ASSIGNMENT AND ATTRIBUTION
Provider Education Series

OVERVIEW

Sometimes the words **Assignment** and **Attribution** are used interchangeably. While both Assignment and Attribution refer to a type of association between providers and members, the terms do not mean the same thing. It is important to understand the differences between Assignment and Attribution.

TrueCare has prepared this summary document for quick reference. Please reach out to your Provider Representative with any questions.

ASSIGNMENT VS ATTRIBUTION

Assignment is the process used to delegate a primary care provider (PCP) to a member during and after enrollment using the member's self-designated PCP, or by automatically selecting a PCP based on member's geographical location. Assignment of a PCP is important to ensure all members have a provider available and able to administer care but does not guarantee the member will see that assigned provider.

Attribution is the process used to associate a member to the physician accountable for their primary care. Attribution can occur through claims activity, by a member self-selecting a provider, or in cases where there is no claims information and the member has not made a self-selection, through geographical assignment of a provider. Attribution drives the Provider Portal Clinical Practice Registry (CPR) member list, is used in determining provider quality scores, and is a factor in quality-based payments.

ATTRIBUTION TYPES

Attributed as PCP via Claims: Indicates member is attributed to provider based on claims data. This type of attribution generally means the member has attributable claims history and is engaged with this provider.

Attributed as PCP via Self-Selection: Indicates member has selected a PCP for assignment and is attributed to their self-selected provider. This type of attribution generally means the member has no attributable claims history.

Attributed as PCP: Indicates member has been attributed to their geographically assigned provider. This type of attribution generally means the member has no attributable claims history.

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