

TEMPLATE GG (7)

FAILURE TO PROVIDE SERVICE(S)/ITEM(S) IN A TIMELY MANNER ACKNOWLEDGMENT LETTER

[Date Letter Mailed]

Member Name
Address
City, State Zip

Member ID: *****

Subject: Your Complaint About [***Complaint Issue***]

Dear [**Member Name**]:

[**PH-MCO Name**] received your Complaint on [**date of Complaint**] that you did not get your [**type of services/items**] in the time you should have.

If your Complaint is described correctly, please sign and send back the enclosed “Complaint Issue” form. If your Complaint is not described correctly, please call [**PH-MCO Name**] at [**PH-MCO Phone # & Toll Free TTY/PA RELAY**]

The Complaint Process

Complaint Review

A committee of one or more [**PH-MCO Name**] staff will meet to make a decision about your Complaint. This is called the “Complaint review.” The [**PH-MCO Name**] staff on the committee were not involved in and do not work for someone who was involved in the issue you filed your Complaint about.

At any time during the Complaint review process, you can have someone you know represent you or act for you. This person is “your representative.” If you decide to have someone represent you or act for you, tell [**PH-MCO Name**], in writing, the name of that person and how we can reach him or her.

[**PH-MCO Name**] will tell you the location, date, and time of the Complaint review at least 10 days before the day of the Complaint review.

You and your representative may appear at the Complaint review in person or by phone. [**OR if video conference is available: You and your representative may appear at the Complaint review in person, by phone, or by videoconference.**] You may also bring a family member, friend, lawyer, or other person to help you during the Complaint

review. If you decide that you do want to attend, that will not affect the decision of the committee.

[PH-MCO Name] will mail you a letter within **[date that is no more than 30 days from receipt of the Complaint]** days from the date you filed your Complaint to tell you the decision on your Complaint.

Information About Your Complaint

You or your representative may ask **[PH-MCO Name]** to see any information about the issue you filed your Complaint about, at no cost to you.

You may also send information that you have about your Complaint to **[PH-MCO Name]**.

Use the following to ask for information about your Complaint or to send information to **[PH-MCO Name]**:

- Phone number: **[PH-MCO Phone # & Toll Free TTY/PA RELAY]**;
- Fax number: **[PH-MCO FAX #]**; or
- Mailing address: **[ADDRESS FOR REQUESTING/SENDING INFORMATION]**

Ask for an Early Decision

If your doctor or dentist believes that waiting **[30, unless the PH-MCO will be using a shorter time frame to provide notice of 1st Level Complaint decisions]** days to get a decision could harm your health, you may ask that your Complaint be decided more quickly. For your Complaint to be decided more quickly:

You must ask for an early decision by calling **[PH-MCO Name]** at **[Phone# & Toll-free TTY/PA RELAY #]**, faxing a letter to **[PH-MCO FAX #]**, or by e-mailing the request to **[PH-MCO e-mail]**.

Your doctor or dentist should fax a signed letter to **[PH-MCO FAX #]** within 72 hours of your request for an early decision that explains why **[PH-MCO Name]** taking **[30, unless the PH-MCO will be using a shorter time frame]** days to tell you the decision about your Complaint or Grievance could harm your health.

[PH-MCO Name] will tell you the decision about your Complaint within 48 hours from when **[PH-MCO Name]** gets your doctor's or dentist's letter, or within 72 hours from when **[PH-MCO Name]** gets your request for an early decision, whichever is sooner, unless you ask us to take more time to decide your Complaint. You can ask us to take up to 14 more days to decide your Complaint.

Help with Your Complaint

If you need help with your Complaint, you can call **[PH-MCO Name]** at **[Phone #/Toll-free TTY#]**.

To ask for free legal help with your Complaint, you can call:

- Pennsylvania Health Law Project at 1-800-274-3258 (www.phlp.org)
- Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network at 1-800-322-7572 (www.palegalaid.net)

Sincerely,

[PH-MCO Name]

cc: **[Member Representative, if designated]**

Complaint Issue

[PH-MCO] believes your Complaint is about: [PH-MCO: Summarize reason(s) for the Complaint

If this is correct, please sign and return this form to:

[PH-MCO Address]

If this is not correct, please call **[PH-MCO Name]** at **[PH-MCO Phone #/Toll-free TTY #]**.

I agree that my Complaint is described correctly.

Member's or Representative's Signature

Date

Member Name: _____

Member ID #: _____

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