

Discrimination is Against the Law

We comply with applicable Federal civil rights laws and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex (consistent with the scope of sex discrimination under Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). We do not exclude people or treat them less favorably because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

We provide people with disabilities reasonable modifications and free appropriate auxiliary aids and services to communicate effectively with us, such as:

- Qualified sign language interpreters
- Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats).

We provide free language assistance services to people whose primary language is not English, which may include:

- Qualified interpreters
- Information written in other languages.

If you need reasonable modifications, appropriate auxiliary aids and services, or language assistance services, contact our Section 1557 Coordinator at 1-800-832-9686 or by emailing Section1557Coordinator@bcbsc.com.

If you believe that we have failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance by emailing Section1557Coordinator@bcbsc.com or by calling 1-800-832-9686. You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, email Section1557Coordinator@bcbsc.com and assistance will be provided.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201
1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

This notice is available at BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina's website: <https://www.southcarolinablues.com>.