

**Date:** December 20, 2016

**To:** Participating First Choice VIP Care Plus Providers

**Re:** Removal of Referral Requirement

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Dear First Choice VIP Care Plus Provider:

We are pleased to announce the following change to the First Choice VIP Care Plus plan effective January 1, 2017:

- First Choice VIP Care Plus will **no longer** require referrals, either paper or electronic, for members needing to access specialty care practitioners and services through participating providers. We are pleased to reduce the administrative burden for our network providers by removing the referral requirement. Please note there is no change to the prior authorization requirement for members needing services through non-participating providers.

We hope this enhancement is positive for your practice and you find it easier to provide quality health care services to our members. Please contact your First Choice VIP Care Plus Account Executive with any questions or concerns you may have. As always, thank you for your participation in the First Choice VIP Care Plus network, and for your continued commitment to our members.