

Healthy students are better learners

To ensure that every Amerigroup District of Columbia, Inc. student has the opportunity to be healthy and successful, district law requires all children to submit a [Universal Health Certificate \(UHC\)](#) and [Oral Health Assessment \(OHA\)](#) form each year as a part of their school enrollment process. These forms document an annual visit to the primary care provider and primary dental provider. To be considered valid for school reporting purposes, visit dates must be within 365 days of the first day of school. The *UHC* and *OHA* are the primary sources of information used by schools to document a child's current health status.

How can primary care providers help?

As a primary care provider, here are some steps you can take to help ensure that your school-age members are receiving the preventive care they need:

- Follow up with members with an overdue well-child visit and help to schedule an appointment.
- Have hard copies of the *UHC* available in each exam room.
- Follow the [DC Medicaid HealthCheck Periodicity Schedule](#) during the [well-child exam](#).
- Complete **all** fields on the *UHC* during the well-child exam, including the health concerns section that notes any specific health or developmental concerns.
- Complete the [Medication and Treatment Authorization form](#) if child has diabetes, [asthma](#), [allergies](#) or other medical conditions that may require treatment and management during school hours (or appropriate disease-specific documentation).
- Complete the [Medical Statement to Request Dietary Accommodations](#) if the child has special dietary needs.
- Sign all of the necessary health forms and have the parent/guardian sign the forms as well.
- Make a copy of the completed (and signed) health forms and add them to the member's medical record.
- Explain the purpose of the completed forms and instruct the parent/guardian to give the forms to the child's school Registrar's office.

How can I take action?

During every visit, ask your school-age members and their families if they have submitted a completed *UHC* and *OHA* form to their school.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.