

MEMBER HANDBOOK

METROPLUS
ULTRACARE
(HMO D-SNP)



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WELCOME TO ULTRACARE (HMO D-SNP) MEDICAID ADVANTAGE PLUS PROGRAM

Welcome to the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Medicaid Advantage Plus (MAP) Program. The MAP Program is designed for people who have Medicare and Medicaid and who need health services and Community Based Long Term Services and Supports (CBLTSS) like home care and personal care to stay in their homes and communities as long as possible.

This handbook tells you about the added benefits MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) covers since you are enrolled in the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) MAP Program. It also tells you how to request a service, file a complaint or disenroll from the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) MAP Program. The benefits described in this handbook are in addition to the Medicare benefits described in the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Medicare *Evidence of Coverage*. Keep this handbook with the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Medicare *Evidence of Coverage*. You need both to learn what services are covered, and how to get services.

Section I - HELP FROM ULTRACARE (HMO D-SNP) MEMBER SERVICES

You can call us anytime, 24 hours a day seven days a week, at the UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Member Services numbers below.

There is someone to help you at Member Services:
Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm, and Saturday, 9am to 5pm.
Call 866.986.0356 (TTY: 711)
If you need help at other times, call our
after-hours answering service at 800.442.2560.

Section II -ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE MAP PROGRAM

MAP is a program for people who have both Medicare and Medicaid. You are eligible to join the MAP Program if you meet **all** of the following requirements:

- 1) Are age 18 or older,
- 2) Reside in the Plan's service area which is Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island,
- 3) Have Medicaid,
- 4) Have evidence of Medicare Part A & B coverage,
- 5) Are eligible for nursing home level of care (as of time of enrollment) using the Community Health Assessment (CHA),

- 6) Are capable at the time of enrollment of returning to or remaining in your home and community without jeopardy to your health and safety or you are permanently placed in a nursing home,
- 7) Are expected to require at least one of the following Community Based Long Term Services and Supports (CBLTSS) covered by the MAP for more than 120 days from the effective date of enrollment:
 - a. Nursing services in the home
 - b. Therapies in the home
 - c. Home health aide services
 - d. Personal care services (PCS) in the home (Level 2)*
 - e. Adult day health care
 - f. Private duty nursing; or
 - g. Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services, **and**
- 8) Must enroll in MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Medicare Advantage Dual Special Needs Plan.

* Level 2 requires physical assistance with activities of daily living. Services such as housekeeping and shopping do not meet the need for level 2 services. [More information is available in Title 18 - 505.14.](#)

You must choose one of the doctors from the plan to be your Primary Care Provider (PCP). If you decide later to change your Medicare plan, you will also have to leave the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) MAP Program.

The coverage explained in this handbook becomes effective on the effective date of your enrollment in the UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) MAP Program. Enrollment in the MAP Program is voluntary.

New York Independent Assessor Program (NYIAP) - Initial Assessment Process

The NYIAP will conduct an initial assessment for individuals who have expressed an interest in enrolling in a Managed Long Term Care plan. The initial assessment process includes completing the:

- ***Community Health Assessment (CHA)***: The CHA is used to see if you need personal care and/or consumer directed personal assistance services (PCS/CDPAS) and are eligible for enrollment in a MLTC plan.
- ***Clinical appointment and Practitioner Order (PO)***: The PO documents your clinical appointment and indicates that you:
 - have a need for help with daily activities, **and**
 - that your medical condition is stable so that you may receive PCS and/or CDPAS in your home.

The NYIAP will schedule both the CHA and clinical appointment. The CHA will be completed by a trained registered nurse (RN). After the CHA, a clinician from the NYIAP will complete a clinical

appointment and PO a few days later.

Annually, you, as a MLTC enrollee will then be reassessed by UltraCare (HMO D-SNP), to ensure your needs still meet the MLTC Program Eligibility requirements.

MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) will use the CHA and PO outcomes to see what kind of help you need and create your plan of care. If your plan of care proposes PCS and/or CDPAS for more than 12 hours per day on average, a separate review by the NYIAP Independent Review Panel (IRP) will be needed. The IRP is a panel of medical professionals that will review your CHA, PO, plan of care, and any other necessary medical documentation. If more information is needed, someone on the panel may ask to examine you and/or discuss your needs with you. The IRP will make a recommendation to MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) about whether the plan of care meets your needs.

Once NYIAP has completed the initial assessment steps and determined that you are eligible for MLTC, you can then choose which MLTC plan in which to enroll. Because you are also enrolled in Medicare for this same plan, you have chosen to combine your benefits and enroll in UltraCare (HMO D-SNP).

How Do I Enroll?

Enrolling in MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) is easy. Our staff can help you each step of the way, as outlined below.

You or your family/caregiver or another person who helps you get medical services may contact UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) by phone. Our staff is available during normal business hours, from 8am to 8pm to talk to you about the Medicare + Medicaid/MAP program and get the process started. Just call us to let us know that you are interested in learning more about the program. Please call 866.986.0356 (TTY: 711).

An UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) representative will talk to you and explain the program and benefits. He/she will determine that you are Medicare eligible (have Part A & B); meet the Plan's age requirements; reside in our service area; and, have or are interested in Medicaid benefits and/or need long-term care services and supports for more than 120 consecutive days.

Our plan is designed to meet the needs of people who receive certain Medicaid benefits. (Medicaid is a joint Federal and state government program that helps with medical costs for certain people with limited incomes and resources.) To be eligible for our plan you must be eligible for Medicare and Full Medicaid Benefits (Must be enrolled in the Contractor's Medicare Advantage Product).

In addition, you must:

1. Be 18 years of age or older

2. Reside in our plan's service area which is the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island
3. Be eligible for nursing home level of care (as of the time of enrollment) using the Uniform Assessment System (UAS) or other tool designated by SDOH
4. Be capable, at the time of enrollment of returning to or remaining in your home and community without jeopardy to your health and safety, based upon criteria provided by SDOH; and
5. Need at least one (1) of the following community-based long-term care services for more than 120 days from the effective date of enrollment:

Nursing services in the home

Therapies in the home

Home health aide services

Personal care services in the home

Adult day health care

Private Duty Nursing, or

Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services

Please note: If you lose your eligibility but can reasonably be expected to regain eligibility within 3 month(s), then you are still eligible for membership in our plan .

If you are interested in enrolling, he/she will connect you to a licensed sales representative who will discuss the UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) benefits with you over the telephone, or will schedule an in-home appointment with you. During the appointment, the sales representative will provide you with detailed information about the UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) benefit package, the provider network, Part D pharmacy benefits, and address any questions you may have. When you agree to enroll, the sales representative will assist you with completing the Medicare enrollment application.

If you are new to long-term care services and supports and interested in enrolling in MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO-DSNP), a sales representative will refer you to the Conflict-Free Evaluation and Enrollment Center (CFEEC) at 855.222.8350, TTY: 888.329.1546. You may call Monday to Friday, from 8:30am to 8:00pm, or Saturday from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Counselors speak all languages. The phone call and help are free. Or, you can visit nymedicaidchoice.com to complete an evaluation to find out if you are eligible to enroll. CFEEC is the entity that contracts with the Department of Health to provide initial evaluations to determine if an applicant is eligible for Community Based Long-Term Care for a continuous period of more than 120 days. CFEEC will be responsible for providing conflict-free determinations by completing the Uniform Assessment System (UAS) for applicants in need of care. CFEEC evaluations are conducted in your home -- including hospital or nursing home -- by a registered nurse. Once the nurse decides you meet basic eligibility requirements, he or she will tell you

about your choices concerning long-term care plans you may join.

If you are transferring from another Managed Long-Term Care (MLTC) Plan, a conflict-free evaluation will not be needed. A conflict-free evaluation is needed only if you are new to long-term care services and enrolling for the first time, or if you have not been enrolled in a plan for 45 days, or if your CFEEC evaluation has expired.

Once New York Medicaid Choice (NYMC) and MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) have determined that you are eligible to enroll, your Medicare application will be submitted to CMS. If the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) confirms your enrollment into UltraCare (HMO D-SNP), the application and corresponding MAP enrollment agreement will be submitted to NYMC. All enrollment applications must be signed no later than the 15th of the month in order for the application to be reviewed and submitted to NYMC by noon on the 20th of the month, to ensure an effective date of the first day of the following month. If your enrollment application is received after the 20th day of the month the enrollment will take effect the first day of the second month. The effective date of enrollment will be given to you at the time of enrollment. If the effective date changes, UltraCare will tell you the revised effective date. UltraCare members will receive a confirmation of enrollment letter which will indicate your effective date of enrollment.

You will receive your UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) member identification card within 14 calendar days of your enrollment effective date after your application is verified and approved by the CMS. If we receive and process your enrollment request after the 20th day of the month, you may not receive your ID card before your effective date. You can use your confirmation of enrollment letter as proof of coverage if you have a doctor's appointment or need prescription drugs, and do not have your ID card. You can also call UltraCare (HMO D-SNP)'s Member Services Help Line at 866.986.0356, TTY: 711 and we will verify your eligibility with your provider.

If CMS rejects the enrollment request, after the enrollment has been submitted to NYMC, MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO-DSNP) will notify NYMC within five (5) days of receiving the rejection and you will receive a denial of enrollment letter.

Canceling and/or Withdrawing an Application

If you decide you do not want to join MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO-DSNP), you can withdraw your enrollment request prior to the effective date. In that case, we must receive your verbal or written request by the 20th of the month preceding the effective date. MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO-DSNP) will notify NYMC of your withdrawal and we will mail you a confirmation of cancellation notice. If you need long-term care services, you may need to contact New York Medicaid Choice at 888.401.6582 or TTY: 888.329.1541.

Service Authorization and Actions

Authorization Requests are requests by a member, or a provider on the member's behalf, for the provision of a service or for a referral to a non-covered service. Qualified clinical personnel will determine if a service is medically necessary and appropriate based on a comprehensive assessment of your current condition. The service authorization process begins with your initial plan of care when you are enrolled.

Metroplus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) will act to ensure that service authorizations for all members are carried out in accordance with all applicable Federal and State regulations and all decision timeframes are followed. Every Metroplus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) member and member designee has the right to request services. Metroplus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) plan's member service is available to help you understand the proper timeline for receiving a response to a request and timeframes for processing the request.

Plan Member (ID) Card

You will receive your MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) identification (ID) card within 14 days of your effective enrollment date. Please verify that all information is correct on your card. Be sure to carry your identification card with you at all times along with your Medicaid card. If your card becomes lost or is stolen, please contact UltraCare (HMO D-SNP)'s Member Services at 866.986.0356 (TTY: 711), Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm, and Saturday, 9am to 5pm. After-hours answering service: 800.442.2560.

Section III - SERVICES COVERED BY THE METROPLUS ULTRACARE (HMO D-SNP) MAP PROGRAM

Deductibles and Copayments on Medicare-Covered Services

Many of the services that you receive, including inpatient and outpatient hospital services, doctor's visits, emergency services and laboratory tests, are covered by Medicare and are described in the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Medicare *Evidence of Coverage*. Chapter 3 of the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Medicare *Evidence of Coverage* explains the rules for using plan providers and getting care in a medical emergency or urgent care situation. Some services have deductibles and copayments. These amounts are shown in the Benefit Chart in Chapter 4 of MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Medicare *Evidence of Coverage*, under the column, "What you must pay when you get these covered services." Because you have joined UltraCare (HMO D-SNP), and you have Medicaid, MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) will pay these amounts on your behalf. You do not have to pay these deductibles and copayments except for those that apply to some pharmacy items.

If there is a monthly premium for benefits (see Chapter 1 of the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Medicare *Evidence of Coverage*) you will not have to pay that premium since you have Medicaid. We will also cover many services that are not covered by Medicare but are covered by Medicaid. The sections below explain what is covered.

Care Management Services

As a member of our plan, you will get Care Management Services. Our plan will provide you with a Care Manager who is a health care professional – usually a nurse or a social worker. Your Care Manager will work with you and your doctor to decide the services you need and develop a care plan. Your Care Manager will also arrange appointments for any services you need and arrange for transportation to those services.

Additional Covered Services

Because you have Medicaid and qualify for the MAP program, our plan will arrange and pay for the extra health and social services described below. You may get these services as long as they are medically necessary. Your Care Manager will help identify the services and providers you need. In some cases, you may need a referral or an order from your doctor to get these services. You must get these services from the providers who are in the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) network. If you cannot find a provider in our Plan, we will get you the care you need from a provider outside the network. Before you can see the out-of-network specialist, your PCP must ask for a Prior Authorization. To get the Prior Authorization, your PCP must give us some information. Once we get all the information we need, we will decide within 14 calendar days from the date of your request, if you can see the out-of-network specialist.

The following services are covered by MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP):

Service(s)	What Do I Get?	Coverage Rules
Adult Day Health Care	Adult Day Health Care provides care and services in a residential health care facility or approved extension site. Adult Day Health Care centers are under the medical direction of a physician and are set up for those who are functionally impaired but who are not homebound. Adult Day Health Care includes the following services: medical, nursing, food and nutrition, social services, rehabilitation therapy and dental, pharmaceutical, and other ancillary services, as well as leisure-time activities that are a planned program of diverse meaningful activities.	To be eligible, you must require certain preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic and rehabilitative or palliative items or services. You must get Adult Day Health Care from the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Provider Network, and you must obtain prior authorization from the Plan. Your doctor will need to provide signed written orders to the Adult Day Health Care In-Network provider you select. MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) will assist your In-Network Adult Day Health Care Provider with obtaining doctor’s orders, if needed.
Audiology (hearing services)	Medicaid-covered hearing services and products when medically necessary to alleviate disability caused by the loss or impairment of hearing. Services include hearing aid selecting, fitting, and dispensing; hearing aid	These services may also be covered by Medicare. You must get audiology and hearing services from the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Provider Network, and you must obtain a Prior Authorization from the Plan.

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	checks following dispensing, conformity evaluations and hearing aid repairs; audiology services including examinations and testing, hearing aid evaluations and hearing aid prescriptions; and hearing aid products including hearing aids, earmolds, special fittings and replacement parts.	
Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services (CDPAS)	An enrollee in need of personal care services, home health aide services, or skilled nursing tasks may receive such services by a consumer-directed personal assistant under the instruction, supervision, and direction of the enrollee or the enrollee's designated representative.	You must coordinate your CDPAS with a Fiscal Intermediary that works with MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP). You must also obtain Prior Authorization from the Plan.
Dental	Services include medically necessary preventive, prophylactic, and other dental care, services, supplies, routine exams, prophylaxis (i.e. fluoride treatment), oral surgery, and dental prosthetic and orthotic appliances required to alleviate a serious health condition.	You must get social and environmental supports from the UltraCare Provider Network, and you must get a Prior Authorization from the Plan.
Durable Medical Equipment (DME)	Durable medical equipment is made up of devices and equipment, other than prosthetic or orthotic appliances and devices, which have been ordered by a practitioner in the treatment of a specific medical condition and which have the following characteristics:	These items may be covered by Medicare. You must get DME from a MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Provider and obtain Prior Authorization from the Plan. Your doctor will need to provide signed written orders to the In-Network DME provider. MetroPlus UltraCare

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	<p>can withstand repeated use for a protracted period; are primarily and customarily used for medical purposes; are generally not useful in the absence of an illness or injury; and, are not usually fitted, designed, or fashioned for an individual's use. Where equipment is intended for use by only one patient, it may be either custom-made or customized.</p>	<p>(HMO D-SNP) will assist your DME provider in obtaining doctor's orders, if needed.</p>
<p>Emergency Transportation (Ambulance service, Non-Emergency Transportation)</p>	<p>Covered ambulance services, whether for an emergency or non-emergency situation, include fixed wing, rotary wing, and ground ambulance services, to the nearest appropriate facility that can provide care only if they are furnished to a member whose medical condition is such that other means of transportation could endanger the person's health, or if authorized by the plan. If the covered ambulance services are not for an emergency situation, it should be documented that the member's condition is such that other means of transportation could endanger the person's health and that transportation by ambulance is medically required.</p> <p>Non-Emergency Transportation is transport by ambulance, ambulette, taxi, or livery service, or public transportation at the appropriate level for the</p>	<p>These services may also be covered by Medicare. Prior authorization is required.</p> <p>You must get Non-Emergency Transportation from the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Provider Network, and you must obtain Prior Authorization from the Plan.</p> <p>Please call MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Member Services at least two days in advance. Routine/Nonemergency Transportation will be provided through an approved vendor.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>

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	member's condition to obtain necessary medical care and services reimbursed under the Medicaid or the Medicare programs.	
Home Delivered Meals and/or meals in a group setting such as a day care	Home-delivered and meals in a group setting are meals provided at home or in congregate settings such as senior centers to individuals unable to prepare meals or have them prepared.	You must get these meals from the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Provider Network, and you must obtain Prior Authorization from the Plan.
Home Health Care	<p>Covered services include, but are not limited to: Part-time or intermittent skilled nursing and home health aide services (To be covered under the home health care benefit, your skilled nursing and home health aide services combined must total fewer than 8 hours per day and 35 hours per week)</p> <p>Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy Medical and social services Medical equipment and supplies.</p> <p>As a dual eligible member, you are entitled to additional Medicaid-covered home health services not covered by Medicare such as a physical therapist to supervise maintenance program for patients who have reached their maximum restorative potential or a nurse to pre-fill syringes for disabled</p>	<p>Prior to receiving home health services, a doctor must certify that you need home health services and will order home health services to be provided by a home health agency. You must be homebound, which means leaving home is a major effort.</p> <p>You must obtain Prior Authorization from the Plan.</p>

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	individuals with diabetes and / or home health aide services as required by an approved plan of care.	
Inpatient Mental Health Care Over the 190-day Lifetime Medicare Limit	You are covered for unlimited inpatient mental health days, as medically necessary, beyond the 190-day Lifetime Medicare Limit.	You must use an in-network Provider/Facility and obtain prior authorization from the Plan.
Medical Social Services	Medical Social Services include assessing the need for, arranging for and providing aid for social problems related to the maintenance of a patient in the home where such services are performed by a qualified social worker and provided within a plan of care.	You must get Medical Social Services from the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Provider Network and you must obtain Prior Authorization from the Plan.
Medical Supplies	Medical/surgical supplies are items for medical use other than drugs, prosthetic or orthotic appliances, and devices and durable medical equipment or orthopedic footwear that treat a specific medical condition, which are usually consumable, nonreusable, disposable, for a specific purpose and generally have no salvageable value.	You must get medical surgical supplies, and enteral and parenteral feeding supplies, nutrition, and medical/surgical supplies from the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Provider Network, and you must obtain Prior Authorization from the Plan. Your doctor will need to provide signed written orders to the provider providing care. MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) will assist your provider in obtaining doctor's orders, if needed.
Nursing Home Care not covered by Medicare (provided you are eligible)	Nursing Home Care is covered for individuals who are considered to be permanently	These services may also be covered by Medicare. Your doctor will need to

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for institutional Medicaid)	<p>placed in a nursing home, provided you are eligible for institutional Medicaid coverage.</p> <p>Nursing Home Care is care provided to members by a licensed facility.</p>	<p>go to the nursing home. MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) will assist your provider in obtaining doctor's orders if needed. Permanent placement may be covered only if you are eligible for institutional Medicaid. You must use an in-network Provider/Facility and obtain prior authorization from the Plan.</p>
Nutrition	<p>Enteral formula and nutritional supplements are limited to individuals who cannot obtain nutrition through any other means, and to the following conditions:</p> <p>tube-fed individuals who cannot chew or swallow food and must obtain nutrition through formula via tube; and individuals with rare inborn metabolic disorders requiring specific medical formulas to provide essential nutrients not available through any other means.</p> <p>Under certain conditions, adults who have HIV, AIDS, or HIV-related illness, or other disease or condition, may be eligible for additional oral nutrition.</p> <p>Coverage of certain inherited disease of amino acid and organic acid metabolism shall include modified solid food products that are low-protein, or which contain modified</p>	<p>These items may be covered by Medicare. You must get services from an in-network MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Provider. You must obtain a Prior Authorization from the Plan. Your doctor will need to provide signed written orders to the provider. UltraCare will assist your provider in obtaining doctor's orders if needed.</p>

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	<p>protein.</p> <p>Nutrition services include the assessment of nutritional needs and food patterns, or the planning for the provision of foods and drink appropriate for the individual's physical and medical needs and environmental conditions, or the provision of nutrition education and counseling to meet normal and therapeutic needs.</p>	
<p>Optometry (vision services)</p>	<p>Medicaid-covered vision services include services of optometrists, ophthalmologists, and ophthalmic dispensers including eyeglasses, medically necessary contact lenses, and polycarbonate lenses, artificial eyes (stock or custom-made), low-vision aids, and low-vision services.</p> <p>Coverage also includes the repair or replacement of parts.</p> <p>Coverage also includes examinations for diagnosis and treatment for visual defects and/or eye disease. Examinations for refraction are limited to every two (2) years unless otherwise justified as medically necessary. Eyeglasses do not require changing more frequently than every two (2) years unless medically necessary or unless the glasses</p>	<p>These services may also be covered by Medicare. You must get vision services from the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Provider Network, and you must obtain Prior Authorization from the Plan.</p>

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	are lost, damaged, or destroyed.	
Outpatient Rehabilitation	Physical therapy is rehabilitation services provided by a licensed and registered physical therapist for the purpose of maximum reduction of physical or mental disability and restoration of the member to his or her best functional level. Occupational therapy is rehabilitation services provided by a licensed and registered occupational therapist for the purpose of maximum reduction of physical or mental disability and restoration of the member to his or her best functional level. Speech-language therapy is rehabilitation services for the purpose of maximum reduction of physical or mental disability and restoration of the member to his or her best functional level.	Rehabilitative therapies may be covered by Medicare. You must get services from an in-network MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Provider. You must obtain a Prior Authorization from the Plan for more than 10 visits in a year. Your doctor will need to provide signed written orders to the Rehabilitation Therapist. UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) will assist your Rehabilitative provider in obtaining doctor's orders, if needed.
Personal Care (such as assistance with bathing, eating, dressing, toileting, and walking)	Personal care is some or total assistance with activities such as personal hygiene, toileting, housekeeping, dressing, feeding, and nutritional and environmental support function tasks.	You must get personal care services from MetroPlus UltraCare (D-SNP)'s Provider Network, and you must obtain prior authorization from the Plan. Your doctor will need to provide signed written orders to the agency providing Personal Care. MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) will assist your Personal Care provider in obtaining doctor's orders, if needed.

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Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)	PERS is an electronic device that enables certain high-risk patients to secure help in the event of a physical, emotional, or environmental emergency. In the event of an emergency, the signal is received and appropriately acted on by a response center.	You must get PERS from the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Provider Network, and you must get Prior Authorization from the Plan.
Private Duty Nursing	Provides home care aides, companion care, and homemaker services, and may include nursing services in your home or place of residence.	Services are covered when determined by the attending physician to be medically necessary. Nursing services may be intermittent, part-time or continuous. You must obtain prior authorization from the Plan. Services must be provided in accordance with the ordering physician, registered physician assistant, or certified nurse practitioner's written treatment plan. Services must be provided by a person possessing a license and current registration from NYSE Education Department to practice as a registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse.
Prosthetics and Orthotics	Prosthetic appliances and devices are appliances and devices that replace any missing part of the body. Orthotic appliances and devices are appliances and devices used to support a weak or deformed body member, or to restrict or eliminate motion in a diseased or injured part of the body. Orthopedic footwear	These items may be covered by Medicare. You must get prosthetics, orthotics, and orthopedic footwear from an in-network MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) provider. You must get a Prior Authorization from the Plan. Your doctor will need to provide signed written orders to the provider giving

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	includes shoes, shoe modifications, or shoe additions that are used to correct, accommodate, or prevent a physical deformity or range of motion malfunction in a diseased or injured part of the ankle or foot. Orthopedic footwear also is used to support a weak or deformed structure of the ankle or foot or to form an integral part of a brace.	you these services. MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) will assist your provider in obtaining doctor’s orders, if needed.
Social Day Care	Social day care is a structured program that provides functionally impaired individuals with socialization, supervision, monitoring, and nutrition in a protective setting during any part of the day, but for less than a 24-hour period. Additional services may include personal care maintenance and enhancement of daily living skills, transportation, caregiver assistance, and case coordination and assistance.	You must get Social Day Care from the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Provider Network, and you must obtain Prior Authorization from the Plan.
Social/Environmental Supports (such as chore services, home modifications or respite)	Social and environmental supports are services and items that support the medical needs of the member and are included in the member’s plan of care. These services and items include but are not limited to: home maintenance tasks, homemaker/chore services, housing improvement and respite care.	You must get social and environmental supports from the UltraCare Provider Network, and you must get a Prior Authorization from the Plan.

Covered Behavioral Health (Mental Health and Addiction) Services

Adult Outpatient Mental Health Care

- **Continuing Day Treatment (CDT):** Provides seriously mentally ill adults with the skills and supports necessary to remain in the community and be more independent. You can attend several days per week with visits lasting more than an hour.
- **Partial Hospitalization (PH):** A program which provides mental health treatment designed to stabilize or help acute symptoms in a person who may need hospitalization.

Adult Outpatient Rehabilitative Mental Health Care

- **Assertive Community Treatment (ACT):** ACT is a team approach to treatment, support, and rehabilitation services. Many services are provided by ACT staff in the community or where you live. ACT is for individuals that have been diagnosed with serious mental illness or emotional problems.
- **Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (MHOTRS):** A program that provides treatment, assessment, and symptom management. Services may include individual and group therapies at a clinic location in your community.
- **Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS):** A complete recovery-oriented program if you have severe and ongoing mental illness. The goal of the program is to combine treatment, support, and therapy to aid in your recovery.

Adult Outpatient Rehabilitative Mental Health And Addiction Services For Members Who Meet Clinical Requirements. These are also known as CORE.

Community Oriented Recovery and Empowerment (CORE) Services: Person-centered recovery program with mobile behavioral health supports to help build skills and promote community participation and independence. CORE Services are available for members who have been identified by the State as meeting the high-need behavioral health risk criteria. Anyone can refer someone, or self-refer, to CORE Services.

- **Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR):** This service helps with life skills, like making social connections; finding or keeping a job; starting or returning to school; and using community resources.
- **Community Psychiatric Supports and Treatment (CPST):** This service helps you manage symptoms through counseling and clinical treatment.
- **Family Support and Training (FST):** This service gives your family and friends the information and skills to help and support you.
- **Empowerment Services – Peer Supports:** This service connects you to peer specialists who have gone through recovery. You will get support and assistance with learning how to:
 - live with health challenges and be independent
 - help you make decisions about your own recovery, **and**
 - find natural supports and resources.

Adult Mental Health Crisis Services

- **Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP):** A hospital-based program which provides crisis supports and beds for extended observation (up to 72 hours) to individuals who need emergency mental health services.
- **Mobile Crisis and Telephonic Crisis Services:** An in-community service that responds to individuals experiencing a mental health and/or addiction crisis.
- **Crisis Residential Programs:** A short-term residence that provides 24 hours per day services for up to 28 days, for individuals experiencing mental health symptoms or challenges in daily life that makes symptoms worse. Services can help avoid a hospital stay and support your return to your community.

Adult Outpatient Addiction Services

Opioid Treatment Centers (OTP) are Office of Addiction Services and Supports certified sites where medication to treat opioid dependency is given. These medications can include methadone, buprenorphine, and suboxone. These facilities also offer counseling and educational services. In many cases, you can get ongoing services at an OTP clinic over your lifetime.

Adult Residential Addiction Services

Residential Services are for people who are in need of 24-hour support in their recovery in a residential setting. Residential services help maintain recovery through a structured, substance-free setting. You can get group support and learn skills to aid in your recovery.

Adult Inpatient Addiction Rehabilitation Services

State Operated Addiction Treatment Centers (ATC) provide care that is responsive to your needs and supports long-term recovery. Staff at each facility are trained to help with multiple conditions, such as mental illness. They also support aftercare planning. Types of addiction treatment services are different at each facility but can include medication-assisted treatment; problem gambling, gender-specific treatment for men or women, and more.

Inpatient Addiction Rehabilitation programs can provide you with a safe setting for the evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation of substance use disorders. These facilities offer 24-hour, 7-day-a-week care that is supervised at all times by medical staff. Inpatient services include management of symptoms related to addiction and monitoring of the physical and mental complications resulting from substance use.

Inpatient Medically Supervised Detox programs offer inpatient treatment for moderate withdrawal and include supervision under the care of a physician. Some of the services you can receive are a medical assessment within twenty-four (24) hours of admission and medical supervision of intoxication and withdrawal conditions.

Telehealth

You can receive some services through telehealth when appropriate. It is your choice if you receive services in person or through telehealth. If you have additional questions on telehealth,

please contact your Care Manager.

Getting Care Outside the Service Area

You must inform your Care Manager when you travel outside your coverage area. Should you find yourself in need of services outside your coverage area, your Care Manager should be contacted to assist you in arranging services.

Emergency Service

Emergency Service means a sudden onset of a condition that poses a serious threat to your health. For medical emergencies please dial 911. Prior authorization is not needed for emergency service. However, you should notify MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) within 24 hours of the emergency. You may be in need of long-term care services after the emergency incident that can only be provided through UltraCare (HMO D-SNP).

If you are hospitalized, a family member or other caregiver should contact MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) within 24 hours of admission. Your Care Manager will suspend your home care services and cancel other appointments, as necessary. Please be sure to notify your primary care physician or hospital discharge planner to contact MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) so that we may work with them to plan your care upon discharge from the hospital.

Transitional Care Procedures

New enrollees in MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) may continue an ongoing course of treatment for a transitional period of up to ninety (90) days from enrollment with a non-network health care provider if the provider accepts payment at the Plan rate, adheres to MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) quality assurance and other policies, and provides medical information about the care to the Plan.

If your provider leaves the network, an ongoing course of treatment may be continued for a transitional period of up to 90 days if the provider accepts payment at the Plan rate, adheres to Plan quality assurance and other policies, and provides medical information about the care to the Plan.

Money Follows the Person (MFP)/Open Doors

Money Follows the Person (MFP)/Open Doors is a program that can help you move from a nursing home back into your home or residence in the community. You may qualify for MFP/Open Doors if you:

- Have lived in a nursing home for three months or longer and
- Have health needs that can be met through services in the community.

MFP/Open Doors has people called Transition Specialists and Peers, who can meet with you in the nursing home and talk with you about moving back to the community. Transition Specialists and Peers are different from Care Managers and Discharge Planners. They can help you by:

- Giving you information about services and supports in the community,
- Finding services offered in the community to help you be independent, and/or
- Visiting or calling you after you move to make sure that you have what you need at

home.

For more information about MFP/Open Doors, or to set up a visit from a Transition Specialist or Peer, please call the New York Association on Independent Living at 844.545.7108, or email mfp@health.ny.gov. You can also visit MFP/Open Doors on the web at health.ny.gov/mfp or ilny.org.

Section IV- MEDICAID SERVICES NOT COVERED BY OUR PLAN

There are some Medicaid services that MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) does not cover but may be covered by regular Medicaid. You can get these services from any provider who takes Medicaid by using your Medicaid Benefit Card. Call UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Member Services at 866.986.0356 (TTY: 711) if you have a question about whether a benefit is covered by MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) or Medicaid. Some of the services covered by Medicaid using your Medicaid Benefit Card include:

Pharmacy:

Most prescription drugs are covered by MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Medicare Part D as described in section 6 of the UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Medicare *Evidence of Coverage* (EOC). Regular Medicaid will cover some drugs not covered by MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Medicare Part D. Medicaid may also cover drugs that we deny.

The services listed below are services available through regular Medicaid:

Certain Mental Health Services, including:

- Health Home (HH) and Health Home Plus (HH+) Care Management services
- Rehabilitation Services Provided to Residents of OMH-Licensed Community Residences (CRs) and Family Based Treatment Programs
- OMH Day Treatment
- OASAS Residential Rehabilitation for Youth
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC)
- OMH Residential Treatment Facility (RTF)

For MAP enrollees up to the age of 21:

- Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS)
- Children's Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

Certain Intellectual Disability and Developmental Disabilities Services, including:

- Long-term therapies
- Day Treatment
- Medicaid Service Coordination
- Services received under the Home and Community Based Services Waiver

Other Medicaid Services:

- Directly Observed Therapy for TB (Tuberculosis)
- Medically necessary ovulation enhancing drugs and medical services related to prescribing and monitoring the use of such drugs, for members meeting criteria

Family Planning :

- Members may go to any Medicaid doctor or clinic that provides family planning care. You do not need a referral from your Primary Care Provider (PCP).

Non-Emergency Transportation

- Covered under regular Medicaid and arranged by the Statewide Transportation Broker, with the exception of Social Adult Daycare (SADC) programs. SADC providers are responsible for providing transportation to and from their programs for members effective January 1, 2025.

SERVICES NOT COVERED BY METROPLUS ULTRACARE (HMO D-SNP) OR MEDICAID

- You must pay for services that are not covered by MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) or by Medicaid if your provider tells you in advance that these services are not covered, AND you agree to pay for them. Examples of services not covered by MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) or Medicaid are:
 - Cosmetic surgery, if not medically needed
 - Personal and comfort items
 - Services from a provider that is not part of the plan outside of a medical emergency (unless MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) authorizes you to see that provider)

If you have any questions, call UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Member Services at 866.986.0356 (TTY: 711). Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm, and Saturday, 9am to 5pm. After-hours answering service: 800.442.2560.

Section V- SERVICE AUTHORIZATION, APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS PROCESSES

You have Medicare and also get assistance from Medicaid. Information in this section covers your rights for all of your Medicare and most of your Medicaid benefits. In most cases, you will use one process for both your Medicare and/or Medicaid benefits. This is sometimes called an “integrated process” because it integrates Medicare and Medicaid processes.

However, for some of your Medicaid benefits, you may also have the right to an additional External Appeals process. See page 34 for more information on the External Appeals process.

Section 1: Service Authorization Request (also known as Coverage Decision Request)

Information in this section applies to all of your Medicare and most of your Medicaid benefits. This information does not apply to your Medicare Part D prescription drug benefits.

When you ask for approval of a treatment or service, it is called a **service authorization request (also known as a coverage decision request)**. To get a service authorization request, you or your provider may call UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Member Services at our toll-free number: 866.986.0356 (TTY: 711). Call Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm, and Saturday, 9am to 5pm. After-hours answering service: 800.442.2560. Or, send your request in writing to:

MetroPlus Health Plan
Utilization Management
50 Water Street, 7th fl.
New York, NY 10004

We will authorize services in a certain amount and for a specific period of time. This is called an **authorization period**.

Prior Authorization

Some covered services require **prior authorization** (approval in advance) from the UltraCare (D-SNP) Utilization Management Department before you get them. You or someone you trust can ask for prior authorization. The following treatments and services must be approved **before** you get them:

- Inpatient Hospital Care
- Diagnostic Radiology Services (CT/MRI/MRA and PET Scans)
- Hearing Aids
- Comprehensive Dental Services
- Certain Medicaid-covered vision services
- Inpatient Mental Health Care
- Partial Hospitalization
- Skilled Nursing Facility
- Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Services
- Supervised Exercise Therapy (SET)
- Rehabilitation Services (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy)
- Non-Emergency Ambulance Services
- Prosthetics/Medical Supplies & Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
- Diabetic Services and Supplies
- Medicare Part B Drugs
- Home Health Agency Care
- Home Infusion Therapy
- Opioid Treatment Program Services (inpatient services)
- Acupuncture (to treat chronic low back pain)
- Chiropractic Services
- Private Duty Nursing
- Personal Care Services
- Nutrition
- Medical Social Services
- Social and Environmental Supports
- Home-Delivered and Congregate Meals
- Adult Day Health Care
- Social Day Care
- Personal Emergency Response Services (PERS)
- Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services (CDPAS)
- Nursing Home Care not covered by Medicare

- Podiatry

To get approval for these services or treatments, call our toll-free Member Services Help Line at 866.986.0356 (TTY: 711). You or your doctor may also submit a service authorization request by fax at 212.908.312,6 or mail to:

MetroPlus Health Plan
Utilization Management
50 Water Street, 7th fl.
New York, NY 10004

Concurrent Review

You can also ask UltraCare (D-SNP) Utilization Management Department to get more of a service than you are getting now. This is called **concurrent review**.

Retrospective Review

Sometimes we will do a review on the care you are getting to see if you still need the care. We may also review other treatments and services you already got. This is called **retrospective review**. We will tell you if we do these reviews.

What happens after we get your service authorization request?

The health plan has a review team to be sure you get the services you qualify for. Doctors and nurses are on the review team. Their job is to be sure the treatment or services you asked for are medically needed and right for you. They do this by checking your treatment plan against acceptable medical standards.

We may decide to deny a service authorization request or to approve it for an amount that is less than you asked for. A qualified health care professional will make these decisions. If we decide that the service you asked for is not medically necessary, a clinical peer reviewer will make the decision. A clinical peer reviewer may be a doctor, a nurse, or a health care professional who typically provides the care you asked for. You can ask for the specific medical standards, called **clinical review criteria**, used to make the decision about medical necessity.

After we get your request, we will review it under either a **standard** or a **fast-track** process. You or your provider can ask for a fast-track review if you or your provider believes that a delay will cause serious harm to your health. If we deny your request for a fast-track review, we will tell you and handle your request under the standard review process. In all cases, we will review your request as fast as your medical condition requires us to do so, but no later than mentioned below. More information on the fast-track process is below.

We will tell you and your provider both by phone and in writing if we approve or deny your requested amount. We will also tell you the reason for the decision. We will explain what options you have if you don't agree with our decision.

Standard Process

Generally, we use the **standard timeframe** for giving you our decision about your request for a medical item, treatment, or service unless we have agreed to use the fast-track deadlines.

- A **standard review** for a prior authorization request means we will give you an answer within 3 workdays of when we have all the information we need, but no later than **14 calendar days** after we get your request. If your case is a **concurrent review** where you are asking for a change to a service you are already getting, we will make a decision within 1 workday of when we have all the information we need, but will give you an answer no later than 14 calendar days after we get your request.
- **We can take up to 14 more calendar days** if you ask for more time or if we need information (such as medical records from out-of-network providers) that may benefit you. If we decide to take extra days to make the decision, we will tell you in writing what information is needed and why the delay is in your best interest. We will make a decision as quickly as we can when we receive the necessary information, but no later than 14 days from the day we asked for more information.
- If you believe we should **not** take extra days, you can file a **fast complaint**. When you file a **fast complaint**, we will give you an answer to your complaint within 24 hours. (The process for making a complaint is different from the process for service authorizations and appeals. For more information about the process for making complaints, including fast complaints, see *Section 5: What To Do If You Have A Complaint About Our Plan.*)

If we do not give you our answer within 14 calendar days (or by the end of the extra days if we take them), you can file an appeal.

- **If our answer is yes to part or all of what you asked for**, we will authorize the service, or treatment, or give you the item that you asked for.
- **If our answer is no to part or all of what you asked for**, we will send you an Appeal Decision notice that explains why we said no. More information about how to appeal this decision can be found in *Section 2: Level 1 Appeals.*

Fast Track Process

If your health requires it, ask us to give you a **fast service authorization**.

- A **fast review** of a prior authorization request means we will give you an answer within 1 workday of when we have all the information, we need but no later than 72 hours from when you made your request to us.
- We can take **up to 14 more calendar days** if we find that some information that may benefit you is missing (such as medical records from out-of-network providers) or if you need time to get information to us for the review. If we decide to take extra days, we will tell you in writing what information is needed and why the delay is in your best interest. We will make a decision as quickly as we can when we receive the necessary information, but no later than 14 days from the day we asked for more information.
- If you believe we should not take extra days, **you can file a fast complaint**. For more information about the process for making complaints, including fast complaints, see

Section 5: What To Do If You Have A Complaint About Our Plan, below, for more information. We will call you as soon as we make the decision.

- If we do not give you our answer within 72 hours (or if there is an extended time period, by the end of that period) you can file an appeal. See *Section 2: Level 1 Appeals*, below for how to make an appeal.

To get a **fast service authorization**, you must meet two requirements:

1. You are asking for coverage for medical care you have not gotten yet. (You cannot get a **fast service authorization** if your request is about payment for medical care you already got.)
2. Using the standard deadlines could cause serious harm to your life or health or hurt your ability to function.

If your provider tells us that your health requires a fast service authorization, we will automatically agree to give you a fast service authorization.

If you ask for a fast service authorization on your own, without your provider's support, we will decide whether your health requires that we give you a **fast service authorization**.

If we decide that your medical condition does not meet the requirements for a **fast service authorization**, we will send you a letter that says so (and we will use the standard deadlines instead).

- This letter will tell you that if your provider asks for the **fast service authorization**, we will automatically give a **fast service authorization**.
- The letter will also tell how you can file a **fast complaint** about our decision to give you a standard service authorization instead of the fast service authorization you asked for. (For more information about the process for making complaints, including fast complaints, see *Section 5: What To Do If You Have A Complaint About Our Plan*, later in this chapter.)

If our answer is yes to part or all of what you asked for, we must give you our answer within 72 hours after we got your request. If we extended the time needed to make our service authorization on your request for a medical item or service, we will give you our answer by the end of that extended period.

If our answer is no to part or all of what you asked for, we will send you a detailed written explanation as to why we said no. If you are not satisfied with our answer, you have the right to file an appeal with us. See *Section 2: Level 1 Appeals*, below for more information.

If you do not hear from us within these timeframes, it is the same as if we denied your service authorization request. If this happens, you have the right to file an appeal with us. See *Section 2: Level 1 Appeals*, below for more information.

If we are changing a service you are already getting

- In most cases, if we make a decision to reduce, suspend or stop a service we have already approved that you are now getting, we must tell you at least 15 days before we change the service.
- If we are reviewing care that you got in the past, we will make a decision about paying for it within 30 days of getting necessary information for the retrospective review. If we deny payment for a service, we will send a notice to you and your provider the day we deny the payment. **You will not have to pay for any care you got that the plan or Medicaid covered even if we later deny payment to the provider.**

You may also have special **Medicare rights if your coverage for hospital care, home health care, skilled nursing facility care, or Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF)** services is ending. For more information about these rights, refer to Chapter 9 of the UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) *Evidence of Coverage*.

What To Do If You Want To Appeal A Decision About Your Care

If we say no to your request for coverage for a medical item or service, you can decide if you want to make an appeal.

- If we say no, you have the right to make an appeal and ask us to reconsider this decision. Making an appeal means trying again to get the medical care coverage you want.
- If you decide to make an appeal, it means you are going on to Level 1 of the appeals process (see below).
- MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) can also explain the complaints and appeals processes available to you depending on your complaint. You can call UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Member Services at 866.986.0356 (TTY: 711), Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm, and Saturday, 9am to 5pm (after-hours answering service: 800.442.2560), to get more information on your rights and the options available to you.

At any time in the process, you, or someone you trust can also file a complaint about the review time with the New York State Department of Health by calling 866.712.7197.

Section 2: Level 1 Appeals (also known as Plan Level Appeals)

Information in this section applies to all of your Medicare and most of your Medicaid benefits. This information does not apply to your Medicare Part D prescription drug benefits.

There are some treatments and services that you need approval for before you get them or to be able to keep getting them. This is called prior authorization. Asking for approval of a treatment or service is called a service authorization request. We describe this process earlier in Section 1 of this chapter. If we decide to deny a service authorization request or to approve it for an amount that is less than asked for, you will receive a notice called an Integrated Coverage Determination notice.

If you receive an Integrated Coverage Determination notice and disagree with our decision, you have the right to make an appeal. Making an appeal means trying to get the medical item or service you want by asking us to review your request again.

You can file a Level 1 Appeal:

When you appeal a decision for the first time, this is called a Level 1 Appeal, or a Plan Appeal. In this appeal, we review the decision we made to see if we properly followed all the rules. Different reviewers handle your appeal than the ones who made the original unfavorable decision. When we complete the review, we will give you our decision. Under certain circumstances, which we discuss below, you can request a fast appeal.

Steps to file a Level 1 Appeal:

- If you are not satisfied with our decision, you have **sixty-five (65) days** from the date on the Integrated Coverage Determination notice to file an appeal. If you miss this deadline and have a good reason for missing it, we may give you more time to file your appeal. Examples of good cause for missing the deadline may include if you had a serious illness that kept you from contacting us, or if we gave you incorrect or incomplete information about the deadline for asking for an appeal.
- If you are appealing a decision we made about coverage for care you have not gotten yet, you and/or your provider will need to decide if you need a **fast appeal**.
 - The requirements and procedures for getting a **fast appeal** are the same as for getting a fast track service authorization. To ask for a **fast appeal**, follow the instructions for asking for a fast track service authorization. (These instructions are given in Section 1, in the Fast Track Process section.)
 - If your provider tells us that your health requires a **fast appeal**, we will give you a **fast appeal**.
 - If your case was a **concurrent review** where we were reviewing a service you are already getting, you will automatically get a fast appeal.
 - You can file an appeal yourself or ask someone you trust to file the Level 1 Appeal for you. You can call UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Member Services at 866.986.0356 (TTY: 711), Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm, and Saturday, 9am to 5pm (after-hours answering service: 800.442.2560), if you need help filing a Level 1 Appeal.
 - Only someone you name in writing can represent you during your appeal. If you want a friend, relative, or other person to be your representative during your appeal, you can complete the Appeal Request form that is attached to the Integrated Coverage Determination notice, complete an Appointment of Representative form, or write and sign a letter naming your representative. This letter should be sent to:

MetroPlus Health Plan
Utilization Management
50 Water Street, 7th fl.
New York, NY 10004

To get an Appointment of Representative form, call MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Member Services and ask for the form. You can also get the form on the Medicare website at [cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/downloads/cms1696.pdf](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/downloads/cms1696.pdf). The form gives the person permission to act for you. The form should be sent to:

MetroPlus Health Plan
Utilization Management
50 Water Street, 7th fl.
New York, NY 10004

You must give us a copy of the signed form, OR

- You can write a letter and send it to us at the address above. (You or the person named in the letter as your representative can send us the letter.)
- We will not treat you any differently or act badly toward you because you file a Level 1 Appeal.
- You can make the Level 1 Appeal by phone or in writing. After your call, we will send you a form that summarizes your phone appeal. You can make any needed changes to the summary before signing and returning the form to us.

Continuing your service or item while appealing a decision about your care

If we told you we were going to stop, suspend, or reduce services or items that you were already getting, you may be able to keep those services or items during your appeal.

- If we decided to change or stop coverage for a service or item that you currently get, we will send you a notice before taking action.
- If you disagree with the action, you can file a Level 1 Appeal.
- We will continue covering the service or item if you ask for a Level 1 Appeal within 10 calendar days of the date on the Integrated Coverage Determination notice or by the intended effective date of the action, whichever is later.
- If you meet this deadline, you can keep getting the service or item with no changes while your Level 1 Appeal is pending. You will also keep getting all other services or items (that are not the subject of your appeal) with no changes.
- Note: If your provider is asking that we continue a service or item you are already getting during your appeal, you may need to name your provider as your representative.

What happens after we get your Level 1 Appeal

- Within 15 days, we will send you a letter to let you know we are working on your Level 1 Appeal. We will let you know if we need additional information to make our decision.
- We will send you a copy of your case file, free of charge, which includes a copy of the medical records and any other information and records we will use to make the appeal decision. If your Level 1 Appeal is fast tracked, there may be a short time to review this information. It is important to keep this information that we send to you.
- Qualified health professionals who did not make the first decision will decide appeals of clinical matters. At least one will be a clinical peer reviewer.
- Non-clinical decisions will be handled by persons who work at a higher level than the people who worked on your first decision.
- You can also provide information to be used in making the decision in person or in writing. If you are not sure what information to give us, call us at 866.986.0356 (TTY: 711), Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm, and Saturday, 9am to 5pm. After-hours answering service: 800.442.2560.
- We will give you the reasons for our decision and our clinical rationale if it applies. If we deny your request or approve it for an amount that is less than you asked for, we will send you a notice called an Appeal Decision Notice. If we say no to your Level 1 Appeal, we will automatically send your case on to the next level of the appeals process.

Timeframes for a Standard Appeal

- If we are using the standard appeal timeframes, we must give you our answer on a request within 30 calendar days after we get your appeal if your appeal is about coverage for services you have not gotten yet.
- We will give you our decision sooner if your health condition requires us to.
- However, if you ask for more time or if we need to gather more information that may benefit you, **we can take up to 14 more calendar days**. If we decide we need to take extra days to make the decision, we will tell you in writing what information is needed and why the delay is in your best interest. We will make a decision as quickly as we can when we receive the necessary information, but no later than 14 days from the day we asked for more information.
 - If you believe we should **not** take extra days, you can file a “fast complaint” about our decision to take extra days. When you file a fast complaint, we will give you an answer to your complaint within 24 hours.
 - For more information about the process for making complaints, including fast complaints, see *Section 5: What To Do If You Have A Complaint About Our Plan*, below, for more information.

- If we do not give you an answer by the applicable deadline above (or by the end of the extra days we took on your request for a medical item or service), we are required to send your request on to Level 2 of the appeals process where an independent outside organization will review it.
- We talk about this review organization and explain what happens at Level 2 of the appeals process in *Section 3: Level 2 Appeals*.

If our answer is yes to part or all of what you asked for, we must authorize or provide the coverage we have agreed to provide within 72 hours of when we make our decision.

If our answer is no to part or all of what you asked for, to make sure we followed all the rules when we said no to your appeal, **we are required to send your appeal to the next level of appeal**. When we do this, it means that your appeal is going on to the next level of the appeals process, which is Level 2 (described in Section 3).

Timeframes for a Fast Appeal

- When we are using the fast timeframes, we must give you our answer **within 72 hours after we get your appeal**. We will give you our answer sooner if your health requires us to do so.
- If you ask for more time or if we need to gather more information that may benefit you, we **can take up to 14 more calendar days**. If we decide to take extra days to make the decision, we will tell you in writing what information is needed and why the delay is in your best interest. We will make a decision as quickly as we can when we receive the necessary information, but no later than 14 days from the day we asked for more information.
- If we do not give you an answer within 72 hours (or by the end of the extra days we took), we are required to automatically send your request on to Level 2 of the appeals process which is discussed below in Section 3: Level 2 Appeals.

If our answer is yes to part or all of what you asked for, we must authorize or provide the coverage we have agreed to provide within 72 hours after we get your appeal.

If our answer is no to part or all of what you asked for, we will automatically send your appeal to an independent review organization for a Level 2 Appeal. You or someone you trust can also file a complaint with the plan if you don't agree with our decision to take more time to review your action appeal.

- During the Level 2 Appeal, an independent review organization, called the Office of Administrative Hearings or Hearing Office, reviews our decision on your first appeal. This organization decides whether the decision we made should be changed.
- We tell you about this organization and explain what happens at Level 2 of the appeals process later in Section 3: Level 2 Appeals.

At any time in the process, you or someone you trust can also file a complaint about the review time with the New York State Department of Health by calling 866.712.7197.

Section 3: Level 2 Appeals

Information in this section applies to **all of** your Medicare and most of your Medicaid benefits. This information does not apply to your Medicare Part D prescription drug benefits.

If we say **No** to your Level 1 Appeal, your case will **automatically** be sent on to the next level of the appeals process. During the Level 2 Appeal, the Hearing Office reviews our decision for your Level 1 appeal. This organization decides whether the decision we made should be changed.

- The Hearing Office is an independent New York State agency. It is not connected with us. Medicare and Medicaid oversee its work.
- We will send the information about your appeal to this organization. This information is called your “case file.” **You have the right to ask us for a free copy of your case file.**
- You have a right to give the Hearing Office additional information to support your appeal.
- Reviewers at the Hearing Office will take a careful look at all the information related to your appeal. The Hearing Office will contact you to schedule a hearing.
- If you had a fast appeal to our plan at Level 1 because your health could be seriously harmed by waiting for a decision under a standard timeframe, you will automatically get a fast appeal at Level 2. The review organization must give you an answer to your Level 2 Appeal **within 72 hours** of when it gets your appeal.
- If the Hearing Office needs to gather more information that may benefit you, **it can take up to 14 more calendar days.**

If you had a standard appeal at Level 1, you will also have a standard appeal at Level 2

- If you had a **standard appeal** to our plan at Level 1, you would automatically get a **standard appeal** at Level 2.

- The review organization must give you an answer to your Level 2 Appeal **within sixty (60) calendar days** of when it gets your appeal. There is a total of 90 days available between the date you request a plan appeal (Level 1) and the date that the Hearing Office decides your Level 2 appeal.
- If the Hearing Office needs to gather more information that may benefit you, it can take up to 14 more calendar days.

If you qualified for continuation of benefits when you filed your Level 1 Appeal, your benefits for the service, item, or drug under appeal will also continue during Level 2. Go to page 31 for information about continuing your benefits during Level 1 Appeals.

The Hearing Office will tell you about its decision in writing and explain the reasons for it.

- If the Hearing Office says **yes** to part or all your request, we must authorize the service or give you the item **within one business day** of when we get the Hearing Office's decision.
- If the Hearing Office says **no** to part or all of your appeal, it means they agree with our plan that your request (or part of your request) for coverage for medical care should not be approved. (This is called "upholding the decision" or "turning down your appeal.")

If the Hearing Office says no to part or all of your appeal, you can choose whether you want to take your appeal further.

- There are two additional levels in the appeals process after Level 2 (for a total of four levels of appeal).
- If your Level 2 Appeal is turned down, you must decide whether you want to go on to Level 3 and make a third appeal. The written notice you got after your Level 2 Appeal has the details on how to do this.
- The Medicare Appeals Council handles the Level 3 Appeal. After that, you may have the right to ask a federal court to look at your appeal.

At any time in the process, you or someone you trust can also file a complaint about the review time with the New York State Department of Health by calling 866.712.7197.

Section 4: External Appeals for Medicaid Only

You or your doctor can ask for an External Appeal for **Medicaid covered benefits only**.

You can ask New York State (the State) for an independent **external appeal** if our Plan decides to deny coverage for a medical service you and your doctor asked for because it is:

- not medically necessary, or
- experimental or investigational, or
- not different from care you can get in the Plan's network, or
- available from a participating provider who has correct training and experience to meet your needs.

This is called an External Appeal because reviewers who do not work for the Plan or the State make the decision. These reviewers are qualified people approved by the State. The service must be in the Plan's benefit package or be an experimental treatment. You do not have to pay for an external appeal.

Before you appeal to the State:

- You must file a Level 1 appeal with the Plan and get the Plan's Appeal Decision Notice; **or**
- You may ask for an expedited External Appeal at the same time if you have not gotten the service and you ask for a fast appeal. (Your doctor will have to say an expedited Appeal is necessary.); **or**
- You and the Plan may agree to skip the Plan's appeals process and go directly to External Appeal; **or**
- You can prove the Plan did not follow the rules correctly when processing your Level 1 appeal.

You have **4 months** after you get the Plan's **Appeal Decision Notice** to ask for an External Appeal. If you and the Plan agreed to skip the Plan's appeals process, then you must ask for the External Appeal within 4 months of when you made that agreement.

To ask for an External Appeal fill out an application and send it to the Department of Financial Services.

- If you need help filing an appeal, you can call UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Member Services at 866.986.0356 (TTY: 711) (Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm, and Saturday, 9am to 5pm. After-hours answering service: 800.442.2560.
- You and your doctors will have to give information about your medical problem.
- The External Appeal application says what information will be needed.

Here are some ways to get an application:

- Call the Department of Financial Services at 800.400.8882.

- Go to the Department of Financial Services' website at dfs.ny.gov.
- Contact MetroPlusHealth at 866.986.0356 (TTY: 711). Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm, and Saturday, 9am to 5pm. After-hours answering service: 800.442.2560.

The reviewer will decide your External Appeal in 30 days. If the External Appeal reviewer asks for more information, more time (up to five workdays) may be needed. The reviewer will tell you and the Plan the final decision within two days after making the decision.

You can get a faster decision if your doctor says that a delay will cause serious harm to your health. This is called an **expedited External Appeal**. The External Appeal reviewer will decide an expedited appeal in 72 hours or less. The reviewer will tell you and the Plan the decision right away by phone or fax. Later, the reviewer will send a letter that tells you the decision.

At any time in the process, you or someone you trust can also file a complaint about the review time with the New York State Department of Health by calling 866.712.7197.

Section 5: What To Do If You Have A Complaint About Our Plan

Information in this section applies to **all** of your Medicare and Medicaid benefits, except Medicare Part D. This information does not apply to your Medicare Part D prescription drug benefits.

We hope our Plan serves you well. If you have a problem with the care or treatment you get from our staff or providers or if you do not like the quality of care or services you get from us, call UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Member Services at 866.986.0356 (TTY: 711), Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm, and Saturday, 9am to 5pm. After-hours answering service: 800.442.2560) . Or, write to MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Member Services. The formal name for making a complaint is filing a grievance.

You can ask someone you trust to file the complaint for you. If you need our help because of a hearing or vision impairment or if you need translation services, we can help you. We will not make things hard for you or take any action against you for filing a complaint.

How to File a Complaint:

- **Usually, calling** MetroPlus UltraCare (D-SNP) Member Services is **the first step**. If there is anything else you need to do, UltraCare (D-SNP) Member Services will let you know. Call UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Member Services at 866.986.0356 (TTY: 711). Call Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm, and Saturday, 9am to 5pm. After-hours answering service: 800.442.2560.
- If you do not wish to call (or you called and were not satisfied), **you can put your complaint in writing and send it to us**. If you put your complaint in writing, we will respond to your complaint in writing.

- Send your written complaint to us at: MetroPlus Health Plan, Attn: Complaints Manager, 50 Water Street, 7th fl., New York, NY 10004.
- **Whether you call or write, you should contact UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Member Services right away.** You can make the complaint at any time after you had the problem you want to complain about.

What happens next:

- We answer complaints within 30 calendar days.
- **If possible, we will answer you right away.** If you call us with a complaint, we may be able to give you an answer on the same phone call. If your health condition requires us to answer quickly, we will do that.
- If you are making a complaint because we denied your request for a fast service authorization or a fast appeal, we will automatically give you a fast complaint. If you have a fast complaint, it means we will give you an answer within 24 hours.
- If we need more information and the delay is in your best interest or if you ask for more time, we can take up to 14 more calendar days (44 calendar days total) to answer your complaint. If we decide to take extra days, we will tell you in writing.
- However, if you have already asked us for a service authorization or made an appeal, and you think that we are not responding quickly enough, you can also make a complaint about our slowness. Here are examples of when you can make a complaint:
 - If you asked us to give you a fast service authorization or a fast appeal and we said, we will not.
 - If you believe we are not meeting the deadlines for giving you a service authorization or an answer to an appeal you made.
 - When a service authorization we made is reviewed and we are told that we must cover or reimburse you for certain medical services or drugs within certain deadlines and you think we are not meeting the deadlines.
 - When we do not give you a decision on time and we do not forward your case to the Hearing Office by the required deadline.
- **If we do not agree** with some or all of your complaint or don't take responsibility for the problem you are complaining about, we will let you know. Our response will include our reasons for this answer. We must respond whether we agree with the complaint or not.

Complaint Appeals

If you disagree with a decision we made about your complaint about your Medicaid benefits, you or someone you trust can file a **complaint appeal** with the Plan.

How to make a complaint appeal:

- If you are not satisfied with what we decide you have sixty (60) workdays after hearing from us to file a complaint appeal;
- You can do this yourself or ask someone you trust to file the complaint appeal for you.
- You must make the complaint appeal in writing.
 - If you make an appeal by phone, you must follow it up in writing.
 - After your call, we will send you a form that summarizes your phone appeal.
 - If you agree with our summary, you must sign and return the form to us. You can make any needed changes before sending the form back to us.

What happens after we get your complaint appeal:

After we get your complaint appeal, we will send you a letter within 15 workdays. The letter will tell you:

- Who is working on your complaint appeal.
- How to contact this person.
- If we need more information.

One or more qualified people will review your complaint appeal. These reviewers are at a higher level than the reviewers who made the first decision about your complaint.

If your complaint appeal involves clinical matters, one or more qualified health professionals will review your case. At least one of them will be a clinical peer reviewer who was not involved in making the first decision about your complaint.

We will let you know our decision within 30 workdays from the time we have all information needed. If a delay would risk your health, you will get our decision in 2 workdays of when we have all the information. We will give you the reasons for our decision and our clinical rationale if it applies.

If you are still not satisfied, you or someone on your behalf can file a complaint at any time with the New York State Department of Health at 866.712.7197.

Participant Ombudsman

The Participant Ombudsman, called the Independent Consumer Advocacy Network (ICAN), is an independent organization that provides free ombudsman services to long-term care recipients in the state of New York. You can call ICAN to get free, independent advice about your coverage, complaint, and appeal options. They can help you manage the appeal process.

Contact ICAN to learn more about their services:

Independent Consumer Advocacy Network (ICAN)
633 Third Ave, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10017
Web: icannys.org | Email: ican@cssny.org
Phone: 844.614.8800 (TTY Relay Service: 711)
9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday - Friday

Section VI - DISENROLLMENT FROM ULTRACARE (HMO D-SNP) MAP PROGRAM

Enrollees shall not be disenrolled from the Medicaid Advantage Plus Program based on any of the following reasons:

- High utilization of covered medical services, an existing condition, or a change in the Enrollee's health, or
- Diminished mental capacity or uncooperative or disruptive behavior resulting from his or her special needs, unless the behavior results in the Enrollee becoming ineligible for Medicaid Advantage Plus.

You Can Choose to Voluntary Disenroll

You can ask to leave the UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) MAP Program at any time for any reason.

To request disenrollment, call UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Member Services at 866.986.0356 (TTY: 711), Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm, and Saturday, 9am to 5pm. After-hours answering service: 800.442.2560. It could take up to six weeks to process, depending on when your request is received. You may disenroll to regular Medicaid or join another health plan as long as you qualify. If you continue to require Community Based Long-Term Services and Supports (CBLTSS), like personal care, you must join another MLTC Plan or Home and Community Based Waiver program, in order to continue to receive CBLTSS services.

You Will Have to Leave UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) MAP Program if:

- You no longer are enrolled in MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) for your Medicare coverage,
- You no longer are Medicaid eligible,
- You need nursing home care, but are not eligible for institutional Medicaid,
- You are out of the Plan's service area for more than thirty (30) consecutive days,
- You permanently move out of the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) service area,
- You are no longer eligible for nursing home level of care as determined using the Community Health Assessment (CHA), unless the termination of the services provided by the Plan could reasonably be expected to result in you being eligible for nursing home level of care within the succeeding six-month period,

- At the point of any reassessment while living in the community, you are determined to no longer demonstrate a functional or clinical need for Community Based Long Term Services and Supports (CBLTSS),
- You have not received one of the CBLTSS services such as adult day health care, private duty nursing, home health aide services, CDPAS, or services in the home, including personal care services (Level 2), nursing services or therapies. Please note that Social Adult Day Care services alone do not qualify you for continued enrollment,
- You join a Home and Community Based Services waiver program, or become a resident of an Office for People with Developmental Disabilities residential program,
- You become a resident of an Office of Mental Health (OMH) or Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) residential program (that is not a MAP plan covered benefit) for forty-five (45) consecutive days or longer,
- You refused to complete a required reassessment.

We May Ask You to Leave the UltraCare (HMO D-SNP), MAP Program if:

- You or family member or informal caregiver or other person in the household engages in conduct or behavior that seriously impairs the Plan's ability to furnish services.
- You knowingly provide fraudulent information on an enrollment form, or you permit abuse of an enrollment card in the MAP Program;
- You fail to complete and submit any necessary consent or release; or
- You fail to pay or make arrangements to pay the amount of money, as determined by the Local District of Social Services (LDSS), owed to the Plan as spenddown/surplus within 30 days after amount first becomes due. We will have made reasonable effort to collect.

Before being involuntarily disenrolled, MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) will obtain the approval of New York Medicaid Choice (NYMC), or an entity designated by the State to notify you of the intent to disenroll. The effective date of disenrollment will be the first day of the month following the month in which the disenrollment is processed. If you continue to need CBLTSS, you will be required to choose another plan or you will be auto-assigned to another plan to provide you with coverage for needed services. Upon re-enrollment in the MAP Program, you may need to be assessed by NYIAP again.

Section VII - CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC COMPETENCY

MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) honors your beliefs and is sensitive to cultural diversity. We respect your culture and cultural identity and work to eliminate cultural disparities. We maintain an inclusive, culturally competent provider network, and promote and ensure delivery of services in a culturally appropriate manner to all enrollees. This includes but is not limited to those with limited English skills, diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, and diverse faith communities.

Section VIII - MEMBER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) will make every effort to ensure that all members are treated with dignity and respect. At the time of enrollment, your Care Manager will explain your rights and responsibilities to you. If you require interpretation services, your Care Manager will arrange for them. Staff will make every effort in assisting you with exercising your rights.

Member Rights

- You have the right to receive medically necessary care.
- You have the right to timely access to care and services.
- You have the right to privacy about your medical record and when you get treatment.
- You have the right to get information on available treatment options and alternatives presented in a manner and language you understand.
- You have the right to get information in a language you understand; you can get oral translation services free of charge.
- You have the right to get information necessary to give informed consent before the start of treatment.
- You have the right to be treated with respect and dignity.
- You have the right to get a copy of your medical records and ask that the records be amended or corrected.
- You have the right to take part in decisions about your health care, including the right to refuse treatment.
- You have the right to be free from any form of restraint or seclusion used as a means of coercion, discipline, convenience, or retaliation.
- You have the right to get care without regard to gender, race, health status, color, age, national origin, sexual orientation, marital status, or religion.
- You have the right to be told where, when, and how to get the services you need from your managed long term care plan, including how you can get covered benefits from out-of-network providers if they are not available in the plan network.
- You have the right to complain to the New York State Department of Health or your Local Department of Social Services; and the right to request a fair hearing through the Office of Administrative Hearings and/or a New York State External Appeal, where appropriate.
- You have the right to appoint someone to speak for you about your care and treatment.
- You have the right to seek assistance from the Participant Ombudsman program.

Member Responsibilities

- You have the responsibility to receive covered services through MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP).
- You have the responsibility to use the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) network providers for these covered services, to the extent network providers are available.
- You have the responsibility to obtain prior authorization for covered services, except for pre-approved covered services or in emergencies.
- You have the responsibility to see by your physician if a change in your health status occurs.
- You have the responsibility to share complete and accurate health information with your health care providers.
- You have the responsibility to inform MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) staff of any changes in your health, and making it known if you do not understand or are unable to follow instructions.
- You have the responsibility to follow the plan of care recommended by the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) staff (with your input.)
- You have the responsibility to cooperate with and be respectful with MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) staff and not discriminate against MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) staff because of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, mental or physical ability, sexual orientation, or marital status.
- You have the responsibility to notify MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) within two business days of receiving non-covered or non-pre-approved services.
- You have the responsibility to notify your MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) health care team in advance whenever you will not be home to receive services or care that has been arranged for you.
- You have the responsibility to inform MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) before permanently moving out of the service area, or of any lengthy absence from the service area.
- You have the responsibility for the consequences of your actions if you refuse treatment or do not follow the instructions of your caregiver.
- You have the responsibility to meet your financial obligations.

Advance Directives

Advance Directives are legal documents that ensure that your requests are fulfilled in the event you cannot make decisions for yourself. Advance directives can come in the form of a Health Care Proxy, a Living Will, or a Do Not Resuscitate Order. These documents can instruct what care you wish to be given under certain circumstances, and/or they can authorize a particular family member or friend to make decisions on your behalf.

It is your right to make advance directives as you wish. It is most important for you to document how you would like your care to continue if you are no longer able to communicate with

providers in an informed way due to illness or injury. Please contact your Care Manager for assistance in completing these documents. If you already have an advanced directive, please share a copy with your Care Manager.

Information Available on Request

- Information regarding the structure and operation of MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP).
- Specific clinical review criteria relating to a particular health condition and other information that MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) considers when authorizing services.
- Policies and procedures on protected health information.
- Written description of the organizational arrangements and ongoing procedures of the quality assurance and performance improvement program.
- Provider credentialing policies.
- A recent copy of the MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) certified financial statement; and policies and procedures used by MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) to determine eligibility of a provider.
- MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to help you communicate with us, such as qualified sign language interpreters, and written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats). If you need these services, call MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) Member Services at 866.986.0356 (TTY: 711), Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm, and Saturday, 9am to 5pm. After-hours answering service: 800.442.2560. The call is free.

Electronic Notice Option

MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) and our vendors can send you notices about service authorizations, plan appeals, complaints, and complaint appeals electronically, instead of by phone or mail. We can also send you communications about your member handbook, our provider directory, and changes to Medicaid managed care benefits electronically, instead of by mail.

We can send you these notices to you by web portal.

If you want to get these notices electronically, you must ask us. To ask for electronic notices contact us by phone, email, online, or mail:

Phone..... 866.986.0356 (TTY: 711)
Email..... help.memberexperience@metroplus.org
Online..... metroplus.org/forms/contact-Us
Mail..... MetroPlus Health Plan

50 Water Street, 7th fl.
New York, NY 10004

When you contact us, you must:

- Tell us how you want to get notices that are normally sent by mail,
- Tell us how you want to get notices that are normally made by phone call, and
- Give us your contact information (mobile phone number, email address, fax number, etc.).

MetroPlus UltraCare (HMO D-SNP) will let you know by mail that you have asked to get notices electronically.



NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

MetroPlus Health Plan complies with Federal civil rights laws. **MetroPlus Health Plan** does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

MetroPlus Health Plan provides the following:

- Free aids and services to people with disabilities to help you communicate with us, such as:
 - Qualified sign language interpreters
 - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)

- Free language services to people whose first language is not English, such as:
 - Qualified interpreters
 - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, call **MetroPlus Health Plan** at 1.866.986.0356. For TTY/TDD services, call 711.

If you believe that **MetroPlus Health Plan** has not given you these services or treated you differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with **MetroPlus Health Plan** by:

Mail: 50 Water Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10004
Phone: 1-866-986-0356 (for TTY/TDD services, call 711)
Fax: 1-212-908-8705
In person: 50 Water Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10004
Email: Grievancecoordinator@metroplus.org

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights by:

Web: Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal at
<https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>
Mail: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, DC 20201
Complaint forms are available at
<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>
Phone: 1-800-368-1019 (TTY/TDD 800-537-7697)

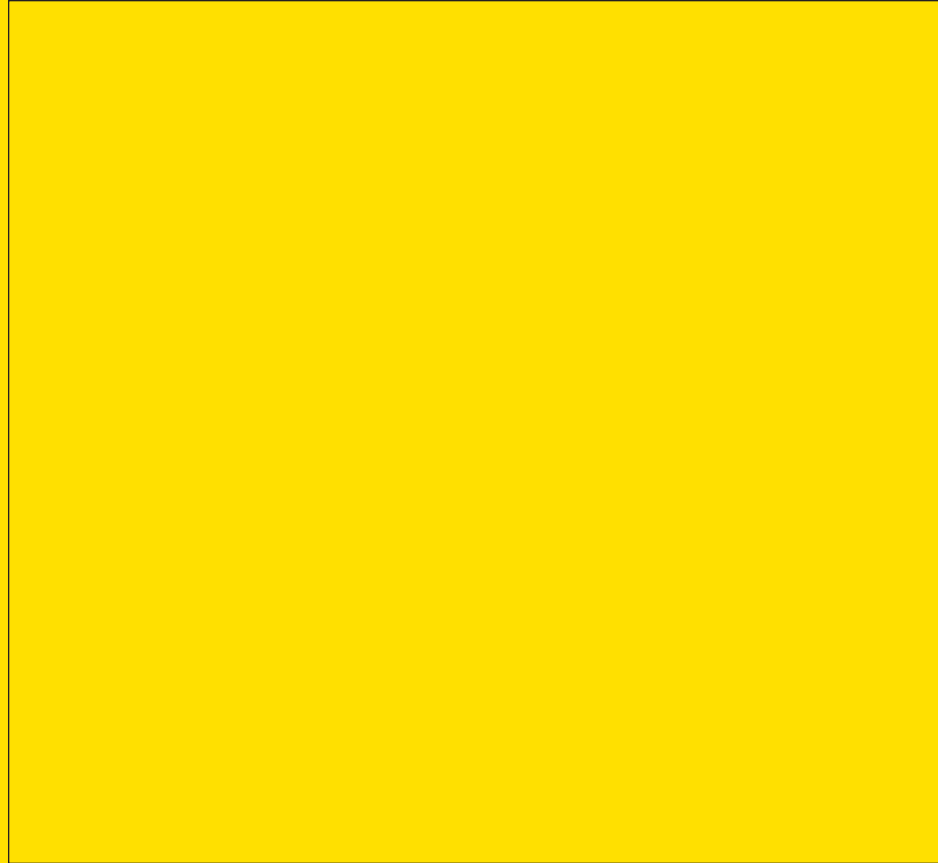
Language Assistance

<p>ATTENTION: Language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1.866.986.0356 (TTY: 711).</p>	English
<p>ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1.866.986.0356 (TTY: 711).</p>	Spanish
<p>注意: 如果您使用繁體中文, 您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1.866.986.0356 (TTY: 711).</p>	Chinese Cantonese
<p>ملحوظة: إذا كنت تتحدث اذكر اللغة، فإن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية تتوافر لك بالمجان. اتصل برقم 1.866.986.0356 (TTY: 711) رقم هاتف الصم والبكم</p>	Arabic
<p>주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다 1.866.986.0356 (TTY: 711) 번으로 전화해 주십시오.</p>	Korean
<p>ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1.866.986.0356 (телетайп: ТТУ: 711).</p>	Russian
<p>ATTENZIONE: In caso la lingua parlata sia l'italiano, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Chiamare il numero 1.866.986.0356 (TTY: 711).</p>	Italian
<p>ATTENTION : Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1.866.986.0356 (TTY: 711).</p>	French
<p>ATANSYON: Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen, gen sèvis èd pou lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Rele 1.866.986.0356 (TTY: 711).</p>	French Creole
<p>אכטונג: שפראך הילף סערוויסעס, פריי פון אפצאל, זענען אוועילעבל פאר אייך. רופט 1.866.986.0356 (TTY: 711).</p>	Yiddish
<p>UWAGA: Jeżeli mówisz po polsku, możesz skorzystać z bezpłatnej pomocy językowej. Zadzwoń pod numer 1.866.986.0356 (TTY: 711)</p>	Polish
<p>PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1.866.986.0356 (TTY: 711).</p>	Tagalog
<p>মনোযোগ দিন: এখানে আপনার জন্য বিনামূল্যে ভাষা সহায়তা পরিষেবা উপলব্ধ রয়েছে। কল করুন 1.866.986.0356 (TTY: 711).</p>	Benga
<p>KUJDES: Nëse flitni shqip, për ju ka në dispozicion shërbime të asistencës gjuhësore, pa pagesë. Telefononi në 1.866.986.0356 (TTY: 711).</p>	Albanian
<p>ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ: Αν μιλάτε ελληνικά, στη διάθεσή σας βρίσκονται υπηρεσίες γλωσσικής υποστήριξης, οι οποίες παρέχονται δωρεάν. Καλέστε 1.866.986.0356</p>	Greek
<p>خبردار: اگر آپ اردو بولتے ہیں، تو آپ کو زبان کی مدد کی خدمات مفت میں دستیاب ہیں۔ کال کریں 1-866.986.0356 (TTY: 711)</p>	Urdu

<p>LƯU Ý: Chúng tôi cung cấp dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ, miễn phí cho quý vị. Hãy gọi 1.866.986.0356 (TTY: 711).</p>	Vietnamese
<p>BEACHTEN SIE: Es stehen Ihnen kostenlose Sprachdienste zur Verfügung. Rufen Sie 1.866.986.0356 (TTY: 711) an.</p>	German
<p>收件人：我们可为您提供免费的语言协助服务。请致电 1.866.986.0356 （听力障碍电传：711）。</p>	Chinese Mandarin
<p>ध्यान दें: भाषा सहायता सेवाएँ, निःशुल्क, आपके लिए उपलब्ध हैं। 1.866.986.0356 (TTY: 711) पर कॉल करें।</p>	Hindi
<p>ATENÇÃO: Encontram-se disponíveis serviços de apoio linguístico gratuitos. Ligue para 1.866.986.0356 (TTY: 711).</p>	Portuguese
<p>注意：言語サポートサービスを無料にてご利用いただけます。 電話 1.866.986.0356 (TTY: 711)。</p>	Japanese



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