

### **PROVIDER'S BILL OF RIGHTS**

Each Dental Benefit Program network provider who contracts with a Health Plan to furnish services to the members shall be assured of the following rights:

- A Health Care Professional, acting within the lawful scope of practice, shall not be prohibited from advising or advocating on behalf of a member who is his/her patient, for the following:
  - The member's health status, medical care, or treatment options, including any alternative treatment that may be self-administered.
  - Any information the member needs in order to decide among all relevant treatment options.
  - The risks, benefits, and consequences of treatment or non-treatment.
  - The member's right to participate in decisions regarding his/her health care, including the right to refuse treatment, and to express preferences about future treatment decisions.
- To receive information on the Grievance, Appeal and State Fair Hearing procedures.
- To have access to the Health Plan's policies and procedures covering the authorization of services.
- To be notified of any decision by the Health Plan to deny a service authorization request, or to authorize a service in an amount, duration, or scope that is less than requested.
- To challenge, at the request of the Medicaid/CHIP member on their behalf, the denial of coverage of, or payment for, medical assistance.
- The Health Plan's provider selection policies and procedures must not discriminate against particular providers that serve high-risk populations or specialize in conditions that require costly treatment.
- To be free from discrimination for the participation, reimbursement, or indemnification of any provider who is acting within the scope of his/her license or certification under applicable State law, solely on the basis of that license or certification.