

Organized Health Care Arrangement

In an effort to improve quality of care and reduce costs for patients of Mayo Clinic Health System in Eau Claire and Mayo Clinic Health System - Franciscan Healthcare in La Crosse (the Practice) and members of Health Tradition Health Plan (Health Tradition), an Organized Health Care Arrangement (OHCA) has been formed by the three entities. An OHCA is a relationship recognized by HIPAA privacy rules allowing Health Tradition to share Protected Health Information (PHI) with the Practice for quality improvement and population-based services. An OHCA meets the following criteria:

- Involves more than one Covered Entity (CE) participant
- The participating CE publicly acknowledges participating in a joint agreement
- The CE participates in joint activities that include quality assessment and improvement activities; protected health information may be shared between CEs participating in the OHCA for these joint activities

This arrangement means that these entities may share your medical information with each other as needed for the purposes of payment and health care operations. The OHCA offers advantages:

- Assists in the development of patient care programs
- Provides aggregate data-based evidence to treat populations of patients
- Helps identify at-risk patients
- Reduces cost of care
- Improves quality of care
- Allows care to be tailored to patient's specific health situation

Under the OHCA, Health Tradition authorizes Mayo Clinic Health Solutions, our Third Party Administrator (TPA), to share plan Member claims data (e.g. diagnostic and service codes, dates of service, billing) with the Practice.

Members can be assured that no narrative information in medical records from the Practice is shared; only the information contained in an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) (dates of service, diagnostic and service codes, financial information).

Health Tradition and Mayo Clinic Health System in Wisconsin remain committed to providing a strong foundation for member health care needs. The partnership through the OHCA will further allow Health Tradition to honor the commitment to sustain valued benefits while continuing to enhance the care delivered to our patients and members.

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