# Welcome Healthy Blue<sup>s</sup>M Provider Partners

**Delivering Healthy Outcomes** 

# **ProgenyHealth Overview**

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#### **ProgenyHealth Introduction**

Beginning March 18, 2024, Progeny Health will assume Neonatal Care Management Services for Healthy Blue<sup>s</sup>.

- ProgenyHealth specializes in neonatal care management services.
- Our Neonatologists, pediatricians and neonatal nurse care managers will collaborate closely with Healthy Blue's members, attending physicians and nurses.
- Healthy outcomes for Healthy Blue's premature and medically complex newborns.

Healthy Blue is offered by BlueChoice HealthPlan, an independent licensee of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association.





# **ProgenyHealth Contact Information**



ProgenyHealth's Main Number: 1-888-832-2006



**UM Email:** BCBSSC-UM@progenyhealth.com



Progeny's secure fax specific for Healthy Blue: 1-877-471-0549



#### Website: ProgenyHealth.com

**CM Email:** BCBSSC-CM@progenyhealth.com

Direct contact information for the ProgenyHealth UM and CM Nurses will be provided once assigned to a member admitted to your facility.



## **UM Notification and Determinations**

#### What you need to do:

- The process for notifying Healthy Blue of infant admissions to the NICU or a special care nursery (SCN) will change.
- For all newborns delivered by a Healthy Blue mother and admitted to the NICU or SCN, contact ProgenyHealth directly to notify them of the infant's admission.
- All admission, concurrent, transfers, and discharge reviews should be sent to ProgenyHealth's secure fax number: 877-471-0549 beginning 03/18/2024.

- Progeny Health will follow Healthy Blue timeframes for determinations and notifications.
  - Progeny Health will provide approval and denial determinations to providers via faxed daily determination logs.
  - Approval and Denial letters will be mailed.



## **NICU** Authorizations



ProgenyHealth manages NICU newborns born to members who are receiving care during their birth admission that would be billed under usual revenue codes 172 (Level 2), 173 (Level 3) or 174 (Level 4) as defined by the National Uniform Billing Committee.



ProgenyHealth will review inpatient days using Healthy Blue medical policies. <u>Medical Policies | Healthy Blue of South Carolina (healthybluesc.com)</u> and MCG CareWeb guidelines, 27<sup>th</sup> edition.



Authorization requests will be reviewed for medical necessity and approved or denied for the appropriate **level of care (LOC)** per plan policy or MCG criteria.

• All requests that do not meet medical necessity are reviewed by a ProgenyHealth medical director.



All authorizations from ProgenyHealth will include LOC determination.



#### **Daily Determinations**

#### Progeny Health will fax facilityspecific daily determination log

- Days reviewed
- Levels of care (LOC)
   (example: Level 2, Level 3)
- Next review date (NRD)
- Information needed with the next review to support continued inpatient stay
- Authorization number



#### Daily Determination Details (SAMPLE)

If the treating physician would like to discuss their case with a physician reviewer for reconsideration of their original denial, the physician can call the Utilization Management department at 1-888-832-2006. Faxed authorizations are not a guarantee of payment and are subject to the member's benefit, plan provision and eligibility on the date the service is rendered.

 Hospital: ABC Memorial Hospital
 Nurse: ProgenyHealth Nurse

 Hospital Phone: 123-45-6789
 Nurse Phone: 1-888-832-2006

 Progeny Fax: 1-877-471-0549

Patient Full Name	Admitted	Discharged	Description
Baby Test Example DOB: 2/7/2023	2/7/2022		Days Reviewed: 2 02/07/23 - 02/08/23
ProgenyHealth Case ID: UM01			Requested Level of Care: None Approve: Per Criteria Reviewed Level of Care: Level 4
Hospital Medical Record Number: 11111100000			Days Reviewed: 2 02/09/23 - 02/11/23
Client Authorization Number: 1234567890			Requested Level of Care: Level 4 Approve: Per Physician Reviewer
Next Review Date: 2/15/2023 Next Review Notes: Please provide updates on weight, bed type, resp, FEN, meds, and social/discharge needs			Reviewed Level of Care: Level 3



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#### UM Transition Cases

- Infants receiving NICU LOC who were admitted prior to 03/18/2024 and remain inpatient on 03/18/2024 will transition to Progeny for continued medical management
- All concurrent stay reviews and discharge summaries should be faxed directly to Progeny on the assigned next review date.

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Updated Auth #	Hospital Medical Record Number: 111111100000		Days Reviewed: 2 02/09/23 - 02/11/23 Requested Level of Care: Level 4 Approve: Per Physician Reviewer	Days Reviewed: 2
	Client Authorization Number: 1234567890			Approve: Per Physician Reviewer
	Next Review Date: 2/15/2023 Next Review Notes: Please provide updates on weight, bed type, resp, FEN, meds, and social/discharge needs			Reviewed Level of Care: Level 3





#### **UM Peer-to-Peer and Appeals**



For any adverse determination made by ProgenyHealth, the provider will be offered 5 business days to request Peer-to-Peer (P2P) discussions.



ProgenyHealth will schedule a time with a ProgenyHealth Medical Director and facility Provider to discuss inpatient cases as needed.



Verbal notification of the P2P opportunity is provided during denial notification, followed by a faxed daily determination log and letter will be mailed.



If P2P is declined or denial is upheld, providers may follow Healthy Blue's Provider Dispute process if not in agreement with the determination.

Below is the link for the Healthy Blue Provider Dispute Form.

Provider dispute submission form (healthybluesc.com)





P2P may be requested with a ProgenyHealth Medical Director by calling 1-888-832-2006 and following the Physician Advisor's prompt and directions.

### **Transfers and Readmissions**



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ProgenyHealth will manage infants transferred from the NICU to another acute care facility under the guidance of Healthy Blue's current rules for higher, lateral and lower-level care transfers.



ProgenyHealth will manage elective and emergent readmissions for all infants managed by ProgenyHealth for their initial NICU admission if readmitted within the first year (12 months) of life.



## **CM Program Overview**



# Partnering with Healthy Blue, ProgenyHealth offers caregivers telephonic CM services

- Families will have a dedicated case manager who will provide support and education.
- Following notification of NICU admission, ProgenyHealth outreaches caregivers for early inpatient engagement to evaluate social determinants of health and barriers to safe discharge home.
- ProgenyHealth case managers will continue to follow members for the first year of life.

- ProgenyHealth case managers, social workers, and care coordinators assist members with identifying support and utilizing national and local community resources.
  - Identifying PCP
  - Behavioral health support
  - Lactation services/obtaining a breast pump
  - Transportation resources



#### **CM Facility Collaboration**



ProgenyHealth will collaborate with facility CM for infants with anticipated discharge needs, complex medical care or considerable social situations.



ProgenyHealth encourages caregivers to utilize facility resources such as in-person lactation consultants, CM or social work support available while the infant remains inpatient.

Prior Authorizations will continue to be submitted to Healthy Blue for discharge needs. ProgenyHealth can assist facilities with identifying innetwork durable medical equipment, home care and providers.



# Discharge Planning



The ProgenyHealth UM/CM team will monitor clinical reviews and discuss with caregivers' discharge planning needs.



ProgenyHealth CM will ensure the facility discharge planner or servicing provider has the correct information on submitting the prior authorization to Healthy Blue.

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ProgenyHealth CM will collaborate with facility discharge planners on any prior authorizations that are needed for the infant's discharge, as appropriate.



ProgenyHealth CM will communicate with Healthy Blue any identified issues or escalations by emailing.



ProgenyHealth CM will collaborate with the facility discharge planner to identify in-network providers for services requiring prior authorization.



ProgenyHealth CM will follow up with caregivers and facility discharge planner to confirm the outcome of prior authorization.



#### ProgenyHealth: Solving Social Determinants of Health issues





Solve housing challenges, help apply for housing assistance and for infant Social Security Disability Income

#### Health Literacy

Obtain vital resources like breast pump, car seat, and crib; lactation support, behavioral health resources, wellness rewards



WIC benefits and food stamps, local food banks and faithbased programs

#### Community

Integrated medical and social services are more effective than waiting for families to visit health services

#### Transportation

Schedule transportation for initial and ongoing doctor's visits

#### Emotional & Mental Health

Ongoing postpartum care visits, continued screening for signs of depression, connect to social workers



Obtain authorization from state custody offices, monitor prescribed Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)



# Thank you! Questions?



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