

2.10.9 Provider Support

Providers face significant challenges navigating complex new responsibilities in an evolving healthcare environment. Humana will offer a comprehensive strategy to address these challenges, reduce administrative burden, and help Louisiana Medicaid providers focus on care delivery to improve health outcomes for enrollees. Our Louisiana provider support model incorporates best practices from our Medicaid experience in other markets, feedback from more than 50 Louisiana providers, and LDH requirements. The model relies on local Provider Relations (PR) representatives establishing consistent, reliable, 1-on-1 relationships with providers. PR representatives share data and market expertise to help providers improve performance and serve enrollees. They act as liaisons to internal experts in areas such as claims denials (e.g., Provider Claims Educators), quality strategies and opportunities for improvement (e.g., Quality Improvement Advisors).

Through decades of experience in Louisiana, we have developed strong relationships with local providers that currently care for 432,000 Humana enrollees across all 64 Parishes statewide. Our provider support activities will be an extension of these longstanding relationships and will be tailored to the unique needs Louisiana's Medicaid populations. We partner with and support a full spectrum of Louisiana providers, ranging from large organizations (such as Ochsner Health System) to clinics (such as Westbank Medical Clinic and Winn Community Health Center) to small, rural, single-provider practices across the State. Our diverse network represents a deep understanding of the unique needs of Louisiana residents and the providers that serve them and demonstrates the value we place on achieving measurable improvements in health.

2.10.9.1.1 Its process to determine adequate provider relations staffing coverage

Today Humana's local Provider Relations Team includes associates across Louisiana. These existing PR representatives will also assume responsibility for Medicaid Provider Relations to ensure a clear and consistent touchpoint across lines of business.

these managers review our Provider Relations staffing model to ensure adequate coverage. We

also ensure that we have adequate resources to meet providers' needs,

performance and utilization data, and methods to improve quality scores. Our Provider Relations associates are available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Central Time.

2.10.9.1.2 Strategies to provide effective and timely communications with providers;

We will modify our current provider communication systems in place in Louisiana to incorporate the Medicaid Managed Care requirements described in Section 2.10 of the Model Contract. We will use multiple channels to comprehensively support and educate providers as they deliver care to our enrollees.

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2.10.9 Provider Support **Interactive Communications** Provider Relations Team: Our most powerful communication resource is our Provider Relations Team, Our Provider Relations Team Provider Advisory Council (PAC): Our Provider Advisory Council Webinars: Humana offers interactive webinars throughout the year Town Halls: is essential to successful implementation of a new contract. During our recent **On-Demand Communications** Provider Website: The Humana provider website allows providers to access Medicaid materials easily and submit complaints electronically. . We update our website frequently, so it is a convenient resource to engage and educate providers. We prominently display urgent updates (e.g., State of emergency notices) and information about quality initiatives for our providers (e.g., annual checkups or breast cancer screenings). In accordance with Section 2.10.5 of the Contract, our website includes the Provider Handbook, Provider Training Manual, Prescription Drug Guide, and Louisiana Medicaid preferred drug lists. Provider Portal: Our optimizes information Provider Hotline: Our local Provider Hotline has highly trained associates available to address provider issues Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Central Time. The hotline uses

Written Resources

Provider Handbook: At the start of the Contract period, all Humana network providers

Newsletters: Humana's

Proactive Communications

Our PR representatives review data from our provider interactions

The PR

representatives carefully track and analyze the data in order to inform and enable proactive communications with providers. This

allows us to address issues before they escalate. We carefully examine provider performance in quality and patient experience to drive the Triple Aim of better health, better care, and lower costs.

Provider Education Program

Our provider education strategy is designed to

We continuously enhance

Humana's award-winning Strategic
Provider Communications team
coordinates the delivery of
communications such as newsletters
and Provider Handbooks. This team was

named the 2017 Stevie Awards for

Communication Team of the Year and received the 2017 OpenText Elite Award

for Health Insurance Innovation.

our provider education program,

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incorporate Medicaid-specific education, including the topics described in Sections 2.10.7.3-2.10.7.7 of the Model Contract. To best accommodate providers,

Our education efforts are not static;

The first step in our education program is to

Our PR representatives are key to our provider education model, acting
In Louisiana for example, our PR

as a

representatives

These tools are available

after-hours and for new providers as they enter our network. Providers also have

2.10.9.1.3 The processes that the Proposer will put in place to support providers with high claims denials rates;

We have designed Humana's claims strategy with the ultimate goal to

Our strategy has dimensions:

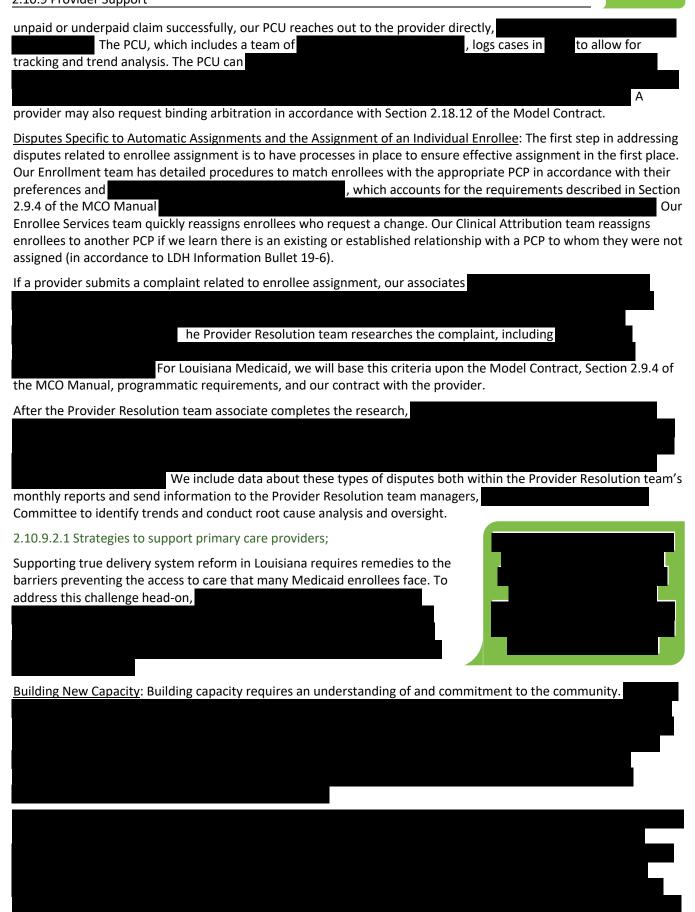
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<u>Tools to Support Claims Payment</u>: To avoid denials, our provider portal contains several tools

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strategy also includes a
Provider Education and Training: Our education strategy includes outreach
These are designed to engage providers and their staff on our claims payment tools and common errors, as well as to improve the efficiency and accuracy of claims submission. We also offer
Identifying Providers with High Denial Rates: Humana's Claims team identifies providers with high claims denials and conducts root cause analysis to monitor across all lines of business on Providers with denial rates of are flagged and automatically undergo
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Support for Providers with High Denial Rates: Our PR representatives reach out to providers through
This team is available to conduct targeted training for providers and their staff in person, via telephone, or through other means (as required by the provider) to address high rates of claim denials or patterns of denied claims identified through their root cause analysis.
We ask providers to evaluate the effectiveness of the training conducted and the delivery method so that we may continuously improve the process. PR representatives will continue to monitor providers following the training to ensure the issues causing the denials have been resolved successfully. PR representatives will This allows them to evaluate whether we should conduct the training for
other providers and ways we might improve the training.
2.10.9.1.4 The processes for evaluating and resolving provider disputes in a timely manner.
Humana has a well-established that allows providers to submit a complaint in multiple ways Our is consistent with LDH requirements as described in Sections 2.10.9, 2.9.33.9, and 2.18.12 of the Model Contract and Sections 2.9.4, 2.9.11, 2.10.6, and 2.18.5 of the MCO Manual, as well as LA Admin Code Title 50, Chapter 37, Sub. B, Provider Grievance and Appeals.
Our Provider Resolution team is dedicated to resolving complaints accurately and expeditiously. The team includes associates with specific areas of expertise and tracks and researches all complaints to ensure we comply with all contractual and regulatory requirements concerning resolution. If the team is unable to resolve an

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<u>Telehealth</u>: Telehealth and remote monitoring supports providers, particularly those in rural Parishes, in improving collaboration with enrollees who are difficult to connect to care. Our telehealth solutions include:

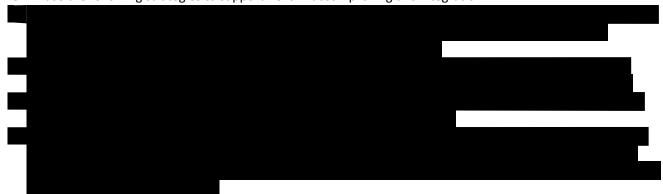
- Provider-to-provider interactions: We will leverage our longstanding relationship
- *Tele-psychiatry:* We will use a virtual telemedicine platform that allows PCPs to connect enrollees with BH providers via telephone, website, or mobile application whenever the enrollee requires the services.
- Diabetes mobile health application: We have partnered with access its to address clinically proven dimensions of diabetes management.

<u>Value-Based Payment (VBP)</u>: Humana has designed a continuum of VBP programs to support providers' transition to value-based care with actionable data, care coordination, clinical programs, and predictive models. These programs improve access to care by incentivizing providers to accept larger panels of Medicaid enrollees.

Whole Person Integration Model of Care: Louisiana faces significant health challenges. We understand that the determinants of health and well-being reach beyond traditional, clinical settings and are also largely driven by the influences present in enrollees' homes and in their communities. To that end, Humana established an enterprise-wide initiative, our "Bold Goal," to improve the health of the entire communities we serve. We work to accomplish this goal through innovative partnerships with local community-based organizations (CBO), businesses, government agencies, and providers. Humana also uses the Bold Goal as an SDOH model to address all factors influencing health. As 2 of Humana's initial 7 Bold Goal markets nationwide, we have developed extensive relationships

We are taking our learnings from these markets and expanding our population health strategy efforts across the entire State and nation.

We will use the following strategies to support PCPs in accomplishing this integration:

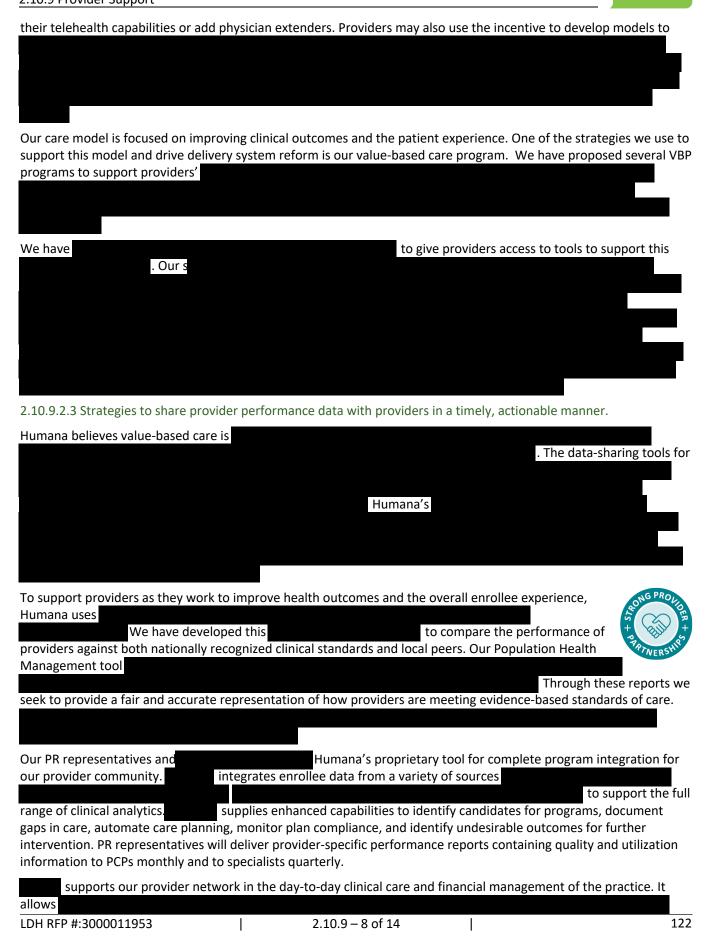


<u>Patient-Centered Medical Homes (PCMH)</u>: We assist providers in attaining and maintaining National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) PCMH accreditation. We will for providers interested in

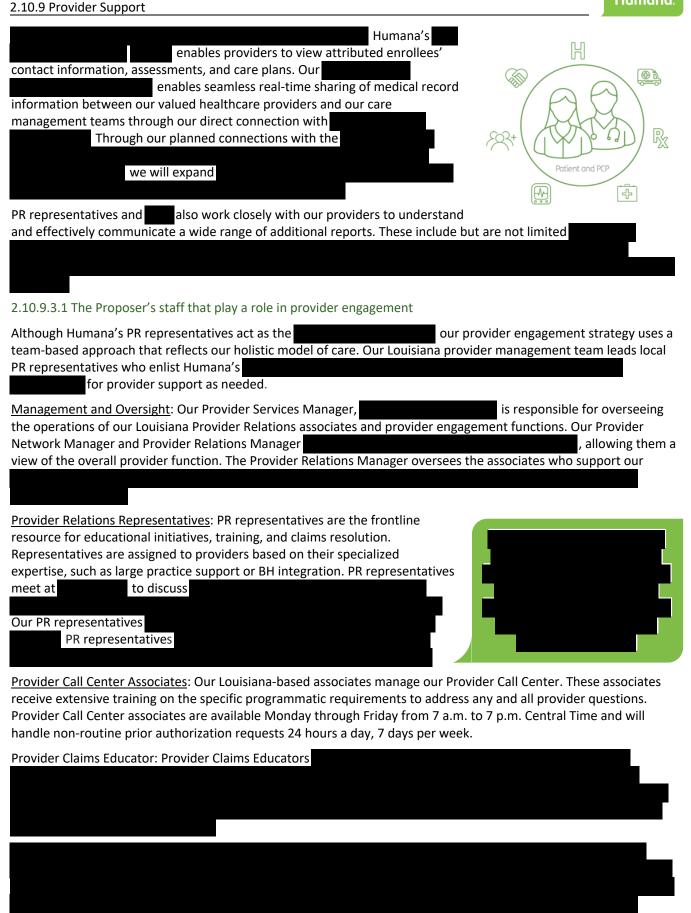


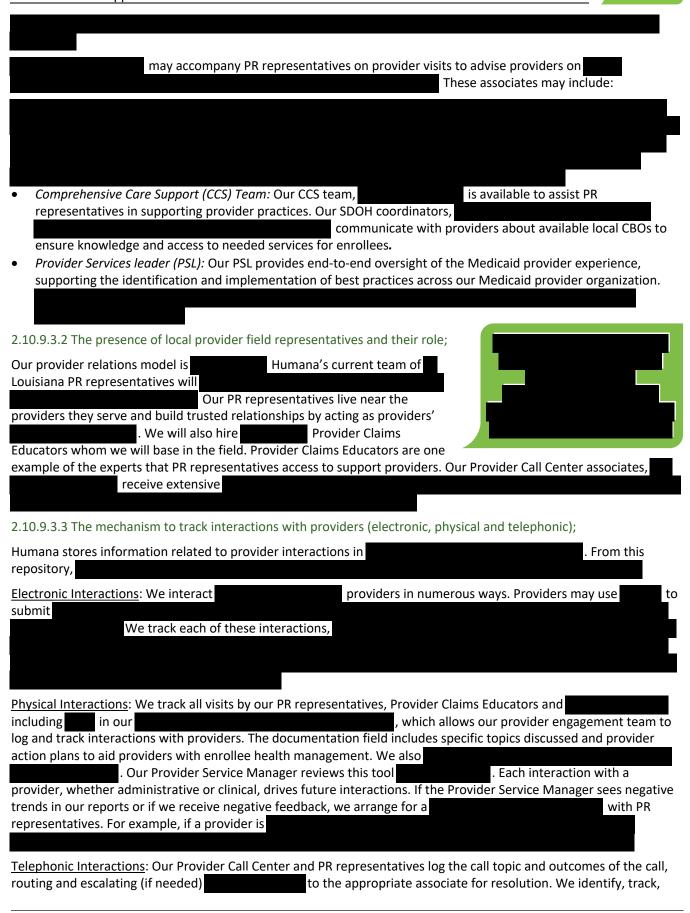
becoming a PCMH. The	
<u>Practice Coaching to Support Delivery System Reform</u> : Or representatives and	ur provider support model centers on our PR
representatives unu	
	They meet with PCPs
to deliver and discuss	PR representatives will also use
Care Management Information:	data PR representatives will share include: platform provides a consolidated view of enrollees and
their healthcare services across providers. The visits and hospitalizations,	includes associated with office
safety, eliminate duplicate or unnecessary procedur	Use of the can improve enrollee res, and improve coordination and continuity of care.
Referral Information: Our	shares information with rovider groups as they incorporate cost and quality insights
	ta may provide reassurance that the specialist to
2.10.9.2.2 Strategies to support behavioral health and ot	ther specialty providers
Humana uses a multi-pronged strategy to support BH and	
	Access to critical BH services for children and adolescents is
particularly challenging and requires unique specializatio	n.
Access to BH or specialty care is particularly challenging i have enhanced our	in rural areas such as Lincoln or Winn. To address this, we
refer enrollees with mild to moderate BH conditions to a virtually treat addiction, anxiety and panic attacks, ADD/, insomnia, postpartum depression, and PTSD. BH informa back to the PCP to create a plan of action, if necessary. A Pregnant women	ADHD, depression and mood disorders, eating disorders, ation gathered from a telehealth visit is directly conveyed additionally, we will
We promote delivery system reform through direct inves	·
quality. As with our PCPs, our specialty and BH partners r	nay

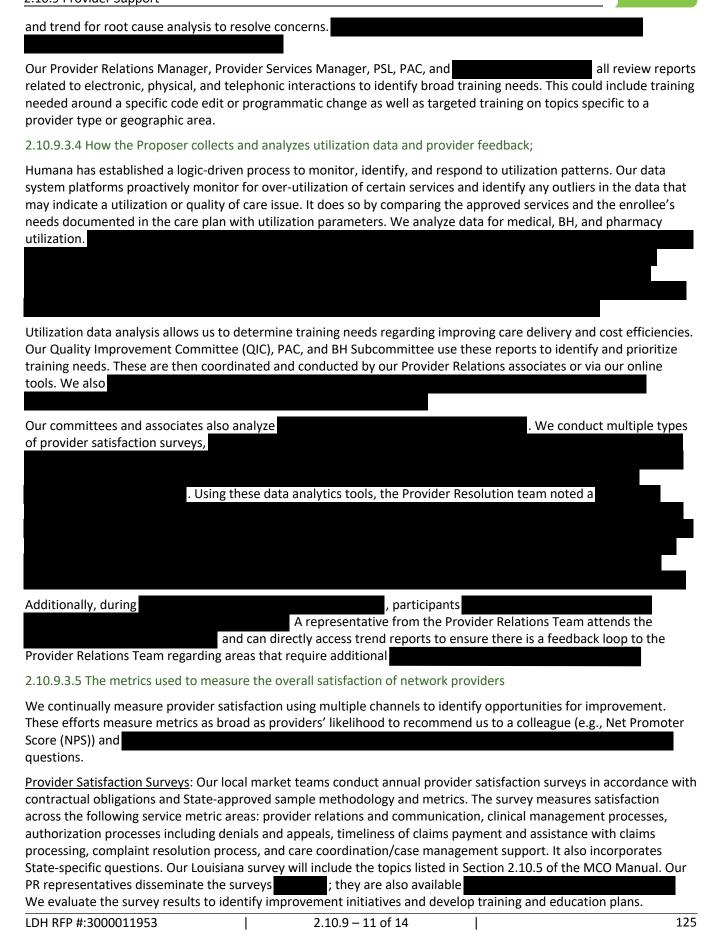




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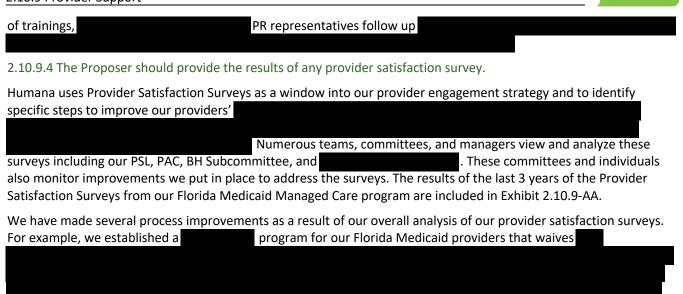


Office of the Chief Medical Officer (OCMO) Surveys: Our Office of the Chief Medical Officer conducts national surveys annually of measure satisfaction. These telephone surveys include NPS questions that ask providers whether they would recommend Humana to their colleagues and other providers. The OCMO conducts a similar survey of provider practices' office managers. The OCMO then reports these results to 2 teams: These 2 teams recommend opportunities for
improvement across all lines of business and provider types.
Voice of the Customer (VOC) Surveys: In March 2019,
with our Provider Hotline and They measure providers' likelihood to recommend Humana to a friend or colleague, associates' ability to assist the provider, ease of communication, and the overall call experience. The analyzes the survey results. These surveys have led to several process improvements,
Provider Complaints: We actively measure and trend our provider complaints to identify areas of improvement. Our data analytics tool,
2.10.9.3.6 The approach and frequency of provider training;
Our trainings involve a combination of w
To promote maximum attendance and convenience for our providers, training is available through Trainings includes a wide range of topics (including those described in Section 2.10.7 of the Model
Contract and 2.10.4 of the MCO Manual) such as
We require targeted training by our PR representatives that addresses
We include all training materials from staff can access training modules online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on both Provider Education also allows providers to to their practice. We are currently
The CBT modules allow us to embed reference material as well as include a mandatory survey used to capture provider completion data. We track all providers' completion

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The following Exhibit 2.10.9-A describes other specific actions we have taken as a result of our provider satisfaction surveys.

