

The BCN Pediatric Choice program makes it possible for BCN commercial members under 18 years of age to see a BCN-affiliated pediatrician for general pediatric services without a referral from his or her primary care provider when the PCP isn't a pediatrician.

BCN members typically need a referral from their PCP to see another health care provider. Different requirements apply under the Pediatric Choice program. The requirements are outlined in this document.

## Referral rules for the BCN Pediatric Choice program

Under the Pediatric Choice Program, when a parent of a BCN member under 18 selects a family practitioner, general practitioner or internist (rather than a pediatrician) as the pediatric member's PCP:

- A referral **isn't** required to see a BCN-affiliated pediatrician for general pediatric services.
- A referral **is** required to see any provider other than a pediatrician.

## General pediatric services payable through the BCN Pediatric Choice program

The following general pediatric services are payable through the BCN Pediatric Choice program:

Procedure code requirement	Diagnosis requirement
*99381, *99382, *99383 *99384	None
*99391, *99392, *99393, *99394	None
*99401, 99402, *99403, *99404	None
*99411, *99412	None
*99420	None
Approved immunizations	None

## Provider requirements for reimbursement through the Pediatric Choice program

- The pediatrician must be affiliated with BCN.
- The pediatrician can't be the member's PCP.

## Member requirements

- The member must be less than 18 years of age.
- The member's PCP must not be a pediatrician.



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# BCN Pediatric Choice program requirements

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## Claims rules for the Pediatric Choice program

Claims will be paid at the provider's contracted rate under the Pediatric Choice program. This applies only to the procedure codes listed in this document.

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