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**I. INTRODUCTION**

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The Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration, hereinafter known as PRHIA or ASES, is a government corporation created in accordance with the Act No. 72 of September 7, 1993, as amended, also known as the "Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration Act". PRHIA is created with the purpose of managing, negotiating, and contracting of health plans that enable it to obtain, for its beneficiaries, particularly the medically needy, quality hospital and other medical services.

This document constitutes a reference manual, which establishes the requirements in the development of the systems, between the Information Systems Office of PRHIA and GHP Carriers, in accordance with the Government Health Plan (GHP) contract (Contract). This includes processes of eligibility, enrollment, premium payment, Maternity Payment, Correctional Hospital Services, STAC Payment and FMAP change (change in the FPL)- The Federal Medical Assistance Percentage, Member Race Cell/Risk Score, supplementary payments (SMA, Hepatitis C, COVID 19, SYNTHROID, among others) and Objection to Payment. The history of the services provided by the beneficiary is identified and the Carrier becomes involved when he changes Carrier. Any conflicts between this document and the applicable statutes, regulations and guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or Contracts for the Provision of Physical and Behavioral Health Services under the GHP as between PRHIA and the GHP Carriers shall be resolved in favor of CMS guidance and such contracts, as amended.

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## II. DEFINITIONS

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**Adjusted Payment:** Reversal of a payment that has been adjudicated during the payment process of a previous premium payment cycle.

**ASES:** Administración de Seguros de Salud de Puerto Rico (the Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration (PRHIA)), the entity within the Government of Puerto Rico responsible for oversight and administration of the Government Health Plan (GHP) or its Agent.

**Auto-Assignment:** The assignment of an Enrollee to a PMG and a PCP by ASES, Carriers or Puerto Rico Puerto Rico Medicaid Office (PRMP).

**Auto-Enrollment Process:** The Enrollment of a Potential Enrollee in a GHP without any action by the Potential Enrollee, as provided in Article 5 of this Contract.

**Business Day:** Traditional workdays, including Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Puerto Rico's holidays, as defined in the Law for Compliance with the Fiscal Plan, Act No. 26 of April 29, 2017, or any other law enacted during the duration of this Contract regarding this subject, are excluded.

**Calendar Days:** All seven days of the week.

**Eligibility End Date:** Is the date in which a member loses his or her eligibility for the GHP. The Puerto Rico Puerto Rico Medicaid Office is the only entity with the authority to cancel an enrollee's eligibility.

**Carrier to ASES Data Submissions:** Document provides health insurance carriers information to submit their health care claims, network, provider, IPA, and capitation data to ASES. **Reference Addendum 5**

**Carrier Change:** process where the file of the beneficiaries who changed their MCO is sent to the Actuary, to collect the history of the use of claims and meeting of the beneficiary for the Vital Plan and Medicare Platino. **Reference Addendum 7 Transition of Care (TOC)**

**Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS"):** The agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services which is responsible for the Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

**Eligibility date:** It is the start date of an eligibility period. It is assigning by the Puerto Rico Medicaid (PRPM) according to the evaluation performed and eligibility program determined (CHIP, Medicaid, Commonwealth). As provided in Section 5.1.3 of this Contract, a decision of the Puerto Rico Puerto Rico Medicaid Office where a person is eligible to receive services under the GHP, in a Medicaid, CHIP or Commonwealth coverage classification. Some public employees and retirees can enroll in GHP without first receiving a Certification.

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**Children's Health Insurance Program ("CHIP"):** The Children's Health Insurance Program established pursuant to Title XXI of the Social Security Act.

**CHIP Eligible:** A child eligible to enroll in the GHP because he or she is eligible for CHIP.

**COORDINATION OF BENEFITS – COB** Some people who are beneficiaries of Government Health Plan of Puerto Rico, which thrives on federal funds under certain circumstances may be eligible to receive benefits for a private plan or other health insurance funded by the Government of Puerto Rico. In accordance with applicable laws and federal guidelines, Medicaid is the payer of last resort, and the rest of the remedies must be exhausted before resorting to the services under the Medicaid funds provided. – **Reference Addendum 8**

**Coverage Code:** Code assigned by the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office to eligible beneficiaries, according to Federal, CHIP and Commonwealth indigence criteria. Under GHP, the coverage code will coincide with the Plan Version.

**Covered Services:** Those Medically Necessary health care services (listed in Article 7 of this Contract) provided to Enrollees by Providers, the payment or indemnification of which is covered under this Contract.

**Daily Basis:** Each Business Day.

**Deemed Newborns:** Children born to a mother with Medicaid or CHIP eligibility on the date of delivery and are eligible from the date of birth. They will be granted an eligibility period of thirteen (13) months.

**Domestic Violence Population:** Certain survivors of domestic violence referred by the Office of the Women's Advocate

**Dual Eligible Enrollee:** An Enrollee or potential enrollee eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare.

**EDI:** Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Process

**Effective date of the change of Carrier:** It is the start date of the enrollment of an affiliate in a selected Carrier. For changes made in the first twenty days of the month, registration with the Carrier will become effective on the first day of the following month according to the selection of the Carrier. For Carriers, changes made after the first twenty days of the month, Carriers' registration will take effect on the first day of the following month (20-day rule).

**Enrollment counselor:** Call Center for beneficiary service change of insurer or PCP/PMG

**Enrollment Effective Date (Carrier Effective Date):** The date the eligible member is enrolled with the contracted Carrier. This date considers the effective date of eligibility or the effective date of the change in Carrier.

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**Enrollment End Date (Carrier End Date):** The effective end date of the member's coverage period at the assigned insurance carrier.

**Enrollment Start Date:** This is the member's start date for the current period of continuous enrollment with the current insurance carrier.

**Enrollee Seed Sets:** These are GHP groups eligible by the date of execution of the automatic allocation algorithm, which are classified according to the expiration date of their eligibility and the cancellation date issued by the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office. (Cancellation date Medicaid) These groups are assigned to contracted Carriers and define the delivery packages sent to Carriers, during the self-allocation maintenance period.

**Eligibility:** Eligibility is determined by the Puerto Rico Puerto Rico Medicaid Office of Department of Health.

**Eligible Person -** A person eligible to enroll in the GHP, as provided in Section 1.3.1 of this Contract, by virtue of being eligible for Medicaid, CHIP, or Commonwealth coverage.

**Enrollee:** A person who is enrolled in a Carrier's GHP, as provided in this Contract, and who, by virtue of relevant Federal and Puerto Rico laws and regulations, is an Eligible Person listed in Section 1.3.1 of the Contract.

**Enrollment:** The process by which an Eligible Person becomes an Enrollee of the Carrier's Plan.

**Federal Category:** Classification established by the Puerto Rico Puerto Rico Medicaid Office for an Enrollee, according to established criteria of indigence levels. This category includes the population that benefits from the Medicaid and CHIP programs.

**FMAP change (change in the FPL- Federal Poverty Level) -** is computed from a formula that considers the average per capita income for each State relative to the national average. Are used to determine your eligibility for certain programs and benefits, including savings on Marketplace health insurance, and Medicaid and CHIP coverage.

**Foster Care Population:** Children who are in the custody of the Department of Family's ADFAN Program and enrolled in the GHP.

**Government Health Insurance Plan (GHP):** The government health services program (formerly called "Vital") offered by the government and administered by ASES, serving a mixed population of eligible for Medicaid, CHIP and Commonwealth, and emphasizes the integrated delivery of physical and behavioral health services.

**GHP Welcome Package:** The first welcome package that a Carrier sends to Enrollees upon enrollment.

**Health Insurer Code:** This is the code assigned to the Insurance Company



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**Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN):** Previously it was a Medicare enrollee's identification number and appeared in the enrollee's insurance card. A new Medicare Enrollee Identifier (MBI) replaced the SSN-based Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) on the new Medicare cards for Medicare transactions like billing, eligibility status, and claim status.

**HIPAA Transaction 834** - The ANSI 834 EDI Enrollment Implementation Format is a standard file format for the electronic interchange of health plan enrollment data. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires that all health plans or health insurance companies accept a standard enrollment format: ANSI 834A Version 5010. An 834 file contains an order of data, such as a subscriber's name, hire date, etc. in a data segment. The 834 is used to transfer enrollment information from the insurance coverage sponsor, benefits, or policy to a payer. The intent of this implementation guide is to meet the specific need of the health care industry for the initial enrollment and subsequent maintenance of individuals who are enrolled in insurance products. This implementation guide specifically addresses the enrollment and maintenance of healthcare products only. One or more separate flexible spending and retirement guidelines may be developed.

**HIPAA Transaction 820** - Health Insurance Exchange Related Payments

**Id Card Issue Date:** This is the member ID card issue date.

**Identification Card (ID):** A card bearing an Enrollee's name, contract number, and co-payment amounts, and a customer service telephone number, which is used to identify the Enrollee in connection with the provision of services.

**Incarcerated population:** Individual who are in the legal custody of the Puerto Rico Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation involuntarily held in a correctional facility and enrolled in the Medicaid Office of Puerto Rico.

**Initial Auto-Enrollment Enrollee:** Initial Auto-Enrollment Subscriber - An eligible person enrolled prior to November 1, 2018, with a GHP Carrier is automatically enrolled with a Carrier by ASES with an effective date of November 1, 2018.

**Carriers:** The Managed Care Organization that is a Party of this Contract, licensed as a Carrier by the Puerto Rico Commissioner of Insurance ("PRICO"), which contracts hereunder with ASES under the GHP for the provision of Covered Services and Benefits to Enrollees based on PMPM Payments

**Managed Care Organization (MCO):** An entity that is organized for the purpose of providing health care and is licensed as a Carrier by the Puerto Rico Commissioner of Insurance ("PRICO"), which contracts with ASES for the provision of Covered Services and Benefits Island-wide based on PMPM Payments, under the GHP.

**Maternity Payment** - Is designed to support Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) in reporting maternity deliveries for reimbursement in the Badgercare Plus – Standard program as the payment is made outside of the monthly capitation payment process. – **Reference Attach 29 of the contract**

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**Notice of Action Taken:** Form issued by the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office, entitled “Notice of Action Taken or Application and/or Recertification” containing the Certification decision (whether a person was determined eligible or ineligible for Medicaid Coverage, CHIP, or Commonwealth).

**Medicaid:** The medical assistance federal/state joint government program established by Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

**Medicaid Eligible:** An individual eligible to receive services under Medicaid, who is eligible, on this basis, to enroll in the GHP.

**Medicaid ID:** Identifier number assigned to the medical-physician provider after registration in the PEP system of the Medicaid Office in PR

**Medically Necessary Services:** Those services that meet the definition found in Section 7.2 of this Contract.

**Member Race Cell:** Process where the beneficiary's data is evaluated to assign them the corresponding Rate Cell monthly.

**National Provider Identifier (“NPI”):** The 10-digit unique-identifier numbering system for Providers created by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), through the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System.

**New Enrollee:** An Eligible Person who became a Potential Enrollee after November 1, 2018.

**Non-Risk-Payment Arrangement:** methodology has been utilized to meet the needs of population without undermining the payment and cost of the actuarially quoted premiums.

**Open Enrollment:** A period of ninety (90) Calendar Days in which Enrollees have one (1) opportunity to select a different Carrier, without cause, as set forth in Section 5.2.5 of the Contract.

**OTP - Objection of Payment:** This is the process for Carriers to notify ASES of objections to erroneous payments and missed payments.

**PCP Effective Date:** Date on which a PCP1 or PCP2 enrollment becomes effective.

**Plan Type:** Code 01 to identify members with GHP.

**Plan Version:** Product identification number that corresponds with the Plan Type. For GHP, the Plan Version will be the same as the code assigned to the beneficiaries by the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office.

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**PMPM Premium (“Per Member Per Month (PMPM)” Payment):** The fixed monthly amount that the Contracted Carrier is paid by ASES for each Enrollee to ensure that benefits under this contract are provided. This payment is made regardless of whether the enrollee receives benefits during the period covered by the payment.

**Potential Enrollee: Possible affiliate:** A person who has been certified by the Puerto Rico Puerto Rico Medicaid Office as eligible to enroll in the GHP (either Medicaid, CHIP or Commonwealth category coverage), but who has not yet enrolled with a contracted Carrier.

**Poverty Level:** As required by Section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) updates the poverty guidelines at least annually and by law these updates are applied to eligibility criteria for programs such as Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). These annual updates increase the Census Bureau’s current official poverty thresholds by the relevant percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

**Primary Care Physician (PCP):** A licensed medical doctor (MD) who is a Provider and who, within the scope of practice and in accordance with Puerto Rico Certification and licensure requirements, is responsible for providing all required Primary Care to Enrollees. The PCP is responsible for determining services required by Enrollees, provides continuity of care, and provides Referrals for Enrollees when Medically Necessary. A PCP may be a general practitioner, family physician, internal medicine physician, obstetrician/gynecologist, or pediatrician.

**Primary Medical Group (PMG):** A grouping of associated Primary Care Physicians and other Providers for the delivery of services to GHP Enrollees using a coordinated care model. PMGs may be organized as Provider care organizations, or as another group of Providers who have contractually agreed to offer a coordinated care model to GHP Enrollees under the terms of this Contract.

**Prorated Payment:** A late payment that covers a fraction of the month prior to the month in which the premium payment is made. Prorated payments only apply to Carriers specifically during the first month of eligibility for the Commonwealth covered population and newborns. The concept of prorated payments also applies to adjusted payments considering the different reasons that trigger cancellations.

**Provider:** Any physician, hospital, facility, or other Health Care Provider who is licensed or otherwise authorized to provide physical or Behavioral Health Services in the jurisdiction in which they are furnished.

**Puerto Rico Puerto Rico Medicaid Office (or “Medicaid Office”):** Puerto Rico Puerto Rico Medicaid Office (or “Medicaid Office”): The subdivision of the Department of Health that makes eligibility determinations and offers a Carrier selection after a favorable result of said determination under GHP for Medicaid, CHIP and Commonwealth coverage.

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**Rate cell:** Category that determines the monthly premium.

**Recertification:** A determination by the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program that a person previously enrolled in the GHP subsequently received a Negative Redetermination Decision, is again eligible for services under the GHP.

**Redetermination:** The periodic Redetermination of eligibility of an individual for Medicaid, CHIP and Commonwealth coverage, conducted by the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office.

**Retroactive Payment:** Refers to a payment that corresponds to a period prior to the month in which the PMPM Payment is made.

**SMA -** The Spinal Muscular Atrophy population presents enormous challenges in terms due to the high costs involved for a population that has so far represented less than 20 patients.

**State Population (or “Commonwealth Population”):** A group eligible to participate in the GHP as Other Eligible Persons, with no Federal participation supporting the cost of their coverage, which is comprised of low-income persons and other groups listed in Section 1.3.1.2.1 of the contract.

**TRANSITION OF CARE:** Historical utilization data of the beneficiary when changing Carrier

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### III. MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY PROCESSES

#### A. Eligibility Determination

The Medicaid Office, which administers the Puerto Rico Medicaid Assistance Program, is the state plan agency with authority to determine if a person is eligible to receive services covered under the GHP. Members can be determined eligible to participate in the GHP as a recipient of Medicaid funded with Federal (Federal), CHIP, or Commonwealth funds. For the Medicaid and CHIP populations, the eligibility criteria are established in the State Plan and in cooperation with CMS. For state beneficiaries, eligibility requirements are set by the Medicaid Program, except for public employees and pensioners included in Other Eligible Populations, which are determined by independent ASES policies.

#### B. NOTICE OF DECISION

Pursuant to Section 5.1.2 of the Contract, the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office's determination that a person is eligible for the GHP is contained on Form Notice of Decision, titled "Notification of Action Taken on Application and/or Recertification." A person who has received a Notice of Decision is referred to as a "Potential Enrollee."

The Potential Enrollee may access Covered Services using the Notice of Decision as a temporary Enrollee ID Card from the first day of the eligibility period specified on the Notice of Decision even if the person has not received an Enrollee ID Card. Only Medicaid, CHIP, and Commonwealth Enrollees receive a Notice of Decision and may access Covered Services with the Notice of Decision as a temporary Enrollee ID Card. A Form Notice of Decision will be provided for each Household Potential Enrollee included in the Application and the authorized contact member.

The Notice of Decision report is valid for the eligibility period identified on Form Notice of Decision and may be used for a period of thirty (30) calendar days from the date of Certification for the purpose of demonstrating eligibility. See **Addendum 1- Notice of Decision Form**.

#### C. Eligibility date

##### **Federal Program Enrollee (Medicaid or CHIP)**

The Eligibility Date of for purposes of a Medicaid or CHIP Potential Enrollee is the first day of the month in which the Puerto Rico Puerto Rico Medicaid Office determines eligibility. This should be the same date indicated as the eligibility period on the document Notice of Decision.



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The eligibility period specified in the Decision Notification Report may be a retroactive eligibility period, up to three (3) months before the first day of the month, in which the Potential Affiliate submits his / her application for eligibility to the Office of Puerto Rico Medicaid with Federal Medicaid and CHIP coverage where services can be covered retroactively. Retroactivity, on the effective date of eligibility, is granted when the prospective member indicates that they incurred medical expenses prior to the current eligibility period, including any services covered by Federal Medicaid or CHIP coverage, that relate to drugs or services, where pharmacy expenses are generated and have not been paid. The effective date of eligibility will be within the three (3) months prior to the month in which the prospective member submits the application. If the prospective member is eligible for Federal Medicaid or CHIP coverage in the month the service was eligible, the prospective member will receive retroactive eligibility. Retroactive benefit does not apply to Commonwealth covered beneficiaries. Retroactive eligibility is evaluated for all potential members with Federal Medicaid and CHIP coverage who notify the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office about their medical expenses and/or utilization of services during the allowed period of three (3) months.

When an Enrollee re-certification is filed, and the Enrollee is again eligible, as determined by the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office, the Eligibility Date for the subsequent period is generally the 1st of the month after eligibility expires from the previous eligibility period. If an Enrollee does not apply for Re-certification at the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office once his/her eligibility period has expired, the eligibility for the GHP is lost. This will happen even in cases in which the Enrollee's eligibility was lost for at least one (1) day. The Eligibility Date for a new eligibility period for these cases will be the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of the month of the new application for certification.

A person can apply for Federal Medicaid / CHIP coverage on behalf of a person who has died during the same month they applied or up to three (3) months later, only if the person was eligible in those months. The eligibility period will be from 180 days prior to the date of death. This provision does not apply to Commonwealth covered beneficiaries.

All pregnant women with federal, Commonwealth and CHIP coverage may have an eligibility period greater than twelve (12) months by adding the required sixty (60) days of postpartum coverage. The expiration date will be the last day of the month, at the end of these sixty (60) days.

### Commonwealth Enrollees (Commonwealth Category Beneficiaries)

The Commonwealth determines the date of eligibility if the eligibility period specified on the Decision Notification Report, and potential members are eligible to enroll as of that date. Note that a potential member may be classified as a Commonwealth covered member for their current eligibility period but may be classified as a federally covered member for any of the retroactive eligibility period.

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Recertification for members of Commonwealth coverage, in which the member is re-eligible, the eligibility date is the first (1st) day of the month after the expiration of current eligibility. The certification date for beneficiaries of coverage in Commonwealth will be when the certification is completed. If a Commonwealth coverage member's eligibility period expires prior to recertification, the Commonwealth coverage member's eligibility will be processed as a new case and the eligibility effective date will be the new eligibility effective date provided on the document Notice of Decision. The member of Commonwealth coverage can request a Carrier at the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office for the new period of eligibility at the time of certification.

All pregnant women on Federal, CHIP and Commonwealth coverage may have an eligibility period greater than twelve (12) months by adding the required sixty (60) days of postpartum coverage. The expiration date will be the last day of the month at the end of these sixty (60) days.

### D. Enrollee Recertification

After a period of eligibility is granted to a member, two (2) or three (3) months prior to the expiration date of eligibility, the member will undergo a recertification process, for a new period of eligibility, which will be carried out by the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office. This will allow for the renewal of covered services during the next twelve (12) month period. The effective date of recertification refers to the date that the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office reevaluates the eligibility of an enrollee. This date is provided on the decision notification report. The Eligibility Expiration Date refers to the expiration date of the eligibility period granted to the member by the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office. A federal and Commonwealth covered member who is recertified will have their current eligibility period noted and will have a future Eligibility Effective Date in the Decision Notice for their next eligibility period beginning the day after the period expires. current eligibility.

### E. Eligibility End Date

The cancellation or termination of an eligibility period is notified in the data transferred in the journal files in the standard 834 format. The specifications of these data and processes are determined in the current 834 Companion Guide.

Daily base, all insurers contracted by ASES and ASES will receive from Puerto Rico Medicaid Office a file, in 834 formats, with the eligibility, change of circumstances and enrollment status of the beneficiaries.

Now of a certification or recertification of a member, an Expiration Date is established. If the eligibility of a member is extended for any of the reasons explained later in this document, the expected termination of such extension will be expressed through the Medicaid Cancellation Date. Also, if the

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eligibility period of a member, extended or not, is terminated before the Expiration Date (for example, by the death of an enrollee, members identified in the PARIS file, or by voluntary resignation) or a previously stated Medicaid Cancellation Date (for example, by a pregnancy that ended prematurely), the date for the real cancellation of the eligibility period of a member will be stated in the Medicaid Cancellation Date.

### F. Eligibility Extensions

When the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office grants an extension of eligibility, the date the extension expires is included in the eligibility data in 834 formats.

If an enrollee qualifies for more than one (1) type of extension, the extensions will be combined applying the extension with the longest eligibility period extension stated through the Medicaid Cancellation Date and the extension that grants the most benefits stated through the Extension Flag containing the appropriate Extension Code. For example, if an enrollee is granted the extension due to pregnancy and the extension due to a natural disaster, the extensions will be combined and his or her eligibility will be extended because of the natural disaster extension and will have the coverage benefits of the pregnancy extension.

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**IV. ENROLLMENT IN GHP CARRIERS**

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**A. General Enrollment Requirements**

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The Carrier must guarantee the maintenance, functionality, and reliability of all systems necessary for Enrollment and Disenrollment, pursuant to the Contract and this Manual.

**B. Effective Date of Enrollment**

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The effective date of enrollment (assignment date) will be assigned in the 834 daily data. For new and recertification cases, the effective date must be equal to the date stipulated in the Notice of Decision document set forth in Section 5.2.6 of the Contract or based on carrier and other changes such as PCP and/or PMG changes. In addition to this section of the contract, please make reference to the 834 Companion Guide.

The effective date of enrollment for a newborn whose mother is eligible for Federal Medicaid or CHIP coverage begins from the date of birth. The Effective Date of Enrollment for a newborn whose mother is an Affiliate of the Commonwealth coverage is the Effective Date of Eligibility established by the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program. A newborn will be automatically enrolled in accordance with the procedures established in Section 5.2.7 of the Contract.

Changes in Enrollment requested by the Enrollee received during the first twenty (20) Calendar Days of the month will be effective the first Calendar Day of the following month (e.g., requests received January 10 will be effective February 1).

Changes in Enrollment received after the first twenty (20) Calendar Days of the month will be effective the first Calendar Day of the second month following the request to change Enrollment (e.g., requests received January 25 will be effective March 1).

**C. Term of Enrollment**

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The Term of Enrollment with the Carrier shall be a period of twelve (12) consecutive months for all GHP Enrollees, unless a different Carrier is selected during the applicable Open Enrollment Period described in Section 5.2.5 of the Contract, and except in cases in which the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program has designated an eligibility period shorter than twelve (12) months for an Enrollee who is a Federal Medicaid or CHIP Eligible or a member of the coverage Commonwealth, in which case that



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same period shall also be considered the Enrollee's Term of Enrollment. There may also be changes of insurer through the enrollment counselor for just cause.

Such a shortened eligibility period may apply, at the discretion of the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program, when an Enrollee is pregnant, is homeless, or anticipates a change in status (such as receipt of unemployment benefits or in family composition). Section 5.3.3 of the Contract controls the Effective Date of Disenrollment.

Pregnant Enrollees with a Term of Enrollment that expires during pregnancy or within sixty (60) Calendar Days of the post-partum period have an extended Term of Enrollment that expires on the last day of the month after sixty (60) Calendar days counted from the beginning of the post-partum period.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 5.2 of the Contract, and notwithstanding the Term of Enrollment provided in Section 5.2.3 of the Contract, Enrollees remain enrolled with the same Carrier until the occurrence of an event listed in Section 5.3 of the Contract (Disenrollment).

### **D. Carrier Notification Procedures Related to Redetermination**

The Carrier must inform Enrollees who are Federal Medicaid and CHIP Eligible and coverage Commonwealth of an impending Redetermination through written notices. Such notices shall be provided ninety (90) Calendar Days, sixty (60) Calendar Days, and thirty (30) Calendar Days before the scheduled date of the Redetermination pursuant to Section 5.2.8 of the Contract.

### **E. Enrollment Procedures**

For all Enrollees the Carrier must comply with the Auto-Enrollment process and issue to the Enrollee a notice informing the Enrollee of the PMG and PCP they are assigned to and their rights to change the PMG or PCP without cause during the applicable Open Enrollment Period, on 834 formats.

The new enrollees for a Carrier could change his/her Auto-Assigned or Selected PMG and PCP without cause through the Carrier. The Carrier can offer counseling and assistance to the Enrollee in selecting a different PCP and PMG. The no new enrollees could change de the PCP and/or PMG but with just cause. For both, the Carrier has the responsibility to notify PCP/PMG changes to PRMP by the 834 transactions.

Enrollees under the Foster Care Population, Domestic Violence Population and incarcerated of Correction Department facilities classifications are not assigned to a PCP or PMG.



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For new enrollees, the Carrier must issue the Enrollee ID Card and a notice of Enrollment, as well as an Enrollee Handbook and Provider Directory either in paper or electronic form, within five (5) Business Days of Enrollment pursuant to Section 5.2.6.2 of the Contract. The notice of enrollment must clearly state the Effective Date of Enrollment. The notice of Enrollment will explain that the Enrollee is entitled to receive Covered Services through the Carrier.

All Enrollees must be notified at least annually of their disenrollment rights as set forth in Section 5.3 of the Contract and 42 CFR 438.56.

The Carrier must comply with 5.2.7 of the Contract regarding Procedures for Auto-Enrollment of Newborns.

### **F. Enrollee Selection of Carrier**

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#### **Open Enrollment Period for New Enrollees**

New Enrollees to the GHP will have the opportunity to select a Carrier during the Medicaid eligibility process with the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program. If the New Enrollee does not select a Carrier, the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program will select a Carrier on behalf of the New Enrollee using an algorithm based on a Round-Robin order arrangement. New Enrollees shall be permitted to select a different Carrier once without cause, regardless of how the initial selection of the Carrier was made, during their Open Enrollment Period, which shall begin on the New Enrollee's Eligibility Certification Date and will extend for a period of ninety (90) days.

#### **Annual Open Enrollment Periods**

Each year, the GHP offers its members an annual open enrollment period. The annual open enrollment period is determined by ASES and is announced in advance to give beneficiaries the opportunity to make the choice that is best for them. All enrollees will have the opportunity to select an insurance carrier without cause during the annual open enrollment period. If the enrollee does not make any insurance changes during the annual open enrollment period, he/she will remain enrolled with his/her current insurance carrier.

During each Annual Open Enrollment Period, all enrollees will have one (1) opportunity to change Carriers for no reason during their Annual Open Enrollment Period. If a New Affiliate's Open Enrollment Period in accordance with Section 5.2.5.2 of the Agreement coincides with the Annual Open Enrollment Period, the Open Enrollment Period in Section 5.2.5.2 will prevail.

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### Virtual Population

When an enrollee ceases to be part of the domestic violence or foster care population but remains an eligible individual, the enrollee can select a new Carrier during an open enrollment period.

### Dual Population

When an enrollee loses some or all portions of Medicare and remains eligible, he or she is entitled to select a Carrier Vital with eligibility on the day he or she becomes ineligible for Platino coverage. This process is handled through ASES Customer Service technicians.

If a beneficiary with Medicare AB parts is enrolled in a Platinum Plan and wishes to move to a Vital Plan, he/she may do so through the ASES Customer Service technicians.



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**V. ENROLLMENT COUNSELOR OPERATIONS**

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ASES has procured Enrollment Counselor functions, by toll-free number and online, to help Enrollees understand the GHP and make informed choices for Carrier enrollment. It is at the Enrollee's option to receive the services of the Enrollment Counselor. If any Enrollee actively selects a Carrier during the applicable Open Enrollment Period (or at point of eligibility application for New Enrollees), the Enrollment Counselor will record the selected Carrier and such information, to formalize the enrollment process.

On an ongoing basis, Enrollees will have access to a Counselor to select a Carrier, PMG, and PCP. New Enrollees and re-certified Enrollees will be able to select a Carrier considering the availability of an enrollment spot within the capacity of each Carrier and available PCPs. The Effective Date of Enrollment of the Carrier, PCP and PMG will coincide with the Effective Date of Eligibility pursuant to Section 5.2.2 of the Contract and as determined at the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office. New and re-certified Enrollees are entitled to assistance by the Enrollment Counselor during the Open Enrollment Period applicable to each population regarding selection of a Carrier, PCP and PMG.



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**VI. DATA EXCHANGE BETWEEN PRMP AND CARRIERS**

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The following sections provide an overview of data exchange information between PRMP, ASES and Carriers. For specific data layout information, refer to Attachment 9 with the referenced layout files.

**A. Data Exchange Between Medicaid, ASES and the Carriers**

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**1. Medicaid and ASES Data Exchange (834 file)**

Under GHP, at the end of the certification process at Medicaid, a New Enrollee will have the opportunity to select a Carrier and the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office will relay the resulting selection to the Carrier and ASES. This information will include any eligibility information resulting from the process and the Carrier selection or auto enrollment.

Following receipt of the Carrier's file, the Carrier is required to send ID cards along with a GHP Welcome Package, to the new enrollees by postal mail in five (5) business days pursuant to Section 5.2.6.2 of the Contract.

The Enrollee, in turn, has ninety (90) days to request a change of MCO, PCP or PMG. Then, the Carrier produces the electronic registration record and sends to PRMP in a file (834), If the member's Coverage Code, PCP or PMG changes, the Carrier must send an enrollment record to PRMP that reflects the change as confirmation of the issuance of a new plan identification card and its shipment to the member.

Generally, Carriers have one business day to remit enrollment records. They must notify information about the new Enrollees and send information about any changes made to a record previously enrolled. Such notification must be sent on the next business day.

When an enrollee changes the carrier, data sent to the current Carrier include the is received the carrier termination date. In this case, the previous Carrier must perform a disenrollment of the enrollee in its database. The new Carrier will receive the effective date.

In the case that the Carrier must update the information previously in relation to a new enrollment, or when it is appropriate to add a new enrollee that has been previously omitted, that update must occur the next business day after the information has been updated or that a new enrollee has been added. In these cases, reserves the right not to accept new additions or corrections to the enrollment data after two (2) business days after the Effective Date of the Enrollment indicated in the Carrier's notification. Likewise, he Enrollee's PMG and/or PCP changes will take effect as stated in Section 5.4 of the Contract.

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Records that are accepted without errors during the editing process are updated in the databases and the beneficiaries are duly enrolled confirmed.

PRMP will validate data sent from Carrier. The records for the rejected enrollments are returned to the Carrier with the applicable reject codes in a CSV file daily. The Carrier must correct any errors in the enrollment record and send the information back within two (2) business days. ASES will only pay the premiums related to those beneficiaries who are enroll confirmed. Therefore, the execution of the payment of the corresponding premium for these rejected records will be delayed until the enrollment records are sent back with the correction of the indicated errors. It is important that the Carrier sends the corrected enrollment records within the timeframe specified no later than two (2) business days past the date on which notifies the Carrier of the rejected subscriptions, after which the Carrier could start losing premium payments, as stated in Section 5.3.10 of the Contract.

During the premium payment process, confirmation received during the month prior to the execution of the process are considered. The Carrier must make sure to complete the reconciliation of beneficiaries every month.

This process is established in the Companion Guide for the requirement of format 834 – PRMMIS – Addendum 2

### **B. GHP Enrollment**

For an enrollment record to be accepted during the editing and validation processes, it is important to consider the following considerations regarding concepts related to the enrollment processes:

#### **Effective Date of Enrollment**

##### **a. The Carrier Effective Date**

Please consult Section IV of this Manual and Section 5.2.2 of the Contract for a discussion of Effective Dates of Enrollment.

##### **b. The PCP1 and PMG information**

In cases of new Enrollees, the PCP1 and PMG Effective Dates will match the Eligibility Effective Date. If a change for any of the PCPs or the PMG is performed through the Carrier, the Carrier will follow the specifications described under Section 5.4 of the contract where the management of those changes is defined.

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**c. Plan Version/Coverage Code Effective Date**

The coverage code will only change during the recertification process performed and in the change of circumstances registered by PRMP. When a recertification is performed, the Effective Date of Eligibility changes to that of the next period, hence the Plan Version Effective Date will match the Eligibility Effective Date. These changes require insurers to send a new health plan ID card to members, since changing the coverage code changes the co-payments.

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**VIII. GHP DISENROLLMENT (CANCELLATION/TERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY)**

**A. Disenrollment from the GHP**

The process of disenrollment from the GHP occurs when the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office determines that an enrollee is no longer eligible for GHP.

A GHP disenrollment occurs when the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office determines that (1) an enrollee has lost eligibility to receive medical services coverage under the GHP; (2) the eligibility period granted by the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office has expired, (3) death of the member, (4) voluntary disaffiliation, (5) moving out of the Island and (6) matching with the PARIS file.

Medicaid will notify of cancellation of eligibility for the appropriate reason. See the 834 Companion Guide.

**B. GHP Disenrollment Effective Date**

The effective date of cancellations will be determined by the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office and expressed in the 834 files data. See the 834 Companion Guide for more details.



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## **IX. CARRIER DISENROLLMENT**

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### **A. Disenrollment Initiated by the Enrollee**

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All Enrollees must be notified at least annually of their disenrollment rights as set forth in Section 5.3 of the Contract and 42 CFR 438.56. Such notification must clearly explain the process for exercising this disenrollment right, as well as the coverage alternatives available to the Enrollee based on their specific circumstance.

An Enrollee wishing to make a change of carrier should contact the Enrollment Counselor. The Enrollment Counselor sends the change notification. This change of carrier outside of the Open Enrollment Period must be justified.

An Enrollee may request Disenrollment from the Carrier's Plan without cause once during the applicable Open Enrollment Period in accordance with Section 5.2.5.

#### **Transition of Care Process (TOC)**

In these case in which the Enrollee changes Carriers, the Carrier that loses the Enrollee will be required to complete the Transition of Care information. It must be completed monthly, before the end of the month. The layouts and SOP of this process that included in Addendum 7.

In addition, send to the new Carrier the historical claims/encounters of enrollees. The layout of historical claims is in **Addendum 7**.

An Enrollee may request Disenrollment from the Carrier's Plan for cause at any time, pursuant to Section 5.3.5.4 of the Contract.

### **B. Effective Date of Temporary Payment Suspension**

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In order for the premium payment process to make the corresponding payment, confirmation of the beneficiaries' affiliation is indispensable. If the beneficiary does not have a confirmed affiliation, the payment will not be made. This temporary suspension takes place in those cases in which the Puerto Rico Medicaid Office has sent a change of coverage code for an enrollee and the Carrier has not submitted an enrollment with the new version of the plan related to the change of coverage, but the enrollee continues to be eligible and enrolled with the Carrier.

Although in cases of Temporary Payment Suspension the eligibility period will continue for the beneficiaries on behalf of whom the PRMP has sent a change of coverage code for an enrollee and the

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Contractor has not submitted an enrollment with the new plan version related to the change of coverage, the premium payment cannot be processed until a new enrollee enrollment is sent by the Contractor with the information of the new plan version related to the change of coverage. Once the new plan version is received, premium payments will resume, subject to section 5.3.10 of the Contract.

This process is established in the Companion Guide for the requirement of format 834 – PRMMIS – **Addendum 2**

### **X. PREMIUM PAYMENTS**

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The premium payment system operates under the concept that premiums are calculated and paid only in relation to beneficiaries who are already enrolled to which the payment corresponds. Beneficiaries enrolled after that date will be considered for the next payment of the corresponding premium.

In each frequency scheduled, the system performs an automatic execution of payment in which the payment that corresponds to each one of the Carriers is calculated using the Member Assigned Rate Cell ID as described in Addendum 4 below according to the beneficiaries that are enrolled.

The premium paid for each enrollee will depend on his or her rate cell classification. ASSES actuaries are responsible for providing the definition and the methodology for the application of the rate cells.

As a result of actuarial studies, each rate cell has a premium assigned to it.

The payment of the premium shall be made on the basis of the data up to the end of the previous month. This means that active members (not expired) and confirmed members will be taken into consideration. The premium to be paid is based on the Rate Cell assigned by PRMP and included in the 834 files. ASSES will not pay premiums for beneficiaries whose membership has not been confirmed or for expired members.

Rate Cell Table Reference: Addendum 3, 820 Companion Guide

The payment system calculates several payment categories as listed below:

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**A. Types of Payments**

**Monthly Payments**

In this case the system produces a payment for those beneficiaries whose enrollment has already taken effect before the first day of the month for which the payment transaction is executed. The execution of premium payment is run on the first day of the month.

**Prorated Payments**

Prorated payments arise from eligibility effective dates other than the 1st of the month or non-month-end cancellations such as death cancellations.

However, prorated payments are generated for all the beneficiaries that Puerto Rico Medicaid Office cancels during the month for different reasons. In these cases, as the payment would have been done already in advance, an adjustment would be done according to the cancellation date provided by Puerto Rico Medicaid Office. Also, newborns that are not classified as deemed newborns and that are evaluated as any other federal coverage will have prorated payments for the first month from the date of birth.

**Retroactive Payments**

These payments are calculated when the Effective Date of Enrollment falls on a period prior to the month for which the premium payment process is being executed. In other words, this type of payment is executed when payments are identified corresponding to months prior to the month in which a premium payment is made. The retroactive payments will be computed based on the enrollment effective date or carrier effective date. The system will process the premiums for enrolled beneficiaries with an effective date prior to the payment date in the case of monthly premiums or prorated premiums that have not been previously paid within the time limits for retroactive payments. Retroactive payments may result in an adjusted payment if they are the result of a PRMP's cancellation of a previous enrollment.

**Adjustments**

A payment adjustment is calculated when there is a need to reverse a payment that was awarded to a Carrier during a previous premium payment process. It occurs when, because of a retroactive payment calculation, a payment made in relation to the same enrollee is identified within the same period that has been affected under a Carrier change or Plan Version change. The adjustments are calculated for those cases where an enrollee changes Carrier and the Carrier executed a late



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enrollment after ASES had disbursed payment to the first Carrier in a previous payment transaction. In these cases, an adjustment of the premium paid to the first Carrier is made.

Other adjustments are generated by retroactive cancellations leading to the recovery of payments already made.

### Special Adjustments

Generally, the special adjustments are carried out because of internal audit processes that reveal that a wrongly adjudicated payment (like for example, deceased beneficiaries, duplicate payments, rate change, reconciliations, rate cells change or risk score change) must be reverted or that, on the contrary, an omitted payment must be adjudicated. For this type of adjustment, the Contractor will receive the transaction details on 820 files in which they can identify the type of adjustment, the adjusted months and the amount adjusted.

The process for death premium payment adjustments is as follows:

- a. The premium payment adjustments generated by death come from analyses:
  - i. file of data received from the Demographic Registry Office - an analysis, verification and validation of the deceased beneficiaries related to the following fields is carried out: name, date of birth, social security number and sex. The adjustment is considered from premium payments awarded after the date of death.
  - ii. CMS data file (TBQ file) - We receive a monthly CMS data file from PRMP, identifying the dual population and date of death. The adjustment is considered from premium payments awarded after the date of death.
  - iii. Cancellations for death received in file issued by PRMP - retroactive cancellations of death reported by PRMP in the file that is received daily, these data are recorded in the historical data of the beneficiary. These cancellations are considered for payment adjustments in the premium payment process.

If subsequent premium payments were made, adjustments are made for recovery of the premium payment. This may result in a prorated adjustment, except for beneficiaries enrolled in a Medicare Platino insurer.

Once the premium payment process is completed, a file is generated to be sent to the insurers and in the same way to PRMP, with the cases adjusted for death. See **Exhibit 3, Prepaid ADJ Payments.pdf** layout.

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**Adjustment type Table**

Adjustment Code	Adjustment Description
1	Duplicate Pay
2	Deceased
4	COB
5	Rate Adjustment
6	Reverse Adjustment
7	Fix Rate
8	Full Month Adjustment
9	Newborn
10	Ineligible
11	Special Reconciliation
12	Rate Cell
13	Maternity Kick Payment
14	Reconciliation Vital
15	Over Payment to Provider
16	Incarcerated Payments

**B. ASES Reasons for not Executing a Premium Payment**

A premium payment will not be executed in favor of a Carrier in the following circumstances:

- (1) If the enrollee is not confirmed enroll
- (2) If the enrollment had been rejected and a new enrollment was not submitted by the Carrier with the relevant corrections
- (3) If PRMP eligibility and enrollment data demonstrates that the enrollee had a disenrollment eligibility cancellation, eligibility expiration or changed the Carrier.
- (4) If for late eligibility enrollment.

**C. EDI 820 Payment File**

The EDI 820 files is prepared for each run of the premium payment process to enable insurers to reconcile payments made to them. It includes the detail of the types of payment corresponding to each of the beneficiaries assigned to the Carriers contracted. See Attachment 3, 820 Companion Guide.pdf.

Note: Maternity and Incarcerated kick Payments are included in this file.

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File nomenclature in 820 format

<b>Premium Payment Transactions [PCC0YYMM0000.820]</b>
a. P = Identify Premium Payment
b. CC = Carrier code
c. 99 = plan type (Reform 01, Platino 02)
d. YY = Year
e. MM = Month
f. 0000 = IPA Direct Contract
g. .820 = Indicates that it is a file containing all premium payment transactions processed monthly run.
<b>Note: Attachment 9, Premium Payment Detail 820 File Layout</b>

### XI. TRANSITION OF CARE

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As part of the Vital Plan, beneficiaries have the right to change carriers for just cause or during the "Open Enrollment" and "90 days Open Enrollment" period and changes for Just Cause.

For beneficiaries to receive quality services, it is necessary to ensure continuity of services when changing insurance companies. For this purpose, the Transition of Care (TOC) process was defined, which entails the movement of relevant health data of each beneficiary who makes the change from the outgoing insurer to the incoming insurer.

The transition of care (TOC) process has three (3) parts:

1) Historical Claims

The last week of each month, the incoming insurer will be sent a year's worth of claims from new members. See Addendum 7, New Carrier Utilization - Data Format.pdf layout.

2) Transition of Care Files

The outgoing insurer must provide the data required by ASES so that the incoming insurer can continue the service required by the beneficiaries. Nine types of files were designed:

a. Pharmacy

Pharmacy data where the health conditions that each beneficiary has are indicated so that the medication dispensing service is not stopped.

b. Mental Health (SMI)

Data related to mental health conditions.

c. Pre-authorizations

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Data on approved pre-authorizations

- d. Denied pre-authorizations  
Data of the denied pre-authorizations.
- e. OBGYN  
Data related to pregnant women or any gynecological condition that requires follow-up.
- f. Special Coverage  
Data related to special coverage.
- g. Life Support  
Data on members who use life-support equipment.
- h. Hospitalizations  
Hospitalizations at time of change
- i. Case Management  
Any other condition that requires continuity of services and is not included in any of the files listed above.

See Addendum 7\_TOC.

### 3) MCO's Responsibilities in TOC Process

Insurers will have the responsibility to make maximum use of all such data for the benefit of our population under the PRMP. In addition, insurers are responsible for notifying ASES of erroneous data they receive from another insurer to the ASES Clinical Affairs department.

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**ADDENDUM**

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- 1. Addendum 1 Notice of Decision
- 2. Addendum 2 Eligibility and Enrollment Record File -  
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- 3. Addendum 3 820 Companion Guide 2





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4. Addendum 4 MCO Objection of Payments (OIP)
5. Addendum 5 CARRIER to ASES ver 4.1C\_rev.20230221
6. Addendum 6 Coordination of Benefits (COB)
7. Addendum 7 Transition of Care (TOC)
8. Addendum 8 EFT Folder Organization Insurance Carrier
9. Addendum 9 Non-Risk Payment Arrangement (SMA, Hepatitis C and Synthroid)
10. Addendum 10 Incarcerated
11. Addendum 11 Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Process
12. Addendum 12 COVID19\_Remdisivir
13. Addendum 13 PRMMIS\_PHASE\_I\_837\_Companion\_Guide\_v7.0

**XV. APPROVALS**

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