

Grievance and Appeal Process for Hennepin Health

Grievance: Is when you are not satisfied with the services you have received and may include any of the following:

- quality of care or services provided
- failure to respect your rights
- rudeness of a provider or health plan employee
- delay in appropriate treatment or referral
- not acting within required time frames for grievances and appeals

Appeal: Is your request for Hennepin Health to review a decision we made. This request may also be from your provider acting on your behalf with or without your written consent. Your treating provider or doctor may appeal a prior authorization decision without your consent. You may ask for an appeal if you disagree with any of the following decisions made by us:

- denial or limited authorization of the type or level of service requested by your provider
- reduction, suspension, or stopping of a service that was approved before
- denial of all or part of payment for a service
- not providing services (including transportation) in a reasonable amount of time
- denial of a member's request to get services out of network for members living in a rural area with only one health plan
- not providing a response to your grievance or appeal in the required timelines
- denial of your request to dispute your financial liability including copayments and other cost sharing

Timelines for appeals

Grievances – You must file a grievance if you want us to review your complaint.

- If you call us, we will let you know the decision by telephone within 10 days.
- If you write us, we will let you know the decision within 30 days. We will respond to you by letter.
- We may take an additional 14 days if more information is needed and it is in your best interest. We will tell you why we are taking the extra time and the reason why.
- If your grievance is about our denial of a fast appeal or a grievance about urgent health care issues, we will give you a decision within 72 hours.

Appeals – You must appeal within 60 days of receiving Hennepin Health's notice of a decision.

- If you call or write us, we will let you know the decision as quickly as possible. We will give you a written decision within 30 days from when the appeal was received.
- We may take an additional 14 days if more information is needed and it is in your best interest. We will send you a letter telling you we are taking the extra time and the reason why.
- If your appeal is about an urgently needed service, we will let you know the decision as quickly as your health condition requires, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the appeal.

To file an appeal or grievance, call 612-596-1036; TTY: 1-800-627-3529, or send a letter to:

Hennepin Health
Attn: Grievance and Appeal Coordinator
400 South 4th Street, Suite 201
Minneapolis, MN 55415

If you disagree with our decision, you may also file a grievance with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) by calling 651-201-5100 (or toll-free at 1-800-657-3916) or writing to:

Minnesota Department of Health, Managed Care Section
P.O. Box 64882
St. Paul, MN 55164-0882

State appeal – You must file an appeal with Hennepin Health first before asking for a state appeal. You must contact the Department of Human Services to request a state appeal within 120 days from the date of our appeal decision. Information about how to request a state appeal will be in the appeal decision letter you receive from Hennepin Health.

For help with filing an appeal, a grievance or a state appeal, call the Ombudsman for State Managed Health Care Programs at 651-431-2660 (toll-free at 1-800-657-3729).

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Hennepin Health Toll Free 1-800-647-0550 TTY 1-800-627-3529

Attention. If you need free help interpreting this document, call the above number.

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ملاحظة: إذا أردت مساعدة مجانية لترجمة هذه الوثيقة، اتصل على الرقم أعلاه.

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請注意，如果您需要免費協助傳譯這份文件，請撥打上面的電話號碼。

Attention. Si vous avez besoin d'une aide gratuite pour interpréter le présent document, veuillez appeler au numéro ci-dessus.

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알려드립니다. 이 문서에 대한 이해를 돕기 위해 무료로 제공되는 도움을 받으시려면 위의 전화번호로 연락하십시오.

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Внимание: если вам нужна бесплатная помощь в устном переводе данного документа, позвоните по указанному выше телефону.

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Atención. Si desea recibir asistencia gratuita para interpretar este documento, llame al número indicado arriba.

Chú ý. Nếu quý vị cần được giúp đỡ dịch tài liệu này miễn phí, xin gọi số bên trên.

Civil Rights Notice

Discrimination is against the law. Hennepin Health does not discriminate on the basis of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- creed
- religion
- sexual orientation
- public assistance status
- age
- disability (including physical or mental impairment)
- sex (including sex stereotypes and gender identity)
- marital status
- political beliefs
- medical condition
- health status
- receipt of health care services
- claims experience
- medical history
- genetic information

Auxiliary Aids and Services: Hennepin Health provides auxiliary aids and services, like qualified interpreters or information in accessible formats, free of charge and in a timely manner, to ensure an equal opportunity to participate in our health care programs.

Contact: Hennepin Health Member Services at hennepinhealth@hennepin.us, or call Hennepin Health Member Services at 612-596-1036 (voice) or 1-800-647-0550 (toll-free), or your preferred relay service.

Language Assistance Services: Hennepin Health provides translated documents and spoken language interpreting, free of charge and in a timely manner, when language assistance services are necessary to ensure limited English speakers have meaningful access to our information and services. **Contact:** Hennepin Health Member Services at hennepinhealth@hennepin.us, or call Hennepin Health Member Services at 612-596-1036 (voice) or 1-800-647-0550 (toll-free), or your preferred relay service.

Civil Rights Complaints

You have the right to file a discrimination complaint if you believe you were treated in a discriminatory way by Hennepin Health. You may contact any of the following four agencies directly to file a discrimination complaint.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

You have the right to file a complaint with the OCR, a federal agency, if you believe you have been discriminated against because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- age
- disability
- sex
- religion (in some cases)

Contact the **OCR** directly to file a complaint:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office of Civil Rights
200 Independence Avenue SW
Room 515F
HHH Building
Washington, DC 20201
Customer Response Center: Toll-free: 800-368-1019
TDD 800-537-7697
Email: ocrmail@hhs.gov

Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR)

In Minnesota, you have the right to file a complaint with the MDHR if you believe you have been discriminated against because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- religion
- creed
- sex
- sexual orientation
- marital status
- public assistance status
- disability

Contact the **MDHR** directly to file a complaint:

Minnesota Department of Human Rights
540 Fairview Avenue North
Suite 201
St. Paul, MN 55104
651-539-1100 (voice)
800-657-3704 (toll free)
711 or 800-627-3529 (MN Relay)
651-296-9042 (fax)
Info.MDHR@state.mn.us (email)

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS)

You have the right to file a complaint with DHS if you believe you have been discriminated against in our health care programs because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- creed
- religion
- sexual orientation
- public assistance status
- age
- disability (including physical or mental impairment)
- sex (including sex stereotypes and gender identity)
- marital status
- political beliefs
- medical condition
- health status
- receipt of health care services
- claims experience
- medical history
- genetic information

Complaints must be in writing and filed within 180 days of the date you discovered the alleged discrimination. The complaint must contain your name and address and describe the discrimination you are complaining about. After we get your complaint, we will review it and notify you in writing about whether we have authority to investigate. If we do, we will investigate the complaint.

DHS will notify you in writing of the investigation's outcome. You have a right to appeal the outcome if you disagree with the decision. To appeal, you must send a written request to have DHS review the investigation outcome period. Be brief and state why you disagree with the decision. Include additional information you think is important.

If you file a complaint in this way, the people who work for the agency named in the complaint cannot retaliate against you. This means they cannot punish you in any way for filing a complaint. Filing a complaint in this way does not stop you from seeking out other legal or administration actions.

Contact **DHS** directly to file a discrimination complaint:

ATTN: Civil Rights Coordinator
Minnesota Department of Human Services
Equal Opportunity and Access Division
P.O. Box 64997
St. Paul, MN 55164-0997
651-431-3040 (voice) or use your preferred relay service

Hennepin Health Complaint Notice

You have the right to file a complaint with Hennepin Health if you believe you have been discriminated against because of any of the following:

- medical condition
- health status
- receipt of health care services
- claims experience
- medical history
- genetic information
- disability (including mental or physical impairment)
- marital status
- age
- sex (including sex stereotypes and gender identity)
- sexual orientation
- national origin
- race
- color
- religion
- creed
- public assistance status
- political beliefs

You can file a complaint and ask for help in filing a complaint in person or by mail, phone, fax, or email at:

Hennepin Health
Minneapolis Grain Exchange Building
400 South Fourth Street, Suite 201
Minneapolis, MN 55415
Toll Free: 1-800-647-0550 (voice)
1-800-627-3529 (MN Relay)
612-632-8815 (Fax)
hennepinhealth@hennepin.us (Email)

American Indians can continue or begin to use tribal and Indian Health Services (IHS) clinics. We will not require prior approval or impose any condition for you to get services at these clinics. For elders age 65 years and older this includes Elderly Waiver (EW) services accessed through the tribe. If a doctor or other provider in a tribal or IHS clinic refers you to a provider in our network, we will not require you to see your primary care provider prior to the referral.