Continuity of care

For members whose current provider is leaving the LifeWise network

What is continuity of care?

With continuity of care, you may be able to continue to receive treatment or care for specific covered services for up to 90 days with your existing provider. If you are approved, the in-network benefit level applies to the covered service.

Do you qualify for continuity of care?

If you answer yes to any of the following questions, you may qualify for continuity of care benefits. Are you:

1. Receiving treatment or care for your pregnancy?	☐ Yes	□No
2. Receiving care for short-term or acute illness or injury, such as a broken bone, strep throat, influenza, or COVID-19?	☐ Yes	□No
3. Receiving treatment or care for chemotherapy, radiation therapy, anticoagulation therapy, or a medication regimen requiring a rapid increase in dose?	□ Yes	□ No
4. Receiving treatment for a long-term or chronic illness such as diabetes, asthma, or arthritis?	☐ Yes	□No
5. Receiving care for a terminal illness?	☐ Yes	□No
6. Receiving care for a recent major surgery or follow-up of reconstructive surgery?	☐ Yes	□No
7. Receiving treatment or care for mental health or substance use disorder?	□ Yes	□ No
8. Waiting for a surgery or hospital stay that has already been scheduled but occurs after the provider leaves the LifeWise network?	☐ Yes	□No

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If you answered NO to all of the questions above, you have two options:

- 1. Find a new in-network provider:
 - Visit the website address located on the back of your member ID card. Go to Use Your Plan and select Find Care.
 - Call customer service at the contact number on the back of your member ID card.
- 2. Continue to see your current provider. However, since your provider is not in your health plan network, this may cost more or not be paid for at all by your plan.

If you answered YES to any of the questions above, review the instructions below to apply for continuity of care benefits.

Instructions

If you qualify, LifeWise will approve your continued treatment or care for up to 90 days with your current, out-of-network healthcare provider. To apply:

- 1. Ask your current healthcare provider to send a request for continuity of care on your behalf. Your provider must submit a request by phone at **800-344-2227**, option 3 or by faxing the request in writing to **800-843-1114**.
- 2. Our care management team will review the request submitted by your provider and make a decision within 10 business days.
- 3. If your request is approved, you may continue treatment or care with your current healthcare provider at the in-network benefit level described in your benefit booklet. Your continuity of care benefits may also be limited to a defined period based on the treatment plan.

Although not all requests will meet the requirement for approval, LifeWise will work closely with you and your healthcare provider to help you with your continued treatment and care.

If you have questions about continuity of care benefits, call the customer service number on the back of your member ID card.



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Language Assistance

<u>ATENCIÓN</u>: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 800-817-3056 (TTY: 711). 注意:如果您使用繁體中文,您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 800-817-3056 (TTY: 711)。

<u>CHÚ Ý</u>: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 800-817-3056 (TTY: 711).

<u>주의</u>: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 800-817-3056 (TTY: 711) 번으로 전화해 주십시오.

<u>BHИМАНИЕ</u>: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 800-817-3056 (телетайп: 711).

<u>PAUNAWA</u>: Кипд падзазавіта ка пд Тадаlод, тадагі капд дитаті пд тра serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Титаwад sa 800-817-3056 (ТТҮ: 711).

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Телефонуйте за номером 800-817-3056 (телетайп: 711).

<u>ATTENTION</u>: Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 800-817-3056 (ATS : 711). <u>UWAGA</u>: Jeżeli mówisz po polsku, możesz skorzystać z bezpłatnej pomocy językowej. Zadzwoń pod numer 800-817-3056 (TTY: 711). <u>ATENÇÃO</u>: Se fala português, encontram-se disponíveis serviços linguísticos, grátis. Ligue para 800-817-3056 (TTY: 711).

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