PATIENT PROTECTION DISCLOSURE NOTICE

Primary Care Provider Designation

CareFirst BlueChoice HMO and Kaiser Permanente HMO generally require the designation of a primary care provider. You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in our network and who is available to accept you or your family members. Until you make this designation, CareFirst BlueChoice HMO or Kaiser Permanente HMO may designate one for you. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, contact your provider’s customer service telephone number listed on your identification card.

For children, you may designate a CareFirst BlueChoice HMO or Kaiser Permanente HMO pediatrician as the primary care provider.

Obstetrics and Gynecological Care

You do not need prior authorization from CareFirst BlueChoice HMO, Kaiser Permanente HMO or from any person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in our network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of CareFirst BlueChoice HMO or Kaiser Permanente HMO health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact your provider’s customer service telephone number listed on your identification card.