

### **My Ombudsman**

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## **Mission**

My Ombudsman is operated by an independent non-profit organization (the Disability Policy Consortium (DPC)) and empowers individuals, including their families and caregivers, to access their services provided by MassHealth and its managed care plans.



# Inquiries and Complaints October 1, 2019-March 30, 2020

# One Care Health Plan Inquiries October 1, 2019-December 31, 2019

TOTAL INQUIRIES	15*
Inquiry Topics	
Transportation	4
Enrollment/Disenrollment	2
General Information	2
Physician/Hospital	2
Appeals/Grievances	1
Behavioral Health	1
Benefits Access	1
LTSS	1
Pharmacy/Medication	1
TOTAL	15

<sup>\*</sup>This number represents the total number of inquiries received. One individual may have more than one inquiry. For this quarter, 14 individuals made a total of 15 inquiries.

# One Care Health Plan Inquiries January 1, 2020-March 31, 2020

TOTAL INQUIRIES	15*
Inquiry Topics	
Appeals/Grievances	5
Other	3
Enrollment/Disenrollment	2
Benefits Access	1
Care Coordinator	1
CLAS/Accessibility	1
Transportation	1
General Information	1
TOTAL	15

<sup>\*</sup>This number represents the total number of inquiries received. One individual may have more than one inquiry. For this quarter, 13 individuals made a total of 15 inquiries.

### One Care Health Plan Complaints October 1, 2019-December 31, 2019

TOTAL COMPLAINTS	87*
Complaint Topics	
Appeals/Grievance Process	18
Transportation	12
Care Coordinator	11
Benefits Access	9
Pharmacy/Medication	9
LTSS	8
Physician/Hospital	8
DME	5
Claims/Payment	3
Home Health Agency	3
Other (subjects with 2 or fewer complaints)	1
TOTAL	87

<sup>\*</sup>During this period, there were a total of 87 complaints made by 62 individuals.

# One Care Health Plan Complaints January 1, 2020-March 31, 2020

TOTAL COMPLAINTS	107*
Complaint Topics	
LTSS	16
Appeals/Grievances	13
Transportation	13
Benefits Access	12
Care Coordinator	10
Claims/Payments	10
DME	8
Pharmacy/Medication	6
Physician/Hospital	6
Enrollment/Disenrollment	5
Other (subjects with 4 or fewer complaints)	8
TOTAL	107

<sup>\*</sup>During this period, there were a total of 107 complaints made by 76 individuals.

In February 2020, My Ombudsman had a high of 96 cases opened across all plans since My Ombudsman began in July 2018.

### **Evaluating Ombudsman Services and Outreach**

Results from My Ombudsman Member* Satisfaction Follow-Up Surveys*:	
Members who rated our ability to understand their problem well to very well.	97%
Members who indicated they felt respected by Ombudsman staff	94%
Overall member satisfaction: members who were satisfied to very satisfied.	78%

How Individuals** Heard About My Ombudsman:	
CCA Plan Staff Member	11.1%
Care Team Member	7.4%
Health Care Provider	3.4%
Outreach Event	3.4%

<sup>\*64</sup> individuals were called. 53% (34 individuals) agreed to participate in the survey.

### Member Feedback About My Ombudsman Services

- "You guys are the only people that cared about me. You guys are the only people that helped me. I was having a problem with insurance and they wouldn't approve my medication."
- "It was all the difference when your office spoke to the plan. They straightened out the problem. I was making calls and I was so confused, and when I called your office everyone was so helpful. Your concern and respect for me was beyond my expectations.
- "You guys were very responsive and very helpful in following up. Our issue wouldn't have been resolved without your help."

### **COVID-19 Case Examples**\*

Some dental cases are on hold because providers are only available for emergencies.

Care Coordinator changes have been not allowed during the pandemic.

Early refill policy not followed for medications.

Members in need of more PCA hours due to the pandemic.

<sup>\*</sup>My Ombudsman has had 20 COVID-related cases across all plans. This slide contains isolated examples and not trends or patterns.



#### **How to contact My Ombudsman**

- Hot Line (855) 781-9898
- Videophone (339) 224-6831
- Email us at info@myombudsman.org
  - <u>www.myombudsman.org</u>

We speak Spanish and Cantonese. We use ASL.

#### Address:

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- Office Hours: Monday Friday, 9am-4pm
- Walk in hours: Mondays: 1pm-4pm; Thursdays: 9am-12pm