

# 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 representative with any questions.

### Assignment vs Attribution

**Assignment** The process used to delegate a primary care provider (PCP) to a member during and after enrollment using the member's self-designated PCP. Assignment of a PCP does not guarantee the member will see that assigned provider.

**Attribution** The process of associating a member to the physician accountable for their primary care. Attribution can occur through claims activity or when a member self-selects a provider. Attribution drives the Clinical Practice Registry (CPR) member list, is used in determining provider quality scores, and is a factor in value-based contracting.

### 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.

Please note that CareSource Marketplace does not assign or attribute PCPs except when there is claims activity or the member self-selects a PCP.