

Provider Bulletin

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First Choice Health Network (FCHN) is announcing an amendment to Schedule C of the Healthcare Facility Agreement and the Preferred Provider/Group Agreement. This amendment applies to any Payor that is a health carrier or carrier as defined in RCW 48.43.005.

At the direction of the Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner, and in accordance with Section 8 of Schedule C, FCHN is amending Schedule C to include the Washington State Emergency Orders and the Governor's Proclamation.

Attached with this notification is the Amendment to Schedule C. Please file this Amendment with your FCHN Healthcare Facility Agreement or your FCHN Preferred Provider/Group Agreement for reference.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, contact Provider Relations via email at ProviderRelations@fchn.com.

Thank you for your continued participation with First Choice Health Network.

SCHEDULE C
HEALTHCARE FACILITY AND PREFERRED PROVIDER/GROUP AGREEMENT
WASHINGTON STATE LAW AND REGULATION PROVISIONS
COVID-19 AMENDMENT

This Amendment dated *April 10, 2020* is hereby incorporated into Schedule C to the Healthcare Facility Agreement and the Preferred Provider/Group Agreement between First Choice Health Network, Inc. and First Choice Health Network of Oregon, Inc. (collectively referred to as FCHN) and Facility or Provider, which applies to any Payor that is a health carrier or carrier as defined in RCW 48.43.005, as it may be revised, renumbered, or replaced.

Per direction of the Washington State Office of Insurance Commissioner, and in accordance with Section 8 of Schedule C, regarding Section 10.5 of the Agreement (“Amendment”), Schedule C to the Agreement is hereby amended to incorporate the requirements applicable to health carriers and health care providers and facilities set forth in the Washington State Emergency Orders and the Governor’s Proclamation identified below. The duration of the effectiveness of each is as specifically provided for therein, and as may subsequently be modified by the State of Washington.

1. Emergency Order #20-01 ordering covered COVID-19 testing, one-time refills of covered prescriptions prior to the expiration of the waiting period between refills, suspension of any prior authorization requirements that apply to covered diagnostic testing and treatment of COVID-19, and ensuring access to COVID-19 testing during the period of March 5, 2020 through May 4, 2020,:
<https://www.insurance.wa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/emergency-order-number-20-01.pdf>.
2. Emergency Order #20-02 ordering increased flexibility regarding the use of telemedicine and providing a minimum 60 day grace period for payment of premiums between March 24, 2020, and May 23, 2020:
https://www.insurance.wa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/emergency-order-20-02_3.pdf.
3. Governor’s Proclamation 20-29 regarding payment parity in the use of telemedicine as of March 25, 2020: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/office-governor/official-actions/proclamations>

Any future orders or proclamations will be similarly incorporated (as may be required by law) utilizing this same amendment format.

Except as specifically amended herein, and as necessary to incorporate the foregoing into the terms into Schedule C of the Agreement, the remaining terms and conditions of Schedule C shall remain in full force and effect.