Tufts Medicare Preferred Access (PPO)



Beginning on Jan. 1, 2023,

Tufts Health Plan will offer a
Medicare Advantage PPO plan
called Tufts Medicare Preferred
Access (PPO) to individuals in
Massachusetts. The Tufts Medicare
Preferred Access (PPO) service
area includes the following
counties: Bristol, Essex, Hampden,
Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth,
Suffolk, and Worcester.

Member ID Card

Similar to Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO, the Tufts Medicare Preferred Access (PPO) **ID number will start with an "S".** Members who transition from Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO will retain their same ID number. Remember to verify member eligibility, benefits and cost-share amounts before services are rendered.



Includes Out-of-Network Coverage

Tufts Medicare Preferred Access (PPO) provides members with the freedom to access any doctor and hospital without the need to obtain referrals. A PPO plan is a good option for members who travel often or want to keep a doctor that is outside of the network.

PCP Not Required

Although members are encouraged to have a primary care provider (PCP) to support their medical needs, a **PCP** is **not required** for Tufts Medicare Access (PPO) members.

Referrals Not Required

Referrals are not required for any services, in or out-of-network.

Prior Authorization

- Prior authorization rules for in-network services are similar to those on the Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO plans. Open authorizations for HMO members who transition to Tufts Medicare Preferred Access (PPO) will be honored.
- To request a new prior authorization, you can submit the request through the MHK Portal accessible from our secure Provider Portal. Prior authorization is not required for out-of-network services; however, providers and members are encouraged to request a pre-visit coverage decision to ensure the service is covered.

Claims

For the fastest processing, we encourage you to submit claims electronically. Alternatively, you can mail paper claims to us at:

Tufts Medicare Preferred Access (PPO), P.O. Box 518, Canton, MA 02021

Contacting Us

For questions and support, please call our Senior Products Provider Services at **800-279-9022** (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. ET)

