Notice of Denial of Medical Coverage

**Date: Member number:**

**Name:**

[Insert other identifying information, as necessary (e.g., provider name, enrollee’s Medicaid number, service subject to notice, date of service)]

**Coverage for your medical services/items was {Insert appropriate term: *partially approved,* *denied*}**

We’ve {Insert appropriate term: *denied, partially approved*} the medical services/items listed below that you or your provider requested:

**Why was coverage {Insert appropriate term: denied, partially approved}?**

We {Insert appropriate term: *denied, partially approved*} the medical services/items listed above because {Provide specific rationale for decision and include State or Federal law and/or Evidence of Coverage provisions to support decision}:

Share a copy of this decision with your provider and discuss next steps. If your provider asked for coverage on your behalf, we already sent them a copy of this denial notice.

**You have the right to appeal our decision**

You have the right to ask EssentiaCare to review our decision by asking us for an appeal within **65 calendar days** of the date of this notice. If you ask for an appeal after 65 days, you must explain why your appeal is late. See “How to ask for an appeal with EssentiaCare” on the next page.

**If you want someone else to act for you**

You can name a relative, friend, attorney, provider, or someone else to act as your representative. If you want someone else to act for you, call us at 218-722-4915 or 1-855-432-7025 toll free, to learn how to name your representative. TTY users call 612-676-6810 or 1-800-688-2534 toll free.

**Important Information About Your Appeal Rights**

**There are 2 kinds of appeals with EssentiaCare**

**Standard Appeal**

* **Request for Service:** For services you haven’t received yet, we’ll give you a written decision within **30 days** after we get your appeal. Our decision might take longer if you ask for an extension, or if we need more information about your case. We’ll tell you if we’re taking extra time and will explain why more time is needed.
* **Request for Payment:** For appeals related to payment of a medical service/item you already received, we’ll give you a written decision within 60 days. You can’t ask for a fast appeal if you’re asking us to pay you back for a medical service/itemyou already received.

**Fast Appeal (only available for service requests)**

* We’ll give you a decision on a fast appeal within **72 hours** after we get your appeal. You can ask for a fast appeal if you or your provider believe your health could be seriously harmed by waiting for a standard appeal.
* We’ll automatically give you a fast appeal if a provider asks for one for you or supports your request. For a fast appeal without support from a provider, we’ll decide whether your request requires a fast appeal. If we don’t give you a fast appeal, we’ll process a standard appeal.

**How to ask for an appeal with EssentiaCare**

**Step 1:** You, your representative, or your provider can ask for an appeal. Your written request must include:

* Your name
* Address
* Plan Member number
* Reasons for appealing
* Whether you want a standard or fast appeal (for a fast appeal, explain why you need one).
* Any evidence you want us to review, like medical records, doctor supporting statements, or other information that explains why you need the medical service/item.

If you’re asking for an appeal and missed the deadline, you can ask for an extension and should include your reason for being late.

Keep a copy of everything you send for your records. You can ask to see the medical records and other documents we used to make our decision before or during the appeal. You can also ask for a copy of the guidelines we used to make our decision at no cost to you.

**Step 2:** Submit your appeal by mail, phone, fax, or online.

**For a Standard Appeal:** Mailing Address:

UCare

Attn: Member Appeals and Grievances

PO Box 52

Minneapolis, MN 55440-0052

In-person Delivery Address:

500 Stinson Blvd NE

Minneapolis, MN 55413

Fax: 612-884-2021 or 1-866-283-8015 toll-free

Online: Email: cag@ucare.org.

**For a Fast Appeal:** Phone: 218-722-4316 or 1-855-432-7026 toll-free

TTY Users Call: 612-676-6810 or 1-800-688-2534 toll-free

Fax: 612-884-2021 or 1-866-283-8015 toll-free

Online: Email: cag@ucare.org

**What happens next?**

If you ask for an appeal and we continue to deny your request for a medical service/item, we’ll automatically send your case to an independent reviewer. If the independent reviewer denies your request, the written decision will explain if you have additional appeal rights.

**Get help & more information**

* **EssentiaCare:** 1-855-432-7025. TTY users call: 1-800-688-2534 toll-free.

8 am – 8 pm, seven days a week or **ucare.org**

* **Medicare:** 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call: 1-877-486-2048.
* **Medicare Rights Center:** 1-888-HMO-9050
* **Elder Care Locator:** 1-800-677-1116 or [Eldercare.acl.gov/Public/Index.aspx](http://Eldercare.acl.gov/Public/Index.aspx) to find help in your community
* **State Health Insurance Program:** Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program for free, personalized health insurance counseling. Visit [SHIPhelp.org](https://www.shiphelp.org/) or call 1-877-839-2675 to get the number for your local SHIP.

You can get this document for free in non-English language(s) or other formats, such as large print, Braille, or audio. Call EssentiaCare at 1-855-432-7025 (TTY 1-800-688-2534), 8 am - 8 pm, seven days a week. The call is free.

**Get information in another format**

You have the right to get Medicare information in an accessible format, like large print, Braille, or audio. You also have the right to file a complaint if you feel you’ve been discriminated against. Visit [Medicare.gov/about-us/accessibility-nondiscrimination-notice](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.medicare.gov%2Fabout-us%2Fnondiscrimination%2Faccessibility-nondiscrimination.html&data=05%7C01%7CSabrina.Edmonston%40cms.hhs.gov%7Cf9660dff7be64273aaca08da37806d63%7Cd58addea50534a808499ba4d944910df%7C0%7C0%7C637883321967786495%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JicYRpGPqKvuHzPrkxsak8cYevEYUNvJOAvziqekgWg%3D&reserved=0), or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for more information. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

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