

STATEWIDE EXCLUSIVE PROVIDER ORGANIZATION QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE FOR PROVIDERS

Our statewide individual Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO) plans feature distinct coverage requirements that set them apart from our other plans. Refer to this guide and the coverage details listed in Eligibility and Benefits when caring for patients with an EPO plan.

EPO Plan Overview

Member Locations

Statewide individual EPO plans are available to residents in all Alabama counties:

Provider Network

The statewide EPO plans use the Primary Care Select Physician Network and the Preferred Medical Doctor (PMD) Network. See coverage requirements and restrictions on next page.

Identifying Members with EPO Coverage

The statewide EPO plan name and the PPO designation appear on members' Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama card.

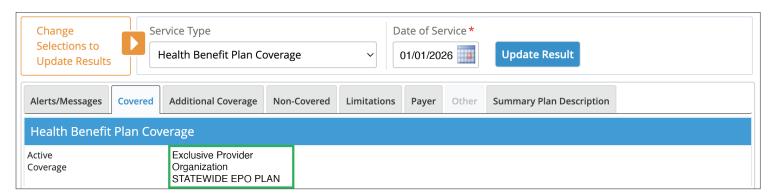






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You can also identify members of the statewide EPO plans by checking eligibility and benefits.



Referrals Required

Electronic referrals are required from the designated PCP before services performed by other providers will be covered. Review our How to Submit, Review and Cancel Referrals guide for more information.



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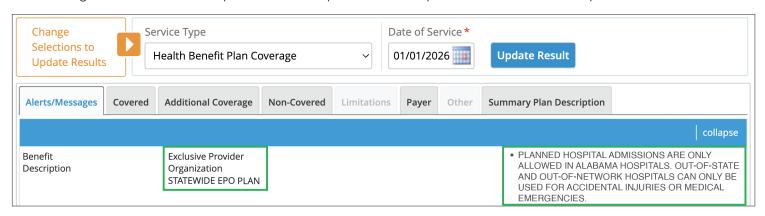
Contiguous Counties

- Select providers in contiguous counties are allowed to process in-network for services provided.
- Out-of-state providers for services such as labs, DME, specialty drugs and home infusion process as in-network.
- Planned hospital admissions are only allowed in Alabama hospitals. Out-of-state and out-of-network hospitals can only be used for accidental injuries or medical emergencies.

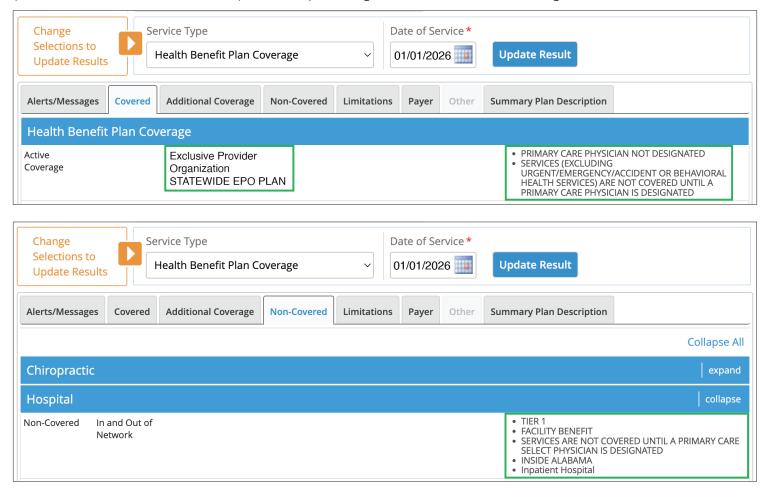
What You Will See in Eligibility and Benefits

Alerts/Messages:

The message in the Benefit Description section emphasizes the requirement for Alabama hospital admissions.



No Primary Care Physician Designated: You will see active benefits for emergency, accident and OB-GYN services only. Other services are not covered until the PCP is designated. **Note:** Urgent care and behavioral health services (mental health and substance abuse) do not require designations or referrals for coverage.



Primary Care Physician Designated: The message emphasizes the requirements for providers and referrals.

