



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3961.02 Provider agreement required for discounted medical services.

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(A) A discount medical plan organization shall not offer to members, or advertise to prospective members, discounted medical services unless the services are offered pursuant to a provider agreement. A discount medical plan organization may enter into a provider agreement directly with a provider, indirectly through a provider network to which a provider belongs, or through another discount medical plan organization that contracts with providers directly or through a provider network.

(B) A provider agreement between a discount medical plan organization and a provider shall contain all of the following:

(1) A list of medical services and products offered at a discount;

(2) The discounted rates for medical services or a fee schedule that reflects the provider's discounted rates;

(3) A statement that the provider will not charge members more than the discounted rates described in division (B)(2) of this section.

(C) A provider agreement between a discount medical plan organization and a provider network shall require the provider network to do all of the following:

(1) Maintain an up-to-date list of the provider network's contracted providers and supply that list to the discount medical plan organization on a monthly basis;

(2) Have a written agreement with each provider who offers discounted medical services that contains both of the following:

(a) The items listed in division (B) of this section;



(b) A grant of authority that allows the provider network to contract with discount medical plan organizations on behalf of the provider.

(D) A provider agreement between a discount medical plan organization and another discount medical plan organization shall require that the other discount medical plan organization have provider agreements in place that comply with division (A) of this section and division (B) or (C) of this section, as applicable.

(E) A discount medical plan organization shall keep for the duration of the agreement a copy of each provider agreement into which the organization has entered.