

To: AmeriHealth Caritas DC Providers

Date: August 12, 2025

Subject: Important Changes to the Alliance Program Effective October 1, 2025

Dear Provider:

The DC Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) has announced significant changes to the District's Health Care Alliance Program, effective **October 1, 2025**. These changes impact eligibility, benefits, and how care is delivered to Alliance enrollees. Please review the following updates to prepare your practice and help ensure continuity of care.

Key Changes Effective October 1, 2025:

1. ICP and Alliance Program Integration

The Immigrant Children's Program (ICP) and the Alliance Program will combine into a single program under the Alliance name. The program will retain distinct eligibility criteria and benefits for adults (21+) and children (0–20).

2. Transition to Fee-for-Service

Alliance coverage will no longer be managed by managed care organizations. Starting October 1, all Alliance enrollees will receive care directly through DHCF's fee-for-service program.

3. Eligibility Updates

- Adults (21+):
 - The income threshold will decrease from 215% to 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL).
 - Adults over this threshold will be disenrolled as of September 30, 2025.
 - A new enrollment moratorium will apply to Alliance applicants age 26 and older. Adults in this
 group will not be able to newly enroll or re-enroll after losing coverage.
 - o Emergency Medicaid may be available to those losing eligibility.

• Children (0-20):

- No change in financial eligibility.
- o Face-to-face interviews and six-month certification periods will be eliminated.

4. Benefits Include

- Children (0–20):
 - o Primary care, generic-only prescriptions, hospital services, emergency transportation, mental health, dental, lab services, and durable medical equipment (DME).
- Adults (21+):
 - Primary care, generic-only prescriptions, hospital services, emergency transportation, and DME.

5. Communications and Guidance from DHCF

- DHCF will send informational notices in early August to Alliance adults (21+) who are expected to be impacted by the new eligibility criteria.
- Additional guidance on scope of benefits, billing, and continuity of care will be shared in the coming weeks.

Provider Action Items

- Inform Alliance enrollees about these upcoming changes.
- Encourage enrollees to update their contact information at districtdirect.dc.gov.
- Prepare for billing and reimbursement changes as Alliance services transition to fee-for-service.

Questions

- For questions related to Alliance policy changes, contact:
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Sincerely,

AmeriHealth Caritas DC