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Peach State Health Plan (Ambetter and Allwell) Expansion

Peach State Health Plan has expanded the geographic region into which they are offering insurance coverage. As of January 1, 2019, they will be offering coverage in the following counties:

Georgia - Effective 2018			
Baker	Crisp	Henry	Randolph
Barrow	DeKalb	Jackson	Schley
Butts	Dougherty	Lee	Spalding
Calhoun	Douglas	Macon	Stewart
Chatham	Elbert	Madison	Sumter
Chattahoochee	Fayette	Marion	Talbot
Cherokee	Forsyth	Mitchell	Taylor
Clarke	Fulton	Muscogee	Terrell
Clay	Greene	Oconee	Walton
Clayton	Gwinnett	Paulding	Webster
Cobb	Harris	Quitman	Worth

Georgia - Effective 1/1/2019

Appling	Dodge	Meriwether	Telfair
Bacon	Dooly	Miller	Toombs
Ben Hill	Effingham	Monroe	Treutlen
Bibb	Evans	Montgomery	Troup
Bleckley	Glynn	Murray	Twiggs
Brantley	Gordon	Newton	Walker
Bryan	Houston	Peach	Wayne
Bulloch	Irwin	Pierce	Wheeler
Camden	Jeff Davis	Pulaski	Whitfield
Candler	Jones	Putnam	Wilcox
Catoosa	Liberty	Rockdale	
Coffee	Long	Screven	
Dade	McIntosh	Tattnall	

Tennessee - Effective 1/1/2019

Bledsoe	Grundy	Marion	Rhea
Bradley	Hamilton	McMinn	Sequatchie
Fayette	Haywood	Meigs	Shelby
Franklin	Lauderdale	Polk	Tipton

Ambetter is expected to have about 250,000 covered lives in 2019. It is the product sold on the Healthcare.gov website. They have confirmed that the chiropractic benefits will not change for 2019. It was one of the best paying plans for chiropractors in 2018 in GA.

We do not have numbers on Allwell, the Medicare Advantage product. It is much smaller and applies to Medicare benefits.

You must Opt-In to participate in this product. If you would like to participate, please complete the one-page [Provider Participation Form](#) and fax it back to (470) 514-3697.

Alliant Health Plans - claims processing suspended for two weeks

Alliant Health Plans is moving the processing of claims from a third party administrator in Texas to their office in Dalton, GA. The move is happening now. This is a major project that began last year. In the final step of this move there will be a brief period of time when Alliant claims will not be processed. December 13th was the last check run by the third party administrator. Alliant will do the next check run the first week in January. Currently all data is being transferred and verified.

Alliant Health Plans - Change in Chiropractic Benefits for 2019

Alliant Health Plans had group business through employer groups and individual business sold through the Healthcare.gov website. The group business will continue to have chiropractor benefits in 2019. However, Alliant has decided to remove chiropractic coverage from the individual plans which are available on the Healthcare.gov website. The rationale for doing this is that chiropractic benefits are not an essential benefit as defined in the Affordable Care Act.

Other carriers, like BCBS and Peach State Health Plan are not removing the chiropractic benefits.

Deleted ICD10 codes

The codes M79.1 and M50.12 have been deleted. Please do not use them. Claims will be rejected if sent to Peach State Health Plan (Ambetter) with these codes listed.

Out of Network Claim Denials

Some providers still seem to be struggling with proper claims submission procedures. We most frequently see this when there is a change in personnel doing the insurance billing or a new billing service is hired. We encourage you to make sure your billing staff is educated in the proper billing process for ActivHealthCare. We have a training presentation posted on our website, www.ActivHealthCare.com.

If your Ambetter claims are processed as out of network you must follow their process for correcting the claims. We discussed it in the [July 20, 2018 newsletter](#).

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