

Medicaid e-News

News and Announcements:

Medicaid Reports Demonstrate Key Program Improvements

The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) has published the [Managed Care Annual Performance Report](#) for state fiscal year 2018 (SFY18). This annual report includes key descriptors and measures that provide information about the operations of the IA Health Link managed care program.

The annual report shows a significant improvement for both members and providers. Escalated member issues have decreased by 50% since SFY17. Escalated provider issues have decreased by 81% since SFY17. This reflects an improved member experience and that providers are being paid more timely.

The [Managed Care Quarterly Report for Quarter 1 of SFY19](#) has also been published. This report features a variety of new metrics based on stakeholder feedback. These metrics include data on the average number of days to process claims. In this most recent quarter medical claims were paid within 6 to 9 days.



Iowa Medicaid Reports Filed With General Assembly Available Online

All Iowa Medicaid reports and other documents that were filed to the General Assembly in December 2018 can be viewed [online](#).

This includes reports on [Tiered Rates Review](#), [Level of Care Reassessment Analysis](#), and [Health Home System Review](#).

Public Notice

The following public notice and request for comment has recently been posted on the Department's website:

[Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction for Therapy Services](#)

Reminders:

DHS Now Accepting Medicaid Premiums Online

Iowa Health and Wellness Plan members and Dental Wellness Plan members that receive a monthly billing statement in the mail, can now pay their premiums online.

Make a payment online at any time using the Department's new secure website, "ClickPay": <https://secureapp.dhs.state.ia.us/clickpay>.

Payments may only be made from your checking or savings account. Once you submit your payment information, a receipt will be made for your records.

The ClickPay website does not require you to create an account to make a payment. However, you'll need to enter your statement number, Member ID and the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number to make a payment. (The statement number is located on the front of the statement, in the upper-right-hand corner.)

Once you enter the required information you will be transferred to a secure bank site: U.S. Bank, to complete your transaction. U.S. Bank processes the premiums for DHS; you do not need to have a U.S. Bank account to pay your contribution online.

The ClickPay online payment option is not available for *hawk-i* or Medicaid for Employed People with Disabilities members.

Changing Your Managed Care Organization

Remember, members requesting to change their Managed Care Organization (MCO) due to 'Good Cause,' first must contact their current MCO to go through their grievance process for resolution. If the issue has not been resolved following the decision of the grievance, the member may call Iowa Medicaid Member Services at 1-800-338-8366. The final decision for disenrollment will be determined by DHS. For more information click [here](#).

Provider Tools and Resources:

Providers are Encouraged to Verify Eligibility

The Eligibility and Verification Information System (ELVS) line is very busy during the first of the month. The [ELVS web portal](#) is another option for providers in lieu of calling the ELVS line but each provider must enroll through the Electronic Data Interchange Support Services (EDISS). The ELVS web portal allows for multiple eligibility checks and batch submission, where as the ELVS phone system only allows for one at a time.

Login ID and password may be obtained through EDISS by submitting the following [Access Request Form](#) to EDISS or calling EDISS at 1-800-967-7902.

Provider Resource Pages

Comprehensive provider resource pages are available for each Managed Care Organization (MCO), featuring provider training manuals, webinars and important updates. View them below:

Amerigroup.com/IAProvider

UHCCommunityPlan.com/IAProvider

IA Health Link Success Stories

I A Health Link is a managed care program that works to make sure members get the health care that they need. Click the [image](#) below to read the success stories.



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