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Request for Waiver

Plan Year: 2020

Please ensure that information contained on this waiver request coincides with information provided on the geographical access maps and provider list submitted with this application.

1. Name and Title of Person Submitting this Document:

Carrier	Name Network	Network ID	Reason Code 4: Network Structure*
Medica Insurance Company	Essentia ChoiceCare with Medica	MNN010	ACO
Name	Title	Date	Reason Code 4: Enrollees in Network*
Lori Nelson	SVP Network Management	8/30/2019	1408

2. By submitting this form, the above-referenced confirms:

- A. That person submitting this request has personal knowledge of the network contracting process involved in this submission; and
- B. That access cannot be met for the following provider type(s). Include the county and reason(s) for not meeting the requirements.

Provider Type	County	Reason Code	Notes	Affected Enrollees*	Percent Not Covered*
General Hospital facilities	Hubbard	4	This product is an accountable care organization (ACO) with Essentia Health and their partner clinics and facilities. Because they work together as an integrated system, they can better coordinate care and deliver a better member experience. Integration, collaboration and coordination among all providers within the network are critical to this model's success. As a result, non-partner clinics and facilities are not included in this network. The ACO network is developed to provide members access to a comprehensive group of providers. If a service or type of care is unavailable within the network, members may receive a referral to a non-network provider and receive in-network benefits. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members.	0	20%
General Hospital facilities	Cass	3	Cass - Cass Lake Indian Hospital. We have made multiple attempts to contract with no response. We reach out annually to offer a contract at same or similar rates and the provider has not responded. Cass Lake Indian Hospital (IHS Hospital) was sent a letter offering a contract at the same or similar rates as other in-network providers annually since 2013. No response was received from the provider. Medica will review the network annually and intermittently throughout the year as needed offering a contract to providers that meet the criteria		

General Hospital facilities	Itasca	4	This product is an accountable care organization (ACO) with Essentia Health and their partner clinics and facilities. Because they work together as an integrated system, they can better coordinate care and deliver a better member experience. Integration, collaboration and coordination among all providers within the network are critical to this model's success. As a result, non-partner clinics and facilities are not included in this network. The ACO network is developed to provide members access to a comprehensive group of providers. If a service or type of care is unavailable within the network, members may receive a referral to a non-network provider and receive in-network benefits. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members.	0	5%
General Hospital facilities	St. Louis	1	Completed an internet search consulting sources such as www.medicare.gov and www.healthgrades.com and provider websites as needed. No providers were found in an area where there is a gap in coverage. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members. Medica will review the network annually and intermittently throughout the year as needed offering a contract to providers that meet the criteria.		
General Hospital facilities	Crow Wing	4	This product is an accountable care organization (ACO) with Essentia Health and their partner clinics and facilities. Because they work together as an integrated system, they can better coordinate care and deliver a better member experience. Integration, collaboration and coordination among all providers within the network are critical to this model's success. As a result, non-partner clinics and facilities are not included in this network. The ACO network is developed to provide members access to a comprehensive group of providers. If a service or type of care is unavailable within the network, members may receive a referral to a non-network provider and receive in-network benefits. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members.	1	5%
Primary Care providers	St. Louis	1	Completed an internet search consulting sources such as www.medicare.gov and www.healthgrades.com and provider websites as needed. No providers were found in an area where there is a gap in coverage. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members. Medica will review the network annually and intermittently throughout the year as needed offering a contract to providers that meet the criteria.		
Pediatric Services Providers	St. Louis	1	Completed an internet search consulting sources such as www.medicare.gov and www.healthgrades.com and provider websites as needed. No providers were found in an area where there is a gap in coverage. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members. Medica will review the network annually and intermittently throughout the year as needed offering a contract to providers that meet the criteria.		

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<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Norman</i>	<i>4</i>	This product is an accountable care organization (ACO) with Essentia Health and their partner clinics and facilities. Because they work together as an integrated system, they can better coordinate care and deliver a better member experience. Integration, collaboration and coordination among all providers within the network are critical to this model's success. As a result, non-partner clinics and facilities are not included in this network. The ACO network is developed to provide members access to a comprehensive group of providers. If a service or type of care is unavailable within the network, members may receive a referral to a non-network provider and receive in-network benefits. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members.	<i>10</i>	<i>50%</i>
<i>Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology</i>	<i>Hubbard,Pine</i>	<i>4</i>	This product is an accountable care organization (ACO) with Essentia Health and their partner clinics and facilities. Because they work together as an integrated system, they can better coordinate care and deliver a better member experience. Integration, collaboration and coordination among all providers within the network are critical to this model's success. As a result, non-partner clinics and facilities are not included in this network. The ACO network is developed to provide members access to a comprehensive group of providers. If a service or type of care is unavailable within the network, members may receive a referral to a non-network provider and receive in-network benefits. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members.		

<p><i>Anesthesiology Physicians and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists</i></p>	<p><i>St. Louis</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>This product is an accountable care organization (ACO) with Essentia Health and their partner clinics and facilities. Because they work together as an integrated system, they can better coordinate care and deliver a better member experience. Integration, collaboration and coordination among all providers within the network are critical to this model's success. As a result, non-partner clinics and facilities are not included in this network. The ACO network is developed to provide members access to a comprehensive group of providers. If a service or type of care is unavailable within the network, members may receive a referral to a non-network provider and receive in-network benefits. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members.</p>		
<p><i>Colon and Rectal Surgery</i></p>	<p><i>Hubbard, Itasca, St. Louis</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Completed an internet search consulting sources such as www.medicare.gov and www.healthgrades.com and provider websites as needed. No providers were found in an area where there is a gap in coverage. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members. Medica will review the network annually and intermittently throughout the year as needed offering a contract to providers that meet the criteria.</p>		
<p><i>Colon and Rectal Surgery</i></p>	<p><i>Becker, Cass, Clay, Crow Wing, Mahanomen, Norman, Pine, Wilkin</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>This product is an accountable care organization (ACO) with Essentia Health and their partner clinics and facilities. Because they work together as an integrated system, they can better coordinate care and deliver a better member experience. Integration, collaboration and coordination among all providers within the network are critical to this model's success. As a result, non-partner clinics and facilities are not included in this network. The ACO network is developed to provide members access to a comprehensive group of providers. If a service or type of care is unavailable within the network, members may receive a referral to a non-network provider and receive in-network benefits. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members.</p>		
<p><i>Dermatology</i></p>	<p><i>St. Louis</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Completed an internet search consulting sources such as www.medicare.gov and www.healthgrades.com and provider websites as needed. No providers were found in an area where there is a gap in coverage. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members. Medica will review the network annually and intermittently throughout the year as needed offering a contract to providers that meet the criteria.</p>		

<i>Dermatology</i>	<i>Pine</i>	<i>4</i>	This product is an accountable care organization (ACO) with Essentia Health and their partner clinics and facilities. Because they work together as an integrated system, they can better coordinate care and deliver a better member experience. Integration, collaboration and coordination among all providers within the network are critical to this model's success. As a result, non-partner clinics and facilities are not included in this network. The ACO network is developed to provide members access to a comprehensive group of providers. If a service or type of care is unavailable within the network, members may receive a referral to a non-network provider and receive in-network benefits. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members.		
<i>Endocrinology</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	Completed an internet search consulting sources such as www.medicare.gov and www.healthgrades.com and provider websites as needed. No providers were found in an area where there is a gap in coverage. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members. Medica will review the network annually and intermittently throughout the year as needed offering a contract to providers that meet the criteria.		
<i>Endocrinology</i>	<i>Becker, Mahnomene, Wilkin</i>	<i>4</i>	This product is an accountable care organization (ACO) with Essentia Health and their partner clinics and facilities. Because they work together as an integrated system, they can better coordinate care and deliver a better member experience. Integration, collaboration and coordination among all providers within the network are critical to this model's success. As a result, non-partner clinics and facilities are not included in this network. The ACO network is developed to provide members access to a comprehensive group of providers. If a service or type of care is unavailable within the network, members may receive a referral to a non-network provider and receive in-network benefits. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members.		
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	Completed an internet search consulting sources such as www.medicare.gov and www.healthgrades.com and provider websites as needed. No providers were found in an area where there is a gap in coverage. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members. Medica will review the network annually and intermittently throughout the year as needed offering a contract to providers that meet the criteria.		
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	<i>Becker, Cass, Hubbard, Itasca, Mahnomene</i>	<i>4</i>	This product is an accountable care organization (ACO) with Essentia Health and their partner clinics and facilities. Because they work together as an integrated system, they can better coordinate care and deliver a better member experience. Integration, collaboration and coordination among all providers within the network are critical to this model's success. As a result, non-partner clinics and facilities are not included in this network. The ACO network is developed to provide members access to a comprehensive group of providers. If a service or type of care is unavailable within the network, members may receive a referral to a non-network provider and receive in-network benefits. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members.		

Genetics	Becker, Hubbard, Itasca, Mahnomon, St. Louis, Wilkin	1	Completed an internet search consulting sources such as www.medicare.gov and www.healthgrades.com and provider websites as needed. No providers were found in an area where there is a gap in coverage. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members. Medica will review the network annually and intermittently throughout the year as needed offering a contract to providers that meet the criteria.		
Genetics	Cass, Crow Wing, Pine	4	This product is an accountable care organization (ACO) with Essentia Health and their partner clinics and facilities. Because they work together as an integrated system, they can better coordinate care and deliver a better member experience. Integration, collaboration and coordination among all providers within the network are critical to this model's success. As a result, non-partner clinics and facilities are not included in this network. The ACO network is developed to provide members access to a comprehensive group of providers. If a service or type of care is unavailable within the network, members may receive a referral to a non-network provider and receive in-network benefits. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members.		

Please use additional sheet if needed

***Only for Reason Code 4, Network Structure, Enrollees in Network, Affected Enrollees, and Percent Not Covered only needed if reason code is 4 and provider type is Primary Care, Pediatric Services Providers [Primary Care], General Hospital and Mental Health,**

As part of this waiver request for all reason codes, a carrier must demonstrate with specific data that the geographic access standards cannot be met in a particular service area or part of a service area and also state what steps were and will be taken to address the network inadequacy (MN Statutes § 62K.10, subdivision 5).

Reason Codes:

1. Carrier has conducted a good faith search for providers and determined that there are no providers physically present in the service area of the type requested in the waiver. MDH will not grant a waiver for this reason code unless the carrier demonstrates, with specific information, that there are no providers physically present in the part(s) of the service area for which the waiver is sought. Specific information may include provider directories and sources consulted, physical geography that affects the location of providers, or other information that affects the availability and location of providers. Telemedicine may be used as a means to provide access when there are no providers physically present to meet the standard. The carrier should describe how it will assess the availability of providers who begin practice in the service area where the standard cannot currently be met. State what steps will be taken to address the network inadequacy.
2. Provider does not meet carrier's credentialing requirements. Carrier must cite the reason(s) provider does not meet carrier's credentialing requirements. State what steps were and will be taken to address the network inadequacy.
3. Carrier has made a good faith effort to contract with provider and provider has refused to accept a contract. State what steps were and will be taken to address the network inadequacy.
4. For all Reason Code 4, you must state the following information:
 - a. Specify the network structure: ACO or Narrow Network. (In Section 1 above.)
 - b. State the total number of estimated enrollees in the network as of the submission date of waiver. (In section 1 above.)
 - c. State why the geographic access standards cannot be met. Explain why full geographic access is not possible with this network design.
 - d. State how access will be provided for this provider type for the enrollees of the affected county.

Additionally, for Reason Code 4, only for Primary Care, Pediatric Services Providers [Primary Care], General Hospital and Mental Health provider types, you must select only one county per line. See the Provider Network Adequacy Instruction for further direction. If the carrier would like to request a waiver for an additional county for the same provider type, they will need to add an additional line to allow for the specific additional information to be provided. For these same 4 provider types, the carrier must also complete the following fields:

- e. State the total number of estimated enrollees affected in the county not meeting the geographic standard as of the submission date of waiver.
- f. State the estimated percentage of area in that county that is not covered.

Attestation for the Request for Waiver

The undersigned attests that he/she is a representative of the carrier with personal knowledge of the network and reasons for the above waiver requests, and that the waiver requests meet the requirements for the waiver, as outlined above. The undersigned also attests that good faith efforts have been made to locate and contract with providers, as outlined above, and that if providers become available in the service area, carrier will make a good faith effort to contract with

said providers.

Lori Nelson, Medica Insurance Company, SVP Network Management	9/3/2019
Name, Company, Title	Date Attestation Signed

Provider Type	County	Reason Code	Notes	Affected Enrollees*	Percent Not Covered*
<i>Nephrology</i>	<i>Pine</i>	<i>4</i>	This product is an accountable care organization (ACO) with Essentia Health and their partner clinics and facilities. Because they work together as an integrated system, they can better coordinate care and deliver a better member experience. Integration, collaboration and coordination among all providers within the network are critical to this model's success. As a result, non-partner clinics and facilities are not included in this network. The ACO network is developed to provide members access to a comprehensive group of providers. If a service or type of care is unavailable within the network, members may receive a referral to a non-network provider and receive in-network benefits. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members.		
<i>Neurology and Neurological Surgery</i>	<i>Becker,Hubbard,Mah nomen,Pine</i>	<i>4</i>	This product is an accountable care organization (ACO) with Essentia Health and their partner clinics and facilities. Because they work together as an integrated system, they can better coordinate care and deliver a better member experience. Integration, collaboration and coordination among all providers within the network are critical to this model's success. As a result, non-partner clinics and facilities are not included in this network. The ACO network is developed to provide members access to a comprehensive group of providers. If a service or type of care is unavailable within the network, members may receive a referral to a non-network provider and receive in-network benefits. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members.		
<i>Ophthalmology</i>	<i>Hubbard,St. Louis</i>	<i>4</i>	This product is an accountable care organization (ACO) with Essentia Health and their partner clinics and facilities. Because they work together as an integrated system, they can better coordinate care and deliver a better member experience. Integration, collaboration and coordination among all providers within the network are critical to this model's success. As a result, non-partner clinics and facilities are not included in this network. The ACO network is developed to provide members access to a comprehensive group of providers. If a service or type of care is unavailable within the network, members may receive a referral to a non-network provider and receive in-network benefits. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members.		
<i>Pediatric Specialty Providers</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	Completed an internet search consulting sources such as www.medicare.gov and www.healthgrades.com and provider websites as needed. No providers were found in an area where there is a gap in coverage. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members. Medica will review the network annually and intermittently throughout the year as needed offering a contract to providers that meet the criteria.		
<i>Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>4</i>	This product is an accountable care organization (ACO) with Essentia Health and their partner clinics and facilities. Because they work together as an integrated system, they can better coordinate care and deliver a better member experience. Integration, collaboration and coordination among all providers within the network are critical to this model's success. As a result, non-partner clinics and facilities are not included in this network. The ACO network is developed to provide members access to a comprehensive group of providers. If a service or type of care is unavailable within the network, members may receive a referral to a non-network provider and receive in-network benefits. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members.		
<i>Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Occupational Medicine</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	Completed an internet search consulting sources such as www.medicare.gov and www.healthgrades.com and provider websites as needed. No providers were found in an area where there is a gap in coverage. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members. Medica will review the network annually and intermittently throughout the year as needed offering a contract to providers that meet the criteria.		
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<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>	<i>Becker,Hubbard,Mahnomen,Pine</i>	<i>4</i>	This product is an accountable care organization (ACO) with Essentia Health and their partner clinics and facilities. Because they work together as an integrated system, they can better coordinate care and deliver a better member experience. Integration, collaboration and coordination among all providers within the network are critical to this model's success. As a result, non-partner clinics and facilities are not included in this network. The ACO network is developed to provide members access to a comprehensive group of providers. If a service or type of care is unavailable within the network, members may receive a referral to a non-network provider and receive in-network benefits. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members.		
<i>Reconstructive Surgery</i>	<i>Becker,Mahnomen,St. Louis,Wilkin</i>	<i>1</i>	Completed an internet search consulting sources such as www.medicare.gov and www.healthgrades.com and provider websites as needed. No providers were found in an area where there is a gap in coverage. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members. Medica will review the network annually and intermittently throughout the year as needed offering a contract to providers that meet the criteria.		
<i>Reconstructive Surgery</i>	<i>Cass,Crow Wing,Hubbard,Itasca, Pine</i>	<i>4</i>	This product is an accountable care organization (ACO) with Essentia Health and their partner clinics and facilities. Because they work together as an integrated system, they can better coordinate care and deliver a better member experience. Integration, collaboration and coordination among all providers within the network are critical to this model's success. As a result, non-partner clinics and facilities are not included in this network. The ACO network is developed to provide members access to a comprehensive group of providers. If a service or type of care is unavailable within the network, members may receive a referral to a non-network provider and receive in-network benefits. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members.		
<i>Thoracic Surgery</i>	<i>Becker,Mahnomen,St. Louis,Wilkin</i>	<i>1</i>	Completed an internet search consulting sources such as www.medicare.gov and www.healthgrades.com and provider websites as needed. No providers were found in an area where there is a gap in coverage. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members. Medica will review the network annually and intermittently throughout the year as needed offering a contract to providers that meet the criteria.		
<i>Thoracic Surgery</i>	<i>Cass,Crow Wing,Hubbard,Itasca, Pine</i>	<i>4</i>	This product is an accountable care organization (ACO) with Essentia Health and their partner clinics and facilities. Because they work together as an integrated system, they can better coordinate care and deliver a better member experience. Integration, collaboration and coordination among all providers within the network are critical to this model's success. As a result, non-partner clinics and facilities are not included in this network. The ACO network is developed to provide members access to a comprehensive group of providers. If a service or type of care is unavailable within the network, members may receive a referral to a non-network provider and receive in-network benefits. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members.		
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<i>Vascular Surgery</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	Completed an internet search consulting sources such as www.medicare.gov and www.healthgrades.com and provider websites as needed. No providers were found in an area where there is a gap in coverage. Medica supports Telehealth and Telemedicine technologies as an additional option for members. Medica will review the network annually and intermittently throughout the year as needed offering a contract to providers that meet the criteria.		

