

# Transitional Care Planning – Continuity of Care



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This program has been designed to provide seniors with coordination of their care, including long term care needs.

- CMS wants providers to know that patients have a choice in what health plan they wish to join, and providers should not influence or try to tell them to leave a Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) or Healthy Connections Prime.
- Given the vulnerability of this member population First Choice VIP Care Plus plan is required to offer a 180-day transition period for all members.
- Members will be allowed to maintain their current course of treatment with providers who are outside of our network. The 180-day transition period begins at the member's effective date.

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All of the member's providers are covered during this transition period:

- Primary Care Physicians
- Specialists
- Behavioral Health
- Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS)
- Pharmacy



# Single Case Agreements

First Choice VIP Care Plus will make all efforts to contract with the providers who are currently not in our network, but are treating our members. However, if the provider elects not to contract with our network, First Choice VIP Care Plus may offer providers single case agreements to continue an member's care after the 180-day transition period ends.

***Please note*** – If a provider is already credentialed with First Choice, no additional credentialing paperwork is required for First Choice VIP Care Plus. However, a separate contract is required for participation.

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