

PATIENT PROTECTION CHOICE OF PROVIDERS

In cases where the Group Health Plan allows or required a participant to designate a primary care provider, the participant has the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in the network and who is available to accept the participant or participant's family members.

Until you make this designation, the Group Health carrier may designate a primary care provider automatically. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, you can contact your Employer Representative.

For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider.

You do not need prior authorization from the Group Health Plan or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in our network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact your Employer Representative.