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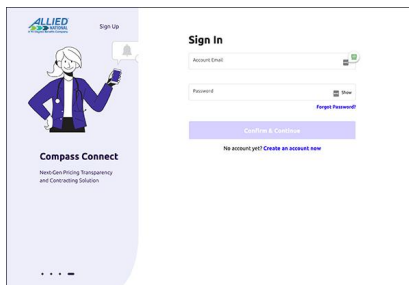


What to Know This Month

Here's a sneak peek at the highlights in this issue:

1. Allied Debuting New Way to Find Freedom Plan Providers
2. Allied to File New Attestation on Behalf of Employers
3. Updated HealthChoices Flyer Available

Allied Debuting New Way to Find Freedom Plan Providers



Our Freedom Plans use reference-based pricing (RBP) and we have a new way to help Freedom Plan members determine which providers are more likely to accept these types of plans.

We have partnered with Payer Compass to allow members to use the CompassConnect tool to find medical providers. There's no cost to use this service and this service only is available to plans that have reference-based pricing, such as Freedom and Freedom Hybrid. If you are unsure what type of plan you have, please check your ID card.

The tool also allows Freedom and Freedom Hybrid Plan members to:

- Learn whether the provider is friendly to reference-based pricing.
- Learn whether the provider specializes in a particular type of care.
- Search the provider's location and contact information.

Just **click on the button below** to access CompassConnect or **visit the Find the Provider page** to find CompassConnect or to find the list of PPOs.

You will need your Member ID and Group Number to register on CompassConnect.

Call Allied's Elite Experience Team at 866-332-1987 if you have questions or need assistance.

[CompassConnect](#)

[Find a Provider](#)

Allied to File New Attestation on Behalf of Employers

We will be submitting paperwork on behalf of our level-funded employer groups to keep you in compliance with the new Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) Gag Clause Prohibition Compliance Attestation annual requirement.

All plans and insurers – including self- and level-funded employers – must submit an attestation by Dec. 31, 2023, that they will not enter into an agreement with insurance plans, insurance issuers or providers that would restrict a plan or issuer from sharing cost and care information.

The CAA's gag clause prohibition was designed to ensure that patients have access to the information they need to make informed decisions about their costs and care. The requirement is one of many federal changes that the CAA of 2021 made to the U.S. health care system. The goal of the attestation is to increase transparency. Allied National will be doing a filing as it relates to our health plans. If your group has any contracts with providers, then you will need to file your own attestation for your contracts.

Call Client Services at 800-825-7531 if you have a question or click on the button below to view details from the federal government about the compliance issue.

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HealthChoices - A Great Optional Benefit

Funding Advantage groups that have the HealthChoices benefit know that they are getting an immediate premium discount, and that certain services, benefits and care are greatly enhanced.

In addition, an Allied HealthCare Assistant helps members find appropriate care when they find themselves in need of services ranging from diabetes and lifestyle management to behavioral

health management and specialty drug management.

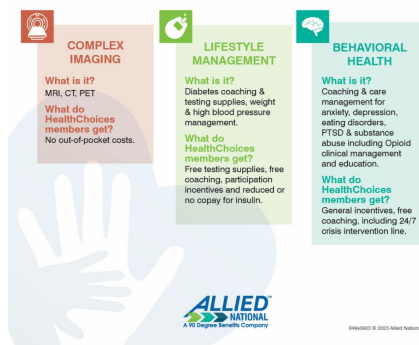
If your group has HealthChoices, or if you are interested in adding this benefit at renewal, then check out our flyer showing HealthChoices benefits.

The HealthChoices benefit option provides members with an immediate premium discount and is here to help members get the right diagnosis, the right treatment plan and the right provider for an optimal medical outcome.

Participation in the HealthChoices program is mandatory for members with the HealthChoices benefit option. Failure to participate may result in reduced benefits.

Call the Allied HealthCare Assistant line at 844-287-6078 for assistance with HealthChoices.

HealthChoices Benefits



The flyer is titled "HealthChoices Benefits" and features three columns of information. The first column, "COMPLEX IMAGING", includes a lightbulb icon and lists "MRI, CT, PET" under "What is it?". It states that members get "No out-of-pocket costs." The second column, "LIFESTYLE MANAGEMENT", includes a leaf icon and lists "Diabetes coaching & testing supplies, weight & high blood pressure management." under "What is it?". It states members get "Free testing supplies, free coaching, participation incentives and reduced or no copay for insulin." The third column, "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH", includes a brain icon and lists "Coaching & care management for anxiety, depression, eating disorders, PTSD & substance abuse including Opioid clinical management and education." under "What is it?". It states members get "General incentives, free coaching, including 24/7 crisis intervention line." The footer includes the "ALLIED NATIONAL" logo and the text "A TD Sugarbaker Company" and "© 2022 Allied National".

[HealthChoices Flyer](#)

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