

# ***Site of Care***



***Offering cost-effective,  
convenient options to  
members who are receiving  
infusion drug therapy***

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# Univera Healthcare’s Site of Care

Univera Healthcare offers Site of Care, a program that provides important choices for members who are receiving infusion drugs at high-cost facilities. This is a voluntary program, offering members a choice to receive their treatment in their home, or at lower-cost facility. Transitioning to care at home is often more convenient for members, and can result in a cost savings, too.

As an additional layer of this Site of Care program, if a member is receiving an intravenous (IV) formulation of a drug that has a self-injectable formulation and costs less money, a Univera Healthcare pharmacist will call the member directly and discuss the self-administration option and talk to the provider to request an updated prescription\*. Again, the choice is up to the member.



## No Upfront Costs for Employer Groups, Significant Savings

- Our Site of Care program operates on a shared savings model. For each conversion (from a high-cost facility to home or lower-cost infusion site or switch to a lower-cost alternative) 70% of the savings is credited to the group.
- Univera Healthcare retains 30% of the savings, but retains no more than \$50,000 per member, per drug per year.
- The shared savings model is applicable to self-funded groups including Minimum Premium and Article 47, and if no member in the group is converted to a lower-cost facility or to a self-injectable formulation, there is no charge.



## How Site of Care Works

- Plan Review**  
When the first claim at a high-cost facility is submitted and paid, our clinical team reviews the medication and treatment plan. If a member is deemed eligible for a transition to a lower-cost facility, home infusion, or alternative formulation of a medication, we will reach out to the member to discuss making that change.
- Team Collaboration**  
If the member chooses to change to home infusion, or infusion at a lower-cost facility, our team will collaborate with the physician, member, and home infusion agency. The home infusion agency will call the member to schedule a date and time for the infusion that is most convenient.
- Assistance**  
Our team will also connect members to the Patient Assistance Program for help with out-of-pocket costs and manufacturer discounts, if available.
- Plan Monitoring**  
Our team will continually monitor for members already receiving a drug at high-cost facility and identify new opportunities based on member claims analytics.
- Support & Counseling**  
Direct pharmacist support and counseling are available to members throughout the course of treatment. Our pharmacists review medications and treatments and can discuss new therapies and biosimilar drugs that are available to members.
- Member Convenience**  
Site of Care is convenient for members who travel for a portion of the year. Our team will collaborate with the physician and home infusion agencies to ensure that medication is administered in each home location, with no interruption.

\* Only applicable to groups that have Univera Health as their pharmacy benefit

## Sarah’s Story

Sarah chose to transition to home infusion for the medication used to treat psoriasis that is administered seven times per year. She was contacted by the Univera Healthcare Site of Care team after her first home infusion to ensure everything went well. She reported that she was relieved not to have to drive to the infusion center and appreciated that home infusion was minimizing her exposure to COVID-19. While the home infusion proved more convenient for the member, it also resulted in significant savings.

	Per Claim	Per Year (based on 7 infusions per year)
Cost of On-Site Facility Administration	\$8,361	\$58,527
Cost of at Home Administration	\$2,108	\$14,756



Member Convenience. Significant Savings.

## ***Medications Included in the Site of Care Program***

- Univera Healthcare is proud to maintain a growing, comprehensive list of over 130 maintenance injectable or infusion medications that are eligible for conversion to a lower-cost facility.
- Examples include medications for: rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, multiple sclerosis, anemia, osteoporosis, hereditary angioedema, and some hemophilia conditions.
- As part of the Site of Care program, our team of pharmacists continuously reviews new medications and treatments that may be administered at home. When a new medication is added to the Site of Care program, our team will reach out to members that may benefit and discuss the Site of Care option.

## ***Why Site of Care with Univera Healthcare is Voluntary***

We chose to make Site of Care a voluntary program for both clinical and financial reasons. Clinically, not all medications can be safely administered at home, and some home environments are not conducive for the administration of injectable medications. Individuals may live in an area where home care services are not available. Mandatory programs may disrupt or delay access to care.

On the financial side, it is important to note that more than 60% of Univera Healthcare members who receive infusion services are already receiving care at a lower-cost facility. For most of the outpatient facilities, the reimbursement rates are equal or better than the home care rates.

## ***Summary***

Univera Healthcare's Site of Care is an opt-out program. All self-funded groups including Minimum Premium and Article 47 will be enrolled upon renewal of their contract, beginning with July 1, 2023, effective dates. If groups do not wish to enroll in the program, they can contact their account representative to opt out. The Site of Care program launched for Fully Insured, Medicare and Medicaid lines of business as of July 1, 2022.



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