

# MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR OUT OF NETWORK PROVIDERS TERMS AND CONDITIONS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

These Medicare Advantage Primary Care Physician Incentive Program for Out of Network Providers¹ Terms and Conditions ("Terms and Conditions") govern the Medicare Advantage Primary Care Physician Incentive ("MA-PCPi") Program. As a precondition for the Provider to participate in the MA-PCPi Program pursuant to these Terms and Conditions and to be eligible for the bonus opportunities described below, one of the following must have occurred: (a) UnitedHealthcare ("United") presented a MA-PCPi Program Participation Acknowledgement or MA-PCPi Program Participation Amendment (collectively "Participation Document") to Provider and Provider signed and returned the Participation Document to United in accordance with the deadline established by United, or (b) United notified Provider of Provider's enrollment in the MA-PCPi Program via a unilateral amendment to Provider's participation agreement with United (also a "Participation Document).

A Provider that participates in the MA-PCPi Program will receive bonus payments from United if the requirements and conditions described in these Terms and Conditions are met.

## Article 1 Quality Care Bonus Opportunities

1.1 Quality Care Bonus: To recognize Provider's effort to prioritize and address the specific open care opportunities shown in the Quality Care Measure Table, United will compensate Provider upon meeting the performance criteria outlined below for MA-PCPi Customers. Provider will be eligible to earn the identified standard eligible payment in the table below for the Quality Care Measure closures. For Quality measures identified as a Key Care Opportunity, Provider will be eligible to earn the identified Key Care Opportunity payment in the table below, in addition to the standard eligible payment per Quality Care Measure closure. Measure descriptions and corresponding Measure IDs are displayed in the Patient Care Opportunity Report (PCOR) as applicable.

Quality Care Measure Table

2026 Measure ID*	Quality Care Measure Name*	Payment Eligibility	Standard Eligible Payment Per Care Measure Closure	Key Care Opportunity Payment Per Care Measure Closure
C01	Breast Cancer Screening (BCS-E)	Quarterly	\$10	\$250
C02	Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL-E)	Quarterly	\$10	\$150
C10	Osteoporosis Management in Women Who Had a Fracture (OMW)	Quarterly	\$100	\$250
C11	Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes (EED)	Quarterly	\$10	\$250
C12	Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients with Diabetes (GSD)	Annual	NA	\$150
C13	Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes (KED)	Quarterly	\$10	\$150
C14	Controlling High Blood Pressure (CBP)	Annual	NA	\$150
C15	Fall Risk Management (FRM)	Quarterly	NA	\$20
C16	Management of Urinary Incontinence in Older Adults (MUI)	Quarterly	NA	\$20

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This version of the MA-PCPi program is for use with providers who are not participating in United's network for Medicare Advantage benefit plans.

C17	Medication Reconciliation Post-Discharge (MRP)*	Quarterly	\$25	NA
C21	Follow-up after Emergency Department Visit for Patients with Multiple Chronic Conditions (FMC)*	Quarterly	\$25	NA
D08	Medication Adherence for Diabetes Medications (MAD)	Annual	NA	\$150
D09	Medication Adherence for Hypertension (RAS antagonists) (MAH)	Annual	NA	\$150
D10	Medication Adherence for Cholesterol (Statins) (MAC)	Annual	NA	\$150
D12	Statin Use in Persons with Diabetes (SUPD)	Quarterly	\$20	\$250
NA	Key Care Annual Care Visit ( ACV)	Quarterly	N/A	\$100

<sup>\*</sup> The information in these columns is subject to change from time to time at CMS' discretion. If CMS retires a HEDIS Quality Care Measure or moves it to "display status," during the program year, United reserves the right to remove it from this bonus opportunity. With the exception of MRP and FMC, compensation for care measure closures will be limited to a single compliant closure per member per year.

On a quarterly basis for each Quality Care Measure eligible for a quarterly payment, and on an annual basis for each Quality Care Measure eligible for annual payment, United will calculate Provider's Quality Care Bonus as the total number of Quality Care Measures addressed for MA-PCPi Customers during the applicable period multiplied by the appropriate payment from the table above. United will pay the Quality Care Bonus to Provider as set forth in the table below.

Dates of Service	Payment Date*	Payment Eligibility
January 1 – March 31	June 30, 2026	Quarterly
April 1 – June 30	September 30, 2026	Quarterly
July 1 – September 30	December 31, 2026	Quarterly
October 1 – December 31	May 31, 2027	Quarterly
January 1 – December 31	May 31, 2027	Annual

<sup>\*</sup>To ensure Provider is reimbursed as outlined above, United will review Provider's claims and data submissions for the previous quarter(s) and make additional payments, if applicable.

1.2 Complete Care Bonus: Provider will be eligible to receive a Complete Care Bonus of \$100 for each Complete Care MA-PCPi Customer who is 100% compliant in the Quality Care Measures from the table below by the final report (PCOR) for the Measurement Period. United will pay Provider no later than 150 days after the end of the MA-PCPi Measurement Period.

2026 Measure ID*	Quality Care Measure Name*
C01	Breast Cancer Screening (BCS-E)
C02	Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL-E)
C10	Osteoporosis Management in Women who had a Fracture (OMW)
C11	Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes (EED)
C12	Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients with Diabetes (GSD)
C13	Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes (KED)
C14	Controlling High Blood Pressure (CBP)
D08	Medication Adherence for Diabetes Medications (MAD)
D09	Medication Adherence for Hypertension (RAS antagonists) (MAH)
D10	Medication Adherence for Cholesterol (Statins) (MAC)
D12	Statin Use in Persons with Diabetes (SUPD)

# Article 2 Performance Bonus Opportunities

**2.1 Performance Point Bonus:** For MA-PCPi Customers, Providers will be awarded points for either reaching Performance Targets or the Improvement Target denoted in the Performance Point Table below. Providers can earn the Tier 1 Points Value for every measure that has reached the Tier 1 Performance Target by the final reporting period. In addition to the Tier 1 Points Value, Providers will earn the Tier 2 Points Value for every measure that reaches the Tier 2 Performance Target by the final reporting period. Providers can earn the Improvement Points Value for every measure that has reached the Improvement Target by the final reporting period. Improvement targets are measured as a percentage point increase over the prior year's final performance. For each measure, the Provider can earn applicable points for either the Performance Targets or the Improvement Target, whichever is greater. United will pay Provider a per member per year payment based on the total sum of points awarded. Measure descriptions and corresponding Measure IDs are displayed in the Patient Care Opportunity Report (PCOR) as applicable.

#### Performance Point Table

		Performance Targets**			
2026 Measure ID*	Measure Name*	Tier 1 Target	Tier 1 Points Value	Tier 2 Target	Tier 2 Points Value
C01	Breast Cancer Screening (BCS-E)	77%	3	85%	2
C02	Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL-E)	75%	3	83%	2
C11	Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes (EED)	78%	3	84%	2
C12	Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients with Diabetes (GSD)	89%	5	94%	5
C13	Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes (KED)	71%	3	81%	2
C14	Controlling High Blood Pressure (CBP)	86%	5	91%	5
C17	Medication Reconciliation Post-Discharge (MRP)	77%	3	90%	2
C18	Plan All Cause Readmissions (PCR)	9%	5	7%	5
C21	Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Patients with Multiple High-Risk Chronic Conditions (FMC)	69%	3	80%	2
DMD13	Polypharmacy: Use of Multiple Anticholinergic Medications in Older Adults (Poly ACH)	7%	3	4%	2
D08	Medication Adherence for Diabetes Medications (MAD)	90%	3	93%	2
D09	Medication Adherence for Hypertension (RAS antagonists) (MAH)	92%	3	94%	2

Improvement Target**		
Improvement Target	Points Value	
5%	5	
5%	5	
5%	5	
7%	10	
10%	5	
8%	10	
10%	5	
2%	10	
7%	5	
3%	5	
4%	5	
3%	5	

D10	Medication Adherence for Cholesterol (Statins) (MAC)	91%	3	94%	2
D12	Statin Use in Persons with Diabetes (SUPD)	91%	5	94%	5
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NA	Getting Needed Care	93%	3	95%	2

3%	5
5%	10
3%	5
3%	5

<sup>\*</sup> The information in these columns is subject to change from time to time at CMS' discretion. If CMS retires a HEDIS Quality Care Measure or moves it to "display status," during the program year, United reserves the right to remove it from this bonus opportunity

**2.2 Extra Credit Bonus:** Providers have the opportunity to earn points for reaching an additional Extra Credit Metric ("Extra Credit Metric") as denoted in the table below. Providers can earn these extra credit points in addition to the total sum of the awarded points from the Performance Point Table Above. United reserves the right to add additional Extra Credit Metrics during the MA-PCPi Term.

Extra Credit Metric	Period	Points Value
COB Compliance Rate less than or equal to		
11%	Current calendar year	3
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For a given MA-PCPi Term, United will calculate the total sum of earned Performance Points and Extra Credit Points. If the total sum of points qualifies Provider for the Performance Point Bonus, United will pay the applicable payment amount from the table below. Payment for the Performance Point Bonus will be sent no later than May 30, 2027.

Performance Points Awarded	Payment for Performance Point Bonus (PMPY: Per MA-PCPi Customer per year noted in the final reporting)
100+	\$400
95-99	\$350
90-94	\$300
85-89	\$250
80-84	\$200
75-79	\$150
70-74	\$125
65-69	\$100
60-64	\$75
55-59	\$60
50-54	\$45
45-49	\$30
40-44	\$20
0-39	\$0

United will determine whether Provider has met the criteria for the bonus opportunities by using data as described below.

#### a. Quality Measures

<sup>\*\*</sup> For final evaluation of the Performance Point Bonus, United has the right to adjust the targets for these measures based on national historic performance as long as the adjustment benefits Provider.

United will use data available from:

- 1. Claims and encounter data timely received by United and available through the applicable reporting system(s) at the time United creates the reports described in Article 3.1. Claims and encounter data are considered timely if they are processed and/or paid by United no later than March 31 following the end of the applicable MA-PCPi Term; and
- 2. Other supplemental data sources that meet CMS and/or HEDIS documentation requirements and have been timely submitted for dates of service within the MA-PCPi Term. Supplemental data sources are considered timely submitted if they are submitted to United no later than January 10 following the end of the applicable MA-PCPi Term.

United will compute Provider's Performance Percentage as follows:

- 3. For each HEDIS Measure as identified in one of the tables above, United will calculate Provider's Actual HEDIS Compliance Percentage. If United cannot calculate the Actual HEDIS Compliance Percentage for a particular HEDIS Measure under this Article because the number of MA-PCPi Customers identified as eligible for that measure is zero, then the Provider will be allocated the Tier 1 Points Value from the Performance Point Table for the applicable measure.
- 4. The computations will be based on HEDIS guidelines and will include data for services rendered during the HEDIS review period applicable to the particular HEDIS Measure, using the HEDIS look back period assigned to the measure. The review period will run through the last day of the applicable MA-PCPi Term.

#### **b.** Patient Experience Measures

United will use the data available from a United survey of MA Customers to determine Provider's performance for the Patient Experience Measures of Getting Needed Care and Care Coordination ("Survey Measures"). The United survey will include questions similar to those in the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Provider & Systems Survey (CAHPS) administered by CMS. United will compute Provider's Performance Percentage for each Survey Measure by calculating the average of all the responses for each measure.

If United cannot calculate Provider's Performance Percentage for a particular Survey Measure under this Article because the number of MA Customers identified as eligible for the measure is zero, then the Provider will be allocated the Tier 1 Points Value from the Performance Point Table for the applicable measure.

2.3 Reconsideration: Within 30 days after receiving the final reports for the MA-PCPi Term, Provider agrees to notify United electronically or in writing of any disagreements with their final performance on the Performance Point Bonus under Article 2 with the exception of the Plan All Cause Readmission, Getting Needed Care and Care Coordination measures, which are not subject to reconsideration. Provider's written notification must include the following: a) the United determination at issue; and b) detailed information, including, but not limited to, member level identifiers, Measure(s) in dispute, any relevant dates, copies from the member's medical chart, and any other relevant information to support the review request. United will only consider complete review requests and requests that will result in the Provider meeting or exceeding established thresholds as demonstrated by documentation required by United. If Provider's request for reconsideration will not result in the provider reaching a higher earning tier, United will not consider the request. United will respond to Provider within 45 days after receiving Provider's notification. Reconsideration determinations are final and Provider is not permitted a second reconsideration request. If United does not receive notification within 30 days from the date United provided the final reports, Provider will have been deemed to waive any rights to pursue any dispute relating to that MA-PCPi Term. Quality Care Bonuses under Article 1 are excluded from Reconsideration.

**2.4 Reporting Provision for Performance Point Bonus Improvement Targets:** To determine Provider's eligibility for meeting or exceeding the Improvement Targets in the Performance Point Bonus, United's computation

logic relies on a consistent unique numerical identifier (i.e., Tax Identification Number or Provider Group Identification Number) to allow for an accurate comparison of Provider's performance in 2025 and 2026. If these unique numerical identifiers do not remain consistent between 2025 and 2026, United will not be able to determine Provider's performance and Provider will not be eligible to receive the Improvement Points for the Performance Point Bonus.

## Article 3 General Provisions that Apply to all Bonus Opportunities

- **3.1 Reporting:** United will make available periodic reporting for all applicable bonus opportunities to demonstrate Provider's performance. No later than 120 days after the end of a MA-PCPi Term, United will make available to Provider the final report for that MA-PCPi Term.
- <u>3.2 Eligibility for Bonus Payments</u>: Notwithstanding anything in these Terms and Conditions to the contrary, if at the time any bonus is due the Agreement is no longer in effect, Provider's eligibility to receive any of the bonuses in these Terms and Conditions is at United's discretion.
- 3.3 Medical Record, Chart Request and Provider Data Attestation: Without limiting any other data access rights set forth elsewhere in the Agreement, Provider will permit United or its designee to conduct chart reviews of Provider's records, specifically for the CMS required data submission, for any or all MA-PCPi Customers. On a quarterly basis, Provider will also attest to the accuracy of demographic data as described within the UnitedHealthcare Care Provider Administrative Guide. If charts or records are not furnished within the timeframe specified and/or are incomplete, or if Provider fails to attest to the accuracy of demographic data, United reserves the right to reduce or withhold payment under the MA-PCPi Program.
- <u>3.4 Overpayments</u>: If United notifies Provider of an overpayment under the MA-PCPi Program, Provider will repay overpayments within 30 days of written or electronic notice. In addition, Provider will promptly report any overpayment under the MA-PCPi Program and will return the overpayment to United within 30 days of discovery. If Provider fails to repay overpayments as specified above, United may recover overpayments by offsets against future payments.

#### 3.5 Termination:

- a. Provider has the right to terminate Provider's participation in the MA-PCPi Program, effective for the next MA-PCPi Term, by giving notice electronically or in writing within 60 days after the Terms & Conditions for the next MA-PCPi Term have been communicated. Such termination will not affect the MA-PCPi Program payment determination for the MA-PCPi Term in effect prior to such termination.
- b. United has the right to terminate Provider's participation in the MA-PCPi Program, effective for the next MA-PCPi Term, by giving notice electronically or in writing at least 30 days prior to the start of the next Term. Such termination will not affect the MA-PCPi Program payment determination for the MA-PCPi Term in effect prior to such termination.
- c. United and Provider each have the right to terminate Provider's participation in the MA-PCPi Program immediately upon notice electronically or in writing to the other if the other party fails to comply with any requirement of these Terms and Conditions.
- d. United has the right to terminate Provider's participation in the MA-PCPi Program immediately upon notice electronically or in writing if Provider no longer meets United's requirements to participate in the Program.
- e. Unless otherwise authorized by United, if Provider participates in any other incentive program with United or United's Affiliates for the same Medicare Advantage Benefit Plans that are within the scope of this MA-PCPi

Program, Provider's participation in MA-PCPi will continue at United's sole discretion. If United terminates MA-PCPi during a MA-PCPi Term under this Article 3.5(e), Provider will not be entitled to payment under MA-PCPi for that Term.

3.6 Amendment of the MA-PCPi Terms and Conditions: United, in its sole discretion, may amend these Terms and Conditions for any future MA-PCPi Term by providing to Provider a copy of and/or electronic access to the new Terms and Conditions no later than 30 days prior to the first day of the MA-PCPi Term to which the new Terms and Conditions will apply. If Provider does not wish to continue participation in the MA-PCPi Program after review of the new Terms and Conditions, Provider has the option to terminate participation in the MA-PCPi Program as set forth in Article 3.5.

To allow United to efficiently implement new incentive programs or earning opportunities that allow Provider a chance to earn additional compensation, United will provide notice of new earning opportunities under MA-PCPi and Provider will participate in those opportunities without amendment to these Terms & Conditions so long as those opportunities only provide for increased compensation.

**3.7 Agreement:** When Provider and United are parties to an Agreement, none of the rights and obligations of Provider and of United under the Agreement will be modified or impaired by these Terms and Conditions, except in the event of a conflict between these Terms and Conditions and the Agreement, in which case the specific conflicting term(s) of these Terms and Conditions will govern with respect to the MA-PCPi Program.

When Provider and United are not parties to an Agreement when Provider begins participating in the MA-PCPi Program, Provider agrees and acknowledges that it is subject to the Additional Terms and Conditions in Article 5 of these Terms and Conditions. Further, Provider acknowledges that each Provider Physician is subject to the terms of the participation agreement or provider contract under which the Provider Physician participates in United's network for Medicare Advantage Benefit Plans.

## Article 4 Defined Terms

As used in these Terms and Conditions, these capitalized terms have the following meanings:

Actual HEDIS Compliance Percentage: The ratio (expressed as a percentage) of (i) the total number of MA-PCPi Customers that United shows as having met the HEDIS Measure for the period ending on the last day of the MA-PCPi Term, to (ii) the number of MA-PCPi Customers eligible for a measure for a given MA-PCPi Term. Each Actual HEDIS Compliance Percentage will be rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

**Agreement:** The participation agreement or provider contract to which Provider and United are parties and under which Provider has agreed to participate in United's network for Medicare Advantage Benefit Plans.

**Key Care Annual Care Visit:** A care visit with a MA-PCPi Customer for which a claim is appropriately submitted with a qualifying code as identified in the glossary tab of the PCOR. Refer to uncorovider.com for the most up to date information on telehealth requirements.

**Benefit Plan:** A certificate of coverage, summary plan description, or other document or agreement, whether delivered in paper, electronic, or other format, under which United is obligated to provide coverage for a Customer.

<u>Complete Care MA-PCPi Customer:</u> A MA-PCPi Customer, identified by United in the PCOR, as having at least one of their eligible care gaps being identified as a Key Care Opportunity.

<u>Customer:</u> A person eligible for, enrolled in and entitled to receive coverage from United for a health care service or product, according to the terms of the United Benefit Plan.

<u>HEDIS/PQA Measures:</u> Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) is a set of performance measures and specifications created by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) to allow consumers to compare quality performance across health plans.

<u>Improvement Target:</u> United-defined improvement target utilized in the Performance Point Bonus to evaluate provider performance, either the Provider's Actual HEDIS Compliance Percentage or the Provider's Patient Experience performance percentage. Providers can reach the Improvement target when, for a given measure, the Provider's current MA-PCPi Term performance exceeds the Provider's prior MA-PCPi Term performance by the Improvement Target.

<u>Key Care Opportunity</u>: A care gap, identified by United in PCOR, as needing priority attention based on the MA-PCPi Customer's health history, including but not limited to, historical engagement with a primary care physician, historical gap closure status from previous years, and other factors impacting member experience, as determined by United. The Quality Care Measure eligible to be a Key Care Opportunity for any MA-PCPi Customer may change from year to year.

**MA Customer:** Each Customer eligible for and enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Benefit Plan.

<u>MA-PCPi Customer:</u> Each Customer eligible for and enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Benefit Plan who is assigned and/or attributed for a given MA-PCPi Term by United to a Provider Physician and identified by United in the PCOR as eligible for the Program described in these Terms and Conditions.

<u>MA-PCPi Measures:</u> The specific HEDIS measures and the Patient Experience Measures that will be evaluated with respect to a given MA-PCPi Term to determine Provider's bonus opportunities, as set forth in the MA-PCPi Quality Care Measures and Performance Point Table.

**MA-PCPi Term:** A calendar year during which Provider is eligible to participate in the MA-PCPi Program described in these Terms and Conditions (for example, January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026).

<u>PCOR:</u> The Patient Care Opportunity Report, or any successor reporting, generated by United on a monthly basis that summarizes performance data about various HEDIS measures for MA-PCPi Customers, including measures that are part of the MA-PCPi Program, using United data available at the time the report is generated.

**Provider:** Either (i) a physician, medical group, clinic, IPA, or PHO, that is a party to an Agreement and has met the requirements in the opening paragraph of these Terms and Conditions, or (ii) a medical group or clinic that is not a party to an Agreement, but employs or contracts with Provider Physicians and has met the requirements in the opening paragraph of these Terms and Conditions. Provider TINs must be reported to United no later than March 31 of each calendar year for inclusion in that program term.

<u>Provider Physician:</u> A physician who is a doctor of medicine or osteopathy, duly licensed and qualified under the laws of the jurisdiction in which he/she provides health services to Customers, or a registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant as permitted by United's credentialing plan and state law, who meets one of the following: (i) is a Provider who is a party to an Agreement, or (ii) practices as a shareholder, partner, employee, or subcontractor of a Provider that is a party to an Agreement, or (iii) where the Provider is not a party to an Agreement, is a party to a United participation agreement or provider contract under which he/she participates in United's network for Medicare Advantage Benefit Plans and is a practicing shareholder, partner, employee, or subcontractor of that Provider. Each Provider Physician is assigned to a specific Provider based on the criteria above.

<u>Performance Target:</u> United-defined targets utilized in the Performance Point Bonus to evaluate provider performance, either the Provider's Actual HEDIS Compliance Percentage or the Provider's Patient Experience performance percentage. The Performance Targets include two tiers, Tier 1 and Tier 2, to allow for the allocation of additional points based on the Provider's performance. Providers can reach the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Performance Targets when, for a given measure, the Provider's current MA-PCPi Term's performance meets or exceeds the Tier 1 and/or Tier 2 targets defined in the Performance Point Table.

<u>United:</u> UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company and/or the UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company affiliate(s) as named or identified in the Agreement (if Provider is a party to an Agreement), or in the MA-PCPi Program Participation Amendment (if Provider is not a party to an Agreement).

### Article 5 Additional Terms and Conditions

The additional terms and conditions of this Article only apply when Provider and United are **NOT** parties to an Agreement, as set forth in Article 3.7.

- **5.1 Authority to Contract**. Provider agrees and acknowledges that it (i) has all requisite corporate power and authority to conduct its business as presently conducted, and to agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions, and (ii) has the unqualified authority to bind, and does bind, itself and its Provider Physicians to all of these Terms and Conditions.
- **5.2** Compliance with Laws and Regulations. Provider and United will comply with applicable state and federal laws and regulations, including but not limited to the requirements set forth in the Medicare Advantage Regulatory Requirements Appendix and those laws and regulations relating to confidentiality of individually identifiable health information derived from or obtained during the course of the performance of the MA-PCPi Program.
- **5.3** Confidentiality. Except as required by an agency of the government or by law, neither United nor Provider will disclose to any third party, including Customers, (i) any proprietary business information, not available to the general public, that it obtains from the other party; or (ii) the specific initiatives and related payment provided for under the MA-PCPi Program. Provider will assure that its Provider Physicians are likewise bound by this confidentiality obligation.
- **5.4 Dispute Resolution.** The party invoking this provision, whether it be United or Provider, with its Provider Physicians, must provide written notice of any dispute within 180 days of the receipt of final payment under this Program for the MA-PCPi Term, or within the 60<sup>th</sup> day following the noticing party's discovery of the action or omission that is the subject of the Dispute, whichever is earlier. Nothing in this section shortens the period under applicable law or this Terms and Conditions during which United may pursue and complete recovery of an overpayment.

Such written notice must: (i) state that the noticing party is invoking this Terms and Conditions' dispute-resolution process; and (ii) explain the circumstances giving rise to the Disputes and the basis for the noticing party's position regarding the Dispute. A party that receives a valid written notice of a Dispute will promptly arrange for discussions (which may be virtual or telephonic), during which United and Provider, with its Provider Physicians, will work together in good faith to resolve any and all disputes between them (hereinafter referred to as "Disputes") relating to the MA-PCPi Program. The parties will make reasonable commercial efforts to negotiate and resolve the Disputes. If the parties are unable to resolve any such Dispute within 90 days following the date one party sent written notice of the Dispute to the other party, and if either party wishes to pursue the Dispute, the sole and exclusive means for settling any Dispute not successfully resolved is binding arbitration conducted by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") in accordance with the AAA Commercial Arbitration Rules, as they may be amended from time to time (see http://www.adr.org). Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties, the party wishing to pursue the Dispute must

initiate the arbitration within one year after the date on which notice of the Dispute was given or will be deemed to have waived its right to pursue the Dispute in any forum.

Any arbitration proceeding under the MA-PCPi Program will be conducted in Hennepin County, Minnesota. The arbitrator(s) will be selected from the AAA National Roster (as described in the AAA Commercial Arbitration Rules and Mediation Procedures). In an arbitration of a Dispute in which a party seeks an award of \$1,000,000 or greater, a panel of three arbitrators will be used. The arbitrator(s) may construe or interpret but will not vary or ignore the terms of the MA-PCPi Program and will be bound by controlling law. The arbitrator(s) will have no authority to award punitive, exemplary, indirect or special damages, except in connection with a statutory claim that explicitly provides for such relief. The decisions and awards of the arbitrator(s) on the Dispute will be final and binding and will not be subject to further review in any forum (including judicial review), and judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. The parties acknowledge that because the MA-PCPi Program affects interstate commerce the Federal Arbitration Act applies in addition to any applicable state or federal law. Any prejudgment interest awarded by the arbitrator(s) will not exceed 3 percent per year and will only be available when required by applicable law or these Terms and Conditions. The burden of proof in any arbitration will be on the party asserting the claims or defenses in the arbitration.

Except as may be required by law, neither a party (including without limitation, the parties' agents, representatives, consultants and counsel), nor an arbitrator may disclose the existence, content, or results of any arbitration hereunder, or any Confidential Arbitration Information without the prior written consent of all parties. "Confidential Arbitration Information" means any written submissions in an arbitration by either party, discovery exchanged, evidence submitted, transcriptions or other records of hearings in the matter and any orders and awards issued, and any reference to whether either party won, lost, prevailed, or did not prevail against the other party in any arbitration proceeding, as well as any settlement agreement related to an arbitration. However, judgment on the award may be entered under seal in any court having jurisdiction thereof, by either party.

The parties expressly intend that any arbitration be conducted on an individual basis, so that no third parties may be consolidated or joined or allowed to proceed with class arbitration. The parties agree that any ruling by a court allowing class action proceedings or requiring consolidated litigation involving any third party(ies) would be contrary to their intent and would require immediate judicial review of such ruling.

In the event that any portion of this Article or any part of the Terms and Conditions is deemed invalid or unenforceable, such unlawfulness, invalidity or unenforceability will not serve to invalidate any other part of this Article or the Terms and Conditions. In the event any court determines that this arbitration procedure is not binding or otherwise allows litigation involving a Dispute to proceed, the parties hereby waive any and all right to trial by jury in, or with respect to, such litigation. Such litigation would instead proceed with the judge as the finder of fact.

Failure to timely comply with and exhaust the requirements and processes described in this dispute resolution provision will constitute a waiver of the party's right to review of the Dispute, through any judicial, administrative, or regulatory process, through United's internal processes, or in any other forum (including arbitration and litigation), except as otherwise required by law.

<u>5.5 Entire Agreement.</u> These Terms and Conditions are the entire agreement between Provider and United with regard to the subject matter herein and supersede any prior written or unwritten agreements between Provider and United with regard to the same subject matter.

<u>5.6 Relationship Between Parties.</u> The relationship between United and Provider is solely that of independent contractors and nothing in the Terms and Conditions or otherwise will be construed or deemed to create any other relationship, including one of employment, agency or joint venture.

- <u>5.7 Notice.</u> Any notice required to be given under the MA-PCPi Program will be in writing and will be deemed to have been given when delivered in person, by electronic communication, by facsimile or, if delivered by first-class United States mail, on the date mailed, proper postage prepaid and properly addressed to Provider or to United, as appropriate.
- **5.8 Governing Law.** These Terms & Conditions will be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.
- <u>5.9 Participation Status.</u> Provider's participation in this Program does not change Provider's status as a non-participating provider in United's network for Medicare Advantage Benefit Plans. United will treat Provider as an out of network provider under all circumstances including, but not limited to, excluding Provider from all United Medicare Advantage Provider directories.
- <u>5.10 Non-Assignability.</u> These Terms and Conditions will not be assigned, sublet, delegated or transferred by Provider without United's written consent. These Terms and Conditions may be assigned, sublet, delegated or transferred by United.
- <u>5.11 Severability.</u> Any provision of these Terms and Conditions that is unlawful, invalid, or unenforceable by the binding decision of any court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction will not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions of these Terms and Conditions or the lawfulness, validity or enforceability of the offending provision in any other situation or jurisdiction.
- **5.12 Survival.** Articles 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.8 of this Article will survive termination of the MA-PCPi Program.

THIS ARTICLE CONTAINS A BINDING ARBITRATION PROVISION THAT MAY BE ENFORCED BY THE PARTIES.