

NONDISCRIMINATION AND LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY NOTICE

Nondiscrimination Notice:

Discrimination is Against the Law

Alabama Care Network Mid-State complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex (including sex characteristics, including intersex traits; pregnancy or related conditions; sexual orientation; gender identity, and sex stereotypes). Alabama Care Network Mid-State does not exclude people or treat them less favorably because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

Alabama Care Network Mid-State:

- Provides 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)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
 - Qualified interpreters
 - Information written in other languages

If you need reasonable modifications, appropriate auxiliary aids and services, or language assistance services, contact Alabama Care Network Mid-State's Section 1557 Coordinator.

If you believe that Alabama Care Network Mid-State has 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 with: Alabama Care Network Mid-State's Section 1557 Coordinator, 417 20th Street North, Suite 1100, Birmingham, AL, 35203, 1-800-294-7780, TTY: 711, VIVACivilRightsCoord@uabmc.edu. You can file a grievance by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, Alabama Care Network Mid-State's Section 1557 Coordinator is available to help you.

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, TDD: 1-800-537-7697

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

Language access, effective communication, reasonable modification, and non-discrimination policies and procedures are available at all Alabama Care Network Mid-State offices.

Discrimination Grievance Procedure (under Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act):

In accordance with Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act (Section 1557), it is the policy of Alabama

Care Network Mid-State to not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency and primary language), age, disability, or sex (including sex characteristics, including intersex traits; pregnancy or related conditions; sexual orientation; gender identity, and sex stereotypes).

This is the grievance procedure for providing prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited by Section 1557 and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 92, issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Section 1557 and its implementing regulations may be examined at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/05/06/2024-08711/nondiscrimination-in-health-programs-and-activities>.

Any person who believes that Alabama Care Network Mid-State subjected someone to discrimination prohibited by Section 1557 may file a grievance under this procedure.

It is against the law for Alabama Care Network Mid-State to intimidate, threaten, coerce, retaliate, or otherwise discriminate against anyone who files a grievance, or participates in the investigation of a grievance for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Section 1557. Section 1557 and its implementing regulations may be examined in the office of Alabama Care Network Mid-State's Section 1557 Coordinator at 417 20th Street North, Suite 1100, Birmingham, AL 35203.

Procedure:

- Grievances must be submitted to the Section 1557 Coordinator within 60 days of the date the person filing the grievance becomes aware of the alleged discriminatory action.
- Grievances must be submitted in writing to:

Alabama Care Network Mid-State Section 1557 Coordinator
417 20th Street North, Suite 1100
Birmingham, AL 35203, or

(by fax or email): 205-449-7626, or VIVACivilRightsCoord@uabmc.edu

- A grievance should contain the name and contact information of the person filing it as well as the alleged discriminatory action and alleged basis (or bases) of discrimination, the date the grievance was filed, and any other pertinent information.
- When a grievance includes allegations that would violate Section 1557, the Section 1557 Coordinator (or their designee, if applicable) shall investigate the grievance. This investigation may be informal, but it will be thorough, affording all interested persons an opportunity to submit evidence relevant to the grievance.
- Alabama Care Network Mid-State shall inform an individual that they have a right to reasonable modifications in the grievance procedure if they need them.
- The Section 1557 Coordinator must keep confidential the identity of an individual who has filed a grievance under this part except as required by law or to carry out the purposes of this part, including the conduct on any investigation, including to investigate the grievance.
- Alabama Care Network Mid-State will issue to the person who filed the grievance a written decision on the grievance no later than 30 days after its filing. The decision shall include the resolution date and a notice to the complainant of their right to pursue further administrative or legal remedies.
- Alabama Care Network Mid-State will maintain the files and records relating to such grievances for at least three years from the date Alabama Care Network Mid-State resolves the grievance.

The person filing the grievance may appeal the written decision by writing to the Section 1557

Coordinator's address above within 15 days of receiving the decision, noting that it is an appeal. A person who is not the person who issued the initial decision nor the subordinate of that person shall issue a written decision in response to the appeal no later than 30 days after its filing.

Alabama Care Network Mid-State, through the Section 1557 Coordinator, will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that individuals with disabilities and individuals with limited English proficiency are provided reasonable modifications, appropriate auxiliary aids and services, or language assistance services, respectively, if needed to participate in this grievance process. Such arrangements may include but are not limited to providing these services in a timely manner and without cost to individuals being served to ensure that individuals have an equal opportunity to participate in the grievance process.

The availability and use of this grievance procedure does not prevent a person from pursuing other legal and administrative remedies, including filing a complaint of discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability in court or with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights. A person can file a complaint of discrimination electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, which is available at: <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at:

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Complaint forms are available at: <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>. Such complaints must be filed within 180 days of the date of the alleged discrimination.

Notice of Availability of Language Assistance Services and Auxiliary Aids and Services:

English (English)

ATTENTION: If you speak English, free language assistance services are available to you. Appropriate auxiliary aids and services to provide information in accessible formats are also available free of charge. Call 1-833-296-5245 (TTY: 711) or speak to your provider.

Español (Spanish)

ATENCIÓN: Si habla español (Spanish), tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. También están disponibles de forma gratuita ayuda y servicios auxiliares apropiados para proporcionar información en formatos accesibles. Llame al 1-833-296-5245 (TTY: 711) o hable con su proveedor.

中文 (Traditional Chinese)

注意：如果您說中文 (Chinese)，我們可以為您提供免費語言協助服務。也可以免費提供適當的輔助工具與服務，以無障礙格式提供資訊。請致電 1-833-296-5245 (TTY : 711) 或與您的提供者討論。

中文 (Simplified Chinese)

注意：如果您說中文 (Chinese)，我们将免费为您提供语言协助服务。我们还免费提供适当的辅助工具和服务，以无障碍格式提供信息。致电 1-833-296-5245 (文本电话：711) 或咨询您的服务提供商。

한국어 (Korean)

주의: 한국어 (Korean) 를 사용하시는 경우 무료 언어 지원 서비스를 이용하실 수 있습니다. 이용 가능한 형식으로 정보를 제공하는 적절한 보조 기구 및 서비스도 무료로 제공됩니다. 1-833-296-5245 (TTY: 711)번으로 전화하거나 서비스 제공업체에 문의하십시오.

Việt (Vietnamese)

LƯU Ý: Nếu bạn nói tiếng Việt (Vietnamese), chúng tôi cung cấp miễn phí các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ. Các hỗ trợ dịch vụ phù hợp để cung cấp thông tin theo các định dạng dễ tiếp cận cũng được cung cấp miễn phí. Vui lòng gọi theo số 1-833-296-5245 (Người khuyết tật: 711) hoặc trao đổi với người cung cấp dịch vụ của bạn.

العربية (Arabic)

تنبيه: إذا كنت تتحدث اللغة العربية (Arabic)، فستتوفر لك خدمات المساعدة اللغوية المجانية. كما تتوفر وسائل مساعدة وخدمات مناسبة لتوفير المعلومات بتنسيقات يمكن الوصول إليها مجانًا. اتصل على الر 1-833-296-5245 (TTY: 711) أو تحدث إلى مقدم الخدمة.

Deutsch (German)

ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch (German) sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlose Sprachassistentendienste zur Verfügung. Entsprechende Hilfsmittel und Dienste zur Bereitstellung von Informationen in barrierefreien Formaten stehen ebenfalls kostenlos zur Verfügung. Rufen Sie 1-833-296-5245 (TTY: 711) an oder sprechen Sie mit Ihrem Provider.

Français (French)

ATTENTION : Si vous parlez Français (French), des services d'assistance linguistique gratuits sont à votre disposition. Des aides et services auxiliaires appropriés pour fournir des informations dans des formats accessibles sont également disponibles gratuitement. Appelez le 1-833-296-5245 (TTY : 711) ou parlez à votre fournisseur.

ગુજરાતી (Gujarati)

ધ્યાન આપો: જો તમે ગુજરાતી (Gujarati) બોલતા હો તો મફત ભાષાકીય સહાયતા સેવાઓ તમારા માટે ઉપલબ્ધ છે. યોગ્ય ઓકિઝવરી સહાય અને એક્સેસિબલ ફોર્મેટમાં માહિતી પૂરી પાડવા માટેની સેવાઓ પણ વિના મૂલ્યે ઉપલબ્ધ છે. 1-833-296-5245 (TTY: 711) પર કોલ કરો અથવા તમારા પ્રદાતા સાથે વાત કરો.

Tagalog (Tagalog)

PAALALA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, magagamit mo ang mga libheng serbisyong tulong sa wika. Magagamit din nang libre ang mga naaangkop na auxiliary na tulong at serbisyo upang magbigay ng impormasyon sa mga naa-access na format. Tumawag sa 1-833-296-5245 (TTY: 711) o makipag-usap sa iyong provider.

हिंदी (Hindi)

ध्यान दें: यदि आप हिंदी (Hindi) बोलते हैं, तो आपके लिए निःशुल्क भाषा सहायता सेवाएं उपलब्ध होती हैं। सुलभ प्रारूपों में जानकारी प्रदान करने के लिए उपयुक्त सहायक साधन और सेवाएँ भी निःशुल्क उपलब्ध हैं। 1-833-296-5245 (TTY: 711) पर कॉल करें या अपने प्रदाता से बात करें।

ລາວ (Lao)

ເຊີນຊາບ: ຖ້າທ່ານເວົ້າພາສາ ລາວ (Lao), ຈະມີບໍລິການຊ່ວຍດ້ານພາສາແບບບໍ່ເສຍຄ່າໃຫ້ທ່ານ. ມີເຄື່ອງຊ່ວຍ ແລະ ການບໍລິການແບບບໍ່ເສຍຄ່າທີ່ໝາະສົມເພື່ອໃຫ້ຂໍ້ມູນໃນຮູບແບບທີ່ສາມາດເຂົ້າເຖິງໄດ້. ໂທຫາເບີ 1-833-296-5245 (TTY: 711) ຫຼື ລົມກັບຜູ້ໃຫ້ບໍລິການຂອງທ່ານ.

РУССКИЙ (Russian)

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русский (Russian), вам доступны бесплатные услуги языковой поддержки. Соответствующие вспомогательные средства и услуги по предоставлению информации в доступных форматах также предоставляются бесплатно. Позвоните по телефону 1-833-296-5245 (TTY: 711) или обратитесь к своему поставщику услуг.

Português (Portuguese)

ATENÇÃO: Se você fala português (Portuguese), serviços gratuitos de assistência linguística estão disponíveis para você. Auxílios e serviços auxiliares apropriados para fornecer informações em formatos acessíveis também estão disponíveis gratuitamente. Ligue para 1-833-296-5245 (TTY: 711) ou fale com seu provedor.

Türkçe (Turkish)

DİKKAT: Türkçe (Turkish) konuşuyorsanız, ücretsiz dil yardım hizmetleri sizin için mevcuttur. Erişilebilir formatlarda bilgi sağlamak için uygun yardımcı araçlar ve hizmetler de ücretsiz olarak mevcuttur. 1-833-296-5245 (TTY: 711) numarasını arayın veya sağlayıcınızla görüşün.

日本語 (Japanese)

注：日本語(Japanese)を話される場合、無料の言語支援サービスをご利用いただけます。アクセシブル（誰もが利用できるよう配慮された）な形式で情報を提供するための適切な補助支援やサービスも無料でご利用いただけます。1-833-296-5245（TTY：711）までお電話ください。または、ご利用の事業者にご相談ください。