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Information for UCare plans transitioning to Medica

In the coming months, UCare's Medical Assistance (Medicaid) plans and Individual and Family Plans will transition to Medica. The following information is available to help providers prepare for the change.

Plans being transitioned

The chart outlines the effective dates, current UCare plan names and future Medica plan names for the plans being transitioned.

Effective	Current UCare Plan	New Medica Plan
10/1/2026	UCare Connect	Medica One Health Plan Special Needs BasicCare
10/1/2026	Minnesota Senior Care Plus	Medica One Health Plan Minnesota Senior Care Plus
10/1/2026	Prepaid Medical Assistance Program	Medica One Health Plan Prepaid Medical Assistance Plan
10/1/2026	MinnesotaCare	Medica One Health Plan MinnesotaCare
1/1/2027	UCare Individual and Family Plans	Plan name to be determined
1/1/2027	UCare Individual and Family Plans with M Health Fairview	Plan name to be determined

Medical Assistance (Medicaid)

New member ID cards

Members in Medica One Health Plans will receive new ID cards in September. For dates of service starting Oct. 1, 2026, request these new ID cards from members for information such as phone numbers to call for assistance, relevant payer IDs and specialty networks that apply, including:

- Delta Dental of Minnesota, dental benefit manager
- Express Scripts, pharmacy benefit manager
- Optum Physical Health, chiropractic care
- Medica Behavioral Health, managed by Optum

New payer ID

Beginning with dates of service on or after Oct. 1, 2026, Medica One Health Plans will be administered under payer ID 71890.

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UCare provider website
www.ucare.org/providers

Provider Assistance Center
 612-676-3300
 1-888-531-1493 toll-free

UCare Individual and Family Plans

Members in UCare Individual and Family Plans and UCare Individual and Family Plans with M Health Fairview will transition to Medica effective Jan. 1, 2027. Starting with dates of service in 2027, providers will use the Medica payer ID 12422. Additional details will be shared closer to the transition date.

Next steps

- Providers should continue to use current UCare payer IDs, policies and resources until the transition dates.
- Providers should plan to use the Medica payer IDs, policies and resources when preparing for dates of service after the transition dates.

More information

- Current [UCare Provider Website](#)
- Medica's [UCare Provider Hub](#)

UCare implements recent Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) substance use disorders (SUD) services changes

Recently, UCare announced the implementation of the following changes in billing for UCare members in Prepaid Medical Assistance Program, MinnesotaCare, Minnesota Senior Care Plus, UCare Connect, UCare Individual & Family Plans and UCare Individual & Family Plans with M Health Fairview receiving SUD services.

- Effective June 1, 2026, UCare moved from state-based billing and now requires providers to submit Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services under Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) opioid treatment program (OTP) billing requirements and bundled payment structure.
- On Aug. 1, 2026, new SUD outpatient treatment service billing codes, units and rates took effect.

See the [May 21, 2026](#), and [July 20, 2026](#), Provider Bulletins for more details and references.

Notice regarding 2025 and prior claims

UCare Minnesota was placed into Rehabilitation by order of the District Court, Second Judicial District, County of Ramsey on Dec. 17, 2025. A Rehabilitation Plan has been approved by the Court to facilitate the rehabilitation of UCare. Some provisions of the Provider Manual/Provider Website have been superseded by Court Order. For example, the requirements around timely filing of claims and appeals have been amended. The Rehabilitation Plan also provides for the periodic payment of claims as funds are available. Please see [UCare Minnesota – In Receivership](#) for additional information. To the extent there is a conflict or inconsistency between orders of the Court and/or [UCare Minnesota – In Receivership](#) and the Provider Manual, Provider Website or any other UCare documents, the orders of the Court and [UCare Minnesota – In Receivership](#) control. 2026 claims are not impacted.

More information

The following provider frequently asked questions are available:

[Dates of Service Dec. 31, 2025, and prior – Rehabilitation](#)

[Dates of Service 2026 - Medica](#)

Providers are encouraged to bookmark these pages and visit them regularly for the latest information.

2026 UCare provider training series

UCare will continue to offer monthly virtual training opportunities for participating providers. These trainings will give providers a better understanding of the following:

- UCare programs available for members
- UCare enrollment processes and requirements
- UCare provider portal and clearinghouse requirements
- Authorization and notification information
- General UCare claim processing overview and tips
- How to notify UCare of administrative changes
- How to access resources and assistance within UCare

Providers can register for the live WebEx trainings on UCare's [Training and Education](#) webpage.

Fraud, waste and abuse reporting reminder

UCare takes a proactive approach toward stopping [fraud, waste and abuse](#) (FWA). Health care resources are limited, we ensure they are devoted to meeting genuine health needs. Providers should call 1-877-826-6847 for an anonymous reporting option or email compliance@ucare.org to report any suspected FWA against UCare or UCare members.

Upcoming holiday

UCare and the Provider Assistance Center (PAC) will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 7, 2026. If you need assistance during this time, self-service will be available through the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system or by logging into the [Provider Portal](#) to verify eligibility, check claims status or send a message to PAC.