



# CAHPS® Survey

## For Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plans

Every year, some of our members receive the **Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems survey**. This survey collects information about members' experiences with their **Medicare Advantage and prescription drug plans**.

The survey measures important aspects of members' health care experiences that cannot be assessed by other means. This includes how our members interact with you.

If you get questions from members who have received the survey, **please encourage them to respond**.

### Who gets the CAHPS survey?

The survey is sent to a random sample of members who are:

- Enrolled in a Medicare Advantage or prescription drug plan for at least six months
- 18+ years of age

### When do members receive the CAHPS survey?

The CAHPS survey is conducted from March through June. Members are asked to rate their last six months of care.

### How are CAHPS results used?

Responses obtained from the survey influence the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Star Ratings. Star Ratings rate Medicare Advantage plans on a scale from one to five stars. We strive to achieve the highest possible Star rating for our plans.



Learn more about the CAHPS survey on the [CMS website](#).

### Supporting Member Experiences

Consider the following tips:

#### Provide needed care quickly and coordinate care with specialists

- Leave openings for sick visits and urgent appointments
- Discuss how to access telehealth services and after-hours care
- Follow up with members' specialists to ensure continuity of care

#### Communicate clearly

- Ask members about their top health concerns
- Keep conversations clear and simple
- Follow up after urgent or emergency care

#### Discuss preventive services

- Recommend or administer the flu shot during flu season
- Educate members on preventive services, chronic conditions and ongoing care
- Let members know whether you offer telehealth services that allow them to access care from home
- Discuss the COVID-19 vaccine
- Screen members for risk factors, like tobacco use, and recommend appropriate lifestyle changes
- Complete and document any health assessments
- Identify and follow up with members who haven't visited in the past year

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