

Referral Length Increased for BlueMedicare HMO and myBlue HMO Plans

As a reminder, the length of a referral for BlueMedicareSM HMO Medicare Advantage and myBlue HMO commercial members is 180 days. There are different quantities allowed for certain referrals. Here are some important details to remember:

The number of visits per referral is two visits for all specialties, except Oncology and Hematology:

- For BlueMedicare HMO members, the number of visits per referral for Oncology and Hematology specialists is four visits within 180 days.
- For myBlue HMO members, the number of visits per referral for Oncology and Hematology specialists is six visits within 180 days.

BlueMedicare HMO and myBlue HMO members are assigned a primary care physician (PCP) who is responsible for coordinating access to all medical care. Members can see PCPs within the same group. However, if the PCP is part of a multi-specialty group, the member's assigned PCP must request a referral for the member to visit a specialist within the same group.