



## An Important Announcement for Medicare Advantage Providers

AlohaCare group no. 9011 & Wellcare group no. 9050-1

Benefit Changes Effective January 1, 2023

Effective January 1, 2023, there will be significant changes to the following two groups:

- Wellcare by `Ohana Health Plan Group **9050-1** (only applies to division **1**)
- AlohaCare Group **9011**

Patients who are enrolled in these specific group numbers also qualify for the State of Hawaii's Med-QUEST program (MQD). Due to the expansion of adult dental benefits under the State of Hawaii's Med-QUEST Division (MQD), many procedures such as preventive care are being removed since they will now be covered under the MQD adult dental plan. This will result in higher out-of-pocket costs for your patient if you are not enrolled as a MED-QUEST provider with the State of Hawaii.

As HDS Medicare providers who do not participate in the MED-QUEST network, you must obtain a signed financial agreement prior to providing services to your patients to inform them of the non-covered services and their out-of-pocket costs. For your convenience, a Non-Covered Treatment Plan Agreement is available for your use in the Medicare Advantage section of the download center on HDS Online.

These changes only apply to the two specific group numbers mentioned above.

### Reminders:

1. Review the benefit summaries carefully.
2. Use the online benefit estimator or pre-authorize procedures to calculate patient's out-of-pocket costs.
3. If the patient will be billed for these services, obtain written financial consent prior to providing services.

The 2023 Summary of Benefits has been posted to the HDS Online Download Center in the Medicare Advantage section.

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