

# Because Medication Matters

Available to Bedford, Bucks, Cambria, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton & Somerset Counties for HealthChoices Members ages 18+

Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Magellan) recognizes the importance of medication adherence for individuals diagnosed with a serious mental illness. The solution provides 1:1 pharmacist consulting for Magellan members prescribed psychiatric medications and whose adherence is below 80%. The program is voluntary and delivered at no cost to members or providers.

## Our Medication Adherence Program goals:

- Improve medication habits of HealthChoices members struggling to take medications correctly
- Reduce hospitalizations and emergency department visits
- Improve integration opportunities for behavioral and physical healthcare

Medication Monitoring	Example of Intervention Parameter
✓ Availability	Managing refills to ensure timely access to medications.
✓ Usage	Conducting weekly check-ins to assess and monitor adherence.
✓ Understanding	Addressing misconceptions, concerns, and expectation through education.
✓ Side Effects	Identifying side effects affecting medication usage.
✓ Accessibility of Healthcare Providers	Coordinating care between visits amongst outpatient programs, community pharmacists, and prescribers.
✓ Effectiveness	Promoting lifestyle modifications to improve effectiveness of medications, acute and chronic conditions, and quality of life indicators.

Lori Samer of Medication Matters, LLC is a registered pharmacist and offers services to meet our above goals for HealthChoices members. The Medication Adherence Program is focused on drug therapy monitoring and coordination of care. Contact Lori Samer at [samerl@magellanhealth.com](mailto:samerl@magellanhealth.com).