

October 1, 2026

Effective January 1, 2027, AmeriHealth Caritas Next/First Choice Next will transition its pharmacy benefit management services to Optum Rx

AmeriHealth Caritas Next/First Choice Next will conclude pharmacy benefit management operations with PerformRx effective December 31, 2026. Effective January 1, 2027, AmeriHealth Caritas Next/First Choice Next will transition pharmacy benefit management services to Optum Rx. Optum Rx will manage claims processing, rebates, and all network pharmacy contracting. AmeriHealth Caritas Family of Companies (ACFC) Pharmacy Department will continue to manage formulary oversight, clinical programs, prior authorizations, and Member Services.

- **The change to Optum Rx will not affect the formulary and/or covered drug list.**
 - The formulary is periodically updated, so please consult the list regularly to find the most current covered drugs as well as those drugs that require prior authorization.
 - The formulary for AmeriHealth Caritas Next/First Choice Next can be found on our website at www.amerihealthcaritasnext.com > Pick Your State > For Providers > Find a Provider, Pharmacy, or Drug > Searchable Drug List.
- **The telephone number or process for requesting prior authorizations will remain the same during this transition.**
 - Prior authorizations will be processed internally by ACFC.
 - For questions about prior authorizations, call Pharmacy Clinical Prior Authorization at the phone number found on our website. www.amerihealthcaritasnext.com > Pick Your State > For Providers > Prior Authorizations > Pharmacy Prior Authorization > By Phone.
 - Information about the prior authorization process and required forms is available on our website www.amerihealthcaritasnext.com > Pick Your State > For Providers > Prior Authorizations > Pharmacy Prior Authorization > By Fax.
- **We are working to ensure all pharmacies available in our current network will remain available after our transition to Optum Rx.**

AmeriHealth Caritas Next and First Choice Next are individual and family health plans offered both on and off the Health Insurance Marketplace® by certain companies within the AmeriHealth Caritas Family of Companies. AmeriHealth Caritas Next is offered by AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Next, Inc. in Delaware; AmeriHealth Caritas Florida, Inc. in Florida; AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana, Inc. in Louisiana; AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina, Inc. in North Carolina; and First Choice Next by Select Health of South Carolina, Inc. in South Carolina.



- o The change to Optum Rx may impact some of the contracted pharmacy network available to our members. Impacted members will be made aware if their pharmacy is affected.
- o If a pharmacy that is not already part of the Optum Rx network chooses not to join, we will assist your patient in locating a new pharmacy within the Optum Rx network.
- o The contracted pharmacies for AmeriHealth Caritas Next/First Choice Next can be found at www.amerihealthcaritasnext.com > Pick Your State > For Providers > Find a Provider, Pharmacy, or Drug > Find a Pharmacy > Online Pharmacy Locator.
- **The Pharmacy Clinical Prior Authorization telephone number will not change.**
 - o Providers can call to ask about prior authorizations and/or other questions that they may have about pharmacy benefits and services at the phone number found on our website www.amerihealthcaritasnext.com > Pick Your State > For Providers > Prior Authorizations > Pharmacy Prior Authorization > By Phone.
- **The Pharmacy Member Services telephone number will not change.**
 - o Members can call to ask about prior authorizations and/or other questions that they may have about pharmacy benefits and services by calling Pharmacy Member Services at the phone number found on our website at www.amerihealthcaritasnext.com > Pick Your State > For Providers > Find a Provider, Pharmacy, or Drug > How to Initiate an Exception > For Members.

Questions:

Thank you for your participation in our network and your continued commitment to the care of our members. If you have questions about this communication, please contact Provider Services or your Provider Network Account Executive.

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