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The BCN Pediatric Choice program makes it possible for BCN members under 18 years of age to see a BCN-affiliated pediatrician for general pediatric services without a referral from his or her primary care physician when the primary care physician is not a pediatrician.

BCN members typically need a referral from their primary care physician to see another physician. Under the Pediatric Choice program, however, different referral requirements apply. The requirements are outlined as follows.

Under the Pediatric Choice Program, when a parent of a BCN member under 18 selects a family practitioner, general practitioner or internist (rather than a pediatrician) as the member's primary care physician:

- No referral is required to see a BCN-affiliated pediatrician for general pediatric services.
- A referral is needed to see any physician other than a pediatrician.

General pediatric services payable through BCN's Pediatric Choice program include:

Procedure code requirement	Diagnosis requirement
*99381 through *99384	None
*99391 through *99394	None
*99401 through *99404	None
*99411 through *99412	None
*99420	None
Approved immunizations	None

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Provider requirements for reimbursement through the Pediatric Choice program
- Pediatrician must be affiliated with BCN.
- Pediatrician cannot be the member's primary care physician.

Member requirements
- Member must be less than 18 years of age.
- Member's primary care physician must not be a pediatrician.

Referral and claims rules for Pediatric Choice

When the primary care physician is a family practitioner, general practitioner or internist, the member can see a pediatrician for well-child visits with no referral required. Those claims will be paid at the provider's contracted rate under the Pediatric Choice program. This only applies to the procedure codes listed on this document.