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## **Provider Network Change Effective July 1, 2021**

### ***Act now to confirm the network status of your provider(s)!***

Effective July 1, 2021 the Aetna Signature Administrators (ASA) network will replace the Hometown Health and Sierra Health-Care Options networks. The ASA network includes most, but not all, of the Hometown Health and Sierra Health-Care Option providers.

The Aetna network change will not affect *the claims administrator* or dental providers. *HealthSCOPE Benefits will still administer your claims* and The Diversified dental network is remaining the same. [Find Diversified dental providers here.](#)

Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP), Premier Plan (EPO), and Low Deductible PPO Plans will utilize the ASA network for medical services, Diversified Dental for dental services, Express Scripts for pharmacy benefits, and PEBP does not maintain a network specific to vision care.

The ASA network may include changes to the network status of medical providers such as hospitals, laboratories, primary care physicians, specialists, and ancillary providers.

Effective July 1, 2021, Southwest Medical Associates (SMA) will no longer be a participating provider. If participants wish to continue to utilize SMA they may utilize out-of-network benefits; however, out-of-network benefits have separate out-of-network deductibles, coinsurance, and out-of-pocket maximums. In addition, out-of-network providers may balance bill members for the difference between the amount they charge, and the amount paid by the plan.

**Participants are encouraged to research ASA providers to ensure any providers that are currently being used are in the ASA network before accessing services beginning July 1, 2021.** It is your responsibility to confirm the network status of a provider before accessing services. To confirm the status of a provider, visit: [aetna.com/asa](http://aetna.com/asa), or contact HealthSCOPE Benefits at 1-888-763-8232 (1-888-7NEVADA).

### **Important Reminder**

Laboratory testing services must be performed at a free-standing laboratory (such as Lab Corp or Quest or other in-network free-standing facility). The CDHP, Premier (EPO), and the Low Deductible Health Plan excludes outpatient hospital-based laboratory testing, except for pre-admission testing performed 7 days prior to an inpatient admission.

If you need assistance with locating an ASA provider, please visit [aetna.com/asa](http://aetna.com/asa) or contact HealthSCOPE Benefits at 1-888-763-8232.