



Dear CCA provider,

An upcoming change to the Special Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically Ill (SSBCI) for individuals enrolled in Commonwealth Care Alliance, Inc.'s (CCA) Senior Care Options (SCO) plan may require your attention.

On an annual basis, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires health plans to review their SSBCI benefits to ensure they meet CMS' required criteria. Accordingly, CCA has made updates for 2025 to the qualifying chronic conditions and criteria that must be met to qualify for certain benefits. Please note: All SCO members will still receive a Healthy Savings Card with quarterly funds that can be used to purchase plan covered over the counter (OTC) items. Additionally qualifying for SSBCI allows members to use these funds for things like food and utilities.

Beginning January 1, 2025, CCA SCO members must have one or more of the following chronic conditions to qualify for SSBCI:



**Diabetes**



**Chronic Heart Failure**



**Cardiovascular Disorders**

**Limited to:**

- Cardiac arrhythmias
- Coronary artery disease
- Peripheral vascular disease
- Chronic venous thromboembolic disorder



**Chronic Lung Disorders**

- Asthma
- COPD
- Chronic bronchitis
- Emphysema
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Pulmonary hypertension

Additionally, to qualify for SSBCI benefits, the qualifying chronic condition must meet **all** of the following criteria:

1. is life threatening or significantly limits the patient's overall health or function; and
2. puts the patient at a high risk of hospitalization or other adverse health outcomes; and
3. requires intensive care coordination.

**Members who our records indicate do not meet these criteria will receive notification the week of October 21, 2024. If your patient receives a letter and believes they meet the criteria for 2025, they are instructed to contact their provider and ask them to complete a "Provider Attestation of Patient Diagnosis for SSBCI Eligibility" form online to confirm the presence of one or more of the qualifying chronic conditions.**

The SSBCI Provider Attestation form, as well as instructions for submission, can be found on the CCA website at: [www.commonwealthcarealliance.org/ma/providers/ssbci-form/](http://www.commonwealthcarealliance.org/ma/providers/ssbci-form/)  
The form may be completed at any time. Most reviews are completed within one month from date of submission to CCA.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Provider Services team for assistance: 866-420-9332, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Thank you for your valued partnership in caring for the individuals we are privileged to serve.

Sincerely,



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