
Instructions and Regulation Requirements

Instructions

All fields in Sections 1 and 2 are required unless marked “optional.” If the person or entity appointing a representative doesn’t have a Medicare number or National Provider Identifier, fill in “not applicable.” Go to the regulation at 42 CFR 405.910: [ECFR.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-B/part-405/subpart-I/section-405.910](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-B/part-405/subpart-I/section-405.910)

Waiver of Fee for Representation Section 3 is required when a representative is required, or has agreed, to waive or not charge a fee for their representation. Waiver of Payment for Items or Services at Issue Section 4 is required if a provider or supplier who furnished items or services to the patient represents the patient and liability (knowledge of non-coverage) under §1879(a)(2) of the Act is at issue in the appeal. Go to 42 CFR 405.910(f).

An appointment of a representative is considered valid for one year from the date this form is signed by both the person appointing a representative and the appointed representative. A completed form can be used for other appeals or actions during the one-year period it’s valid. Unless revoked, the representation is valid for the duration of the claim, appeal, grievance, or request for which it was filed.

Charging fees for representing patients before the Secretary of HHS

An attorney, or other representative for a patient, who wants to charge a fee for services rendered in connection with an appeal before the Secretary of HHS (i.e., an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) hearing or attorney adjudicator review by the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals (OMHA), Medicare Appeals Council review, or a proceeding before OMHA or the Medicare Appeals Council as a result of a remand from federal district court), is required to have the fee approved in accordance with 42 CFR 405.910(f).

The representative should complete the form OMHA-118, “Petition to Obtain Approval of a Fee for Representing a Beneficiary” and file it with the request for ALJ hearing, OMHA review, or request for Medicare Appeals Council review. Fee approval is not required if: (1) the appellant being represented is a provider or supplier; (2) the fee is for services rendered in an official capacity such as that of legal guardian, committee, or similar court-appointed representative, and the court approved the fee; (3) the fee is for representing a patient in a proceeding in federal district court; or (4) the fee is for representing a patient in a redetermination or reconsideration. Representatives are permitted to waive their fee if they choose. Get form OMHA-118 here: [HHS.gov/sites/default/files/OMHA-118.pdf](https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/OMHA-118.pdf)

A provider or supplier who furnished the items or services to a Medicare patient that are the subject of the appeal may represent that patient in an appeal, but the provider or supplier may not charge the beneficiary any fee associated with the representation. (42 CFR 405.910(f)(3).)

Approval of fee

The fee approval requirement ensures that a representative is paid fairly for their services and that patient fees are reasonable. In approving a requested fee, OMHA or Medicare Appeals Council will consider the nature and type of services rendered, the complexity of the case, the level of skill and competence required, the amount of time spent on the case, the results achieved, the level of administrative review needed, and the amount of the fee requested.

Conflict of interest

Sections 203, 205 and 207 of Title XVIII of the United States Code make it a criminal offense for certain current and former officers and employees of the United States to render certain services in matters affecting the government or to aid or assist in prosecuting claims against the United States. Individuals with a conflict of interest are excluded from serving as representatives of patients before HHS.

Where to send this form

Send this form to the same location you send your claim, appeal, grievance, or request.

Get help & more information

For questions about this form, contact your Medicare plan or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.

You have the right to get Medicare information in an accessible format, like large print, braille, or audio. You also have the right to file a complaint if you feel you’ve been discriminated against. Visit [Medicare.gov/about-us/accessibility-nondiscrimination-notice](https://www.medicare.gov/about-us/accessibility-nondiscrimination-notice), or call 1-800-MEDICARE for more information.

Paperwork Reduction Act: According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-0950. The time required to prepare and distribute this collection is 15 minutes per notice, including the time to select the preprinted form, complete it and deliver it to the beneficiary. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimates or suggestions for improving this form, please write to CMS, PRA Clearance Officer, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Notice Informing Individuals About Nondiscrimination and Accessibility Requirements

Doctors HealthCare Plans, Inc. complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, and gender identity). Doctors HealthCare Plans, Inc. does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, and gender identity).

Doctors HealthCare Plans:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
 - Qualified sign language interpreters
 - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
 - Qualified interpreters
 - Information written in other languages
- If you need these services, contact Member Services/Civil Rights.

If you believe that Doctors HealthCare Plans has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, and gender identity), you can file a grievance with:

Doctors HealthCare Plans, Inc.

Attn: Member Services/Civil Rights

2020 Ponce De Leon Blvd, PH1

Coral Gables, FL 33134

Telephone: 833-342-7463 (TTY: 711)

Fax: 786-578-0293,

Email: civilrights@doctorshcp.com

You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, Member Services/Civil Rights, is available to help you.

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

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

200 Independence Avenue, SW

Room 509F, HHH Building

Washington, D.C. 20201

1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at <https://www.hhs.gov/ocr/complaints/index.html>.

MULTI-LANGUAGE INTERPRETER SERVICES

English: We have free interpreter services to answer any questions you may have about our health or drug plan. To get an interpreter, just call us at 833-342-7463 (TTY:711). Someone who speaks English/Language can help you. This is a free service.

Spanish: Tenemos servicios de intérprete sin costo alguno para responder cualquier pregunta que pueda tener sobre nuestro plan de salud o medicamentos. Para hablar con un intérprete, por favor llame al 833-342-7463 (TTY:711). Alguien que hable español le podrá ayudar. Este es un servicio gratuito.

Chinese Mandarin: 我们提供免费的翻译服务, 帮助您解答关于健康或药物保险的任何疑问。如果您需要此翻译服务, 请致电 833-342-7463 (TTY:711)。我们的中文工作人员很乐意帮助您。这是一项免费服务。

Chinese Cantonese: 您對我們的健康或藥物保險可能存有疑問, 為此我們提供免費的翻譯服務。如需翻譯服務, 請致電 833-342-7463 (TTY:711)。我們講中文的人員將樂意為您提供幫助。這是一項免費服務。

Tagalog: Mayroon kaming libreng serbisyo sa pagsasaling-wika upang masagot ang anumang mga katanungan ninyo hinggil sa aming planong pangkalusugan o panggamot. Upang makakuha ng tagasaling-wika, tawagan lamang kami sa 833-342-7463 (TTY:711). Maaari kayong tulungan ng isang nakakapagsalita ng Tagalog. Ito ay libreng serbisyo.

French: Nous proposons des services gratuits d'interprétation pour répondre à toutes vos questions relatives à notre régime de santé ou d'assurance-médicaments. Pour accéder au service d'interprétation, il vous suffit de nous appeler au 833-342-7463 (TTY:711). Un interlocuteur parlant Français pourra vous aider. Ce service est gratuit.

Vietnamese: Chúng tôi có dịch vụ thông dịch miễn phí để trả lời các câu hỏi về chương sức khỏe và chương trình thuốc men. Nếu quý vị cần thông dịch viên xin gọi 833-342-7463 (TTY:711) sẽ có nhân viên nói tiếng Việt giúp đỡ quý vị. Đây là dịch vụ miễn phí.

German: Unser kostenloser Dolmetscherservice beantwortet Ihren Fragen zu unserem Gesundheits- und Arzneimittelplan. Unsere Dolmetscher erreichen Sie unter 833-342-7463 (TTY:711). Man wird Ihnen dort auf Deutsch weiterhelfen. Dieser Service ist kostenlos.

Korean: 당사는 의료 보험 또는 약품 보험에 관한 질문에 대해 드리고자 무료 통역 서비스를 제공하고 있습니다. 통역 서비스를 이용하려면 전화 833-342-7463 (TTY:711)번으로 문의해 주십시오. 한국어를 하는 담당자가 도와드릴 것입니다. 이 서비스는 무료로 운영됩니다.

Russian: Если у вас возникнут вопросы относительно страхового или медикаментного плана, вы можете воспользоваться нашими бесплатными услугами переводчиков. Чтобы воспользоваться услугами переводчика, позвоните нам по телефону 833-342-7463 (TTY:711). Вам окажет помощь сотрудник, который говорит по-русски. Данная услуга бесплатная.

Arabic: إننا نقدم خدمات المترجم الفوري المجانية للإجابة عن أي أسئلة تتعلق بالصحة أو جدول الأدوية لدينا. للحصول على مترجم فوري، ليس عليك سوى الاتصال بنا على 833-342-7463 (TTY:711). سيقوم شخص ما يتحدث العربية بمساعدتك. هذه خدمة مجانية.

Hindi: हमारे स्वास्थ्य या दवा की योजना के बारे में आपके ककसी भी प्रश्न के जवाब देने के लिए हमारे पास मुफ्त दुभाकिया सेवाएँ उपब्धि हैं। एक दुभाकिया प्राप्त करने के लिए, बस हमें 833-342-7463 (TTY:711) पर फोन करें। कोई व्यक्ति कह नहीं देता है आपकी मदद कर सकता है। यह एक मुफ्त सेवा है।

Italian: È disponibile un servizio di interpretariato gratuito per rispondere a eventuali domande sul nostro piano sanitario e farmaceutico. Per un interprete, contattare il numero 833-342-7463 (TTY:711). Un nostro incaricato che parla Italianovi fornirà l'assistenza necessaria. È un servizio gratuito.

Portuguese: Dispomos de serviços de interpretação gratuitos para responder a qualquer questão que tenha acerca do nosso plano de saúde ou de medicação. Para obter um intérprete, contacte-nos através do número 833-342-7463 (TTY:711). Irá encontrar alguém que fale o idioma Português para o ajudar. Este serviço é gratuito.

French Creole: Nou genyen sèvis entèprèt gratis pou reponn tout kesyon ou ta genyen konsènan plan medikal oswa dwòg nou an. Pou jwenn yon entèprèt, jis rele nou nan 833-342-7463 (TTY:711). Yon moun ki pale Kreyòl kapab ede w. Sa a se yon sèvis ki gratis.

Polish: Umożliwiamy bezpłatne skorzystanie z usług tłumacza ustnego, który pomoże w uzyskaniu odpowiedzi na temat planu zdrowotnego lub dawkowania leków. Aby skorzystać z pomocy tłumacza znającego język polski, należy zadzwonić pod numer 833-342-7463 (TTY:711). Ta usługa jest bezpłatna.

Japanese: 当社の健康 健康保険と薬品 処方薬プランに関するご質問にお答えするために、無料の通訳サービスがあります。通訳をご用命になるには、833-342-7463 (TTY:711) にお電話ください。日本語を話す人が支援いたします。これは無料のサービスです。