

PRIMEWEST HEALTH POLICY & PROCEDURE

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POLICY

PrimeWest Health will assure appropriate access to Women's Health Care services, including direct access to network Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB/GYN) specialists, for female members. PrimeWest Health will comply with the following contractual and Federal and State regulatory requirements: Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) Contract Section 6, Minnesota Statutes §§ 62Q.14 and 62Q.52, 42 CFR 431.51, and CFR 433.116(f)(2).

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PrimeWest Health contracts with family practice providers, OB/GYN specialists, and other health care providers to assure access to women's health care services for PrimeWest Health members. Members may receive certain family planning services, as described below, from in-network or out-of-network providers. PrimeWest Health adheres to the following procedures for determining access to women's health care services:

Family Planning Services

1. In accordance with Federal and State law (42 CFR 431.51 and 62Q.14) PrimeWest Health does not restrict a member's choice as to where the member receives the following Open Access Services:
 - a. Voluntary planning of the conception and bearing of children (not including abortion services)
 - b. Diagnosis of infertility, including counseling and services related to the diagnosis
 - c. Testing and treatment of a sexually-transmitted disease
 - d. Testing for AIDS and other HIV-related conditions
2. Open Access Services are available from any qualified in-network or out-of-network licensed practitioner. Providers will be reimbursed for these services according to the PrimeWest Health fee schedule.
3. After receiving the Open Access Services described above, PrimeWest Health requires family planning agencies and other out-of-network providers to refer members back to PrimeWest Health under the following circumstances for other services, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up:
 - a. Abnormal pap smear/colposcopy
 - b. Infertility treatment
 - c. Medical care other than Family Planning Services
 - d. Genetic testing
 - e. HIV treatment
4. PrimeWest Health will not specify Confidential Services in notices about claims sent to the member, including the Explanation of Benefit and/or *Explanation of Medical Benefit Notices*. Confidential Services are defined by the State of Minnesota.

Direct Access to Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 62Q.52, PrimeWest Health shall provide enrollees direct access to any contracted PrimeWest Health provider, including OB/GYN specialists, without a referral or Service Authorization for the following women's health care services:

- a. Annual preventive health examination and any subsequent obstetric or gynecologic visits determined to be medically necessary by the examining obstetrician or gynecologist

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- b. Maternity care
- c. Evaluation and necessary treatment for acute gynecologic conditions or emergencies

Direct access shall apply to obstetric and gynecologic providers within the PrimeWest Health network and/or other established referral patterns, as required by DHS Contract Section 6.21.

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