

Continuity of Care Provider Program

(formerly Partnership for Quality/P4Q)

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Risk Adjustment 101



What is Risk Adjustment?

CMS-HCC Risk Adjustment is the process by which the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) adjusts payments to health plans based on the perceived healthcare needs (i.e., anticipated healthcare costs) of their members. These needs are determined using member demographics and reported diagnoses.

What are Hierarchical Conditions Categories (HCCs)?

HCCs are categories for Medicare and Marketplace that link to corresponding diagnosis categories. CMS determines the qualifying codes and assigns Risk Adjustment factors to HCCs, which can change annually.

Why is Risk Adjustment important?

Risk Adjustment supports health plan efforts to improve health outcomes for members through coding accuracy.

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What is Continuity of Care (CoC)?



- Continuity of Care is a provider engagement program aimed at incentivizing providers incrementally for addressing chronic conditions to improve the health of members and provide appropriate clinical quality care through the integration of appointment agenda data into office workflows.
- Appointment agendas provide offices with insight into historical diagnosis data and clinical services as an aid to assist providers in assessing chronic conditions that are required to be reported annually by CMS.
- Arkansas Health & Wellness pays incentives for completed and verified provider appointment agendas submitted via the Secure Provider Portal, electronic medical review (EMR), secure email, or secure fax.
- Measurement Period: January 1, 2024—December 31, 2024

About the CoC Program



Targeted lines of business (LOBs)

- Wellcare (Medicare) does not replace or duplicate existing programs
- Ambetter from Arkansas Health & Wellness (Marketplace)
- Wellcare by Allwell (Medicare)



Who is included in the program?

- ► The program includes members with disease conditions required to be assessed, addressed, and reported annually.
- Selections are identified at the beginning of the program and are subject to change throughout the program year.
- Incremental changes due to new members enrolling in the health plan and member attribution changes may contribute to adds, deletes, and changes to appointment agendas during the program year.

CoC Program Bonus Eligibility



Bonus Eligibility Requirements

- Providers must have:
 - Assessed a member with a qualified visit between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024
 - Marked 100% of all conditions identified on the agenda as "valid/active" or "resolved/not present" in the electronic portal or on the paper agenda
 - Included all active conditions and corresponding ICD-10 codes on the claim

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- Provided sufficient support for all active conditions with proper medical record documentation using M.E.A.T guidelines
- Filed the claim within the timely filing period

2024 program changes: Medical records are no longer accepted for the CoC program.





Threshold percentage of appointment agendas completed	<50%	≥50% to <80%	≥80%
Bonus paid per paper appointment agenda submission	\$50	\$100	\$150
Bonus paid per electronic appointment agenda submission	\$100	\$200	\$300
Additional Medicare bonus paid per electronic appointment agenda submission	\$100	\$100	\$100

MEDICARE ONLY: For the 2024 program year, an extra \$100 incentive will be paid in addition to the base payment for Medicare electronic submissions. Paper agenda submissions do not qualify for this extra incentive.

2024 CoC Program Goals



- Ensure members receive care and treatment for all active health conditions, not just for acute health issues
- Assess and document all active conditions that are required to be reported annually
- Recognize and reward providers who collaborate with Arkansas Health & Wellness to deliver quality care and improve documentation of care for members
- Promote preventive services and quality of care for members.

NOTE: Participation in the CoC program may result in a request for medical records. The request may be part of an internal health plan, state, and/or federal audit or any NCQA program such as HEDIS®

The Appointment Agenda



Components of an Appointment Agenda

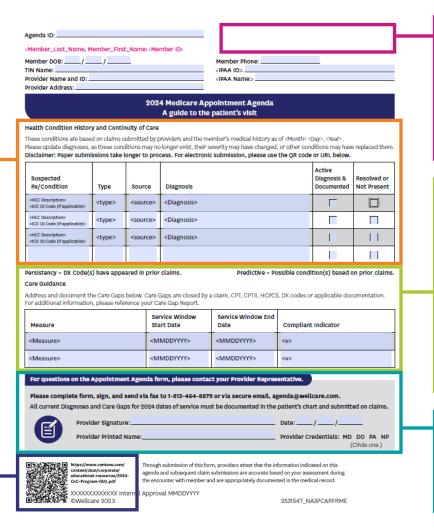
Health Condition History / Continuity of Care Providers should check one box for each Disease Category listed on the Agenda.

- 'Active Diagnosis & Documented' Patient is currently presenting with this condition. Providers must submit a claim with a diagnosis code that maps to the Disease Category listed on the Agenda.
- 'Resolved/Not Present' Patient is not presenting with this condition. Provider must submit a claim with a 2024 face to face visit and should submit appropriate codes for conditions the Patient is currently presenting.

The Health Condition History / Continuity of Care component is all or nothing, ALL Disease Categories must have a box checked, verified with a qualified visit and paid claim to be eligible for the Bonus.

QR Code

Providers may click on the QR Code or the URL for additional resources and a Provider Facing FAQ document



Barcode or No Bonus Eligible

Agendas that have "No Bonus Eligible" where the Barcode typically resides in the upper right-hand corner are not eligible for the CoC bonus. Providers may have a Full Risk Arrangement, or the Health Plan may have requested to set to Do Not Pay.

Care Guidance

Address and document the Care Gaps below. Care Gaps are closed by a claim, CPT, CPTII, HCPCS, DX codes or applicable documentation. For additional information, please reference your care gap report.

 Providers should submit the Agenda once the Health Condition History / Continuity of Care component is completed in its entirety. They do NOT need to complete the Care Guidance components prior to submitting.

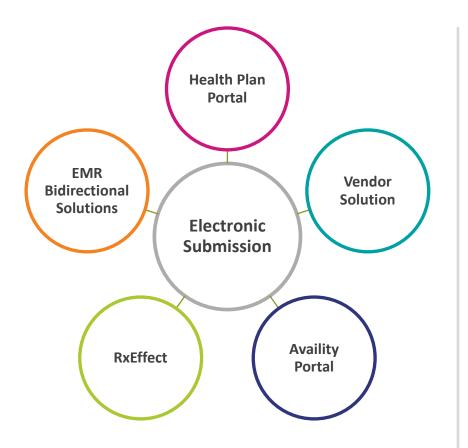
Signature

The signature component may be completed by a credentialed Provider or the facilitator of the program.

Electronic Agenda Submission Methods



Ways to submit and appointment agenda electronically



Electronic Submissions

Portals

- ► Centene (CNC) Provider Portal
 - All Centene LOBs and All Wellcare LOBs when the Provider has an active CNC LOB
- ► Wellcare (WCG) Provider Portal
 - Wellcare Medicare and Medicaid Only
- ► RxEffect (Expected Live March 2024)
 - Wellcare and Centene Medicare Only
 - Health Condition History / Continuity of Care portion
- ► Availity
 - Centene and Wellcare Medicare and Marketplace Only
 - Multi-payor platform

EMR Bi-Directional Solutions

- ► Healow Insights (eCW Users)
- ▶ Athena Moment of Care
- ► Epic Payer Platform

Vendor Solutions (Expected Live March 2024)

Note: These are maintained separately and outside of the CoC Bonus, as Vendors have their own Bonus structure/payment process

- Optum (In-Office Assessment program)
- ► Vatica Health

Ways to Submit a Paper Agenda



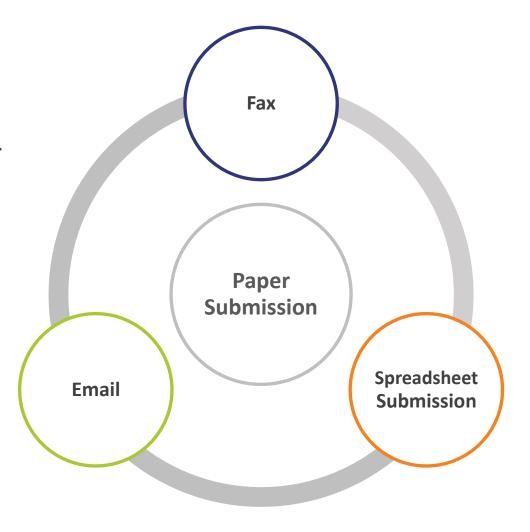
Paper Submissions

Fax

► Fax completed Appointment Agenda to 1-813-464-8879. Please retain copies of all faxed Agendas in case they need to be referenced.

Email

- Securely email completed Appointment Agenda to Agenda@Wellcare.com or Agenda@centene.com
- Spreadsheet Submission via secure email.
 Please review 2024 submission requirements.



Roles & Responsibilities



Health Plan

Introduce the program and guide to targeted providers and serve as resource throughout program year for engagement and education

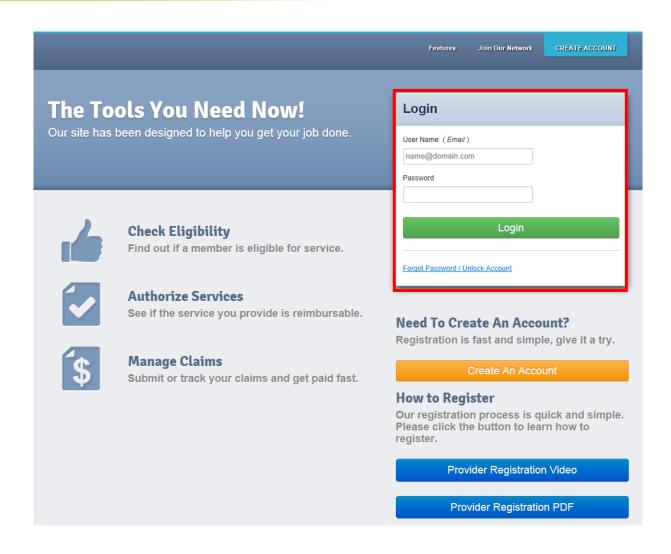
Provider

- Schedule and conduct an exam with targeted members and use the appointment agenda as a guide assessing the validity of each condition identified PROACTIVELY
- Document care and diagnosis in the medical record following coding and documentation guidelines
- Submit the claim using the correct ICD-10, CPT, CPT II, or NDC codes within the timely filing period
- ▶ Utilize the Secure Provider Portal or EMR to electronically submit completed appointment OR print and fax completed agenda to 1-813-464-8879 OR securely email to agenda@centene.com or agenda@wellcare.com

Accessing the Secure Provider Portal



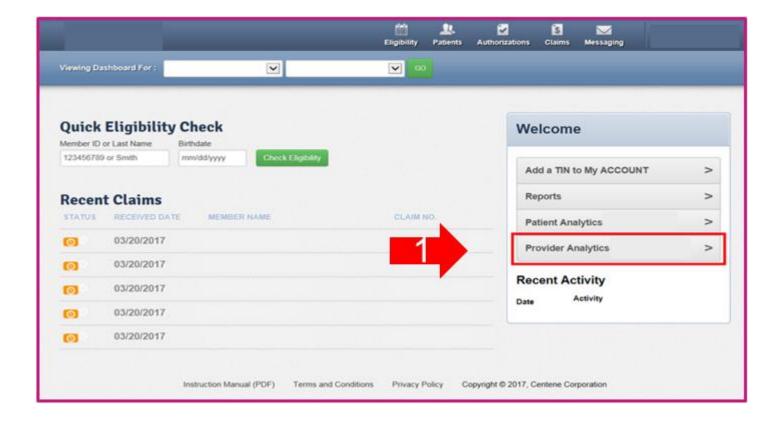








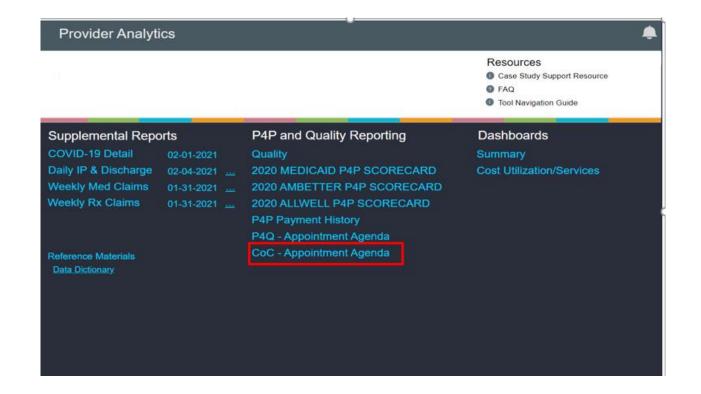
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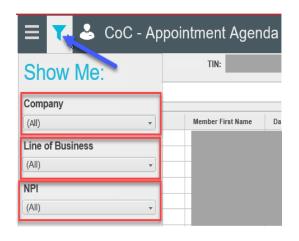
Select CoC - Appointment Agenda



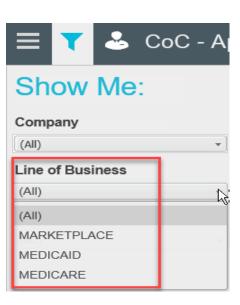




Utilize the Filter Feature to narrow your search options.

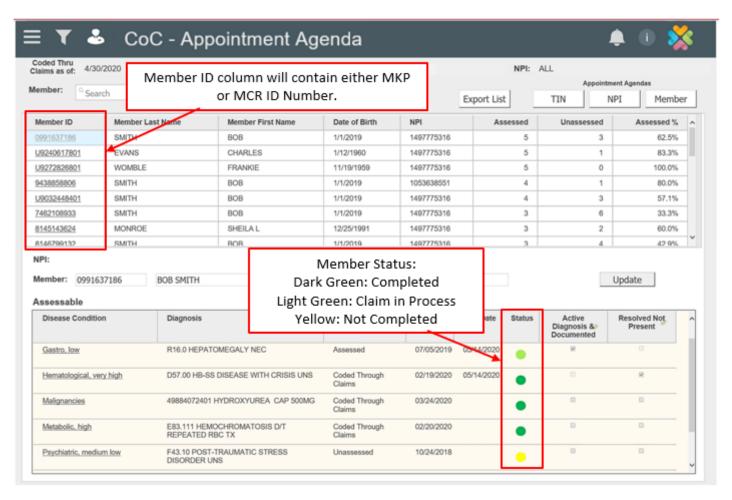






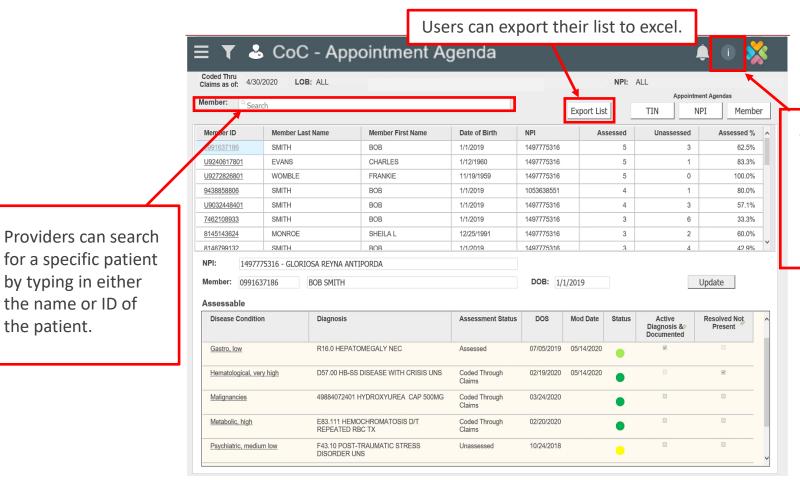








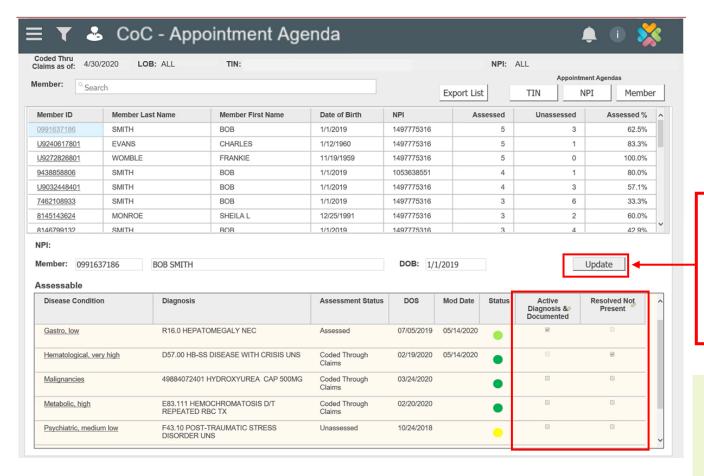




The info button is a drop-down menu containing links to FAQ on program rules and potentially detailed lists of diagnosis codes under each disease condition.





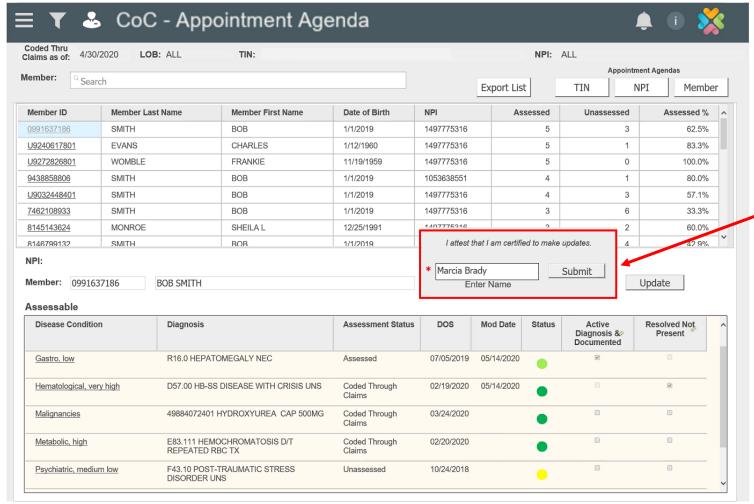


Once a box is checked or unchecked, the provider or authorized personnel needs to click "update" to save the updates.

Note: If users export to Excel, they still need to go back into the P4Q dashboard to enter any exclusions.



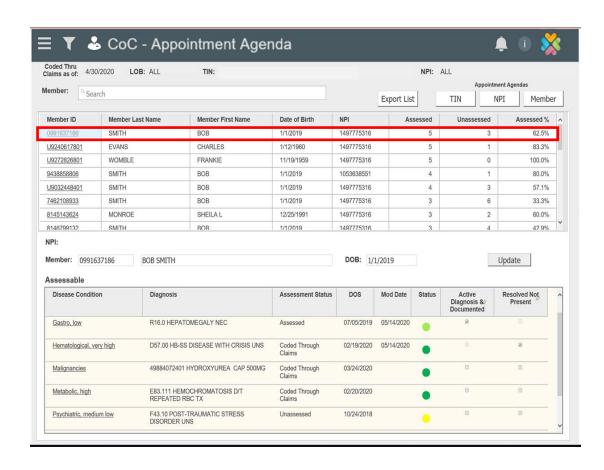




Authorized personnel needs to enter their name to attest to the changes.







The member's record will now reflect the updated data.

Coding & Documentation Tips



- Document and code all conditions present at time of encounter
- Utilize MEAT guidelines to validate active conditions.
 - Monitor
 - Evaluate
 - Assess and Address
 - Treat

- Code to the highest specificity for all conditions and support with proper medical record documentation.
- Diabetes vs. diabetes with complications
- Active chronic conditions should be coded and documented as active.
- Conditions that no longer exist should not have a code on the claim.

Note: Coding tip sheets can be found on the Arkansas Health & Wellness Provider Resource Page at ARHealthWellness.com.

CoC Best Practices



Engage with your assigned RA Specialist

Utilize Electronic Methods of Submission

Schedule members for Annual Wellness Visits for additional incentives

Incorporate appointment agendas into workflow for prospective approach

Include all active ICD-10 codes on the claim and file claims promptly

Education Requests



Would you like training for you and your staff on the CoC program?

Submit your requests to:

RiskAdjustment@ARHealthWellness.com