

# Notice of Privacy Practices

For your personal health information

**THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.**

**The privacy of your personal and health information is important. You don't need to do anything unless you have a request or complaint.**

We may change our privacy practices and the terms of this notice at any time, as allowed by law. Including information we created or received before we made the changes. When we make a significant change in our privacy practices, we will change this notice and send the notice to our health plan subscribers.

## **What is personal and health information?**

Personal and health information includes both medical information and personal information, like your name, address, telephone number, or Social Security number. The term "information" in this notice includes any personal and health information. This includes information created or received by a healthcare provider or health plan. The information relates to your physical or mental health or condition, providing healthcare to you, or the payment for such healthcare.

## **How do we protect your information?**

We have a responsibility to protect the privacy of your information in all formats including electronic, written and oral information. We have safeguards in place to protect your information in various ways including:

- Limiting who may see your information
- Limiting how we use or disclose your information
- Informing you of our legal duties about your information
- Training our employees about our privacy program and procedures

## **How do we use and disclose your information?**

We use and disclose your information:

- To you or someone who has the legal right to act on your behalf
- To the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services

We have the right to use and disclose your information:

- To a doctor, a hospital, or other healthcare provider so you can receive medical care.
- For payment activities, including claims payment for covered services provided to you by healthcare providers and for health plan premium payments.
- For healthcare operation activities. Including processing your enrollment, responding to your inquiries, coordinating your care, improving quality, and determining premiums.
- For performing underwriting activities. However, we will not use any results of genetic testing or ask questions regarding family history.
- To your plan sponsor to permit them to perform, plan administration functions such as eligibility, enrollment and disenrollment activities. We may share summary level health information about you with your plan sponsor in certain situations. For example, to allow your plan sponsor to obtain bids from other health plans. Your detailed health information will not be shared with your plan sponsor. We will ask your permission or your plan sponsor has to certify they agree to maintain the privacy of your information.
- To contact you with information about health-related benefits and services, appointment reminders, or treatment alternatives that may be of interest to you. If you have opted out as described below, we will not contact you.

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- To your family and friends if you are unavailable to communicate, such as in an emergency.
- To your family and friends, or any other person you identify. This applies if the information is directly relevant to their involvement with your health care or payment for that care. For example, if a family member or a caregiver calls us with prior knowledge of a claim, we may confirm if the claim has been received and paid.
- To provide payment information to the subscriber for Internal Revenue Service substantiation
- To public health agencies, if we believe that there is a serious health or safety threat
- To appropriate authorities when there are issues about abuse, neglect, or domestic violence
- In response to a court or administrative order, subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process
- For law enforcement purposes, to military authorities and as otherwise required by law
- To help with disaster relief efforts
- For compliance programs and health oversight activities
- To fulfill our obligations under any workers' compensation law or contract
- To avert a serious and imminent threat to your health or safety or the health or safety of others
- For research purposes in limited circumstances
- For procurement, banking, or transplantation of organs, eyes, or tissue
- To a coroner, medical examiner, or funeral director.

## **Will we use your information for purposes not described in this notice?**

We will not use or disclose your information for any reason that is not described in this notice, without your written permission. You may cancel your permission at any time by notifying us in writing.

The following uses and disclosures will require your written permission:

- Most uses and disclosures of psychotherapy notes
- Marketing purposes
- Sale of personal and health information

## **What do we do with your information when you are no longer a member?**

Your information may continue to be used for purposes described in this notice. This includes when you do not obtain coverage through us. After the required legal retention period, we destroy the information following strict procedures to maintain the confidentiality.

## **What are my rights concerning my information?**

We are committed to responding to your rights request in a timely manner

- **Access** – You have the right to review and obtain a copy of your information that may be used to make decisions about you. You also may receive a summary of this health information. If you request copies, we may charge you a fee for the labor for copying, supplies for creating the copy (paper or electronic) and postage.
- **Adverse Underwriting Decision** – If we decline your application for insurance, you have the right to be provided a reason for the denial.
- **Alternate Communications** – To avoid a life-threatening situation, you have the right to receive your information in a different manner or at a different place. We will accommodate your request if it is reasonable.

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- **Amendment** – You have the right to request correction of any of this personal information through amendment or deletion. Within 30 business days of receipt of your written request, we will notify you of our amendment or deletion of the information in dispute, or of our refusal to make such correction after further investigation. In the event that we refuse to amend or delete the information in dispute, you have the right to submit to us a written statement of the reasons for your disagreement with our assessment of the information in dispute and what you consider to be the correct information. We shall make such a statement accessible to any and all parties reviewing the information in dispute.\*

**Disclosure** – You have the right to receive a listing of instances in which we or our business associates have disclosed your information. This does not apply to treatment, payment, health plan operations, and certain other activities. We maintain this information and make it available to you for six years. If you request this list more than once in a 12-month period, we may charge you a reasonable, cost-based fee.

**Notice** – You have the right to request and receive a written copy of this notice any time.

**Restriction** – You have the right to ask to limit how your information is used or disclosed. We are not required to agree to the limit, but if we do, we will abide by our agreement. You also have the right to agree to or terminate a previously submitted limitation.

## **What types of communications can I opt out of that are made to me?**

- Appointment reminders
- Treatment alternatives or other health-related benefits or services
- Fundraising activities

## **How do I exercise my rights or obtain a copy of this notice?**

All of your privacy rights can be exercised by obtaining the applicable forms. You may obtain any of the forms by:

- Contacting us at **866-861-2762**
- Accessing our Website at **Humana.com** and going to the Privacy Practices link
- Send completed request form to:  
Humana Inc.  
Privacy Office 003/10911  
101 E. Main Street Louisville, KY 40202

## **If I believe that my privacy has been violated, what should I do?**

If you believe that your privacy has been violated you may file a complaint with us by calling us at **866- 861-2762** any time.

You may also submit a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights (OCR). We will give you the appropriate OCR regional address on request. You can also email your complaint to **OCRComplaint@hhs.gov**. If you elect to file a complaint, your benefits will not be affected and we will not punish or retaliate against you in any way.

We support your right to protect the privacy of your personal and health information.

We follow all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations addressing the protection of personal and health information. In situations when federal and state laws, rules, and regulations conflict, we follow the law, rule, or regulation which provides greater protection.

We are required by law to abide by the terms of this notice currently in effect.

\* This right applies only to our Massachusetts residents in accordance with state regulations.

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## **What will happen if my information is used or disclosed inappropriately?**

We are required by law to provide individuals with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices regarding personal and health information.

If a breach of unsecured personal and health information occurs, we will notify you in a timely manner.

The following affiliates and subsidiaries also adhere to our privacy program and procedures:

Arcadian Health Plan, Inc.

CarePlus Health Plans, Inc.

Cariten Health Plan Inc.

CHA HMO, Inc.

CompBenefits Company

CompBenefits Dental, Inc.

CompBenefits Insurance Company DentiCare, Inc.

Emphesys Insurance Company

Humana Dental Insurance Company

Humana Benefit Plan of Illinois, Inc.

Humana Benefit Plan of South Carolina, Inc.

Humana Benefit Plan of Texas, Inc.

Humana Employers Health Plan of Georgia, Inc.

Humana Health Benefit Plan of Louisiana, Inc.

Humana Health Company of New York, Inc.

Humana Health Insurance Company of Florida, Inc.

Humana Health Plan of California, Inc.

Humana Health Plan of Ohio, Inc.

Humana Health Plan of Texas, Inc.

Humana Health Plan, Inc.

Humana Health Plans of Puerto Rico, Inc.

Humana Insurance Company

Humana Insurance Company of Kentucky

Humana Insurance Company of New York

Humana Insurance of Puerto Rico, Inc.

Humana Medical Plan, Inc.

Humana Medical Plan of Michigan, Inc.

Humana Medical Plan of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Humana Medical Plan of Utah, Inc.

Humana Regional Health Plan, Inc.

Humana Wisconsin Health Organization Insurance Corporation

Go365 for Humana Healthy Horizons

Managed Care Indemnity, Inc.

The Dental Concern, Inc.

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## Call If You Need Us

If you have questions or need help reading or understanding this document, call us at **1-800-448-3810 (TTY: 711)**. We are available Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. We can help you at no cost to you. We can explain the document in English or in your first language. We can also help you if you need help seeing or hearing. Please refer to your Member Handbook regarding your rights.

## Important!

### At Humana, it is important you are treated fairly.

Humana Inc. and its subsidiaries do not discriminate or exclude people because of their race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, ancestry, ethnicity, marital status, religion, or language. Discrimination is against the law. Humana and its subsidiaries comply with applicable Federal Civil Rights laws. If you believe that you have been discriminated against by Humana or its subsidiaries, there are ways to get help.

- You may file a complaint, also known as a grievance:  
**Discrimination Grievances**, P.O. Box 14618, Lexington, KY 40512-4618.  
If you need help filing a grievance, call **1-800-448-3810** or if you use a **TTY**, call **711**.
- You can also file a civil rights complaint with the  
**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights**  
electronically through their Complaint Portal, available at  
<https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or at **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201, **1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697 (TDD)**. Complaint forms are available at <https://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

### Auxiliary aids and services, free of charge, are available to you. **1-800-448-3810 (TTY: 711)**

Humana provides free auxiliary aids and services, such as qualified sign language interpreters, video remote interpretation, and written information in other formats to people with disabilities when such auxiliary aids and services are necessary to ensure an equal opportunity to participate.

**Humana Healthy Horizons in Louisiana is a Medicaid Product of Humana Benefit Plan of Louisiana, Inc.**

## Language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. **1-800-448-3810 (TTY: 711)**

**English:** Call the number above to receive free language assistance services.

**Español (Spanish):** Llame al número que se indica arriba para recibir servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística.

**Français (French):** Appelez le numéro ci-dessus pour recevoir des services gratuits d'assistance linguistique.

**Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese):** Gọi số điện thoại ở trên để nhận các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí.

**繁體中文 (Chinese):** 您可以撥打上面的電話號碼以獲得免費的語言協助服務。

**العربية (Arabic):** اتصل برقم الهاتف أعلاه للحصول على خدمات المساعدة اللغوية المجانية.

**Tagalog (Tagalog – Filipino):** Tawagan ang numero sa itaas para makatanggap ng mga libreng serbisyo sa tulong sa wika.

**한국어 (Korean):** 무료 언어 지원 서비스를 받으려면 위 번호로 전화하십시오.

**Português (Portuguese):** Ligue para o número acima para receber serviços gratuitos de assistência no idioma.

**ພາສາລາວ (Lao):** ໂທຫາເບີໂທລະສັບຂ້າງເທິງ ເພື່ອຮັບບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາຝຣັ່ງ.

**日本語 (Japanese):** 無料の言語支援サービスを受けるには、上記の番号までお電話ください。

**اُردُو (Urdu):** مفت لسانی اعانت کی خدمات موصول کرنے کے لیے درج بالا نمبر پر کال کریں۔

**Deutsch (German):** Wählen Sie die oben angegebene Nummer, um kostenlose sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistungen zu erhalten.

**فارسی (Farsi):** برای دریافت تسهیلات زبانی بصورت رایگان با شماره فوق تماس بگیرید.

**Русский (Russian):** Позвоните по вышеуказанному номеру, чтобы получить бесплатную языковую поддержку.

**ภาษาไทย (Thai):** โทรไปที่หมายเลขด้านบนเพื่อรับบริการช่วยเหลือด้านภาษาฟรี