

PARTNERSHIP HEALTHPLAN OF CALIFORNIA CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 12:00pm - 1:30pm

PHC's Southeast Regional office at: 4605 Business Center Drive, Fairfield, CA 94534 East Building (Conference Room A, B & C-1st floor)

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		Lead	Page	Time
1	Introductions Introduce attendees and what area they represent. CAC members and PHC Member Services staff: What is the name of your favorite Fall dessert?	Araceli Gutierrez Member Services Supervisor		12:00
2	Public Comments At this time, please review the agenda. Community advocates or members of the public who are usually not part of this committee may address the committee on any non-agenda item of interest that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the committee. For agenda items, please wait until the committee's consideration of that item. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please note: Any new agenda items that require action will be scheduled for a future meeting.	Araceli Gutierrez Member Services Supervisor		
3	Approval of June 2021 Minutes Need a CAC member to make a motion to accept the March minutes and another member to second the motion.	All	3-9	12:20
I.	Old Business			
	Follow up questions from June CAC meeting No updates	Araceli Gutierrez Member Services Supervisor		12:25
II.	Standing Agenda Items			
1	HealthPlan Update Brief recap of latest Board meeting & HealthPlan Updates	Sonja Bjork Chief Operation Officer	10	12:25
2	Report on Board Meeting from CAC Board Member Brief highlights of the last Board Meeting	Lance LeClair Consumer Board Member		12:35
III.	New Business			
1	2020 Grievance & Appeals Annual Report PHC Grievance Presentation	Kory Watkins Grievance & Appeals Compliance Manager	12-30	12:45
2	COVID-19 Vaccine Promotion Group input on ideas for vaccine promotion & survey	Amanda Bernal Health Educator		1:05
3	Transportation Overview of Transportation Programs	Aaron Maxwell Manager of Transportation Programs	31-40	1:20

IV. Additional Business/Other items					
	Open discussion	All		1:30	
	Information sharing by committee members			1.30	
V. Adjournment					
	Next Meeting: Thursday December 9, 2021				

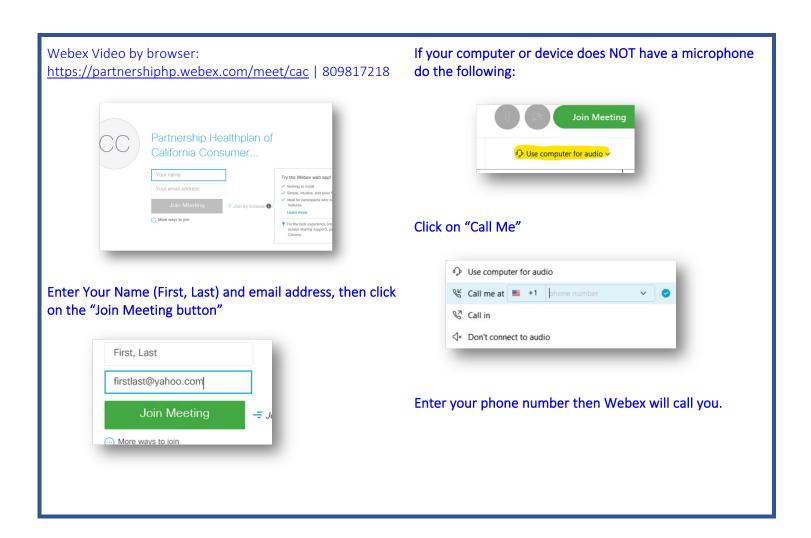
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This agenda contains a brief description of each item to be considered. Except as provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda.

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Attendees: Beverly Franklin, Eugene Korte, Wendy Ostergaard and Donna Ostergaard (guest)

Phone Attendees: Jeanette Perez, Stan Gow, William Remak, Darnice Richmond, LanceLeclair, Michael Strain and Mariana Munguia.

Partnership Attendees: Sonja Bjork, Kevin Spencer, Dr. Moore, Jessica Hackwell, Catherine Thomas, Lynn Scuri, Elena Carter, Lisette Saldana, Peggy Hoover, Amanda Bernal, Dr. Kubota, Susanna Sibilsky, Malania DePaul, LaRae Banks, Jasleen Bains, Jay Navarrete, John Lemoine, Ben Amparo, Araceli Gutierrez, Natasha Dickinson, Maria Cabrera and Catherine Esta

Absent: Lasonja Porter, Frances Porter, Marcelo Matta, Liz Gibboney

Agenda Topic	Topics	Comments/Discussions/Action Items
Introduction	Housekeeping rules and directions were given. Roll call and introductions from all participants were conducted.	
Public Comments	The committee was provided with an opportunity to present any comments regarding the agenda. Advocates and members of the public were also given an opportunity to address any comments pertaining to any non-agenda items.	Lance Leclair: Asked PHC for suggestions/input regarding a project for Emergency Preparedness and evacuation. or if we can discuss this in the future if there is a desire to be involved in it. Kevin: PHC discuss Fire preparedness. Would like to discuss that with you.



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Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the March 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved	Darnice motioned to approve minutes. Eugene Korte seconded the March 2021 were approved.
Old Business Araceli	Follow up questions from December's CAC meeting	No follow-up items or items that needed action taken.



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Standing Agenda Items		
HealthPlan Update Sonja Bjork	 Sonja Bjork, Chief Operation Officer, gave a brief recap of the latest Board meeting & health plan updates. California State Budget In May the governor release the state budget and in June there is big rush for the governor to sign all the bills State Legislative Update There is a surplus of 75.7 billion dollars with some going to healthcare, some of the healthcare bills that will be funded are: 3.5 billion for youth mental health New types of providers that will be able to be paid Doulas Community Health Workers (CHW) Medi-Cal Rx CalAIM Enhanced Case Management In Lieu of Services 	Lance: Would it be helpful if members of the public show up [at the capitol] to support the bill and advocate? Sonja: We used to mobilize this group by writing a letter but this time around, we may not need to do this. Bill: Asked if any funding is being directed to Health literacy. Sonja: Confirmed yes.



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Report on Board Meeting Bill Remak	Bill Remak , Consumer board member, presented highlights of the last Board meeting.	Araceli: Announced Bill's 2-year term as Consumer Board Representative is up and this is the last meeting in this position. Thanked bill for his commitment and dedication.
		Bill: Shared briefly his experience as a Board Member and working with Partnership HealthPlan of California. Thanked group for the opportunity to serve on the Board and stated it was a true honor to work with such great employees at PHC.

New Business		
CAC Guiding Principles Kevin Spencer	 Kevin Spencer, Director of Member Services, presented a brief overview of Consumer Advisory Committee updated guiding principles. What is the purpose of CAC? To capture the needs of the member A Few examples of CAC function Feedback Identify Member's concerns Serves as advocates Review and provide input regarding member rights Review grievance and appeal data 	Lance: What the difference between participant and a CAC member? Kevin: CAC committee member needs to apply. Lance: When will the limits start? When we first started or next year. Araceli: It is to be determined, most likely next year and to be announced at a future meeting.



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- Membership
 - 14 counties in 2 regions
- Responsibilities of CAC members
 - Notify PHC if you cannot attend a meeting
 - Regularly attend meetings
 - Be on time
 - Participating
 - Updated contact information
- Term of membership
 - 4 year Term/Seat limits effective 2022
- How to become a CAC member?
 - Availability, application, PHC member or parent of a minor, commitment
- Compensation, regular meetings, quorum for meetings majority action of CAC action
 - Stipend, quarterly, at least ½ CAC membership to vote.
- Facilitation of meeting, non-liability of CAC members CAC records guiding principles
 - Brown Act meeting, CAC members are not liable, keep all records in Fairfield and Redding, can be updated yearly.

PHC Medical Equipment Distribution Program Jasleen Bains

Jasleen Bains, Program Coordinator II of OpEx/PMO, provided a brief summary of PHC's Medical Equipment Distribution Program.

Dr. Kubota: Commented on the Consumer Board position, stating that this is a very important position and should not be taken lightly. You will be the voice of our



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	Program overviewProgram expansion	membership and will be the one talking to the board.
	Why this initiative is innovative?	
	• Fast and easy, deliver to the home.	
	Blood pressure monitors & cuffs See learning	
	ScalesAir therapy devices, replacement parts and more	
	 How to request devices 	
	Member testimonials	
PHC Employee	Araceli Gutierrez, Member Services Supervisor, gave a	
Resources Drives Araceli Gutierrez	presentation on PHC employee resource drives.	No questions or comments.
Population Health Lisette Saldana & Amanda Bernal	Lisette Saldana, Communication Specialist and Amanda Bernal, Health Educator, held a presentation on member material and surveys.	Lance: Asked where to find the materials and he was directed to where in the packet to find them.
	Breast cancerBack to school	Jeanette: Asked if any of this [material] is in Spanish.
		Amanda: Yes, once we get feedback we send them out for translation.
		Jeanette: Stated it looks good and likes how simple it is.

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MEETING MINUTES

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Member Grievance	Elena Carter, Grievance & Appeals Manager, held a brief review	Michael: Stated he likes the form, it's a
Packet	and member feedback of grievance packet revisions.	good form. Suggested to add a line on the
Elena Carter		bottom saying that if more space is
		needed for writing to use the back of the
		form.
		LaRae: There is a tiny paragraph at the
		top explaining how to fill out.

Additional Business/Other	· Items	
Open Discussion All Sites Information sharing by committee members		No questions or comments
Adjournment Next Meeting	Meeting adjourned at 1:31 pm September 9, 2021	



Consumer Advisory Committee

September 9, 2021

HealthPlan Update

Report by the Chief Operating Officer

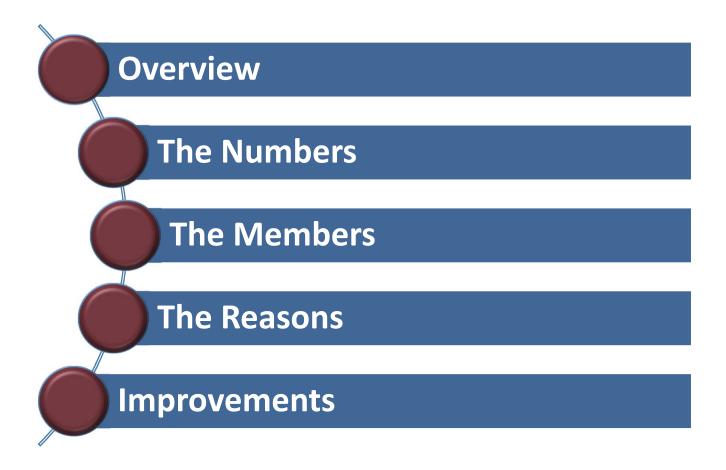
- FY 2021-22 State Budget & Legislation
- Response to pandemic and local disaster incidents
- Rx Carve-out
- ECM (Enhanced Case Management) ILOS (In lieu of Services
- Phoenix Project- New Claims System

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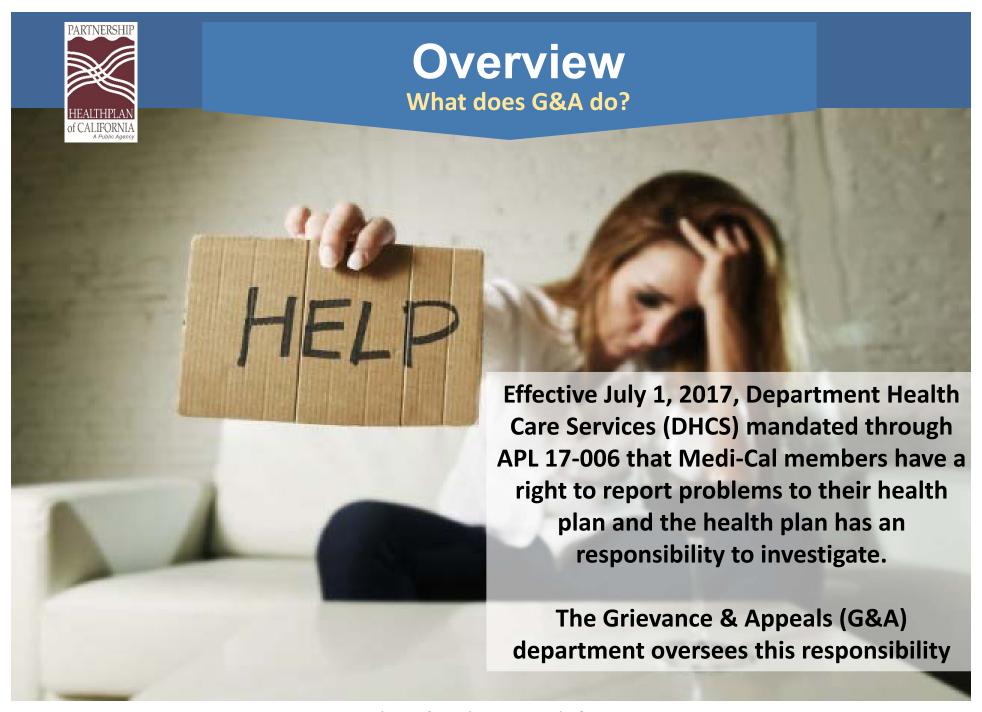


Meeting Agenda



Notes & Disclaimers: the 2020 G&A Case Detail Report defined by APL 17-006 is available to PHC Board Members and Consumer Advisory Committee Members upon request. All statistics cited in this presentation are reported at a 95% confidence level due to fluctuations in data.

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What is our opinion about the process?

PHC Welcomes the Grievance & Appeals Process!

- Healthcare system is complex
- Can be hard for members to understand it and obtain services
- Let's members tell us about problems and fix them peacefully
- Grievance & Appeal System has many benefits
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- Helps members' understand their benefits
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- Improves services to members
- BENEFITS
- Improves how we deliver benefits
- (3)
- Fixes conflicts between people
- Finds new training opportunities
- (a)
- Case is held confidentially in the G&A department
- ETAMO
- No retaliation policy

Understand Educate Rectify



The Healthcare Ecosystem





Remembering 2020

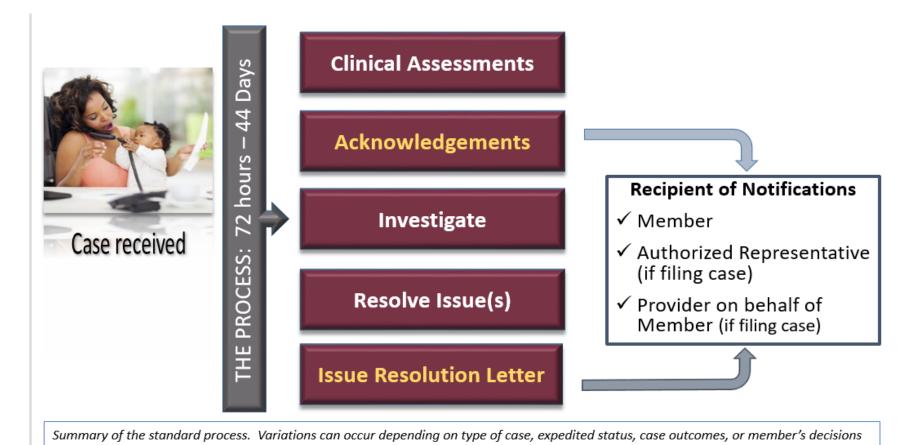


- California reached 15.5% unemployment rate by April 2020, following a historic low of 3.9% in February 2020¹
- 2020 was California's largest wildfire season recorded in history with 9,639 reported fires totaling 100 million burned acres²

¹Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. Retrieved 5/15/2021 https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2020/43-states-at-historically-high-unemployment-rates-in-april-2020.htm. ² Source: Wikipedia. 2020 California wildfires. Retrieved 5/15/2021 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020 California wildfires



Grievance & Appeal Process



Appeal

Grievance

Exempt

2nd Grievance

State Hearing

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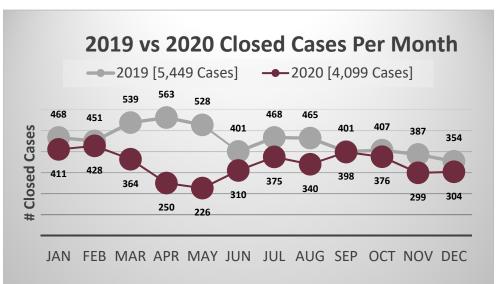
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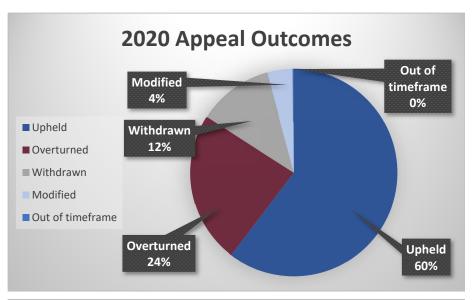
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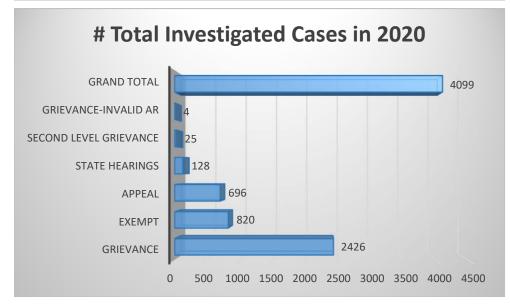


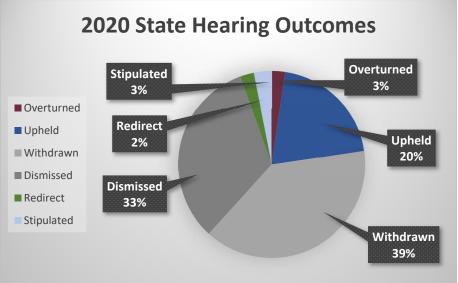
The Numbers

How many cases did we investigate?











The Numbers

Were cases investigated on time?

Case Turnaround Times (TAT) ¹			Time	ly Mailin	g of Ack-Let	ters²		
# Closed	# Late	Goal	Performance	Status	# TTL	# Late	Performance	Status
4,099	6	98%	99.9%		3,145	16	99.5%	

YTD Totals

Case Turnaround Times (TAT)

- Expedited cases goal to investigate 98% all cases within 72 hours
- Standard Cases goal to investigate 98% all cases within 30 days
- Extended Cases goal to investigate 98% all cases within 44 days

Acknowledgment Letters

 Goal to mail Acknowledgment Letters on or before the 5th calendar day after date of receipt

Notes: ¹ Excludes State Hearing cases. ²Excludes State Hearings and Exempt cases. ³Ack-letter refers to acknowledgment letters

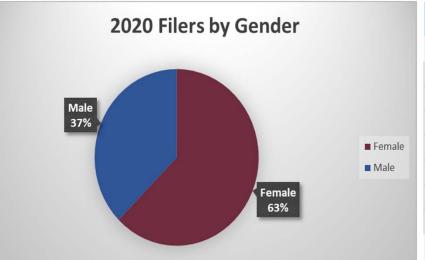
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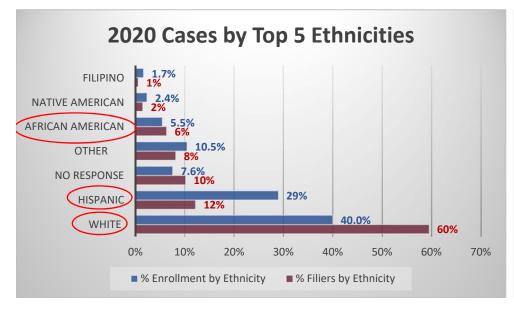
The People

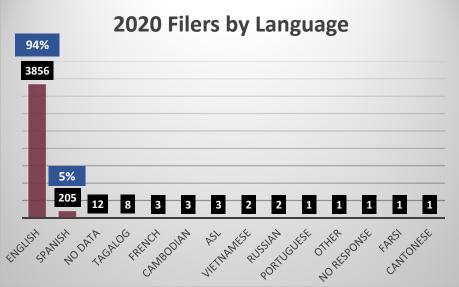
Who filed the cases?

Members who are
White or African
American filed more
cases than they are
represented by
enrollment. Hispanics
are underrepresented.



Age of Filing Members						
Age	# Cases	% Cases				
0-18	500	12.2%				
19-29	308	7.5%				
30-39	474	11.6%				
40-49	530	12.9%				
50-59	976	23.8%				
60-64	636	15.5%				
65+	675	16.5%				
Totals	4,099	100.0%				







The People

Who filed the cases?

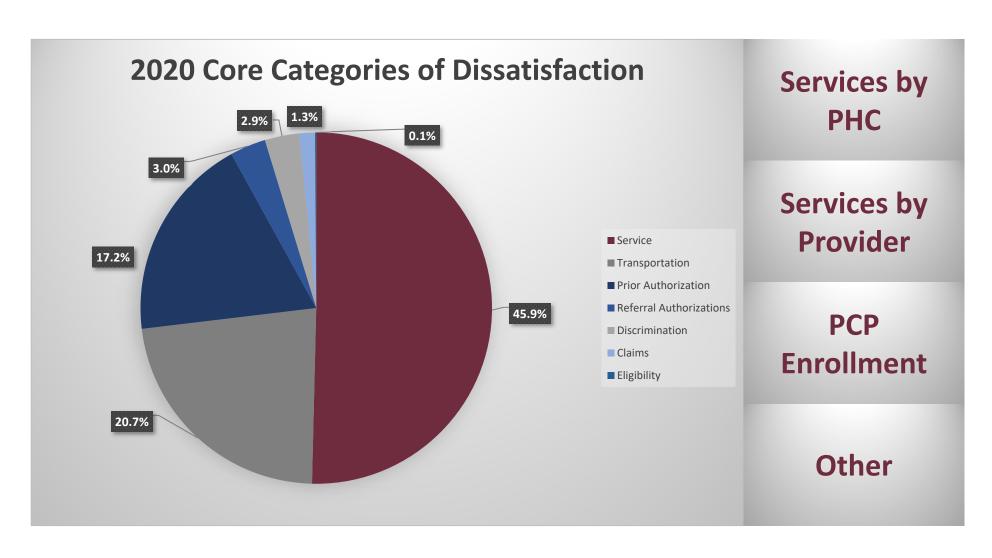


The most common filer is a white female between 50-59 years old who speaks English and lives in Redding, CA

2020 Filers by County					
County	# Cases	% Cases			
Solano	750	18.3%			
Shasta	740	18.1%	2020 5'1	. = 404	
Humboldt	499	12.2%	2020 Filers by Top 10 Cities		
Sonoma	471	11.5%	City	# Cases	% Cases
Marin	340	8.3%	Redding	414	10.1%
Yolo	267	6.5%	Santa Rosa	251	6.1%
Lake	206	5.0%	Fairfield	233	5.7%
Mendocino	197	4.8%	Vallejo	219	5.3%
Siskiyou	185	4.5%	Anderson	148	3.6%
Napa	160	3.9%	Eureka	137	3.3%
Del Norte	126	3.1%	Vacaville	126	3.1%
Lassen	87	2.1%	Napa	121	3.0%
Modoc	39	1.0%	Crescent City	106	2.6%
Trinity	32	0.8%	Arcata	105	2.6%
Totals	4,099	100.0%	Totals	1,860	45.4%

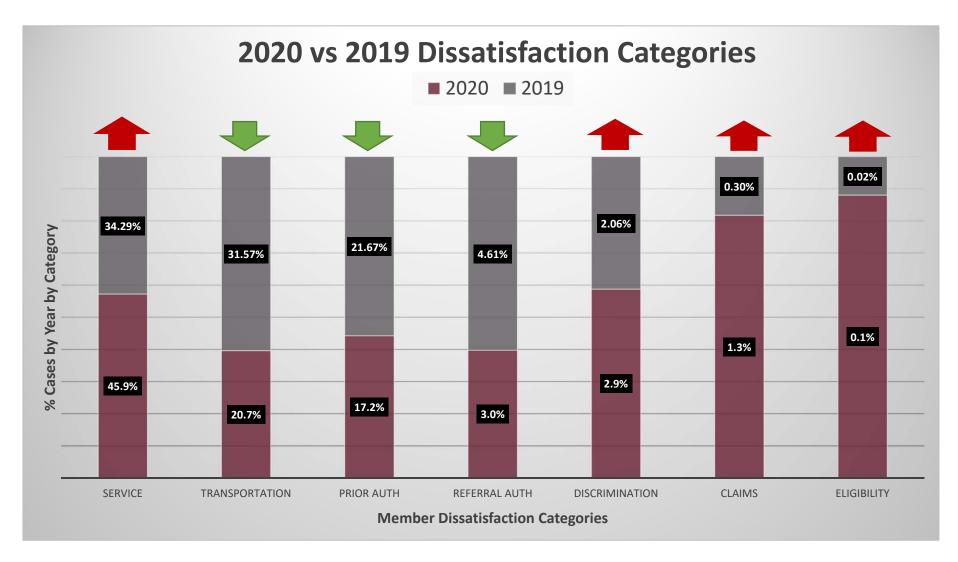


Categories for Member Dissatisfaction in 2020





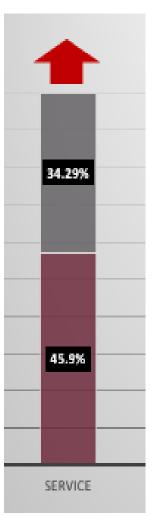
Member Dissatisfaction



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Service by Provider

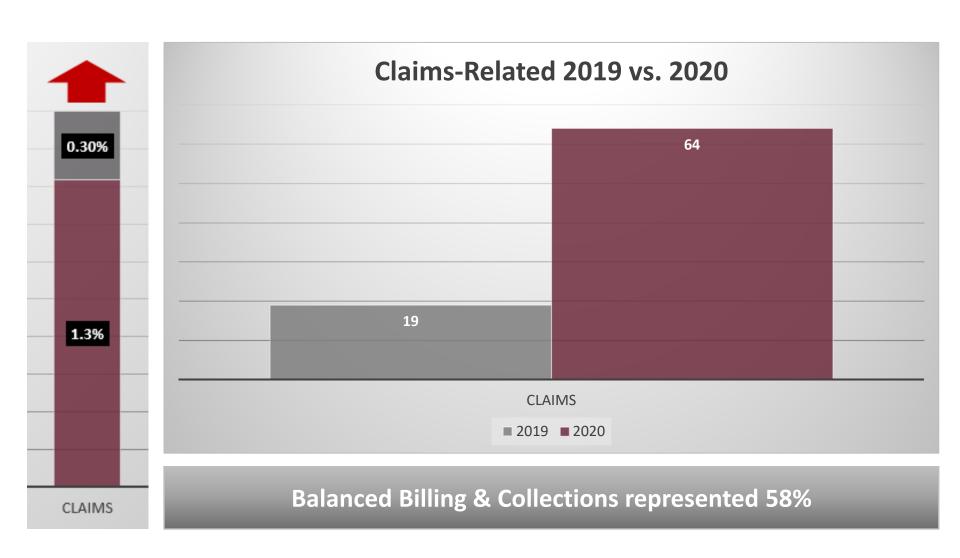


80% Service Issues Regarding Providers (1,754)

- Many signs of COVID-19 & fires
 - Providers responding slowly
 - Slow treatment or testing results
 - Problems getting needed care
 - Problems filling prescriptions
 - Rude or uncaring providers
- Disagree with provider's plan for their health
 - Do not agree with Prescription drug
 - Do not agree with needed tests
 - Unhappy with care



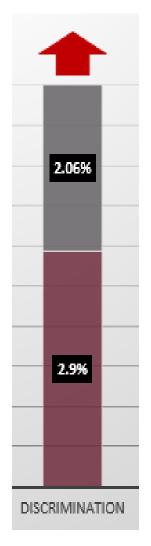
Claims

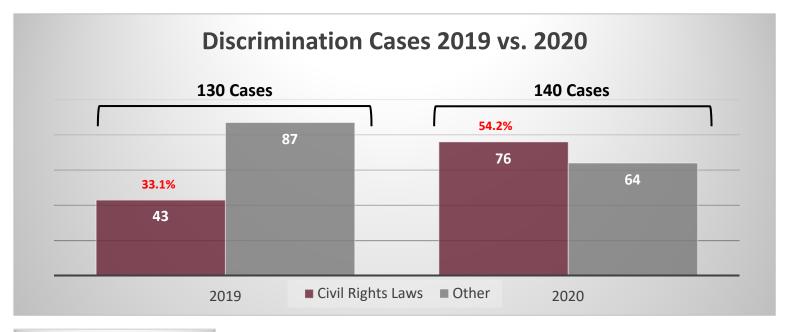


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Unfair Treatment





Race and
Disability were
the most
commonly
reported civil
rights violations in
2020

2019 vs. 2020 Cases decreased 24.8%, yet...

- # Cases protected by Civil Rights Laws increased 43.4%
- # Allegations not covered under Civil Rights Laws decreased by 15.8%



Improvements

Upgrades to our work!

Improving Appeals & Grievances

- National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) compliant cases
- Better processes
- Better letters

Medical Transportation Management (MTM)

- Better research
- Better coverage in West Sacramento, Sebastopol, and Vallejo

Investigating Discrimination Cases

- Current laws
- Trained employees
- No retaliation policy
- New Policy & Procedures



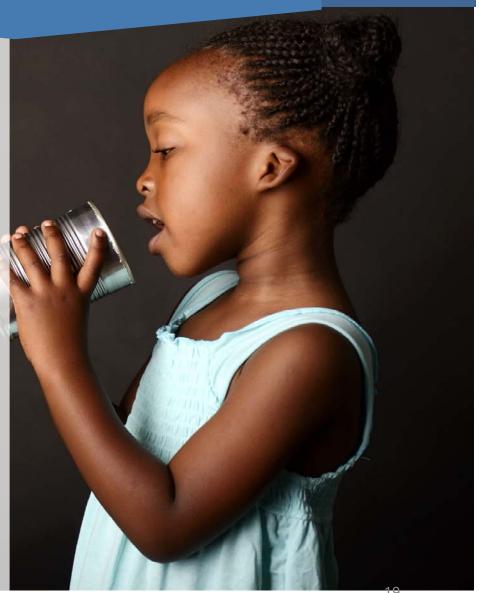
PHC stands strong against discrimination.

It clouds our vision – to be the most highly regarded managed care plan in California. It interrupts our mission – to help our members, and the communities we serve, be healthy. It interferes with our responsibility – we are proudly responsible for the health care of every single member in our diverse population.



Questions?

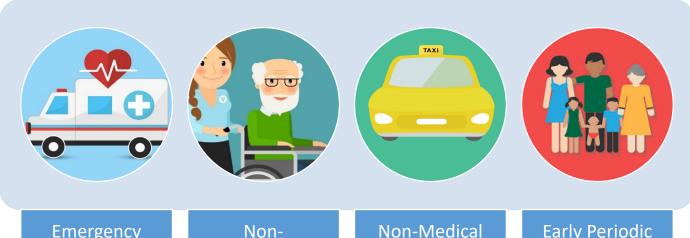
Members'
point of view
matters at PHC







Transportation Benefits



Emergency Medical Transportation

Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Non-Medical Transportation (NMT) Early Periodic
Screening,
Diagnosis &
Testing
(EPSDT)**



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Emergency Medical Transportation

- All ages
- Includes air and ground transport
- A TAR (Treatment Authorization Request) is NOT required



- Transportation to ED for psychiatric crisis evaluation and/or admission to psychiatric facility are covered without a TAR
- Requested by calling 911







Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)

- All ages
- TAR is required with Provider Certification Statement (PCS)
- Door-to-Door assistance required; Medical management during transportation required
- Includes Ambulance, Litter Van, Wheelchair van, etc.
- Medi-Cal certified provider, Medi-Cal covered service
- PHC Care Coordination: 1-800-809-1350





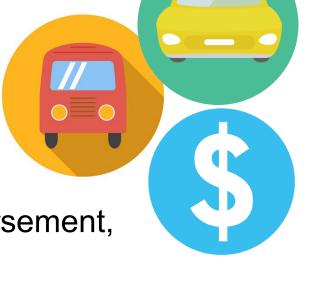


Non-Medical Transportation (NMT)

- Went into effect 7/1/17
- Open to all ages
- No TAR required
- Least costliest mode mileage reimbursement, bus pass, taxi, train ticket, etc.
- 5 days in advance of appointment

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MTM: 1-888-828-1254







Early, Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Testing (EPSDT)

- Under 21 years old
- Medically necessary appointments (screening, diagnosis, treatment; including physical or mental illnesses)
- Mileage Reimbursement is available regardless of the families access to a vehicle
- Parking, Tolls, Meals & Lodging when medically necessary.
- 5 days in advance of appointment
- MTM: 1-888-828-1254





How to Access Transportation Benefits

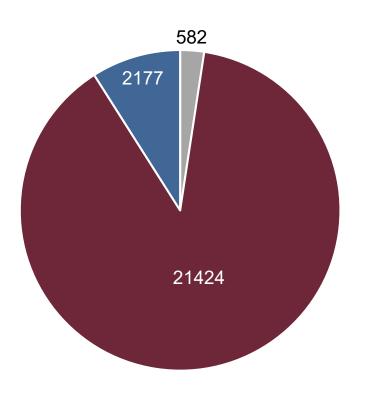
- How to Schedule Non-Medical Transport
 - Patients or providers can contact MTM at 1-888-828-1254 to arrange NMT services.
- How to Schedule Non-Emergency Medical Transport
 - Patients and providers can contact PHC Care Coordination at 1-800-809-1350 to be connected with the appropriate NEMT provider.
- · If a member needs emergency transport, please dial 911





MTM Utilization & Complaints

MTM Average Monthly Trips Jan 2021 - Jun 2021



MTM Complaints Jan 2021 - Jun 2021

- Out of just over 194,000 requested trips during this time period, 99.87% were complaint free.
- Only 3 MTM transportation vendors had complaint ratio's over 1%
 - Over this 6 month time period the total combined complaints against these 3 vendors was 20.
- By far the most common complaint seen is for provider no shows. During this time period MTM's provider no shows accounted for 0.18% of scheduled transports.





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Frequently Asked Questions

- Where can members find reviews on drivers?
 - Currently we do not have this functionality but we are looking into incorporating this in the future.
 - PHC monitors all member complaints to find trends and identify vendors receiving a higher than average number of complaints. PHC & MTM then addresses these issues with the vendors.
- How does MTM choose their drivers?
 - MTM does not operate their own fleet of vehicles or drivers, they contract with local transportation vendors. MTM does require background checks and drug testing to be completed before a driver can accept rides. PHC also requires the transportation vendors to have Medi-Cal certification though DHCS, during this process the drivers are screened as well.
- Is the transportation benefit only for doctors appointments?
 - PHC will provide transportation to eligible members for all appointments covered by Medi-Cal, Medi-Cal Dental or PHC.





Referrals or Questions

PHC Transportation Team

1-800-809-1350

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Northern Region Team – Redding

Brandi Walker, Lead Transportation Specialist Myron Carter, Transportation Specialist

Southern Region Team – Fairfield

Rosa Silva, Lead Transportation Specialist Nefer Crayton, Transportation Specialist Lizzy Nicolai, Transportation Specialist

