

Changes to QHP Provider Referral Requirements

Effective October 2017, providers in the Healthfirst network will no longer be required to send referrals for members in the following Healthfirst health insurance plans:

- Healthfirst Leaf and Leaf Premier Plans – Qualified Health Plans (HMO)
- Healthy NY Small Group – Healthfirst Health Plan (HMO)
- Small Group HMO B – Healthfirst Health Plan (HMO)

Additionally, providers will no longer need to use the Change Healthcare (formerly Emdeon) portal to submit referrals for members of the plans listed above. These changes will increase providers' administrative efficiency by eliminating the need for Primary Care Physicians (PCPs) and OB-GYNs to provide referrals to other specialists. This will allow members to "self-refer" and seek in-network specialist care on their own.

For more information, please refer to the **Quick Reference Guide: Leaf Plans and Small Group Plans** and **Frequently Asked Questions**.

If you have any questions, please call Provider Services at **1-888-801-1660**, Monday to Friday, 8:30am–5:30pm.