

Transparency in Coverage Rule

Link for Publicly Available Websites

Recently, the Departments of Treasury, Labor, and Health and Human Services (the Departments) released FAQs on the Transparency in Coverage (TiC) Final Rules public disclosure requirement, which requires group health plans and carriers to post in- and out-of-network pricing information to a public website. As a reminder, the deadline to comply with the TiC public disclosure requirements is **July 1, 2022**.

These requirements are applicable to all non-grandfathered health plans offered in the individual and group markets, including self-funded group health plans.

As the initial enforcement date of July 1, 2022 approaches for posting the machine-readable files (MRF) under the Transparency in Coverage Rule, AultCare has taken extensive actions to meet its regulatory requirements as a health insurance issuer for individual and group health plans.

- ➔ Specifically, MRFs will be posted monthly at www.aultcare.com/notices/pricetransparency/. This location is publicly available and accessible to all, and no authentication is required.
- ➔ Beginning July 1 and monthly thereafter, the MRFs will appear on this site.
- ➔ While these files are accessible to all, the file itself is large, written in JSON, which is a machine-readable language, and not easily interpreted or searchable. The MRFs are to be posted to comply with the TiC requirements of allowing 3rd party developers and researchers to pull down the information in order to study the costs associated with healthcare.
- ➔ If your group members are looking to access information that will aid them in determining current costs of services, they can access our Price Transparency Tool on the AultCare Member Portal.



Action for Self-Funded Plans

As a sponsor of a self-funded group health plan, you are responsible for ensuring compliance with the same TiC requirements as AultCare. We recommend reviewing these requirements with your benefits counsel. You may find more information about the TiC rules at <https://www.cms.gov/healthplan-price-transparency>.

If you would like to leverage AultCare's MRFs to assist with your compliance obligations, you may link to AultCare's MRF [www.aultcare.com/notices/pricetransparency/] from your own publicly available website. We are providing this link now, so you can prepare to have the link posted by July 1, 2022. These MRFs were created to help meet compliance requirements.

- When you connect our MRF link via your publicly available website, remember it cannot be password protected or difficult to locate.
- Click the link to test. Please note: This is only a placeholder for now and will not include your company data at this time.
- Upon viewing the data, your test is complete and you can then share the link with your organization's team responsible to place it on the publicly accessible site where you will display the link.

Please remember not all of the machine-readable files themselves will be available until July 1. We are working with our leased network partners and will provide additional information and links when available.