Medicaid Prepaid Behavioral Health Services Handbook

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If you speak a language other than English, help in your language is available for free. Northeastern Counseling offers written translation, oral interpretation, and American sign language. To get this help, call 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a hard time speaking, call TTY at 711 or Spanish Relay Utah at 1-800-346-3162.

Si habla un idioma aparte de inglés, la ayuda en su idioma está disponible gratuitamente. Northeastern Counseling Center ofrece traducción escrita, interpretación oral y lenguaje de señas estadounidense. Para recibir esta ayuda, llámenos al 435-789-6300 o 1-844-824-6776.

Si es sordo, tiene problemas de audición o tiene dificultades para hablar, llame a TTY al 711 o Spanish Relay Utah al 1-800-346-3162.

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Section 1: Introduction

This handbook is for Medicaid members who are enrolled in Utah Medicaid's Prepaid Mental Health Plan (PMHP). If you live in Daggett, Duchesne, or Uintah County, your PMHP provider is Northeastern Counseling Center (NCC). NCC will provide you with mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) services if you need them. This handbook explains the Medicaid mental health and SUD services that NCC covers.

Este manual es para miembros de Medicaid quienes están inscritos en el Plan de Salud Mental Prepagado (PMHP) de Utah Medicaid.

Si usted vive en el condado de Daggett, Duchesne o Uintah, su proveedor de PMHP es Northeastern Counseling Center (NCC). NCC provee los servicios de la salud mental y para trastorno por consumo de sustancias si usted los necesita. Este manual explica los servicios de Medicaid para la salud mental y para trastorno por consumo de sustancias el PMHP provee.

NCC provides mental health and SUD services for children, youth, and adults. If you need mental health or SUD services, call NCC at **435-789-6300** or **1-844-824-6776**. (See Section 6, *Getting Mental Health, and Substance Use Disorder Service*.)

Section 2: Interpreter Services (Servicios de Intérprete)

Other Languages

Free language assistance services are available to you. Please call NCC at 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776 or Speech Relay Utah at 1-888-346-5822.

Los servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística están disponibles para usted. Llame a NCC al 435-789-6300 o al 1-844-824-6776, o llame a Speech Relay Utah al 1-888-346-5822.

How do I get information in another format?

You can get this handbook and other written information in your language at no cost. You can get this handbook and other information in other formats at no cost, including:

- large print
- audio
- electronic
- other formats

For help, please call us at **435-789-6300** or **1-844-824-6776** or Speech Relay Utah at **1-888-346-5822**.

¿Puedo conseguir este manual en otro lenguaje o formato?

También podemos darle información escrita en su idioma y en otros formatos (letra grande, audio, electrónicamente y en otros formatos) sin costo. Por favor llame a

Northeastern Counseling al **435-789-6300** o **1-844-824-6776**, o llame a Spanish Relay Utah al **1-888-346-3162**.

What if I need an interpreter?

We know that it can be hard to talk with your provider if your first language is not English. It can also be hard to talk to your provider if you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a hard time speaking. You can ask for an interpreter. Interpreters are free and available in all languages, including sign language. An interpreter can help you over the phone and be with you at your mental health or SUD visits. The interpreter will help you and your provider understand each other. Also, we might have providers who speak or sign your language. To ask for an interpreter, or a provider who can speak or sign your language, call us at: 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776.

What if I want to call NCC and I am deaf, hard of hearing, or have a hard time speaking? You can call Relay Utah at 711 or 1-800-346-4128. If you have a hard time speaking, you can also call Speech-to-Speech Relay Utah at 1-888-346-5822 and a trained person will help you. If you speak Spanish and are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a hard time speaking, call Spanish Relay Utah at 1-888-346-3162.

¿Qué sucede si necesito un intérprete?

Sabemos que puede ser difícil hablar con su proveedor si su primer idioma no es inglés o es sordo, tiene problemas de audición, o tiene dificultad para hablar. Usted puede pedir por un intérprete. Intérpretes son gratuitos and están disponibles en todos los lenguajes, incluyendo el lenguaje de señas. Un intérprete le puede ayudar por teléfono y acompañarlo a sus citas de la salud mental y para trastorno por consumo de sustancias. El intérprete puede facilitar la comunicación entre su proveedor y usted. También puede que tengamos proveedores que hablan su idioma o el lenguaje de señas.

Para pedir por un intérprete o un proveedor que hable su idioma, llámenos al 435-789-6300 o 1-844-824-6776.

¿Qué sucede si deseo llamar a NCC y soy sordo, tengo problemas de audición, o tengo dificultades para hablar?

Puede llamar a Relay Utah al 711 o 1-800-346-4128. Si le resulta dificil hablar, también puede llamar a Speech-to-Speech Relay Utah al 1-888-346-5822 y una persona capacitada lo ayudará. Si habla español y es sordo, tiene problemas de audición, o le cuesta trabajo hablar, llame a Spanish Relay Utah al 1-888-346-3162.

Section 3: Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services Available

What mental health and SUD services are covered?

Inpatient hospital care for mental health problems is covered. Outpatient services for mental health and SUD problems are covered.

Outpatient mental health and SUD services include:

- Evaluations
- Psychological testing
- Individual and group therapy
- Family therapy
- Individual and group therapeutic behavioral services
- Medication management
- Individual skills training and development
- Psychosocial rehabilitation services (day treatment)
- Peer support services
- Detoxification from substances in a social setting
- Recreational therapy services
- Targeted case management services

Northeastern will meet with you to talk about your needs and who might be the right person to help you. The people who will help you can be doctors, nurses, counselors, case managers, or others. If you want to learn more about what we offer, call us at 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776.

After we meet, NCC will tell you which providers are appropriate for the services you need. We will also let you know if they are taking new clients and what other languages they speak. If you want more information on any of these services, call NCC at 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776.

Are any other services covered?

Yes, other covered services are:

- Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)
- Transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS)
- Interpreter services

There are some other services that can be covered based on your needs. Your provider can talk with you about these services:

These services are:

- Respite care
- Psychoeducational services
- Personal services
- Supportive living

Section 4: Services Not Covered by NCC

What services might be covered by Medicaid but not by NCC?

There are some services that might be covered by Medicaid or your physical health plan but not by NCC. These services are medical, dental, and vision care. Medical care includes medical detox in a hospital for a SUD problem. Call Medicaid at **1-800-662-9651** if you have questions about these or other services. You can also call your physical health plan if you have one.

Also, methadone services for SUD problems are not covered by NCC. If you need this service, you can get it from a Medicaid methadone service provider. If you have questions, call Medicaid at 1-800-662-9651.

Section 5: Transportation

How can I get help with transportation to my outpatient mental health or SUD services?

If you do not have your own rides to services, you may be able to get help with rides.

• ModivCare may be able to help with rides: ModivCare: 1- 855-563-4403

To learn more about help with rides, see the *Utah Medicaid Member Guide*. You can find the guide online or to ask for a copy or if you have questions, call Medicaid:

- Utah Medicaid Member Guide at Medicaid.utah.gov or
- Call Medicaid at 1-866-608-9422

You can also talk to us about your needs. If you are scheduling your first appointment, tell NCC about your transportation needs. If you are getting services, talk to your therapist.

Section 6: Getting Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services

How do I get mental health or SUD services from NCC?

Call the NCC office nearest your home as shown below. You may also go to one of our service locations as seen below.

How quickly can I be seen?

If you need emergency care you will be seen right away. (See Section 8, *Emergency Services*.) We will give you urgent care for conditions that need to be taken care of right away, but that are not emergencies. If you need urgent care, we will see you within 5 working days. If you do not have an urgent need for care, we will see you within 15 working days. If your condition changes and you think you need to be seen sooner, call NCC at 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776.

Where do I go for mental health or SUD services?

Our offices are located at:

Roosevelt Office

285 West 800 South

Roosevelt, Utah 84066

For appointments call us at 435-725-6300 or 1-844-824-6776.

Vernal Office

1140 West 500 South

Vernal, Utah 84078

For appointments call us at 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776.

Section 7: Choosing Providers

Can I choose my NCC provider?

Yes, you can talk to us at any time about the NCC provider you would like to see. Call us at 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776.

Does NCC have a provider list and where can I find it?

NCC has a list or directory of all our mental health and SUD providers. You can see our list on our website at www.nccutah.org. The list shows providers by NCC clinic location. Our list also includes other community providers that can provide some services.

Can I get outpatient mental health or SUD services from a provider outside NCC?

In some situations, you can go to a provider outside of NCC. You and the provider must get approval <u>before</u> you get services outside NCC.

If you want services from a community provider on our list, call us. If you want to see a community provider that is not on our list, call us at 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776.

When will I be told if I can get services from a provider outside NCC?

We can usually decide within 14 calendar days after you ask. If you or your provider want us to take more time to make a decision, let us know. Sometimes we might need more time to make a decision. Medicaid lets us take up to another 14 calendar days to make a decision. If we need to take more time, we will let you know in writing. If you are unhappy that we need more time, you can file a grievance. (See Section 15, *Grievances*)

If you or your provider think it is important to make a decision quickly and we agree, we will try and make a decision in 72 hours. If you want us to take more time, or if we need more time to make a decision, Medicaid lets us take up to 14 more calendar days.

We will give you our decision in writing and also let the provider know our decision.

If we do not make a decision as soon as Medicaid wants, this is an adverse benefit determination (ABD). If we do not approve the service, this is an ABD. If we approve less than you or the provider asked for, this is an ABD. We will send you a letter explaining that you can ask for an appeal of the decision. See Section 12, Adverse Benefit Determinations, and Section 13, Appeals.

Are there any outpatient mental health and SUD services that do not need approval from NCC?

You do not need approval from NCC to get emergency services. (See Section 8, Emergency Services)

You do not need approval from NCC to get mental health and SUD services from a federally qualified health center (FQHC).

If you are an American Indian or Alaska Native, you do not need approval from NCC to get mental health and SUD services from an Indian health provider. An Indian health provider is Indian Health Services, an Indian Tribe, Tribal Organization, or an Urban Indian Organization.

Can I get a second opinion?

Yes. You can get a second opinion about your mental health or SUD problem or services. There is no cost to you for a second opinion. If you would like a second opinion, call NCC at 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776. Ask for the Clinical Director or Medicaid Specialist.

Section 8: Emergency Services

What is an emergency?

- When you think your life is in danger;
- When you believe you might harm yourself or others;
- When your safety or others' safety is at risk.

What are emergency services?

These are mental health or SUD services given to treat your emergency.

How do I get emergency services?

- Call or text the national Suicide Prevention and Crisis Lifeline at 988, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays. You will be connected with a Utah crisis worker.
- Monday-Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., you can call NCC and ask to talk to a crisis worker.
 - If you don't want to call us first, you can also go to the NCC clinic nearest your home (See page 7). Tell the staff you want to see a crisis worker.
- Day or night, you can go to any hospital emergency room (ER) for emergency care. Even if you are out of town, go to the nearest hospital ER.

You can get emergency services from any mental health or SUD provider without our approval.

Section 9: Mental Health Care in a Hospital

How do I get mental health care in a hospital?

Mental health care in a hospital after an **emergency** is usually called post stabilization care services.

NCC uses Aspen Grove Behavioral Hospital – 1350 East 750 North, Orem, UT; and

Huntsman Mental Health Institute (HMHI)-501 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, UT

If one of these hospitals or another hospital treats your emergency and wants to admit you, the hospital <u>MUST</u> call NCC at 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776 to ask for approval. It's important to let the hospital know NCC is your Medicaid mental health provider so they can call

us if they want to admit you. We might have you stay at that hospital, or we might send you to another hospital.

Section 10: Payment for Services

Will I have a co-payment (co-pay) for outpatient mental health or SUD services?

There are no co-pays for outpatient mental health or outpatient SUD for any Medicaid members.

The Utah Medicaid Member Guide has information on co-pays. The guide includes information on Medicaid member groups that do not have co-pays on any Medicaid services.

Hospital Emergency Room (ER) Services

Will I have to pay for emergency services in an ER?

You will not have to pay for emergency services in a hospital ER. If you have co-pays, there is a co-pay if you use the ER when it is not an emergency.

Mental Health Care in a Hospital

Will I have to pay for mental health care in a hospital?

If you have co-pays, the hospital can charge you a \$75 co-pay for each hospital stay but you will not have to pay more than the co-pay.

Some Medicaid members do not have co-pays. You can look at the *Utah Medicaid Member Guide* for information on individuals who do not have co-pays.

Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services Will I have to pay for mental health or SUD services?

Non-Emergency Outpatient Services

You might have to pay your provider for a **non-emergency** outpatient service if:

- You get a service that is <u>not</u> covered by NCC or Medicaid; or
- You get a service that is not pre-approved by NCC; or
- You do not go to an NCC provider.

If any of the above happens, your provider might ask you to pay for the service. You should only be billed for the service if <u>all</u> four things below are met:

- The provider has a written policy for billing all patients for services that are not covered, not just Medicaid patients.
- The provider tells you before you get the service that you will have to pay for the service.
- You agree to pay for the service; and
- There is a written agreement signed by you and the provider that says what the service is and how much you will have to pay.

NOTE: If NCC did not approve a service you or your provider asked for, you can ask for an appeal before you agree to pay the provider for the service. See Section 13, *Appeals*, for more information on appeals.

You might also have to pay your provider for a nonemergency service if:

- You ask for and keep getting services during an appeal or a Medicaid fair hearing. You would only have to pay if the appeal or fair hearing decision is <u>not</u> in your favor.
- You are not on Medicaid when you get the service.

Emergency Outpatient Services

You will not have to pay for emergency outpatient services.

Ambulance Services for Emergency Care

You will not have to pay for the ambulance.

Section 11: Client Rights and Responsibilities

What are my rights as a client?

As a client, you have the right to:

Receive mental health and SUD services regardless of your race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, or disability, or political affiliation, or anything else in state or national law. If you feel you have been treated unfairly or discriminated against for any reason, you can contact:

- NCC at 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776. Ask for the Clinical Director.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights:

Phone: 1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697 (TDD)

Email: OCRmail@hhs.gov Online: www.hhs.gov/ocr

or https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/smartscreen/main.jsf Mail: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F HHH Building

Washington, D.C. 20201

If you want to email or mail your complaint to the Office for Civil Rights, you can write your complaint or you can use their complaint form available at: https://html.nc.nd/html.

If you need help filing a complaint, call us at **435-789-6300** or **1-844-824-6776**.

You also have the right to:

- Get information on the Prepaid Mental Health Plan in a way that is easily understood, in common languages and in other formats;
- Be treated with respect and dignity;
- Have your privacy protected;
- Get information on other types of treatment in a way that is easily understood;
- Take part in treatment decisions regarding your mental health or SUD services, including the

right to refuse treatment;

- Be free from restraint or seclusion if it is used to force, discipline, to retaliate, or for convenience.
- Get a copy of your medical records and to ask that it be amended or corrected, when allowed by federal law; and
- Get mental health or SUD services in the amount you need and when you need them.
- Get a second opinion at no cost to you.
- Use these rights any time and not be treated badly by NCC, your providers, or Medicaid if you do.

If you believe you have not been allowed to use these rights, you can file a complaint with NCC. Ask for the Compliance Officer or Clinical Director:

• Phone: 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776.

• Fax: 1-435-789-6357

• Email: claims@nccutah.org

• Mail: 1140 W 500 S #9. Vernal, UT 84078

Or contact Medicaid Constituent Services:

• Mail: P.O. Box 143106, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-3106

• **Phone:** 801-538-6417, 1-877-291-5583

• Email: medicaidmemberfeedback@utah.gov

• Fax: 801-536-0946

If you have questions or need help filing a complaint, call NCC at 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776.

What are my responsibilities as a client?

- Keep your appointments and be on time.
- If you need to cancel an appointment, call the provider 24 hours in advance.
- Be involved in your treatment plan and care.
- Tell NCC and your Medicaid eligibility worker of changes in your address, phone number, or insurance.
- Complete surveys about the services NCC has given you.
- Respect the property, comfort, and confidentiality of clients and staff, and
- Notify your treatment provider when you want to stop getting services.

Section 12: Adverse Benefit Determinations What are adverse benefit determinations?

Adverse benefit determinations are when NCC:

- Denies (turns down) or approves fewer services than you wanted.
- Denies all or part of a payment to an outside provider for a service that you might have to pay for.
- Does not offer your first appointment within the required amount of time for emergency,

urgent, or non-urgent care and you are not happy with this. (See Section 6, Getting Mental Health, and Substance Use Disorder Services.)

- Does not settle an appeal or grievance you have with us as soon as Medicaid wants us to.
- Does not make a decision about approving services you or a provider have asked for as soon as Medicaid wants us to.
- Your provider reduces, suspends, or stops a service previously approved. If you agree with the change, it is not an adverse benefit determination. It is only an adverse benefit determination if you tell us you don't want the change.
- Denies your request to dispute a financial liability.

How will I know if NCC is making an adverse benefit determination?

We will send you a letter called a Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination. You can ask for an appeal if you disagree.

Section 13: Appeals

What is an appeal?

An appeal is our review of our adverse benefit determination (ABD) to see if we made the best decision. If the ABD is because we did not settle your appeal as soon as Medicaid wants us to, we will send you a letter. In the letter, we will explain that you can now ask for a Medicaid fair hearing and how and when to ask for one. (See Section 14, Medicaid Fair Hearings.)

Who can ask for an appeal?

You, your legally authorized representative, or your provider, can ask for an appeal.

When can I ask for an appeal?

Your ABD letter will give you information on how to ask for an appeal. You must ask us for an appeal within 60 calendar days from the date on the ABD letter.

How do I ask for an appeal?

You can ask for an appeal:

• in writing using the appeal request form we gave you with your Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination letter. Send your written appeal request to:

Northeastern Counseling

1140 W 500 S #9

Vernal, UT 84078

- by calling us. Call us at **435-789-6300** or **1-844-824-6776**. Ask for the Clinical Director or Medicaid Specialist.
- by email to claims@nccutah.org

What if I need help asking for an appeal?

If you need help call us at 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776. Ask for the Clinical Director or Medicaid Specialist.

Can I keep getting services if I ask for an appeal?

When our adverse benefit decision is to reduce, suspend, or stop services we had already approved, you can ask to keep receiving the services during the appeal. You must ask to keep receiving services on or before the later of the following:

- 10 calendar days of NCC sending the Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination letter to you; or
- The effective date of our proposed decision to reduce, suspend, or stop services.

You can keep getting the services while we make our decision. You might have to pay for the services if the appeal decision is not in your favor.

If you are asking for an appeal of any other kind of adverse benefit determination and have questions about services during the appeal, call us at 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776. Ask for the Clinical Director or Medicaid Specialist.

When will NCC tell me the decision on my appeal?

Usually, we will give you a written decision no later than 30 calendar days from the day we get your appeal request. Sometimes we might need more time to make a decision. Medicaid lets us take up to another 14 calendar days to make a decision. If we need more time, we will let you know by phone as quickly as possible and in writing within two calendar days. Also, you might want us to take more time for some reason. If so, let us know.

Can I get a decision more quickly on my appeal?

If you or your provider thinks waiting 30 calendar days for our decision could harm your health, life, or ability to maintain or regain maximum function, you or your provider can ask for a quick appeal. This means we will usually make a decision within 72 hours. Sometimes we might need more time to make a decision. Medicaid lets us take up to 14 more calendar days to make a decision. If we need more time, we will let you know by phone as quickly as possible and in writing within two calendar days. Also, you or your provider might want them to take more time for some reason. If so, let us know.

If we deny your request for a quick appeal, we will let you know by phone as quickly as possible. We will then notify you in writing within two calendar days.

How do I ask for a quick appeal?

You or your provider can ask for a quick appeal by:

• using the appeal request form we gave you with your Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination letter. Send or hand deliver your quick appeal request to:

Northeastern Counseling 1140 W 500 S #9 Vernal, UT 84078

- calling us at **435-789-6300** or **1-844-824-6776**. Ask for the Clinical Director or Medicaid Specialist.
- email to claims@nccutah.org

Section 14: Medicaid Fair Hearings

What can I do if I am unhappy with the appeal decision?

If you are unhappy with our appeal decision, or we cannot make an appeal decision as soon as Medicaid wants us to, this is what you can do:

You, your legally authorized representative, or your provider can ask for a fair hearing with Medicaid. In our appeal decision letter, we will tell you that you can ask for a fair hearing with Medicaid. The letter will tell you how and when to ask for the fair hearing. We will also give you the fair hearing request form to send to Medicaid. You must ask for a fair hearing in writing using the form we give you. You can also get a hearing request form from Medicaid by calling Medicaid at 801-538-6576 or 1-800-662-9651.

If you have questions or need help filling out the form, call us at 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776, weekdays, 8:00 a.m.-5 p.m. Ask for the Clinical Director or Medicaid Specialist.

At a fair hearing, you can speak for yourself, or you can have a relative, friend, lawyer, or anyone else speak for you. Before and during the fair hearing, you, and any person helping you, can present documents. You, and any person helping you, can look at all the documents that will be used at the fair hearing.

When can I ask for a Medicaid Fair Hearing?

In most cases, you must ask for a fair hearing within 120 days from the date of our appeal decision letter.

If the fair hearing is about our decision to reduce, suspend, or stop services we had already approved you can ask to keep getting the services. To keep getting the services during the fair hearing process, you must:

- ask for a fair hearing within 10 calendar days after we send you the appeal decision letter; and
- on the hearing request form, ask that the services be continued.

You might have to pay for the services if the fair hearing decision is not in your favor.

If the fair hearing is about any other kind of decision we made, you can discuss your services during the fair hearing.

Section 15: Complaints/Grievances

What if I have a complaint about NCC or a provider?

If you have a complaint about anything other than an adverse benefit determination, this is called a grievance. A grievance could be a complaint about the quality of care. Other examples might be complaints about the rudeness of a provider, or a provider not respecting your rights.

Who can file a grievance?

You, someone you told us could help you, or your provider can file a grievance. A grievance can be filed at any time.

How do I file a grievance?

- You can tell your grievance to any NCC staff member; or
- You can call NCC at **435-789-6300** or **1-844-824-6776**. Ask for the Clinical Director or Medicaid Specialist and tell us your grievance.
- You can give it to us in writing. Give it to your provider or any staff member, or mail it to:

Northeastern Counseling Attn: Clinical Director 1140 W 500 S #9 Vernal, UT 84078

• If you don't want to talk to NCC about your grievance, you can call Medicaid Constituent Services weekdays at 1-877-291-5583.

What if I have questions or need help filing my grievance?

Call NCC at 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776. Ask for the Clinical Director or Medicaid Specialist.

When will NCC tell me the decision on my grievance?

We will give you a decision no later than 90 calendar days from the day we get your grievance. Sometimes we might need more time to make a decision. Medicaid lets us take up to another 14 calendar days. If we need more time, we will let you know by phone as quickly as possible and in writing.

Once we make a decision, we will either talk to you about our decision on your grievance, or we will send you a written decision.

Section 16: Advance Health Care Directives

What if I am ill and can't make health care decisions?

You can give others instructions about your decisions for your health care. This is called an Advance Health Care Directive. This will tell us, in writing, what health care choices you want made if you get very sick and can't decide for yourself. There is one form with instructions. You must use this form. We can give you the Advance Health Care Directive form or you can get it at https://ucoa.utah.edu

Once you have filled out the Advance Health Care Directive form, be sure to give a copy to all your health care providers. You should also keep a copy and give one to your family members. If you would like the form or need more information, please call NCC at 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776. Ask for the Clinical Director or Medicaid Specialist. You can also talk to your provider or case manager.

If you have an Advance Health Care Directive and there is a problem with it being followed, call the Utah Department of Health and Human Services at 801-273-2994 or 1-800-662-4157.

Section 17: Privacy

Will my record be protected?

NCC follows federal laws about privacy of your mental health and SUD services record. NCC does not use or share your protected health information except as federal law allows. When allowed by federal law, only the minimum necessary information is shared. We will talk to you about privacy when you first come to NCC or your provider. You can also ask about your privacy rights any time. Talk to your provider or call us at **435-789-6300** or **1-844-824-6776**.

Section 18: NCC Operations

What if I want to know more about how NCC is set up and works?

We will answer any questions you have about how we are set up. You can ask questions about our grievance system, billing practices, confidentiality policy, and how we choose providers and what is required of them. If you ask, we will give you a copy of our Preferred Practice Guidelines for mental health and SUD services. Call NCC at 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776. Ask for the Clinical Director or Medicaid Specialist.

Section 19: Fraud, Waste and Abuse

What is health care fraud, waste, and abuse?

Doing something wrong related to Medicaid could be fraud, waste, or abuse. We want to make sure that health care dollars are used the right way. Fraud, waste, and abuse can make health care cost more for everyone.

Some examples of fraud, waste, and abuse are:

By a Provider

- Billing for services that have not been provided.
- Not reporting a patient's misuse of a Medicaid card.

By a Medicaid Member

- Changing the amount or number of refills on a prescription.
- Giving their Medicaid card to someone else to use.
- Not being truthful to get on Medicaid.

How can I report fraud, waste, or abuse?

If you think there might be fraud, waste, or abuse, you can contact NCC at 435-789-6300 or 1-844-824-6776. Ask for the Clinical Director or Medicaid Specialist.

Provider Fraud, Waste, or Abuse

You can also contact the Utah Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services (OIG):

Phone: 1-855-403-7283 Email: mpi@utah.gov Online: oig.utah.gov

Medicaid Member Fraud, Waste, or Abuse

You can also contact the Department of Workforce Services:

Phone: **1-800-955-2210** Email: wsinv@utah.gov

You will not need to give your name if you report fraud, waste, or abuse. Also, your Medicaid benefits will not change if you make a report.