



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145466
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DATE: 7/1/2025

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT 1 TO THE MANAGED CARE PROVIDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF TEXAS TO ADD PARTICIPATION IN THE BLUE ADVANTAGE HMO NETWORK

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Court consider Amendment 1 to the Managed Care Provider Agreement between Tarrant County and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) to add participation in the Blue Advantage HMO Network.

BACKGROUND

TCPH provides clinical health care services to the residents of Tarrant County throughout various clinics and programs. TCPH continues to pursue enrollment and participation in additional commercial and state health plans to best provide services to patients.

On October 28, 2014, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #118849, approved a Managed Care Provider Agreement with BCBSTX for enrollment in the Blue Choice PPO/POS network. After approval, it was discovered that BCBSTX intended for the PPO/POS provider agreement to be labeled as "Medical Group" versus "Professional Group."

On June 30, 2015, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #120388, approved a correction to the BCBSTX Blue Choice PPO/POS agreement to correct the PPO/POS provider agreement to be labeled as "Medical Group " versus "Professional Group."

With approval of Amendment 1, Blue Advantage HMO insurance coverage will be added to the existing BCBSTX contract to allow TCPH to accept this health plan for patient care. The agreement shall remain in effect unless terminated in accordance with the provisions of the agreement.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has approved this document as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

All associated reimbursements will be deposited in the Public Health fund T0400-2025 and various related Public Health grants.

SUBMITTED BY	Public Health	PREPARED BY:	Gary Collins
		APPROVED BY:	Amanda Campbell

**AMENDMENT 1 TO
MEDICAL GROUP AGREEMENT
FOR BLUE ADVANTAGE HMOSM NETWORK PARTICIPATION**

This Amendment (“Amendment”) is entered into by and between Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, a Division of Health Care Service Corporation (“BCBSTX”) and TARRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH a professional entity organized in the state of Texas (“Medical Group”). This Amendment supplements and amends the terms of the Agreement to include the provision of Covered Services to Members enrolled in MyBlue HealthSM product, as the term is defined below.

WHEREAS, BCBSTX and Provider have entered into that certain Provider Agreement (“Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, BCBSTX and Provider mutually desire to amend the Agreement as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Agreement is amended as set forth in Attachment I hereto.
2. The provisions of this Amendment shall be treated as strictly confidential under the confidentiality provisions of the Agreement.
3. Except as modified by this Amendment, the Agreement remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

Multiple Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Amendment to be effective as of the Effective Date set forth below as determined by BCBSTX.

A scanned, imaged, electronic, photocopy or stamp of the signatures hereunder shall have the same force and effect as an originally executed signature

BCBSTX Authorized Signature:	Effective Dates for Networks 1. ONLY VALID IF COMPLETED BY BCBSTX 2. ONLY VALID WITH MEDICAL GROUP’S EXPRESS CONSENT INDICATED BELOW
Name: Brad Tucker	Blue Advantage HMO SM Effective Date
Title: Vice President, Network Management TX	
Date:	MyBlue Health SM Effective Date

Medical Group agrees by Express consent to participate in specific BCBSTX Networks as identified below

Blue Advantage HMO SM Network Participation	MyBlue Health SM Network Participation
Medical Group Authorized Signature:	Medical Group Authorized Signature: See Separate Electronic Signature Page
Name:	Name: Honorable Tim O’Hare
Title:	Title: County Judge
Date:	Date:
NPI: 1194783183	NPI: 1194783183

AMENDMENT TO MEDICAL GROUP AGREEMENT

ATTACHMENT I

The Agreement is amended is as follows:

1. For purposes of this Amendment, "Provider" shall mean "Hospital," "Ancillary Provider," "Medical Group," "Medical Group Provider," "Physician," "Health Care Professional Provider Group," "Professional Group," "Health Care Professional," or "Professional" as those terms may be used in the Agreement.

2. **Part I. Definitions, Blue Advantage HMOSM Member ("Member")** is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Blue Advantage HMOSM Member ("Member") means an individual who is eligible to receive Covered Services under a Health Plan that utilizes the Blue Advantage HMOSM Network or the MyBlue HealthSM Network.

3. **Part I. Definitions,** is amended to add the following definition:

Line of Business means all networks designed by BCBSTX that designate Provider as a participating provider for access by Subscribers that Provider has given its express authority through its agent's signature to participate in and provide Covered Services at the agreed upon compensation terms in this Agreement. Provider acknowledges that agreeing to participate in a line of business does not impose an obligation of BCBSTX to include Provider in all networks for a particular Line of Business. BCBSTX shall inform Provider of the networks supporting the lines of business that it will be included in as a Participating Provider.

MyBlue HealthSM means the network of participating providers maintained by MyBlue HealthSM to provide Covered Services to MyBlue HealthSM Members pursuant to the Members' certificate of coverage.

4. **Part I. Definitions, Medically Necessary or Medical Necessity** is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Medically Necessary or Medical Necessity means health care services that a physician, exercising prudent clinical judgment, would provide to a Member for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating an illness, injury, disease or its symptoms, and that are: (a) in accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice; (b) clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for the Member's illness, injury or disease; and (c) not primarily for the convenience of the Member, physician, or other health care provider, and not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of that Member's illness, injury or disease. For these purposes, "generally accepted standards of medical practice" means standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature generally recognized by the relevant medical community, Physician Specialty Society recommendations and the views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas and any other relevant factors.

5. **Part VIII. Term and Termination, A. Term,** is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Term. This Agreement shall be effective as of the Effective Date and shall continue until otherwise terminated in accordance with this Agreement. The Agreement including all Lines of Business that are part of or become part of the Agreement based on this Amendment shall be effective as of the Effective Date of this Amendment or as otherwise indicated on amendments adding such other Lines of Business and shall continue until otherwise terminated in accordance with the Agreement. Termination of a single Line of Business does not constitute termination for any other Lines of Business that are part of the Agreement.

SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

**COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS**

By: Separate Electronic Signature Page
Tim O'Hare
County Judge

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kimberly Colliet Wesley

Criminal District Attorney's Office*

*By law, the Criminal District Attorney's Office may only approve contracts for its clients. We reviewed this document as to form from our client's legal perspective. Other parties may not rely on this approval. Instead, those parties should seek contract review from independent counsel.