

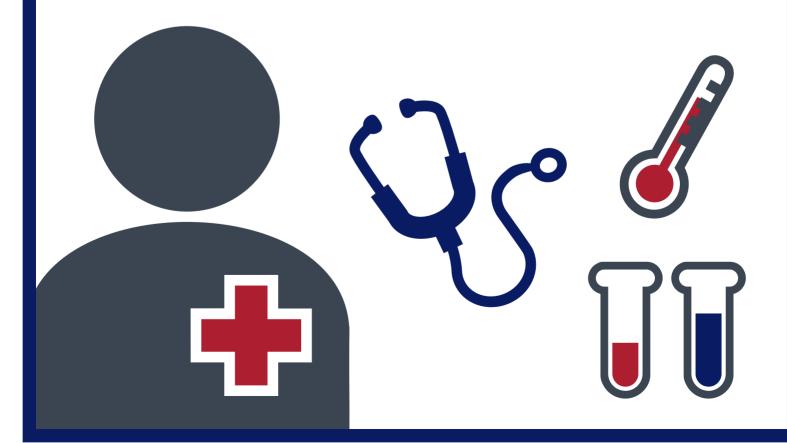


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IDENTIFICATION CARDS

DEAR PLAN MEMBER:

Welcome to your Health Plan administered by Cigna's TPA, Allegiance Benefit Plan Management (Allegiance). We offer the highest quality service in claims administration and management.

You should have received a new identification card (ID Card) in the mail. This card is important as it contains your group number and provides claims filing information. It is your responsibility to inform your healthcare providers of the information on the ID card.

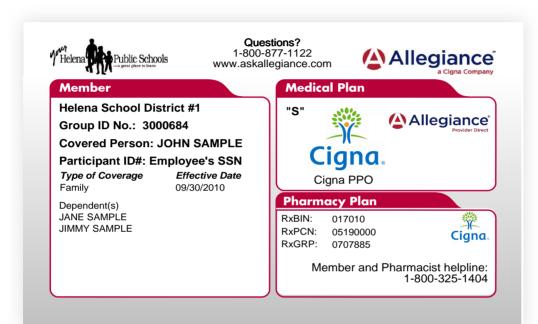


Please make sure you present your Allegiance ID card each time you visit a provider and pharmacy.



IDENTIFICATION CARDS

•• IMPORTANT FEATURES TO NOTICE ON YOUR ID CARD:



Claims Submission

MT Providers Submit claims to: Allegiance PO Box 3018 Missoula, MT 59806 Payer ID: 81040

Non MT Providers Submit claims to: Cigna PO Box 188061 Chattanooga, TN 37422-8061 Payer ID: 62308

Dental/Vision Plan

Type of Coverage

Effective Date

Utilization

Pre-Certification is recommended for inpatient hospital stays. Pre-Treatment Review is recommended for certain outpatient procedures listed in your Summary Plan Description. Report all emergency admissions within 72 hours. Call 1-800-342-6510 and follow your Plan's procedure for Pre-Certification and Pre-Treatment Review.

Important Numbers

24 hour Verification of Coverage: (406) 523-3199
Customer Service: 1-800-877-1122
Visit Our Website at: www.askallegiance.com

This card does not guarantee eligibility or payment.

Please
present
your new ID
card to your
healthcare
providers
and
pharmacy
to prevent
any
disruption
with your
claims.

Your card may not be identical to the sample card.



IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Below is a description of your ID card. Each category corresponds with the information on the sample copy of the ID card on the previous page.

Group Name The name of your Group. In most cases, this is your employer.

Group ID Number The identification number for your Group. Please refer to this number if you call or write about your claim..

Covered Person Name of the employee the coverage is under or the name of a dependent over the age of 18 covered under an employee. Please note that an employee can present his/her ID card for any individuals covered under the plan as the filing information is all the same.

Employee ID No Employee's unique identification number. Refer to this ID number if you call or write about your claim. Providers will use this number for claims submission.

Type of Coverage Your plan elections under your group. This will show the coverage(s) you are enrolled in and your enrollment election.

Effective Date Date coverage began or a change with your plan took place.

Network Logos The logos of each network you can access for in-network benefits. Please see the Network Provider section of the booklet if you need assistance locating an in-network provider.

"S" Indicates Shared Administration, which is connected to the Cigna network.

Mailing Address The address for claims submission. Most providers will submit claims on your behalf.

Pharmacy coverage You will see the logo of your pharmacy benefit manager and the BIN/PCN numbers. Your pharmacy will use this information, along with the employee alternate ID number or social security number and patient's date of birth, to process your prescription claims. For assistance, call the Member and Rx Helpline number.

Pre-Notification/Utilization Management Refer to your Summary Plan Description booklet for complete precertification information. You can also view more information regarding the program in the Utilization Management section of this booklet.

Customer Service Contact information to obtain additional information regarding your claims, eligibility, benefit questions, etc. The website provides access to find a provider, important forms, online account review, EOBs and other personalized information. You can review this information online if active on the plan or call our customer service team for assistance.

The toll-free Customer Service number is 1-800-877-1122. Our website is www.askallegiance.com, and provides the status of submitted claims, a summary of recent online activity and direct links to a network provider website for lists of participating providers and their locations.



NETWORK PROVIDERS

· WHAT IS A NETWORK PROVIDER?

As a plan participant, you are free to go to any network

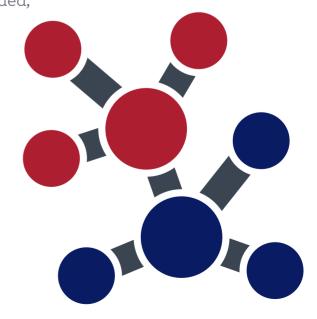
Network Providers are organizations that include local physicians and healthcare professionals in your area. A network provider is not an insurance company or HMO. It is a network of healthcare providers who agree to file claim forms on behalf of enrollees and accept the network providers' maximum allowable fees as payment in full with no balance billing. You will be responsible for any remaining deductible or coinsurance outside of what the plan pays for Eligible Charges.

······· ADVANTAGES OF USING THE NETWORK PROVIDERS:

provider you choose for services covered by the plan.

However, by utilizing a network provider, you can save on out-of-pocket expenses. The amount of money you may save by using the network provider will vary depending on the provider, the service provided, and the details of your health benefit plan.

You are not required to use a network provider. However, if you obtain service from a out-of-network provider, you may be responsible for those amounts which are in excess of the "usual, customary and reasonable" charges in the area where the service



was provided.



NETWORK PROVIDERS

HOW TO ACCESS THE NETWORK PROVIDERS:

You can access information regarding network providers in your area in two ways: via the internet by using the instructions below or by contacting customer service at the toll-free number on the back of your card and requesting the names of providers in your area.

- 1. Log on to www.askallegiance.com.
- 2. Click "Find a Provider" link.
- **3.** Enter your Group Number and Member ID number from the front of your card Read disclaimer and check the box. Then click "Submit."
- **4.** For providers in Montana or surrounding areas, click the "Allegiance Direct Providers" link and then read the instructions.
 - **a.** Select either "Person" for an individual health care practitioner, or "Facility" for a hospital, surgery center, or other healthcare facility.
 - **b.** Search options include "Location," provider "Type/Specialty," and "Provider Name."
 - **c.** The results will pull directly up on the screen.
 - **d.** Some providers may be available at multiple locations. Click the "More Addresses..." option to display additional practice locations.
- 5. For providers outside of Montana, click the Cigna link and then read the instructions. Your group will use the "PPO, Choice Fund PPO."
 - a. Click "Continue to Cigna Provider Search Page."
 - b. Select your plan as "PPO, Choice Fund PPO." Fill out the search information. Click Search.
 - **c.** The results will pull directly upon the screen and you do have the option of exporting the data or printing the result.



Please note: The network listing of network providers is subject to change without notice. Before receiving services, please verify with the provider that he/she is still a participating provider.



GENERAL QUESTIONS

CLAIMS PROCEDURE



In most instances you will only need to present your new ID card to your physician, hospital, or other healthcare provider. Most providers will take the claims information from your new card and file on your behalf.

If you need to file a claim directly please submit to the address on the back of your card or use the online claims submission tool.

SERVICE QUESTIONS



If you have a benefit question, you may call our Customer Service Department at 1-800-877-1122. The Customer Service Department is available from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm Mountain Standard Time (MST). Our staff will be available to assist you with any questions or problems you may have.



If you have a question regarding whether or not a claim has been received and the current status, there are two additional options to access that information. The options are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The first option is our Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system. You may call 1-800-877-1122 to reach an auto-attendant. Follow the voice prompts to check on your claim. You will need the 12 digit alternate ID number or your 9 digit Social Security number and date of service for the claim to complete the inquiry. The second option is to sign up for internet access to your claims data. This process is described in detail in the online service page.



ONLINE SERVICES







At Allegiance, our number one priority is taking care of our members. We offer broad online access while following security guidelines on the Allegiance website, putting benefits and claims information at your fingertips.

Our website offers personalized services at the click of a mouse. By registering, you will have 24 hour access to information regarding your health plan. You can check the status of a claim, review coverage and benefits, and verify who is covered under your plan.

Online services also give you the option to submit requests for additional identification cards.





ONLINE SERVICES

Follow these steps to register. Please note: you cannot create a login until you are effective on the plan.

- 1. Go to www.askallegiance.com
- 2. Choose Login.
- **3.** If you've already visited this web portal, enter your username and password and click Login.
- **4.** If you have never logged into the site, you will need to click Register New User on the login page.
- 5. This will prompt you to validate some information on yourself. If the information entered does not match the Allegiance database or you previously created a login, you will receive an error stating a login could not be created. If all information was entered correctly, call 1-800-877-1122 for assistance. This service is available M-F 8:00 am 8:00 pm MST.
- 6. The next screen will allow you to create a username and password. Please note the username and password are case sensitive and must follow the outlined criteria on the page.
 - 7. Once you have your login and password, you will be able to log into your personal benefit site.





LOGIN FEATURES

CLAIMS HISTORY



By selecting Claims History, you may scroll through your entire claims history, or select a specific date to expedite your inquiry.

Click Submit to display basic information and a list of claims by date of service.

Click the blue claim number to display an electronic version of the actual explanation of benefits (EOB). If you wish to view history for a dependent under age 18, click the drop-down arrow next to your name and their information will be displayed. Spouses and dependents age 18 and older will require their own username and password to view claim information due to HIPAA regulations.

DOCUMENT LIBRARY



Your Summary Plan Description and How to Read Your EOB can be found in the Document Library. This guidebook, as well as other helpful documents designated by your employer, can also be accessed by clicking on this option.



LOGIN FEATURES

VERIFICATION OF BENEFITS



The Verification of Benefits (VOB) is a brief summary of benefits provided by your plan. Click Verification of Benefits and select a coverage category to display your information. The name of the covered participant and dependents, as well as their effective dates, a brief overview of covered services, deductibles, copays and benefit maximums, will be displayed. It is important to remember that the VOB information is based on the information in our files as of the date printed and is not a guarantee of payment or an approval of any specific services. Follow the on-screen instructions to print the VOB.

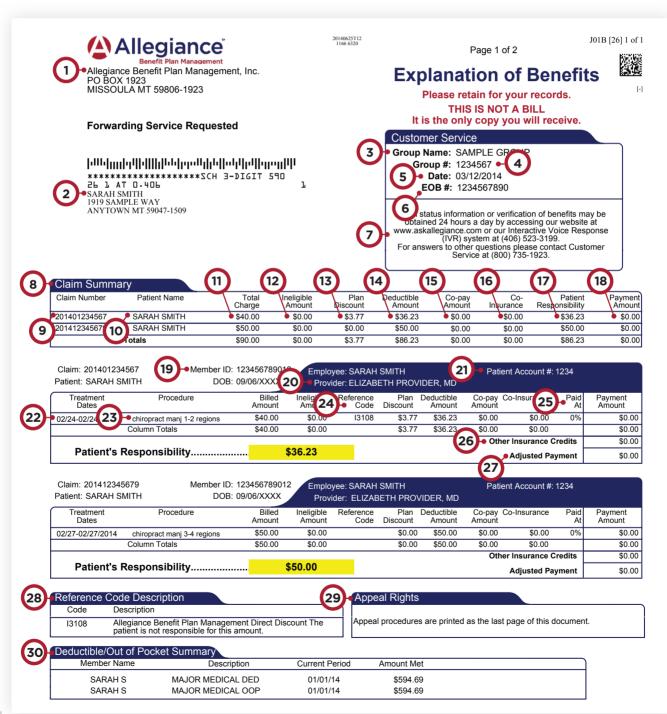
ADDITIONAL TOOLS



Under Additional Tools is a link to the Cigna website. This link will allow you to sign up for single sign on access to mycigna.com which will allow you to view your Cigna products such as pharmacy. You will have access to your prescription claim history, drug pricing, drug information, finding a pharmacy, etc. You also will have access to other Cigna items such as the Medical Cost Estimator, Healthy Rewards, and the Manage your Health tools.



HOW TO READ YOUR EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS (EOB)





HOW TO READ YOUR EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS (EOB)

Below is a description of your Explanation of Benefits (EOB). The numbers correspond with the numbers on the sample copy of the EOB.

- **1.** Claim Processing Office: This is the location of the claims processing office. You can write to customer service at this location.
- **2.** Address: The name and address where the EOB is being mailed.
- **3. Group Name:** The name of your Group (in most cases, this is your employer).
- **4. Group Number:** The identification number for your Group. Please refer to this number if you call or write about your claim.
- **5. Date:** The date the EOB was issued.
- **6. EOB Number:** Reference number for Explanation of Benefit look up.
- **7.** Customer Service: Contact information to obtain additional information regarding your claim.
- **8.** Claim Summary: One line summary of the claims payment information. A more detailed explanation of each line is outlined separately.
- **9.** Claim Number: The unique identification number assigned to this claim. Please refer to this number if you call or write about this claim.

- **10.Patient:** The name of the individual for whom services were rendered or supplies were furnished.
- **11. Total Charge:** The amount billed for each service.
- **12. Ineligible Amount:** Amount that is not eligible for benefits under the plan (i.e., duplicates, not covered service). Some amounts may be *patient responsibility*. Please refer to reference codes (#24, 28) for more information.
- **13. Plan Discount:** Identifies the savings received from a Network Provider, if applicable.
- **14. Deductible Amount:** The amount of allowed charges that apply to your plan deductible that must be paid before benefits are payable. *Patient Responsibility.*
- **15. Copay:** The amount of allowed charges, specified by your plan, you must pay before benefits are paid. (i.e., \$20 office visit copay). *Patient Responsibility*.

A larger print-ready version of this form is available under your log in:

www.askallegiance.com

The C.O.B. provisions are applied as outlined in your Summary Plan Description.

Amounts not paid by your primary carrier may or may not be paid in full by this plan.



HOW TO READ YOUR EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS (EOB)

Continued description of your EOB. The numbers correspond with the numbers on the sample copy of the EOB.

- **16.** Coinsurance: Member's cost sharing on eligible expenses on a percentage basis usually after deductible (i.e., 20%). Patient Responsibility.
- **17. Patient Responsibility:** After all benefits have been calculated, this is the amount of which the patient is responsible. This is a total of deductible, copay, coinsurance, and potentially ineligible amounts.
- **18. Payment Amount:** Benefits payable for services provided.
- **19. Member ID:** Employee's unique identification number. Refer to this ID number if you call or write about your claim.
- **20.Provider:** The name of the person or organization who rendered the service or provided the medical supplies.
- **21.** Patient Account Number: This is your account number assigned by the service provider.
- **22. Treatment Dates:** The date(s) on which services were rendered.
- **23. Procedure:** Description of the services rendered.

- **24.** Reference Code: Code relating to the "ineligible" amount. This is used to request additional information or provide further explanations of the claim denial/payment. See #28 for additional information.
- **25.** Paid At: The percentage your plan paid the eligible service under your benefit plan.
- **26. Other Insurance Credits:** Represents adjustments/payments based upon the benefits of other health plans or insurance carriers.
- **27. Adjusted Payment:** The sum of the "Payment Amount" column for that claim.
- **28. Reference Code Description:** Explanation of the Reference Code #24 will appear in this section.
- **29. Appeal Rights:** Outline of your rights under your plan when an adverse claim determination is made.
- **30.** Deductible/Out of Pocket Summary:

 Deductible/out of pocket accumulators for the current year as of the date of the EOB.

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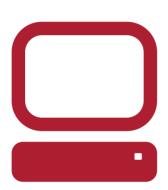
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ONLINE SUBMISSION

ONLINE CLAIM SUBMISSION



Online claim submission can be done through the "Submit a Claim" icon on www.askallegiance.com. This feature allows members to electronically submit a health or flex claim and attach the necessary receipts or information. Online claim submission provides faster turnaround and gives the member confirmation that we received the information. You will also have the ability to fill out the form, print and mailin or fax.

ONLINE FORM SUBMISSION



Online form submission allows members to electronically submit forms. This feature is located on **www.askallegiance.com**.

The forms found online are interactive. This results in a more efficient submission, leading to a faster turnaround. Members also receive confirmation that we received the information.

Allegiance will send out hard copy requests when information is required. You will also have the ability to fill out the form, print and mail-in or fax.



CONTACT INFORMATION



Customer Service:

1-800-877-1122

8:00 am - 8:00 pm MST



Website

www.askallegiance.com



Claims Submission Address:

Allegiance

PO Box 3018, Missoula, MT, 59806-3018

Electronic Payer ID: 62308



24-hour Faxback Verification of Coverage:

1-800-877-1122 or (406) 523-3199



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1-866-475-0056