



Working with CareLinkSM

The administrative services for CareLink accounts are shared between Tufts Health Plan and Cigna; however, one is selected to serve as the primary administrator for each particular CareLink account. The administrative lead performs most plan administrative functions including claim adjudication. The member's ID card is uniquely branded to indicate the primary administrator.

Determining Questions Regarding:	Cigna (as Primary Administrator)	Shared Administration (Unions & Allied Trades)	Tufts Health Plan (as Primary Administrator)
Verification			
What is the CareLink medical provider network? What is the governing medical contract for provider reimbursement?	Tufts Health Plan in MA and RICigna in all otherstates	Tufts Health Plan in MA and RICigna in all other states	Tufts Health Plan in MA and RI Cigna in all other states
What is the CareLink behavioral health provider network? What is the governing mental health contract for provider reimbursement?	Evernorth Behavioral Health (EBH)	Employer group discretion Based on network chosen	 Tufts Health Plan in MA and RI EBH in all other 48 states or Behavioral health carve-out based on employer group discretion
Eligibility			
How do I identify the primary administrator of a CareLink plan?	Numbering convention varies by employer group Self-service eligibility response will indicate plan type and primary administrator	DC35: 9-character alphanumeric ID number prefixed with A1 (e.g., A12345678 01) Iron Clad: 9-character alphanumeric ID number prefixed with B (e.g., B23456789 01)	9-digit numeric ID number
How do I confirm eligibility for a CareLink member? ¹	 cignaforhcp.com 800-CIGNA24 Change HealthcareTM 	 tuftshealthplan.com NEHEN Provider Services: 888-884-2404 DC 35: 800-799-1240 Iron Clad:617-436-3500; 866-229-4766 	 tuftshealthplan.com Provider Services: 888-884-2404 NEHEN Change Healthcare

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¹ Eligibility may be subject to retroactive reporting of disenrollment.





Determining Questions Regarding:	Cigna (as Primary Administrator)	Shared Administration (Unions & Allied Trades)	Tufts Health Plan (as Primary Administrator)
How do I confirm benefits information for a CareLink member?	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	 DC 35: 800-799-1240 Iron Clad:617-436-3500; 866-229-4766 	tuftshealthplan.com Tufts Health Plan Provider Services: 888-884-2404
Claims Submissions and Payment			
Where do I submit paper claims?	Appropriate address is located on the back of the member's ID card		Appropriate address is located on the back of the member's ID card
Where do I send EDI claims for CareLink members?	Cigna or Tufts Health Plan	Tufts Health Plan To sign up for EDI submission, contact:	Tufts Health Plan To sign up for EDI submission, contact:
Note : EDI edits of receiving health plan apply.		 Provider Services: 888-884-2404 EDI Operations: 888-880-8699 x54042; EDI_Operations@point32health.org 	 Provider Services: 888-884-2404 EDI Operations: 888-880-8699 x54042; EDI_Operations@point32health.org
How do I track submission for my EDI claims?	If sent to Cigna, claim # issued by Cigna If submitted to Tufts Health Plan, claim is redirected to Cigna and Tufts Health Plan submitter report states CareLink	Submitters will receive Tufts Health Plan submitter reports with a claim # issued by Tufts Health Plan Note: Unions may apply their own claim # on EOB	Submitters will receive Tufts Health Plan submitter reports with a claim # issued by Tufts Health Plan
Which organization performs adjudication and sends the Explanation of Payment (EOP)?	Cigna	DC 35 Iron Clad	Tufts Health Plan
How can I obtain claim status?	• cignaforhcp.com • 800-CIGNA24	 DC 35: 800-799-1240 Iron Clad: 617-436-3500, 866-229-4766 	 tuftshealthplan.com NEHEN Tufts Health Plan Provider Services: 888-884-2404
	Cigna Inc. National Appeals Unit P.O. Box 188011 Chattanooga, TN 37422 Cigna as Primary Administrator Provider Payment Dispute Form	Canton, MA 02021-0254	Tufts Health Plan CareLink Primary Administration P.O. Box 178 Canton, MA 02021-0178 Request for Claim Review Form

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Determining Questions Regarding: Member Medical Management	Cigna (as Primary Administrator)	Shared Administration (Unions & Allied Trades)	Tufts Health Plan (as Primary Administrator)
Who do I contact to obtain prior authorization or precertification for a CareLink member?	• cignaforhcp.com • 800-CIGNA24	CareAllies ² • DC 35: 800-558-9639 • Iron Clad: 800-768-4695	• cignaforhcp.com • 800-CIGNA24
Who coordinates medical management services for CareLink members?			tuftshealthplan.com888-884-2404
Who coordinates disease management programs for CareLink members?			
Where can I find Prior Authorization requirements? ³⁴	800-CIGNA24 CareLink Procedures Requiring Prior Authorization	Not Applicable (shared administration does not require prior authorization) Note: Precertification is required for inpatient admissions	tuftshealthplan.com CareLink Procedures Requiring Prior Authorization
Who do I contact for authorization of medical benefit drugs?	• cignaforhcp.com • 800-CIGNA24	CareAllies	• cignaforhcp.com • 800-CIGNA24
Who do I contact to notify of an observation admission?	Notify Cigna within 48 hours of an admission to observation. This does not apply to postoperative observation services.	Notify CareAllies within 48 hours of an admission to observation. This does not apply to postoperative observation services.	Notify Cigna within 48 hours of an admission to observation. This does not apply to postoperative observation services.
Who do I contact for high-tech imaging authorization?	• eviCore healthcare • 888-693-3297	Not Applicable (shared administration does not require prior authorization)	800-CIGNA24 Authorization Option
Who do I contact for sleep study authorization?	eviCore healthcare800-298-4806	Not Applicable (shared administration does not require prior authorization)	 eviCore healthcare 800-298-4806
What is the CareLink transplant provider network?	Tufts Health Plan in MA and RI Cigna (or LifeSource) in all other states, including NH	Tufts Health Plan in MA and RI Cigna (or LifeSource) in all other states, including NH Tufts Health Plan in MA and RI Tufts Health Plan in MA and RI	Tufts Health Plan in MA and RI Cigna (or LifeSource) in all other states, including NH Tufts Health Plan in MA and RI Rights Health Plan in MA and RI Rights Health Plan in MA and RI

² CareAllies is the name/brand of the Medical Management services offered previously under the name Intracorp, a subsidiary of Cigna. To learn more about CareAllies, visit careallies.com.

³ Tufts Health Plan and Cigna have established a formal committee to maintain prior authorization requirements on a quarterly basis.

⁴ Infertility drugs do not require prior authorization.





Determining Questions Regarding:	Cigna (as Primary Administrator)		Tufts Health Plan (as Primary Administrator)	
Prescription Drugs				
Who do I contact for pharmacy prior authorization requests?	800-CIGNA24, or pharmacy Carve-out	 DC 35: 800-799-1240 Iron Clad: 617-436-3500; 866-229-4766 	Optum Rx:	
			or Pharmacy Carve Out	

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