment and Remittance Request Form within the UCare Provider Portal.

If you have questions about EFT or ERA transactions, please email EFT835@ucare.org.

TAXONOMY REQUIREMENTS

UCare requires the corresponding taxonomy to be submitted whenever a National Provider Identification (NPI) is reported on a claim submitted directly to UCare or on claims that will crossover and be coordinated with UCare coverage. When taxonomy is not reported on a claim that includes a NPI number(s), the claim will be rejected.

- For professional claims (submitted via 837P or CMS 1500) – billing and rendering taxonomy.
- For institutional/facility claims– billing (submitted via 837I or UB04) and attending taxonomy (submitted via 837I).

CLAIM RECONSIDERATION REQUESTS (ADJUSTMENTS, RECOUPMENTS, APPEALS)

[Online Provider Claim Reconsideration Form](#)

[Tips for Using the Online Claim Reconsideration Form](#)

CULTURAL SUPPORT RESOURCES

UCare actively supports and promotes behaviors, attitudes and policies that enable providers to deliver services in ways that meet the needs of consumers from diverse cultures.

The following resources may be of assistance to providers:

[Culture Care Connections](#)

[Multilingual Health Resource Exchange](#) - use "ucare" for both username and password

[Six Steps Toward Cultural Competence](#)

[The Impact of Racism on Child and Adolescent Health](#)