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# Health Benefits at Your Fingertips

**Discover a new way to access your health plan benefits.** At the end of 2024, we launched our brand-new app, designed to make managing your benefits easier than ever. Looking for your insurance card? Checking a claim? Whether you're at home, the doctor's office, or waiting in line at the pharmacy, you have everything you need right at your fingertips.

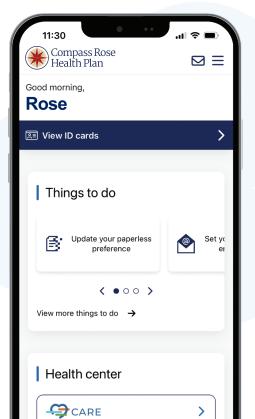


The Compass Rose Health Plan app was designed to empower you to take control of your health anywhere, any time. When you sign in, you will see "**Things to do**" at the top of the screen, which may list tasks like completing a health screening or reviewing the status of a claim.

Join us on the app! You can download the app from the App Store (for iOS devices), or Google Play Store (for Android devices) by searching **Compass Rose Health Plan**.

### Sign In with HealthSafe ID®

HealthSafe ID<sup>®</sup> is a secure sign-in that lets you access nearly all your health benefits with the ease of just one username and password.



# Understanding Generic vs. Brand-Name Drugs

Have you ever gone to the pharmacy expecting to pick up a brand-name medication, only to be given the generic version instead? While it may catch you off guard, there's no need to worry — generic medications are generally just as safe and effective as their brand-name counterparts.

### **Generics vs. Brand Name**

The main difference between a generic and brandname drug is the price. Generic medications are typically much more affordable, but that does not make them any less effective.

All medications, both brand-name and generic, are rigorously evaluated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and are required to meet strict standards. The active ingredient in a generic medication must be the same as its brand-name counterpart. It must also be absorbed in the body in the same way, at the same rate. As with any drug, there will always be a slight, but not medically important, level of natural variability, according to the FDA.<sup>1</sup>

It's important to note multiple manufacturers can produce generics, and their pills may look different. If you are unsure whether you were given the correct medication, the pill bottle usually includes a description of the physical appearance of the pills.

### Why You May Get a Generic Instead

So, why do providers write brand names if it will often be substituted for a generic? Often, it's simply because brand names are easier to read or pronounce than the more complex generic names (think "Lipitor," a common brand name, vs "atorvastatin calcium," its generic name).

If your provider writes a prescription for a brandname drug without indicating the drug should be "dispensed as written" and/or you don't inform your pharmacy of your preference, you will likely receive the generic. **If you prefer to take the brand-name drug, you may be responsible for a higher out-ofpocket cost compared to the generic.** 

The next time you receive a generic substitution, don't fret. Generics are safe, effective, and thoroughly tested to ensure they meet the same high standards as brand-name drugs. While they may look different and are often priced lower, they contain the same active ingredients and work in the same way.

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Food and Drug Administration. https://www.fda.gov/ media/83670/download





# Meet Your New Digital Exercise Therapy Partner: Hinge Health



Hinge Health offers a unique approach to health care with personalized coaching that you can do entirely from the comfort of your home. This digital exercise therapy program specializes in improving musculoskeletal pain and pelvic health with virtual sessions designed to improve function. Plus, it's offered to eligible High Option members at no additional cost.

## **How Does Hinge Health Work?**

Hinge Health will connect you to a licensed care team and a dedicated physical therapist who will offer expert advice and real-time support tailored to your needs. Your care team is there for you every step of the way — whether you're aiming to avoid



surgery, manage chronic back pain, improve pelvic health, or boost mobility. With their personalized guidance, you'll gain the tools you need to achieve long-term relief and improve your quality of life.

To start, you'll complete a brief questionnaire. Your answers will help the Hinge Health team get to know you better and your experience with pain. Next, you'll perform a few basic exercises to help them fine-tune your care plan and learn about your current mobility. As your pain improves, your care plan will adjust, helping you reach your goals.

All exercises are conveniently located in the Hinge Health app, so you can do your therapy anytime, anywhere, in 15 minutes or less. That means you can squeeze your exercise sessions in between meetings or before bed, without having to drive to a doctor's office. Hinge Health gives you the flexibility to incorporate exercise therapy into your routine without having to rearrange your schedule.

Participants must be 18+ enrolled in the High Option Compass Rose Health Plan.

## No copays. No office visits. Just pain relief.

Get started today at hinge.health/compassrose

# What Are Fraud, Waste, & Abuse?

Fraud, waste, and abuse are harmful practices that not only increase healthcare costs for members but also contribute to poor quality of care for patients. Recognizing the dangers of fraud, waste, and abuse can help prevent unsafe practices and improve the wellbeing of all patients. By knowing what to look for, you can help report suspicious activity.

## **Defining Fraud, Waste, & Abuse**

**Fraud:** a practice of billing you or your insurance for services you did not receive.

**Waste:** a provider performing services that are not medically necessary for your care.

**Abuse:** waiving patient copays or deductibles and over-billing your health plan.

The Compass Rose Health Plan is committed to protecting our members from fraud, waste, and

abuse. As a health care consumer, it's important to know the signs of dangerous activity and how to report it.

### Fraud, Waste, & Abuse Hotlines

If you suspect fraud, waste, or abuse, report it to us and we will investigate. Here's how you can get in touch:

Compass Rose Health Plan Fraud, Waste, & Abuse Line: (866) 368-7227 (option 7)

UMR Fraud and Abuse Hotline: (800) 356-5803

Optum Rx<sup>®</sup> Phone: (800) 557-5785

You can see additional examples and read more about fraud, waste, and abuse at **compassrosebenefits.com/FWA**.



# Why Quality Measures Matter: Keeping Your Health on Track

Each year, our health plan is reviewed to assess the quality of care and services provided to our members. These performance measures allow us to gauge how effectively our plan is performing and highlight areas for improvement.

There are two measure sets we use to evaluate our health plan: Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) and Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS).

### **HEDIS**

HEDIS helps evaluate whether members receive timely and appropriate care. This includes preventive care, immunizations, cancer screenings, disease management, and more. HEDIS results play a key role in our ongoing efforts to enhance care for our members. By identifying areas for improvement, we can tailor educational initiatives to better support members in managing their health.

The quality of care you receive directly impacts your overall health. By evaluating quality measures, we're able to see whether you're getting the right care at the right time and connecting with providers who meet high standards.

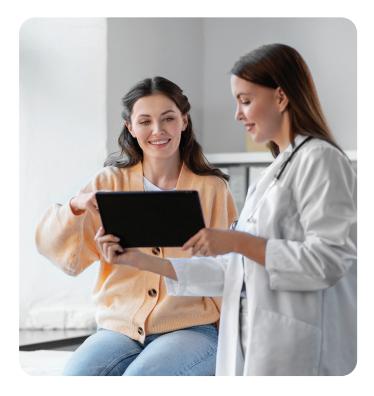
If you receive a CAHPS survey in the mail, please be sure to respond either via paper or online. A CAHPS survey is your chance to evaluate your experience and can help shape the Compass Rose Health Plan.

The best way to ensure quality care and support your health is by getting your annual preventive care exam and staying up to date on recommended screenings and vaccinations.

View our full 2024 HEDIS and CAHPS results at: compassrosebenefits.com/2024Performance

### CAHPS

CAHPS is a survey used to assess health plan member experiences. The survey is sent to randomly selected members annually. The survey evaluates aspects of care that are important to our members, like ease of getting an appointment, communication with providers, satisfaction with our health plan, and more.



# Meet Your Board of Directors

We are excited to share the results of our Board of Directors election. Please join us in congratulating:

#### **Gwen Gaskins**

Incumbent

Gwen Gaskins retired from the Federal Government after a 30year career. As a Board member for over a decade, she believes in helping ensure that members' concerns are factored into Compass Rose decisions.

## **Tracy Griggs**

Incumbent

Tracy Griggs has been a member of Compass Rose Benefits Group for nearly 30 years and is retired from federal service. As a board member, Ms. Griggs believes in bringing healthcare trends and ideas to the board.

#### **Scott Miner**

Newly elected

Scott Miner retired from the Federal Government after nearly 30 years. He worked for a program offering financial reimbursements and healthcare referrals, where he assisted claimants in navigating life challenges after injuries.

### MISSION FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS

## We Need to Plan for the Inevitable

As we grow older, the importance of planning for the future becomes more evident. Yet, estate planning often feels like an intimidating or uncomfortable task, leading many to procrastinate. However, taking the time to establish a comprehensive estate plan offers peace of mind for you and your loved ones, ensuring your wishes are respected and your legacy is preserved.



Check out the real purposes of Estate Planning and questions that you need to ask to ensure a smooth transfer of your estate. https://bit.ly/CRBGMar2025

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#### **Compass Rose Benefits Group**

(866) 368-7227 compassrosebenefits.com

## **Provider Precertification**

UMR (800) 808-4424

### **Prescription Drug Program**

Optum Rx<sup>®</sup> (800) 557-5785 compassrosebenefits.com/OptumRx

#### **Doctor On Demand**

(Telehealth) (800) 997-6196 compassrosebenefits.com/DrNow

