

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.

CareSource has prepared this summary document for quick reference. Please reach out to your Health Partner Engagement Specialist with any questions.

Assignment vs Attribution

Assignment The process used to **delegate** a primary medical provider (PMP) to a member during and after enrollment using the member's self-designated PMP, or by CareSource automatically choosing a PMP based on member's geographical location. Assignment of a PMP 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 The process used to **associate** (match) a member to the physician accountable for their primary care. Attribution can occur through claims activity or by a member self-selecting a provider. In cases where there is no claims information and the member has not made a self-selection, attribution will default to geographical assignment. Attribution drives the 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 PMP 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 PMP via Self-Selection Indicates member has selected a PMP 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 PMP Indicates member is attributed to their geographically assigned provider. This type of attribution generally means the member has no attributable claims history.