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Request for Waiver

Plan Year: **2021**

Please ensure that information contained on this waiver request coincides with information provided on the geographical access maps and provider list submitted with this application.

1. **Name and Title of Person Submitting this Document:**

Carrier	Name Network	Network ID	Network Structure*
Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota	Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity Network	MNN001	*ACO*
Name	**Title**	**Date**	**Enrollees in Network***
Beth Shoemaker	Manager, Provider Relations	5/21/2020	

2. **By submitting this form, the above-referenced confirms:**

   A. That person submitting this request has personal knowledge of the network contracting process involved in this submission; and

   B. That access cannot be met for the following provider type(s). Include the county and reason(s) for not meeting the requirements.

Provider Type	County	Reason Code	Notes	Affected Enrollees*	Percent Total Enrollees Affected	Percent Not Covered*	Percent Available Providers Included
General Hospital facilities	*Beltrami,Lake Of The Woods,Roseau,Marshall*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.	*0*	*0*		
Primary Care providers	*Beltrami,Lake Of The Woods,Marshall*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.	*0*	*0*		

Mental health providers	*Beltrami,Lake Of The Woods,Roseau,Clearwater,Marshall*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.	*0*	*0*		
Pediatric Services Providers	*Kittson,Marshall,Roseau,Beltrami,Lake Of The Woods,Clearwater,Norman,Stearns,Chippewa,Swift,Lac Qui Parle,Big Stone,Traverse*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.	*143*	*23*		
Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology	*Kittson*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				

Anesthesiology Physicians and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists	*Beltrami,Roseau,Lake Of The Woods*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				
Cardiac Surgery	*Kittson,Roseau,Lake Of The Woods,Beltrami,Marshall,Pennington, Red Lake,Polk,Clearwater,Hubbard,Mahno men,Meeker,Otter Tail,Traverse,Grant,Douglas,Big Stone,Stevens,Pope,Swift,Chippewa,L ac Qui Parle,Kandiyohi,Becker,Yellow Medicine,Renville,Lincoln,Lyon,Redw ood,Brown,Nicollet,Murray,Cottonwo od,Watonwan,Nobles,Jackson,Martin, Wilkin*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				
Colon and Rectal Surgery	*Kittson,Roseau,Lake Of The Woods,Marshall,Beltrami,Pennington, Red Lake,Polk,Clearwater,Mahnomen,Hub bard,Becker,Otter Tail,Traverse,Grant,Douglas,Big Stone,Stevens,Lac Qui Parle,Nobles,Jackson,Martin,Wilkin*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				

Pediatric Dental Care	*Roseau,Lake Of The Woods,Marshall,Beltrami,Pennington, Becker,Otter Tail,Douglas,Pope,Stearns,Swift,Kand iyohi,Meeker,Renville,Redwood,Cotto nwood,Murray,Nobles,Jackson,Martin*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				
Dermatology	*Kittson,Roseau,Lake Of The Woods,Beltram*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				
Endocrinology	*Kittson,Roseau,Lake Of The Woods,Marshall,Beltrami,Pennington, Traverse,Becker*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				

Genetics	Beltrami,Kittson,Lake Of The Woods,Roseau,Marshall,Polk,Red Lake,Pennington,Clearwater,Mahnom en,Becker,Hubbard,Otter Tail,Wilkin,Traverse,Grant,Douglas,Bi g Stone,Stevens,Pope,Stearns,Swift,Lac Qui Parle,Kandiyohi,Meeker,Renville	1	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				
Nephrology	Douglas,Pope,Stearns	1	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				
Gastroenterology	Douglas	1	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				

Otolaryngology	*Lake Of The Woods,Beltrami*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				
Pediatric Specialty Providers	*Kittson,Roseau,Lake Of The Woods,Beltram*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				
rsical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Occupational Med	*Kittson,Roseau,Lake Of The Woods,Big Stone,Lac Qui Parl*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				

Pulmonary Disease	*Roseau,Lake Of The Woods,Beltrami,Marshall,Grant,Traverse*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				
Reconstructive Surgery	*Roseau,Lake Of The Woods,Beltrami,Swift,Chippewa,Lac Qui Parle,Yellow Medicine,Lincoln,Lyon,Redwood,Murray,Cottonwood,Nobles,Jackson,Martin*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				
SUD (Chemical Dependency) - Outpatient	*Kittson,Lake Of The Woods,Beltrami*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				

SUD (Chemical Dependency) - Inpatient	*Kittson,Lake Of The Woods,Beltrami*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				
Thoracic Surgery	*Kittson,Roseau,Lake Of The Woods,Marshall,Beltrami,Pennington, Red Lake,Polk,Clearwater,Mahnomen,Hubbard,Becker,Otter Tail,Grant,Douglas,Traverse,Stevens,Pope,Stearns,Big Stone,Swift,Lac Qui Parle,Chippewa,Kandiyohi,Meeker,Yellow Medicine,Renville,Lincoln,Lyon,Redwood,Brown,Nicollet,Murray,Cottonwood,Watonwan,Nobles,Jackson,Martin, Wilkin*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				

For additional rows, please see the "Additional" tab of this document. DO NOT add rows to this sheet.

For all reason codes, carriers must demonstrate with specific data that geographic access standards cannot be met.
Carriers must state what steps were and will be taken to address network inadequacies (MN Statutes § 62K.10, subdivision 5).

Allowable Waiver Reason Codes and Guidelines for Initial Approval
Applications to waive the requirements in Minnesota Statutes 62K.10 Subd. 2 or 3 must fit one of the following reason codes.

Reason Code 1:

Carrier has conducted a search for providers and determined that, for each county in the plan service area,
there are no providers physically present of the type requested in the waiver.

1. Provide a description of physical geography and/or other factors that affect the location of providers (as relevant)

2. Demonstrate consultation of at least two provider directories and/or data sources. Provide a description of the provider directories and/or data sources consulted, including a brief explanation of why the sources are believed to be accurate and complete. Examples of acceptable provider directories and data sources include, but are not limited to:
    a. NPPES NPI Registry
    b. Medicare Physician Compare
    c. Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Directory
    d. Healthgrades
    e. SAMHSA Behavioral Health Provider Directories
    f. National Institute of Health (NIH) U.S. National Library of Medicine MedlinePlus Directories
    g. Quest Analytics

3. For Primary Care, Pediatric Services (Primary Care), General Hospital and Mental Health provider types:
    a. State the total number and percentage of estimated enrollees affected in the county not meeting the geographic standard as of the submission date of waiver. Select only one county per line.
    b. State how access will be provided for this provider type for enrollees of the affected county. For example, does the carrier provide transportation services/vouchers, in-home care options, virtual care services, and/or telemedicine services?
        i. If telemedicine is used to provide access:
            1. These services must meet the definition of "telemedicine" in Minnesota Statutes
               62A.671, subdivision 9.
            2. Carrier must describe the extent to which telemedicine services are available
                a. How many network providers of the impacted provider type have contracts to conduct/provide telemedicine services?
4. Describe how they will assess the availability of providers who begin practice in the service

area where the standard cannot currently be met and agree to conduct this assessment quarterly
  a. Assessment of availability must include consultation of at least two provider directories and/or data sources, as described in item 2, above

Reason Code 2:

Provider does not meet carrier's credentialing requirements.

1. Cite the reason(s) provider does not meet credentialing requirements

2. For Primary Care, Pediatric Services (Primary Care), General Hospital, and Mental Health provider types
   a. State the total number and percentage of estimated enrollees affected in the county not meeting the geographic standard
      as of the submission date of waiver. Select only one county per line.

3. State how access will be provided for this provider type for enrollees of the affected county. For example, does the carrier allow enrollees to receive out-of-network
   care at in-network rates, provide transportation services/vouchers, in-home care options, virtual care services, and/or telemedicine services?
      i. If telemedicine is used to provide access:
         1. These services must meet the definition of "telemedicine" in Minnesota Statutes
            62A.671, subdivision 9
         2. Carrier must describe the extent to which telemedicine services are available
            a. How many network providers of the impacted provider type have contracts to conduct/provide telemedicine services?

Reason Code 3:

Carrier has made a good faith effort to contract with provider and provider has refused to accept a contract.

1. Cite the reason(s) provider states for refusing a contract

2. For Primary Care, Pediatric Services (Primary Care), General Hospital and Mental Health provider types
   a. State the total number and percentage of estimated enrollees affected in the county not meeting the geographic standard as of the
      submission date of waiver. Select only one county per line.

3. State how access will be provided for this provider type for enrollees of the affected county. For example, does the carrier allow enrollees to receive out-of-network
   care at in-network rates, provide transportation services/vouchers, in-home care options, virtual care services, and/or telemedicine services?
      i. If telemedicine is used to provide access:
         1. These services must meet the definition of "telemedicine" in Minnesota Statutes
            62A.671, subdivision 9
         2. Carrier must describe the extent to which telemedicine services are available
            a. How many network providers of the impacted provider type have contracts to conduct/provide telemedicine services?

Reason Code 4:

Network is an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) or Narrow Network.

1. Specify the network structure: Accountable Care Organization (ACO) or Narrow Network
   a. If the network is an ACO, provide a brief description of the major health systems participating in the network
   b. If the network is a narrow network, describe the features of the network that restrict access
   c. For both ACOs and Narrow Networks, state what percentage of available Primary Care, Pediatric Services (Primary Care), General Hospital,
      and Mental Health providers are included in the county and of the provider type for which a waiver is requested

2. State what, if any, steps are taken to inform enrollees of restricted access

3. State the total number of estimated enrollees in the network as of the submission date of the waiver

4. State why the geographic access standards cannot be met. Explain why full geographic access is not possible with this network design

5. State how access will be provided for this provider type for the enrollees of the affected county. For example, does the carrier allow enrollees to receive out-of-network
   care at in-network rates, provide transportation services/vouchers, in-home care options, virtual care services, and/or telemedicine services?
      i. If telemedicine is used to provide access:
         1. These services must meet the definition of "telemedicine" in Minnesota Statutes
            62A.671, subdivision 9
         2. Carrier must describe the extent to which telemedicine services are available
            a. How many network providers of the impacted provider type have contracts to conduct/provide telemedicine services?

6. For Primary Care, Pediatric Services (Primary Care), General Hospital and Mental Health provider types,
   a. State the total number and percentage of estimated enrollees affected in the county not meeting the geographic standard as of the
      submission date of waiver. Select only one county per line.
   b. State the estimated percentage of area in that county that is not covered

Attestation for the Request for Waiver

The undersigned attests that he/she is a representative of the carrier with personal knowledge of the network
and reasons for the above waiver requests, and that the waiver requests meet the requirements for the waiver,
as outlined above. The undersigned also attests that good faith efforts have been made to locate and contract with providers,
as outlined above, and that if providers become available in the service area, carrier will make a good faith effort to contract with
said providers.

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Name, Company, Title   Date Attestation Signed

Provider Type	County	Reason Code	Notes	Affected Enrollees*	Percent Total Enrollees Affected	Percent Not Covered*	Percent Available Providers Included in Network
Vascular Surgery	*Kittson,Roseau,Lake Of The Woods,Beltrami*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				
Home Health Care Agency	*Roseau,Lake Of The Woods*	*1*	Utilized Quest Analytics tool to search for providers. When using Quest Analytics tool, Sanford Health Plan identified the zip codes area(s). Sanford Health Plan utilized the NPPES NPI Registry to search for providers in the gap area(s). If the Quest tool produces providers not currently in the Sanford Health Plan network, the Sanford Health Plan will make a good faith effort to contract with them when coverage is not currently present. Sanford Health Plan updates its contracted network of providers on a daily basis and performs a comprehensive review of our entire networks for any additional new providers on at least a quarterly basis. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of the Sanford Health Plan of Minnesota Simplicity network, members will receive services at an in-network benefit.				
Cardiac Surgery	*Stearns*	*3*	Sanford Health Plan has made a good faith effort to contract with a provider in the area, and offered a contract at the same/similar rate as other providers which was refused. Sanford Health Plan continues to reach out to the provider and confirmed they are still not interested in contracting. We offer contracts in good faith to willing providers in the area at the same or similar rates as other providers of the same type in the network when coverage is not currently present. Members needing care within this specialty will receive services at an in-network benefit.				
Genetics	*Stearns*	*3*	Sanford Health Plan has made a good faith effort to contract with a provider in the area, and offered a contract at the same/similar rate as other providers which was refused. Sanford Health Plan continues to reach out to the provider and confirmed they are still not interested in contracting. We offer contracts in good faith to willing providers in the area at the same or similar rates as other providers of the same type in the network when coverage is not currently present. Members needing care within this specialty will receive services at an in-network benefit.				

Reconstructive Surgery	*Stearns*	*3*	Sanford Health Plan has made a good faith effort to contract with a provider in the area, and offered a contract at the same/similar rate as other providers which was refused. Sanford Health Plan continues to reach out to the provider and confirmed they are still not interested in contracting. We offer contracts in good faith to willing providers in the area at the same or similar rates as other providers of the same type in the network when coverage is not currently present. Members needing care within this specialty will receive services at an in-network benefit.				
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