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Summary & Purpose	Establish geo access standards for the accessibility of the contracted network and the process for the periodic evaluation of this contracted network in meeting these standards.
Policy	Quarterly CIP will review and evaluate the accessibility of the contracted network for the active membership according to the attached geo access standards. In addition, geo access review will be completed on an adhoc basis if there is substantive network disruption resulting in material change to the network.
Procedure(s):	Geo Networks will be used to prepare physical maps of locations of providers compared to active membership. Geo accessibility summaries based on the % of membership in individual counties meeting the attached standards.
Scope/Applicability	All Active membership and all contracted, effective providers
Regulatory Reference(s)	422.112, Managed Care Manual
Definitions:	<p><u>Type of providers:</u></p> <p><u>Primary Care Physicians –</u> Physicians with primary specialty of one of the following: General Practice, Family Practice, Internal Medicine, or Geriatric Medicine.</p> <p><u>Core Specialty Care Physicians –</u> Cardiology: Physicians with primary specialty of Cardiovascular Medicine or some variation of cardiac care medicine. Nephrology: Physicians with primary specialty of Nephrology. Pulmonology: Physicians with primary specialty of Pulmonology or critical care medicine.</p>

	<p>Endocrinology: Physicians with primary specialty of Endocrinology or diabetic medicine.</p> <p><u>Other Specialty Physicians/Practitioners</u> Obstetrics/Gynecology, Chiropractic, Dermatology, ENT, Gastroenterology, General Surgery, Neurology, Oncology, Ophthalmology, Oral Surgery, Orthopedics Podiatry, Psychiatry, Radiology, Rheumatology, Urology, Vascular Surgery</p> <p><u>Hospital –</u> All providers active in the facility table with Provider type Hospital and specialty of Hospital – Acute Care.</p> <p><u>Laboratory –</u> All providers active in the facility table with Specialty of Clinical Laboratory.</p> <p><u>Dialysis Center –</u> All providers active in the facility table with Specialty of Dialysis Center.</p> <p><u>Imaging Center –</u> All providers active in the facility table with Specialty Diagnostic Radiology.</p>
<p>Policy Authority/ Enforcement</p>	
<p>Related Documents</p>	<p> S:\GeoAccess\ 2009 Geo Accessil</p>