

How To Reach Us

Call Us:

Customer Service:
(800) 826-2862 or (313) 871-2000

Fraud, Waste & Abuse:
(313) 871-6582

Grievance Coordinator:
(313) 871-6583

Pharmacy Benefit Manager, Envision:
(844) 222-5584

Write Us:
3011 W. Grand Blvd., Suite 1600
Detroit, MI 48202

Visit Us Online:
THCmi.com

Our Hours:
Mon. – Fri., 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Materials about your Member rights and responsibilities, and access to health and medical services, like the Certificate of Coverage, Member Handbook, and Provider Directory, are posted on our website.

Can't access the internet? Need materials in another language? Our Customer Service Department is here to help you and can provide the information in other formats.



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Food Poisoning PREVENTION

According to the CDC, 1 in 6 people get food poisoning. Below are some tips to protect yourself and your family from food poisoning.

- Wash hands and surfaces often. Clean utensils with hot, soapy water. Use a bleach solution on surfaces and cutting boards.
- Wash fruits and veggies – but not meat, poultry, or eggs.
- Keep meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs separate from all other foods in the refrigerator.
- Make sure food reaches a safe cooking temperature. For example, temperatures should be 145°F for whole meats, 160°F for ground meats, and 165°F for all poultry. After meals, refrigerate leftover food quickly.
- Refrigerate foods that tend to spoil more quickly (like fruits, vegetables, milk, eggs, and meat) within two hours.
- Thaw or marinate foods in the refrigerator, never on the counter or kitchen sink.



For more on food safety, go to [cdc.gov/foodsafety/prevention.html](https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/prevention.html).

ENROLLED through the **MARKETPLACE?**

It's important to report life and income changes to the Marketplace. These changes may affect the coverage or savings you qualify for. You can report a change online or by phone.

- Online – Log in to your account at [healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov), select your application, then select "Report a life change"
- By phone – Call the Marketplace Call Center at (800) 318-2596 (TTY: (855) 889-4325)

IMPORTANT: Do not report these changes by mail.

For more information, including a list of life changes to report, visit [healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov).

The professional qualifications of our doctors – such as specialty, medical school attended, residency completed, and board certification status – and general information, including name, address, phone numbers, and identification of doctors who are accepting new Members, are available by calling our Customer Service Department.

MinuteClinic®



Total Health Care Has Teamed Up with MinuteClinic® at Select CVS/pharmacy® Stores

Services are for Members who are 18 years of age or older. No appointment is needed.

MinuteClinic® offers

- Comprehensive Health Screening
- Diabetes Monitoring*
- High Blood Pressure Evaluation
- High Cholesterol Monitoring*
- Flu Vaccine

**For best results, you should fast 8-12 hours before your visit.*

MinuteClinic® Locations

Macomb County

33021 Garfield Rd. | Fraser (586) 293-5012
21777 21 Mile Rd. | Macomb (586) 949-2078
2115 25 Mile Rd. | Shelby Township (248) 652-2227
46960 Van Dyke Ave. | Shelby Township (586) 726-9220

Washtenaw County

209 S. State St. | Ann Arbor (734) 769-1804



Oakland County

33 W. 9 Mile Rd. | Hazel Park (248) 541-1650
720 General Motors Rd. | Milford (248) 684-1775
39350 9 Mile Rd. | Farmington Hills (248) 735-6081
3010 Walton Blvd. | Rochester Hills (248) 375-2810

Wayne County

45300 Cherry Hill Rd. | Canton (734) 981-3968
17120 Kercheval Ave. | Grosse Pointe (313) 886-3300
44300 5 Mile Rd. | Northville (734) 416-1883

March Is NATIONAL Colon Cancer AWARENESS MONTH

Did You Know That 1 in 3 Adults Are Not Being Screened for Colon Cancer?

Colon cancer is the 2nd leading cause of cancer deaths among men and women in the U.S. One of the best tests for detection of colon cancer is through a colonoscopy. Check with your doctor today to see if it is time for your colon cancer screening. Remember, colon cancer is preventable!

To learn more, visit fightcolorectalcancer.org.

Is It An **URGENCY** or An **EMERGENCY?**

Know the Difference between Urgencies and Emergencies

Illnesses and injuries don't take nights and weekends off. When you are sick or injured and your PCP's office is closed, you must make a decision quickly on where to go. Know the difference between urgencies and emergencies.

Here are a few examples of each:

Urgent care is a good option for non-life threatening illnesses and injuries. A list of Urgent Care Centers can be found on our website or by calling our Customer Service Department.

If you are unsure if you should go to Urgent Care or the ER, call the Total Health Care Nurse Advice Line at (866) 330-9368. The Nurse Advice Line is answered by a nurse anytime – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

NOTE: If you have a medical emergency, go to the nearest ER or call 911.



Urgencies

- Earaches
- Cold and flu symptoms
- Skin rash
- Suspected sprains
- Minor cuts and burns

Emergencies

- Poisoning
- Seizures
- Trouble breathing
- Severe burns or bleeding
- Head, spinal cord, or eye injuries

UNDERSTAND YOUR BENEFITS

Total Health Care has information to help you understand your benefits and how to get the health care services you need. For information on the benefits and services listed below, please read your Member Handbook. For the most up-to-date Member Handbook, visit our website at THCmi.com.

- Covered and excluded services
- Pharmacy procedures
- Payment of services, such as copayments or what to do if you receive a bill
- Out-of-area services and benefit restrictions
- No-cost language assistance services
- Information about our doctors, and making an appointment with your primary doctor
- Care from a specialist, including mental health and hospital services
- After-hours care
- Emergency medical services
- How to file a complaint or appeal
- New medical technology

You can also call Total Health Care's Customer Service Department to get a copy of the Member Handbook or Provider Directory.

ELECTION TIME

Dear Subscriber:

Those who are interested in being a Board Member must follow the listed instructions:

1. Write to the Election Committee to request an application and petition. Return the application and petition with your resume.
 - Include your occupation, education, community/civic activities, and potential contributions.
 - Why you want to serve as a Board Member.
2. Only current subscribers can participate in this election.
3. You must have signatures from 10 Total Health Care members on the petition, depending on your membership.
4. Last day for receipt of application is March 13, 2015.
5. Final date for review and approval of applications is March 18, 2015.
6. Both applicants who are and are not chosen will be notified. Those who are chosen will have their names placed on the ballot.
7. To get an application, please send your request to:

Election Committee
Total Health Care, Inc.
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The Total Health Care Board of Directors is composed of Members from the various communities we serve. The Board oversees the activities of Total Health Care.

Total Health Care Board Members are: Douglas Baker (Chairman), Jeanette Abbott, Ruby Cole, Gertrude Minkiewicz, Elizabeth Pratcher, LaVenía Brown.

There is no payment to Board Members. A per diem for expenses is allowed. Those who attend the Annual Meeting must show their ID card.

Your Total Health Care ID CARD

Show Your ID Card at All Medical Appointments and at Pharmacies when You Fill A Prescription – Your ID Card Lets Providers Know How to Bill for Services

Have a correction to your ID card? Check your ID card carefully to make sure all information is correct. Contact our Customer Service Department with changes or revisions.

Lost your ID card? Call us or order a new card by logging in to your account at THCmi.com.



Take **PRESCRIPTIONS?** Here's What You Need to Know

Some drugs need an approval, called a prior authorization, from your doctor before you can fill your prescription. To obtain a prior authorization, your doctor must:

- Complete a prior authorization form; and
- Submit the completed form with supporting medical information.

Your doctor can obtain a prior authorization form by:

- Calling our Pharmacy Benefit Manager, Envision;
- Calling our Customer Service Department; or
- Visiting THCmi.com.

If your pharmacy tells you that your prescription cannot be filled, call our Customer Service Department for help.

GETTING CARE

When You Need It

Total Health Care is here for all of your medical needs. Each year we check to see how well we are meeting these needs. Here are some timeframe guidelines of when you should be seen by your PCP:

PCP	Response Standard
Regular and Routine Care (i.e., annual physical, no symptoms)	Within thirty (30) days
Routine Non-Urgent (i.e., symptoms)	Within seven (7) Days
Urgent Care (i.e., persistent diarrhea/vomiting, high fever)	Within twenty-four (24) hours
Emergency Care (i.e., life-threatening condition)	Twenty-four (24) hours/ seven (7) days a week at any hospital
Office Visit Wait Time for Scheduled Appointments	Within 15 minutes members should be taken to the exam room

Clinical Practice GUIDELINES

Clinical Practice Guidelines are tools created by experts to help make sure you get up-to-date medical care. Total Health Care asks our providers to use these tools as a guide for the care you receive. The guidelines can be found on our website.

Board Of Directors

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Plan Your Care – in ADVANCE

What kind of care will you receive if you can't speak for yourself? An Advance Directive can help you plan ahead. There are 3 types of Advance Directives:

- A **durable power of attorney for health care**, also known as a patient advocate designation, lets you choose another person to make choices about your medical treatment, care, or custody if you cannot make those choices.
- A **living will** states your wishes if you are unable to speak or write.
- A **do-not-resuscitate declaration (DNR)** is a written document in which you state that, if your breathing or heart stops, you do not want anyone to attempt to revive you.

Your PCP can help you fill out these forms. Once completed, keep the form in a safe place. Share the location with a trusted family member or friend. Keep a copy with your PCP, too.

Your new Member packet includes a Michigan Notice to Patients that outlines your rights. Information can also be found at michigan.gov.

To File A Complaint:

- About how your provider followed your wishes, contact the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs at (517) 373-1820.
- About how Total Health Care followed your wishes, contact the Department of Financial and Insurance Services at (877) 999-6442 or michigan.gov/difs.

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There is no compensation for Board Members.