

Continuity of Care Instructions

For patients whose provider is no longer in-network

Ensuring Continuity of Care

You may be eligible for “Continuity of Care” as a NCAS member if you or any covered dependent(s):

- Are undergoing a program of treatment for a serious, complex condition;
- Are undergoing a course of institutional or inpatient care;
- Are scheduled to undergo a non-elective surgery;
- Are pregnant and undergoing a course of treatment for a pregnancy, or;
- Are determined to be terminally ill.

Please read below to learn more about Continuity of Care and what you may need to know about your rights and responsibilities.

Who should use this form?

If you or your covered dependent(s) have a medical condition that requires a course of treatment or follow-up care, and are currently being treated by a provider/facility who is no longer a CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield and/or CareFirst BlueChoice provider, you should complete this form.

If your request qualifies for Continuity of Care, the process allows you or your covered dependent(s) to continue to receive care from an out-of-network provider/facility for up to 90 days following the date of notification of the provider's termination from the network. Benefits will be paid at the in-network level.

Please be sure to submit a separate form for each non-participating provider/facility currently treating you or your covered dependent(s).

Examples of serious and complex conditions that may qualify for the Continuity of Care process include:

- Pregnancy
- Terminal illness
- Scheduled non-elective surgery and post-operative care
- Acute or chronic potentially life-threatening, degenerative, disabling, or congenital illnesses that may require specialized medical care over a prolonged period of time
- Other serious medical conditions where the member is in active treatment

Examples of chronic medical conditions that typically are not eligible for the Continuity of Care process include:

- Allergies
- Arthritis
- Asthma
- COPD/emphysema
- Diabetes
- Hypertension

Qualified medical professionals in the NCAS Medical Review Department will review the request and notify you of a determination following the receipt of all required information. If the services do not qualify for Continuity of Care, you and your provider will also be notified in writing.

Continuity of Care Request Form

Provider no longer in-network



INSTRUCTIONS

Mail the completed form and any attachments to: CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Attention: Medical Review, 3060 Williams Drive, Ste. 200, Fairfax, Virginia 22031

Or fax the completed form and any attachments to: 866-281-8554, Attention: Medical Review Department

If you have any questions concerning benefits or provider status, contact Member Service at the telephone number listed on the back of your Member ID card.

SECTION 1—POLICYHOLDER INFORMATION

Policyholder's Name		Date of Birth		Home Phone	
Street Address		City		State	ZIP Code
Group Name		Group #		Effective Date of Coverage	
Member ID #	Check one HMO POS PPO	Date on Notification		Received via USPS Email	

SECTION 2—PATIENT INFORMATION

Patient's Name		Patient's Date of Birth	
Is the patient pregnant? Yes No		If yes, what is the due date?	
Is the patient scheduled for a surgical procedure or hospitalization? Yes No			
Is the patient undergoing a course of treatment for a serious medical condition at a provider's office or facility? Yes No			
Did the patient have a recent major surgery that resulted in a continued course of treatment? Yes No			
Is the patient being treated for a terminal illness? Yes No			
If you answered "no" to all the questions above, please describe, to the best of your ability, the condition for which the patient may need Continuity of Care.			

SECTION 3—PROVIDER/FACILITY INFORMATION

Name of Provider Currently Treating Condition		Specialty		
Diagnosis	Date Treatment Started	Date of Next Treatment/Visit	Date of Termination, if known	
Street Address		Please attach the following: List of services scheduled in the next 90 days (date and provider) A brief statement of the patient's current condition and treatment plan Copies of any pertinent documentation (e.g., lab results, X-rays)		
City	State			ZIP Code
Phone	Fax			

SECTION 4—SIGNATURES

This information will be used for determining the appropriate level of benefit reimbursement if I continue treatment with the above named provider for the above diagnosis/medical condition.

I understand that Continuity of Care is subject to contractual limitations and exclusions set forth in the group contract. I understand and agree that Continuity of Care does not extend the contractual benefits in any way, except to provide in-network level benefits for services rendered by non-network providers for a temporary time period.

*If the patient is younger than 18, the policyholder must sign this form.

Patient's Signature	Date
Policyholder's Signature*	Date

OFFICE USE ONLY—COC begin and end date

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 - ☐ Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
 - ☐ Qualified interpreters
 - ☐ Information written in other languages

If you need these services, please call 877-889-2478.

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Civil Rights Coordinator, Corporate Office of Civil Rights

Mailing Address P.O. Box 8894
 Baltimore, Maryland 21224

Email Address civilrightscoordinator@carefirst.com

Telephone Number 410-528-7820

Fax Number 410-505-2011

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf> or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201
800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

Foreign Language Assistance

Attention (English): This notice contains information about your insurance coverage. It may contain key dates and you may need to take action by certain deadlines. You have the right to get this information and assistance in your language at no cost. Members should call the phone number on the back of their member identification card. All others may call 877-889-2478 and wait through the dialogue until prompted to push 0. When an agent answers, state the language you need and you will be connected to an interpreter.

አማርኛ (Amharic) ማሳሰቢያ፡ ይህ ማስታወቂያ ስለ መድን ሽፋንዎ መረጃ ይዟል። ከተወሰኑ ቀን-ገደቦች በፊት ሊፈጽሟቸው የሚገቡ ነገሮች ሊኖሩ ስለሚችሉ እነዚህን ወሳኝ ቀናት ሊይዝ ይችላል። ይኸን መረጃ የማግኘት እና ያለምንም ክፍያ በቋንቋዎ አገዛ የማግኘት መብት አለዎት። አባል ከሆኑ ከመታወቂያ ካርድዎ በስተጀርባ ላይ ወደተጠቀሰው የስልክ ቁጥር መደወል ይችላሉ። አባል ካልሆኑ ደግሞ ወደ ስልክ ቁጥር 855-258-6518 ደውለው 0ን እንዲጫኑ እስኪነገርዎ ድረስ ንግግሩን መጠበቅ አለብዎ። አንድ ወኪል መልስ ሲሰጥዎ፣ የሚፈልጉትን ቋንቋ ያሳውቁ፣ ከዚያም ከተርጓሚ ጋር ይገናኛሉ።

Èdè Yorùbá (Yoruba) Ìtètílékò: Àkíyèsí yìí ní iwífún nípa isẹ adójútòfò rẹ. Ó le ní àwọn déètí pàtó o sì le ní láti gbé ìgbésẹ ní àwọn ojò gbèdèké kan. O ni ètò láti gba iwífún yìí àti irànlówó ní èdè rẹ lófẹ́. Àwọn omọ-ẹgbé gbòdò pe nómà fòònú tò wà lẹyìn káàdì idánimò wọn. Àwọn mírán le pe 855-258-6518 kí o sì dúró nípasẹ̀ ijiròrò títi a ó fi sọ fún ọ láti tẹ 0. Nígbàtí aṣojú kan bá dàhùn, sọ èdè tí o fẹ́ a ó sì sọ ọ pọ̀ mọ̀ ògbufò kan.

Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese) Chú ý: Thông báo này chứa thông tin về phạm vi bảo hiểm của quý vị. Thông báo có thể chứa những ngày quan trọng và quý vị cần hành động trước một số thời hạn nhất định. Quý vị có quyền nhận được thông tin này và hỗ trợ bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị hoàn toàn miễn phí. Các thành viên nên gọi số điện thoại ở mặt sau của thẻ nhận dạng. Tất cả những người khác có thể gọi số 855-258-6518 và chờ hết cuộc đối thoại cho đến khi được nhắc nhấn phím 0. Khi một tổng đài viên trả lời, hãy nêu rõ ngôn ngữ quý vị cần và quý vị sẽ được kết nối với một thông dịch viên.

Tagalog (Tagalog) Atensyon: Ang abisong ito ay naglalaman ng impormasyon tungkol sa nasasaklawang ng iyong insurance. Maaari itong maglaman ng mga pinakamahalagang petsa at maaaring kailangan mong gumawa ng aksyon ayon sa ilang deadline. May karapatan ka na makuha ang impormasyong ito at tulong sa iyong sariling wika nang walang gastos. Dapat tawagan ng mga Miyembro ang numero ng telepono na nasa likuran ng kanilang identification card. Ang lahat ng iba ay maaaring tumawag sa 855-258-6518 at maghintay hanggang sa dulo ng diyalogo hanggang sa diktahan na pindutin ang 0. Kapag sumagot ang ahente, sabihin ang wika na kailangan mo at ikonekta ka sa isang interpreter.

Español (Spanish) Atención: Este aviso contiene información sobre su cobertura de seguro. Es posible que incluya fechas clave y que usted tenga que realizar alguna acción antes de ciertas fechas límite. Usted tiene derecho a obtener esta información y asistencia en su idioma sin ningún costo. Los asegurados deben llamar al número de teléfono que se encuentra al reverso de su tarjeta de identificación. Todos los demás pueden llamar al 855-258-6518 y esperar la grabación hasta que se les indique que deben presionar 0. Cuando un agente de seguros responda, indique el idioma que necesita y se le comunicará con un intérprete.

Русский (Russian) Внимание! Настоящее уведомление содержит информацию о вашем страховом обеспечении. В нем могут указываться важные даты, и от вас может потребоваться выполнить некоторые действия до определенного срока. Вы имеете право бесплатно получить настоящие сведения и сопутствующую помощь на удобном вам языке. Участникам следует обращаться по номеру телефона, указанному на тыльной стороне идентификационной карты. Все прочие абоненты могут звонить по номеру 855-258-6518 и ожидать, пока в голосовом меню не будет предложено нажать цифру «0». При ответе агента укажите желаемый язык общения, и вас свяжут с переводчиком.

हिन्दी (Hindi) ध्यान दें: इस सूचना में आपकी बीमा कवरेज के बारे में जानकारी दी गई है। हो सकता है कि इसमें मुख्य तिथियों का उल्लेख हो और आपके लिए किसी नियत समय-सीमा के भीतर काम करना ज़रूरी हो। आपको यह जानकारी और संबंधित सहायता अपनी भाषा में निःशुल्क पाने का अधिकार है। सदस्यों को अपने पहचान पत्र के पीछे दिए गए फ़ोन नंबर पर कॉल करना चाहिए। अन्य सभी लोग 855-258-6518 पर कॉल कर सकते हैं और जब तक 0 दबाने के लिए न कहा जाए, तब तक संवाद की प्रतीक्षा करें। जब कोई एजेंट उत्तर दे तो उसे अपनी भाषा बताएँ और आपको व्याख्याकार से कनेक्ट कर दिया जाएगा।

Bàsɔ̀-wùdù (Bassa) Tò Dùú Cáo! Bǎ nà kɛ bá nyo bɛ́ kɛ̀ m̀ gbo kpá bó nì fùà-fúá-tiŋ nyɛɛ jè dyí. Bǎ nà kɛ́ bédé wé jéé bɛ́ bɛ́ m̀ kɛ́ dɛ wa m̀ m̀ kɛ́ nyuɛɛ nyu hwɛ́ bɛ́ wé bɛ́a kɛ́ zi. ɔ̀ m̀ nì kpé bɛ́ nì kɛ́ bǎ nà kɛ́ kɛ́ gbo-kpá-kpá m̀ m̀ m̀ dyé dɛ́ nì bídí-wùdù mú bɛ́ m̀ kɛ́ se wídí d̀ pɛ́ɛ. Kpooɔ̀ nyo bɛ́ mɛ́ d́ fúùn-nòbà nà dɛ́ wàà I.D. káàò dɛ́ín nyɛ. Nyo t̀ò sɛ́ín mɛ́ d́ nòbà nà kɛ: 855-258-6518, kɛ́ m̀ mɛ́ fò tee bɛ́ wa kɛ́ m̀ gbo cɛ́ bɛ́ m̀ kɛ́ nòbà m̀ò 0 kɛ́ dyi pàdàín hwɛ́. ɔ̀ jǔ kɛ́ nyo d̀ dyi m̀ gǔ jǔín, po wuɖu m̀ m̀ pɔɛ dyie, kɛ́ nyo d̀ mu bó nìín bɛ́ ɔ̀ kɛ́ nì wuɖu mú zà.

বাংলা (Bengali) লক্ষ্য করুন: এই নোটিশে আপনার বিমা কভারেজ সম্পর্কে তথ্য রয়েছে। এর মধ্যে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ তারিখ থাকতে পারে এবং নির্দিষ্ট তারিখের মধ্যে আপনাকে পদক্ষেপ নিতে হতে পারে। বিনা খরচে নিজের ভাষায় এই তথ্য পাওয়ার এবং সহায়তা পাওয়ার অধিকার আপনার আছে। সদস্যদেরকে তাদের পরিচয়পত্রের পিছনে থাকা নম্বরে কল করতে হবে। অন্যরা 855-258-6518 নম্বরে কল করে 0 টিপতে না বলা পর্যন্ত অপেক্ষা করতে পারেন। যখন কোনো এজেন্ট উত্তর দেবেন তখন আপনার নিজের ভাষার নাম বলুন এবং আপনাকে দোভাষীর সঙ্গে সংযুক্ত করা হবে।

اردو (Urdu) توجہ: یہ نوٹس آپ کے انشورینس کوریج سے متعلق معلومات پر مشتمل ہے۔ اس میں کلیدی تاریخیں ہو سکتی ہیں اور ممکن ہے کہ آپ کو مخصوص آخری تاریخوں تک کارروائی کرنے کی ضرورت پڑے۔ آپ کے پاس یہ معلومات حاصل کرنے اور بغیر خرچہ کیے اپنی زبان میں مدد حاصل کرنے کا حق ہے۔ ممبران کو اپنے شناختی کارڈ کی پشت پر موجود فون نمبر پر کال کرنی چاہیے۔ سبھی دیگر لوگ 855-258-6518 پر کال کر سکتے ہیں اور 0 دبانے کو کہے جانے تک انتظار کریں۔ ایجنٹ کے جواب دینے پر اپنی مطلوبہ زبان بتائیں اور مترجم سے مربوط ہو جائیں گے۔

فارسی (Farsi) توجه: این اعلامیه حاوی اطلاعاتی درباره پوشش بیمه شما است. ممکن است حاوی تاریخ های مهمی باشد و لازم است تا تاریخ مقرر شده خاصی اقدام کنید. شما از این حق برخوردار هستید تا این اطلاعات و راهنمایی را به صورت رایگان به زبان خودتان دریافت کنید. اعضا باید با شماره درج شده در پشت کارت شناسایی شما تماس بگیرند. سایر افراد می توانند با شماره 855-258-6518 تماس بگیرند و منتظر بمانند تا از آنها خواسته شود عدد 0 را فشار دهند. بعد از پاسخگویی توسط یکی از اپراتورها، زبان مورد نیاز را تنظیم کنید تا به مترجم مربوطه وصل شوید.

اللغة العربية (Arabic) تنبيه: يحتوي هذا الإخطار على معلومات بشأن تغطيتك التأمينية، وقد يحتوي على تواريخ مهمة، وقد تحتاج إلى اتخاذ إجراءات بحلول مواعيد نهائية محددة. يحق لك الحصول على هذه المساعدة والمعلومات بلغتك بدون تحمل أي تكلفة. ينبغي على الأعضاء الاتصال على رقم الهاتف المذكور في ظهر بطاقة تعريف الهوية الخاصة بهم. يمكن للأخريين الاتصال على الرقم 855-258-6518 والانتظار خلال المحادثة حتى يطلب منهم الضغط على رقم 0. عند إجابة أحد الوكلاء، اذكر اللغة التي تحتاج إلى التواصل بها وسيتم توصيلك بأحد المترجمين الفوريين.

中文繁体 (Traditional Chinese) 注意：本聲明包含關於您的保險給付相關資訊。本聲明可能包含重要日期及您在特定期限之前需要採取的行動。您有權利免費獲得這份資訊，以及透過您的母語提供的協助服務。會員請撥打印在身分證背面電話號碼。其他所有人士可撥打電話 855-258-6518，並等候直到對話提示按下按鍵 0。當接線生回答時，請說出您需要使用的語言，這樣您就能與口譯人員連線。

Igbo (Igbo) Nrubama: Ọkwa a nwere ozi gbasara mkpuchi nchekwa onwe gi. Ọ nwere ike inwe ụbọchị ndị dị mkpa, i nwere ike ime ihe tupu ụfọdụ ụbọchị njedebe. I nwere ikike inweta ozi na enyemaka a n'asụsụ gi na akwughị ugwo o bula. Ndị otu kwesiri ikpo akara ekwentị di n'azụ nke kaadi njirimara ha. Ndị ozo niile nwere ike ikpo 855-258-6518 wee chere ụbụbọ ahụ ruo mgbe amanyere ipi 0. Mgbe onye nnọchite anya zara, kwuo asụsụ i choro, a ga-ejikọ gi na onye okowa okwu.

Deutsch (German) Achtung: Diese Mitteilung enthält Informationen über Ihren Versicherungsschutz. Sie kann wichtige Termine beinhalten, und Sie müssen gegebenenfalls innerhalb bestimmter Fristen reagieren. Sie haben das Recht, diese Informationen und weitere Unterstützung kostenlos in Ihrer Sprache zu erhalten. Als Mitglied verwenden Sie bitte die auf der Rückseite Ihrer Karte angegebene Telefonnummer. Alle anderen Personen rufen bitte die Nummer 855-258-6518 an und warten auf die Aufforderung, die Taste 0 zu drücken. Geben Sie dem Mitarbeiter die gewünschte Sprache an, damit er Sie mit einem Dolmetscher verbinden kann.

Français (French) Attention: cet avis contient des informations sur votre couverture d'assurance. Des dates importantes peuvent y figurer et il se peut que vous deviez entreprendre des démarches avant certaines échéances. Vous avez le droit d'obtenir gratuitement ces informations et de l'aide dans votre langue. Les membres doivent appeler le numéro de téléphone figurant à l'arrière de leur carte d'identification. Tous les autres peuvent appeler le 855-258-6518 et, après avoir écouté le message, appuyer sur le 0 lorsqu'ils seront invités à le faire. Lorsqu'un(e) employé(e) répondra, indiquez la langue que vous souhaitez et vous serez mis(e) en relation avec un interprète.

한국어(Korean) 주의: 이 통지서에는 보험 커버리지에 대한 정보가 포함되어 있습니다. 주요 날짜 및 조치를 취해야 하는 특정 기한이 포함될 수 있습니다. 귀하에게는 사용 언어로 해당 정보와 지원을 받을 권리가 있습니다. 회원이신 경우 ID 카드의 뒷면에 있는 전화번호로 연락해 주십시오. 회원이 아닌 경우 855-258-6518 번으로 전화하여 0을 누르라는 메시지가 들릴 때까지 기다리십시오. 연결된 상담원에게 필요한 언어를 말씀하시면 통역 서비스에 연결해 드립니다.

Diné Bizaad (*Navajo*) Ge': Díí bee íł hane'ígíí bii' dahólq bee éédahózin béeso ách'ááh naanil ník'íst'í'ígíí bá. Bii' dahólqq doo íiyisíí yoolkáálígíí dóó t'áádoo le'é ádadoolyíí'ígíí da yókeedgo t'áá doo bee e'e'aahí ájiil'ííh. Bee ná ahóót'í' díí bee íł hane' dóó níká'ádoowol t'áá nínizaad bee t'áá jik'é. Atah danilínígíí béesh bee hane'é bee wólta'ígíí nit'izgo bee nee hódolzinígíí bikéédéé' bikáá' bich'í' hodoonihjí'. Aadóó náánáta' éi kojí' dahóoolnih 877-889-2478 dóó yíi diilts'ííł yaltí'ígíí t'áá niléijí áádóó éi bikéé'dóó naasbaas bił adidiilchíł. Áká'ánidaalwó'ígíí neidiitáágo, saad bee yániłt'í'ígíí yíi diikił dóó ata' halne'é lá níká'ádoowol.