CALOPTIMA STANDARDS OF CARE

CalOptima members have the right to get covered health services in a timely manner. Below is a list of covered services and standards for providing care.

Covered Services	CalOptima Standards of Care
Emergency Services	Immediately, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Urgent Care Services	
Urgent Care Services that do not need Prior Authorization	Within 24 hours
Urgent Care Services that need Prior Authorization	Within 96 hours
Non-Urgent Services	
Acute Care	Within 3 working days
Primary care	Within 10 working days
Routine Physical Exams and Health Assessments	Within 30 calendar days
Specialty Care	Within 15 working days
Ancillary Services	Within 15 working days
Exceptions to Time Frames for Appointments	Appointment time frames can be longer if your provider feels that a longer wait time will not be harmful to your health.
Initial Health Assessment (IHA) or Individual Health Education Behavioral Assessment (IHEBA)	Within 120 calendar days after becoming a CalOptima member
First Prenatal Visit	Within 14 calendar days
Subsequent Prenatal Appointments	All medically necessary services for pregnant members will be covered. Appointments shall be available to a member in accordance with applicable Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) regulations and the American of College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) standards and guidelines.
Certified Nurse-Midwife and Certified Nurse Practitioner Services	If certified nurse-midwife or practitioner services are not available, you may self-refer to out-of-network services.
Sensitive Services	If sensitive services are not available, you may self-refer to out-of-network services.
Minor Consent Services	Available to any CalOptima member under age 18 without parental consent
Family Planning Services	If family planning services are not available, you may self-refer to out-of-network services.
Behavioral Health Care	

Emergency care for a Condition that is Not Life- Threatening	Within 6 hours
Urgent Care	Within 2 calendar days
Routine Care	Within 10 working days
Health Care Delivery Organization (HDO) Access and Availability	
Access to Health Care Delivery Organization (HDO) (Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities)	Within 15 miles or 30 minutes of your home
Hospital Availability	Ratio of hospital to members is 1:25,000 or less
Skilled Nursing Facility Availability	Ratio of skilled nursing facility to members is 1:2,500 or less
Practitioner Access and Availability	
Total Physician Availability	Ratio of total physician to members is 1:1,200 or less
Non-Physician Practitioner Availability	Ratio or non-physician to members is 1:1,000 or less
PCP Availability	Ratio of PCP or members is 1:2,000 or less
Access to PCP	Within 10 miles or 30 minutes of your home
High Volume Specialist Availability	Ratio of specialist to members is 1:5,000 or less
Access to High Volume Specialist	Within 30 miles or 45 minutes of your home
Telephone Access Business and After hours	Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Telephone Wait Time during Business Hours	Less than 30 seconds
Emergency Message during Business and After Hours	Return call with 5 minutes
Urgent Message during Business Hours	Return call within 30 minutes
Non-emergency and Non-urgent message during Business Hours	Return call within 24 hours
Telephone Triage or Screening Service	Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Telephone Triage or Screening Wait Time	Less than 30 minutes
Interpreter Services	Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Written Materials	Available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Farsi and Korean
Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD)	Available upon request at no cost
Rescheduling Appointments	Appointments will be rescheduled to a time that meets your health care needs.