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Request for Waiver

Plan Year: 2019

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
PreferredOne Insurance Company	Wilderness	MNN008
Name	Title	Date
Kristopher Klinger	Manager, Provider Relations	7/16/2018

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
Chemical Dependency Outpatient	Cook, Koochiching, St. Louis	1	Upon review of the current PreferredOne provider network through our provider mapping tool, coupled with internet searches & inquiries to our existing provider community as to who they would refer these specialty services to, PreferredOne has been able to locate Chemical Dependency Services Inpatient providers that cover some of these counties that we are requesting a waiver for, but not any providers who specifically provide Chemical Dependency Services Outpatient. Specifically, we are aware of Northland Recovery Pineview Center - International Falls, MN, which is a contracted provider with PreferredOne. However, per this provider's website that clinic that would cover our network gaps in Koochiching & St. Louis counties is residential treatment, not outpatient. For Cook county we are unable to locate any commercial insurance plan servicing providers for this specialty. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has a Chemical Dependency Outpatient facility whose radius reaches into the counties, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to both the varied geography of the service area & the lack of provider presence in the county. Should a provider of this specialty introduce a site within this network gap area after this filing PreferredOne will be open to negotiating with them if they are interested in contracting with PreferredOne. PreferredOne will also check biannually against the Quest Analytics software suite to determine if a provider of this specialty has opened within the service area gap & will attempt to contract with the provider should they be interested in contracting with PreferredOne & meet the credentialing & contracting standards & requirements PreferredOne has in place.

<p><i>Chemical Dependency Inpatient</i></p>	<p><i>Cook,Lake</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Upon review of the current PreferredOne provider network through our provider mapping tool, coupled with internet searches & inquiries to our existing provider community as to who they would refer these specialty services to, PreferredOne is not aware of any Chemical Dependency Services Inpatient providers in Cook county. The only Lake County provider we're able to locate that provides this specialty service has a corrective order in place as of 2016 so, following our internal contracting processes, PreferredOne would not be able to offer a provider agreement to that facility at this time. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has a Chemical Dependency Inpatient facility whose radius reaches into the counties, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to both the varied geography of the service area & the lack of provider presence in the county. Should a provider of this specialty introduce a site within this network gap area after this filing PreferredOne will be open to negotiating with them if they are interested in contracting with PreferredOne. PreferredOne will also check biannually against the Quest Analytics software suite to determine if a provider of this specialty has opened within the service area gap & will attempt to contract with the provider should they be interested in contracting with PreferredOne & meet the credentialing & contracting standards & requirements PreferredOne has in place.</p>
<p><i>General Hospital facilities</i></p>	<p><i>Cook,Itasca,Koochiching,Lake,St. Louis</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>The purpose of the PreferredOne Wilderness ACO (accountable care organization) network is to provide a greater level of coordination of care between your primary care providers, hospitals and specialty providers that you see throughout the year. As such, this curated network was created in conjunction with a number of northern-based facilities with the goal of a more coordinated and cost-effective model of care. With that in mind the network rate structure has been negotiated to allow for member savings while at the same time maintaining a variety of provider choices for enrollees to select from. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has a General Hospital facility included in the network, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 30 mile radius requirement due to the varied geography of the service area. Additionally, the cost savings that were negotiated on behalf of this sculpted network required the exclusion of some higher cost facilities in the service area. PreferredOne will monitor network utilization for the Wilderness network biannually with the objective of determining what Out of Network providers the Wilderness membership utilize. If those providers fall within the network gap & could help satisfy a network specialty requirement we will share this information with the provider committee that helps to determine the Wilderness network to discuss potential outreach to those clinics/facilities for future inclusion in the network, should coordination of care be feasible with those providers.</p>
<p><i>Mental health providers</i></p>	<p><i>Koochiching,Lake,St. Louis</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>The purpose of the PreferredOne Wilderness ACO (accountable care organization) network is to provide a greater level of coordination of care between your primary care providers, hospitals and specialty providers that you see throughout the year. As such, this curated network was created in conjunction with a number of northern-based facilities with the goal of a more coordinated and cost-effective model of care. With that in mind the network rate structure has been negotiated to allow for member savings while at the same time maintaining a variety of provider choices for enrollees to select from. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has mental health providers included in the network, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 30 mile radius requirement due to the varied geography of the service area. Additionally, the cost savings that were negotiated on behalf of this sculpted network required the exclusion of some higher cost facilities & their affiliated clinics in the service area. PreferredOne will monitor network utilization for the Wilderness network biannually with the objective of determining what Out of Network providers the Wilderness membership utilize. If those providers fall within the network gap & could help satisfy a network specialty requirement we will share this information with the provider committee that helps to determine the Wilderness network to discuss potential outreach to those clinics/facilities for future inclusion in the network, should coordination of care be feasible with those providers.</p>
<p><i>Pediatric Dental Care</i></p>	<p><i>Cook,Itasca,Koochiching,Lake</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Upon review of the current PreferredOne provider network through our provider mapping tool, coupled with internet searches & inquiries to our existing provider community as to who they would refer these specialty services to, PreferredOne is not aware of any Pediatric Dental Care providers in these counties where their radius would cover the entirety of the counties. While the PreferredOne Wilderness network is a narrow network, we also identify similar network gaps for this specialty in our Complete network, which is representative of our full network. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Pediatric Dental Care providers whose radius reaches into the counties, with the exception of Cook County, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to both the varied geography of the service area & the lack of provider presence in the counties. Should a provider of this specialty open after this filing PreferredOne will be open to actively negotiating with them if they are interested in contracting with PreferredOne. PreferredOne will also check biannually against the Quest Analytics software suite to determine if a provider of this specialty has opened within the service area gap & will attempt to contract with the provider should they be interested in contracting with PreferredOne & meet the credentialing & contracting standards & requirements PreferredOne has in place.</p>

<p><i>Pediatric Services Providers</i></p>	<p><i>Cook,Itasca,Koochiching,Lake,St. Louis</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Upon review of the current PreferredOne provider network through our provider mapping tool, coupled with internet searches & inquiries to our existing provider community as to who they would refer these specialty services to, PreferredOne is not aware of any Pediatric Services providers in these counties where their radius would cover the entirety of the counties. While the PreferredOne Wilderness network is a narrow network, we also identify similar network gaps for this specialty in our Complete network, which is representative of our full network. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Pediatric Services providers whose radius reaches into the counties, with the exception of Cook County, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 30 mile radius requirement due to both the varied geography of the service area & the lack of provider presence in the counties. Should a provider of this specialty open after this filing PreferredOne will be open to actively negotiating with them if they are interested in contracting with PreferredOne. PreferredOne will also check biannually against the Quest Analytics software suite to determine if a provider of this specialty has opened within the service area gap & will attempt to contract with the provider should they be interested in contracting with PreferredOne & meet the credentialing & contracting standards & requirements PreferredOne has in place.</p>
<p><i>Pediatric Specialty Providers</i></p>	<p><i>Cook,Koochiching,Lake,St. Louis</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Upon review of the current PreferredOne provider network through our provider mapping tool, coupled with internet searches & inquiries to our existing provider community as to who they would refer these specialty services to, PreferredOne is not aware of any Pediatric Specialty providers in these counties where their radius would cover the entirety of the counties. While the PreferredOne Wilderness network is a narrow network, we also identify these exact same network gaps for this specialty in our Complete network, which is representative of our full network. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Pediatric Specialty providers whose radius reaches into the counties, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to both the varied geography of the service area & the lack of provider presence in the counties. Should a provider of this specialty introduce a site within this network gap area after this filing PreferredOne will be open to negotiating with them if they are interested in contracting with PreferredOne. PreferredOne will also check biannually against the Quest Analytics software suite to determine if a provider of this specialty has opened within the service area gap & will attempt to contract with the provider should they be interested in contracting with PreferredOne & meet the credentialing & contracting standards & requirements PreferredOne has in place.</p>
<p><i>Primary Care providers</i></p>	<p><i>Cook,Koochiching,Lake,St. Louis</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>The purpose of the PreferredOne Wilderness ACO (accountable care organization) network is to provide a greater level of coordination of care between your primary care providers, hospitals and specialty providers that you see throughout the year. As such, this curated network was created in conjunction with a number of northern-based facilities with the goal of a more coordinated and cost-effective model of care. With that in mind the network rate structure has been negotiated to allow for member savings while at the same time maintaining a variety of provider choices for enrollees to select from. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Primary Care providers included in the network, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 30 mile radius requirement due to the varied geography of the service area. Additionally, the cost savings that were negotiated on behalf of this sculpted network required the exclusion of some higher cost facilities & their affiliated clinics in the service area. PreferredOne will monitor network utilization for the Wilderness network biannually with the objective of determining what Out of Network providers the Wilderness membership utilize. If those providers fall within the network gap & could help satisfy a network specialty requirement we will share this information with the provider committee that helps to determine the Wilderness network to discuss potential outreach to those clinics/facilities for future inclusion in the network, should coordination of care be feasible with those providers.</p>
<p><i>Cardiac Surgery</i></p>	<p><i>Cook,Koochiching,Lake,St. Louis</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Upon review of the current PreferredOne provider network through our provider mapping tool, coupled with internet searches & inquiries to our existing provider community as to who they would refer these specialty services to, PreferredOne is not aware of any Cardiac Surgery providers in these counties where their radius would cover the entirety of the counties. While the PreferredOne Wilderness network is a narrow network, we also identify these exact same network gaps for this specialty in our Complete network, which is representative of our full network. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Cardiac Surgery providers whose radius reaches into the counties, with the exception of Cook County, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to both the varied geography of the service area & the lack of provider presence in the counties. Should a provider of this specialty open after this filing PreferredOne will be open to actively negotiating with them if they are interested in contracting with PreferredOne. PreferredOne will also check biannually against the Quest Analytics software suite to determine if a provider of this specialty has opened within the service area gap & will attempt to contract with the provider should they be interested in contracting with PreferredOne & meet the credentialing & contracting standards & requirements PreferredOne has in place.</p>

<p>Cardiovascular Disease</p>	<p><i>Cook, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>The purpose of the PreferredOne Wilderness ACO (accountable care organization) network is to provide a greater level of coordination of care between your primary care providers, hospitals and specialty providers that you see throughout the year. As such, this curated network was created in conjunction with a number of northern-based facilities with the goal of a more coordinated and cost-effective model of care. With that in mind the network rate structure has been negotiated to allow for member savings while at the same time maintaining a variety of provider choices for enrollees to select from. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Cardiovascular Disease providers included in the network, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to the varied geography of the service area. Additionally, the cost savings that were negotiated on behalf of this sculpted network required the exclusion of some higher cost facilities & their affiliated clinics in the service area. PreferredOne will monitor network utilization for the Wilderness network biannually with the objective of determining what Out of Network providers the Wilderness membership utilize. If those providers fall within the network gap & could help satisfy a network specialty requirement we will share this information with the provider committee that helps to determine the Wilderness network to discuss potential outreach to those clinics/facilities for future inclusion in the network, should coordination of care be feasible with those providers.</p>
<p>Colon and Rectal Surgery</p>	<p><i>Cook, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Upon review of the current PreferredOne provider network through our provider mapping tool, coupled with internet searches & inquiries to our existing provider community as to who they would refer these specialty services to, PreferredOne is not aware of any Colon & Rectal Surgery providers in these counties where their radius would cover the entirety of the counties. While the PreferredOne Wilderness network is a narrow network, we also identify similar network gaps for this specialty in our Complete network, which is representative of our full network. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Colon & Rectal Surgery providers whose radius reaches into the counties, with the exception of Cook County, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to both the varied geography of the service area & the lack of provider presence in the counties. Should a provider of this specialty open after this filing PreferredOne will be open to actively negotiating with them if they are interested in contracting with PreferredOne. PreferredOne will also check biannually against the Quest Analytics software suite to determine if a provider of this specialty has opened within the service area gap & will attempt to contract with the provider should they be interested in contracting with PreferredOne & meet the credentialing & contracting standards & requirements PreferredOne has in place.</p>
<p>Dermatology</p>	<p><i>Cook, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Upon review of the current PreferredOne provider network through our provider mapping tool, coupled with internet searches & inquiries to our existing provider community as to who they would refer these specialty services to, PreferredOne is not aware of any Dermatology providers in these counties where their radius would cover the entirety of the counties. While the PreferredOne Wilderness network is a narrow network, we also identify these exact same network gaps for this specialty in our Complete network, which is representative of our full network. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Dermatology providers whose radius reaches into the counties, with the exception of Cook County, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to both the varied geography of the service area & the lack of provider presence in the counties. Should a provider of this specialty open after this filing PreferredOne will be open to actively negotiating with them if they are interested in contracting with PreferredOne. PreferredOne will also check biannually against the Quest Analytics software suite to determine if a provider of this specialty has opened within the service area gap & will attempt to contract with the provider should they be interested in contracting with PreferredOne & meet the credentialing & contracting standards & requirements PreferredOne has in place.</p>
<p>Endocrinology</p>	<p><i>Cook, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Upon review of the current PreferredOne provider network through our provider mapping tool, coupled with internet searches & inquiries to our existing provider community as to who they would refer these specialty services to, PreferredOne is not aware of any Endocrinology providers in these counties where their radius would cover the entirety of the counties. While the PreferredOne Wilderness network is a narrow network, we also identify these exact same network gaps for this specialty in our Complete network, which is representative of our full network. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Endocrinology providers whose radius reaches into the counties, with the exception of Cook County, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to both the varied geography of the service area & the lack of provider presence in the counties. Should a provider of this specialty introduce a site within this network gap area after this filing PreferredOne will be open to negotiating with them if they are interested in contracting with PreferredOne. PreferredOne will also check biannually against the Quest Analytics software suite to determine if a provider of this specialty has opened within the service area gap & will attempt to contract with the provider should they be interested in contracting with PreferredOne & meet the credentialing & contracting standards & requirements PreferredOne has in place.</p>

<p>Gastroenterology</p>	<p>Cook,Lake</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>The purpose of the PreferredOne Wilderness ACO (accountable care organization) network is to provide a greater level of coordination of care between your primary care providers, hospitals and specialty providers that you see throughout the year. As such, this curated network was created in conjunction with a number of northern-based facilities with the goal of a more coordinated and cost-effective model of care. With that in mind the network rate structure has been negotiated to allow for member savings while at the same time maintaining a variety of provider choices for enrollees to select from. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Gastroenterology providers included in the network, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to the varied geography of the service area. Additionally, the cost savings that were negotiated on behalf of this sculpted network required the exclusion of some higher cost facilities & their affiliated clinics in the service area. PreferredOne will monitor network utilization for the Wilderness network biannually with the objective of determining what Out of Network providers the Wilderness membership utilize. If those providers fall within the network gap & could help satisfy a network specialty requirement we will share this information with the provider committee that helps to determine the Wilderness network to discuss potential outreach to those clinics/facilities for future inclusion in the network, should coordination of care be feasible with those providers.</p>
<p>Genetics</p>	<p>Lake,St. Louis</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>The purpose of the PreferredOne Wilderness ACO (accountable care organization) network is to provide a greater level of coordination of care between your primary care providers, hospitals and specialty providers that you see throughout the year. As such, this curated network was created in conjunction with a number of northern-based facilities with the goal of a more coordinated and cost-effective model of care. With that in mind the network rate structure has been negotiated to allow for member savings while at the same time maintaining a variety of provider choices for enrollees to select from. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Genetics providers included in the network, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to the varied geography of the service area. Additionally, the cost savings that were negotiated on behalf of this sculpted network required the exclusion of some higher cost facilities & their affiliated clinics in the service area. PreferredOne will monitor network utilization for the Wilderness network biannually with the objective of determining what Out of Network providers the Wilderness membership utilize. If those providers fall within the network gap & could help satisfy a network specialty requirement we will share this information with the provider committee that helps to determine the Wilderness network to discuss potential outreach to those clinics/facilities for future inclusion in the network, should coordination of care be feasible with those providers.</p>
<p>Nephrology</p>	<p>Cook,Koochiching,Lake,St. Louis</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>The purpose of the PreferredOne Wilderness ACO (accountable care organization) network is to provide a greater level of coordination of care between your primary care providers, hospitals and specialty providers that you see throughout the year. As such, this curated network was created in conjunction with a number of northern-based facilities with the goal of a more coordinated and cost-effective model of care. With that in mind the network rate structure has been negotiated to allow for member savings while at the same time maintaining a variety of provider choices for enrollees to select from. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Nephrology providers whose radius reaches into the counties included in the network, with the exception of Cook county, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to the varied geography of the service area. Additionally, the cost savings that were negotiated on behalf of this sculpted network required the exclusion of some higher cost facilities & their affiliated clinics in the service area. PreferredOne will monitor network utilization for the Wilderness network biannually with the objective of determining what Out of Network providers the Wilderness membership utilize. If those providers fall within the network gap & could help satisfy a network specialty requirement we will share this information with the provider committee that helps to determine the Wilderness network to discuss potential outreach to those clinics/facilities for future inclusion in the network, should coordination of care be feasible with those providers.</p>
<p>Neurology and Neurological Surgery</p>	<p>Cook,Lake</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Upon review of the current PreferredOne provider network through our provider mapping tool, coupled with internet searches & inquiries to our existing provider community as to who they would refer these specialty services to, PreferredOne is not aware of any Neurology & Neurological Surgery providers in these counties where their radius would cover the entirety of the counties. While the PreferredOne Wilderness network is a narrow network, we also identify similar network gaps for this specialty in our Complete network, which is representative of our full network. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Neurology & Neurological Surgery providers whose radius reaches into the counties, with the exception of Cook County, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to both the varied geography of the service area & the lack of provider presence in the counties. Should a provider of this specialty open after this filing PreferredOne will be open to actively negotiating with them if they are interested in contracting with PreferredOne. PreferredOne will also check biannually against the Quest Analytics software suite to determine if a provider of this specialty has opened within the service area gap & will attempt to contract with the provider should they be interested in contracting with PreferredOne & meet the credentialing & contracting standards & requirements PreferredOne has in place.</p>

<p>Obstetrics and Gynecology</p>	<p>Cook,Lake</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Upon review of the current PreferredOne provider network through our provider mapping tool, coupled with internet searches & inquiries to our existing provider community as to who they would refer these specialty services to, PreferredOne is not aware of any Obstetrics & Gynecology Physicians in these counties where their radius would cover the entirety of the counties. While the PreferredOne Wilderness network is a narrow network, we also identify similar network gaps for this specialty in our Complete network, which is representative of our full network. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Obstetrics & Gynecology Physicians whose radius reaches into the counties, with the exception of Cook county, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to both the varied geography of the service area & the lack of provider presence in the counties. Should a provider of this specialty open after this filing PreferredOne will be open to actively negotiating with them if they are interested in contracting with PreferredOne. PreferredOne will also check biannually against the Quest Analytics software suite to determine if a provider of this specialty has opened within the service area gap & will attempt to contract with the provider should they be interested in contracting with PreferredOne & meet the credentialing & contracting standards & requirements PreferredOne has in place.</p>
<p>Oncology</p>	<p>Cook,Itasca,Koochiching,Lake,St. Louis</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>The purpose of the PreferredOne Wilderness ACO (accountable care organization) network is to provide a greater level of coordination of care between your primary care providers, hospitals and specialty providers that you see throughout the year. As such, this curated network was created in conjunction with a number of northern-based facilities with the goal of a more coordinated and cost-effective model of care. With that in mind the network rate structure has been negotiated to allow for member savings while at the same time maintaining a variety of provider choices for enrollees to select from. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Oncology providers whose radius reaches into the counties, with the exception of Cook county, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to the varied geography of the service area. Additionally, the cost savings that were negotiated on behalf of this sculpted network required the exclusion of some higher cost facilities & their affiliated clinics in the service area. PreferredOne will monitor network utilization for the Wilderness network biannually with the objective of determining what Out of Network providers the Wilderness membership utilize. If those providers fall within the network gap & could help satisfy a network specialty requirement we will share this information with the provider committee that helps to determine the Wilderness network to discuss potential outreach to those clinics/facilities for future inclusion in the network, should coordination of care be feasible with those providers.</p>
<p>Ophthalmology</p>	<p>Cook,Lake</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Upon review of the current PreferredOne provider network through our provider mapping tool, coupled with internet searches & inquiries to our existing provider community as to who they would refer these specialty services to, PreferredOne is not aware of any Ophthalmology providers in these counties where their radius would cover the entirety of the counties. While the PreferredOne Wilderness network is a narrow network, we also identify similar network gaps for this specialty in our Complete network, which is representative of our full network. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Ophthalmology providers whose radius reaches into the counties, with the exception of Cook County, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to both the varied geography of the service area & the lack of provider presence in the counties. Should a provider of this specialty introduce a site within this network gap area after this filing PreferredOne will be open to negotiating with them if they are interested in contracting with PreferredOne. PreferredOne will also check biannually against the Quest Analytics software suite to determine if a provider of this specialty has opened within the service area gap & will attempt to contract with the provider should they be interested in contracting with PreferredOne & meet the credentialing & contracting standards & requirements PreferredOne has in place.</p>
<p>Orthopedic Surgery</p>	<p>Cook</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Upon review of the current PreferredOne provider network through our provider mapping tool, coupled with internet searches & inquiries to our existing provider community as to who they would refer these specialty services to, PreferredOne is not aware of any Orthopedic Surgery providers in these counties where their radius would cover the entirety of the counties. While the PreferredOne Wilderness network is a narrow network, we also identify similar network gaps for this specialty in our Complete network, which is representative of our full network. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Orthopedic Surgery providers whose radius reaches into the counties, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to both the varied geography of the service area & the lack of provider presence in the counties. Should a provider of this specialty introduce a site within this network gap area after this filing PreferredOne will be open to negotiating with them if they are interested in contracting with PreferredOne. PreferredOne will also check biannually against the Quest Analytics software suite to determine if a provider of this specialty has opened within the service area gap & will attempt to contract with the provider should they be interested in contracting with PreferredOne & meet the credentialing & contracting standards & requirements PreferredOne has in place.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Otolaryngology</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cook, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p>The purpose of the PreferredOne Wilderness ACO (accountable care organization) network is to provide a greater level of coordination of care between your primary care providers, hospitals and specialty providers that you see throughout the year. As such, this curated network was created in conjunction with a number of northern-based facilities with the goal of a more coordinated and cost-effective model of care. With that in mind the network rate structure has been negotiated to allow for member savings while at the same time maintaining a variety of provider choices for enrollees to select from. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Otolaryngology providers whose radius reaches into the counties, with the exception of Cook county, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to the varied geography of the service area. Additionally, the cost savings that were negotiated on behalf of this sculpted network required the exclusion of some higher cost facilities & their affiliated clinics in the service area. PreferredOne will monitor network utilization for the Wilderness network biannually with the objective of determining what Out of Network providers the Wilderness membership utilize. If those providers fall within the network gap & could help satisfy a network specialty requirement we will share this information with the provider committee that helps to determine the Wilderness network to discuss potential outreach to those clinics/facilities for future inclusion in the network, should coordination of care be feasible with those providers.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Occupational Medicine</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cook, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p>The purpose of the PreferredOne Wilderness ACO (accountable care organization) network is to provide a greater level of coordination of care between your primary care providers, hospitals and specialty providers that you see throughout the year. As such, this curated network was created in conjunction with a number of northern-based facilities with the goal of a more coordinated and cost-effective model of care. With that in mind the network rate structure has been negotiated to allow for member savings while at the same time maintaining a variety of provider choices for enrollees to select from. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation & Occupational Medicine providers whose radius reaches into the counties, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to the varied geography of the service area. Additionally, the cost savings that were negotiated on behalf of this sculpted network required the exclusion of some higher cost facilities & their affiliated clinics in the service area. PreferredOne will monitor network utilization for the Wilderness network biannually with the objective of determining what Out of Network providers the Wilderness membership utilize. If those providers fall within the network gap & could help satisfy a network specialty requirement we will share this information with the provider committee that helps to determine the Wilderness network to discuss potential outreach to those clinics/facilities for future inclusion in the network, should coordination of care be feasible with those providers.</p>

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As part of this waiver request for all reason codes, a carrier must demonstrate with specific data that the geographic access standards cannot be met in a particular service area or part of a service area and also state what steps were and will be taken to address the network inadequacy (MN Statutes § 62K.10, subdivision 5).

Reason Codes:

1. Carrier has conducted a good faith search for providers and determined that there are no providers physically present in the service area of the type requested in the waiver. MDH will not grant a waiver for this reason code unless the carrier demonstrates, with specific information, that there are no providers physically present in the part(s) of the service area for which the waiver is sought. Specific information may include provider directories and sources consulted, physical geography that affects the location of providers, or other information that affects the availability and location of providers. Telemedicine may be used as a means to provide access when there are no providers physically present to meet the standard. The carrier should describe how it will assess the availability of providers who begin practice in the service area where the standard cannot currently be met.
2. Provider does not meet carrier's credentialing requirements. Carrier must cite the reason(s) provider does not meet carrier's credentialing requirements.
3. Carrier has made a good faith effort to contract with provider and offered a contract at the same/similar rate as other providers of the same provider type in the network, and provider has refused to accept a contract. A carrier representative must attest, below, that a contract was offered at same/similar rates and provider refused to contract.
4. Other: Please describe why geographic access standards cannot be met. Please also describe how access will be provided for this provider type for the residents of the affected county or counties.

Attestation for the Request for Waiver

Provider Type	County	Reason Code	Notes
Pulmonary Disease	Cook,Lake	1	Upon review of the current PreferredOne provider network through our provider mapping tool, coupled with internet searches & inquiries to our existing provider community as to who they would refer these specialty services to, PreferredOne is not aware of any Pulmonary Disease providers in these counties where their radius would cover the entirety of the counties. While the PreferredOne Wilderness network is a narrow network, we also identify similar network gaps for this specialty in our Complete network, which is representative of our full network. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Pulmonary Disease providers whose radius reaches into the counties, with the exception of Cook county, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to both the varied geography of the service area & the lack of provider presence in the counties. Should a provider of this specialty introduce a site within this network gap area after this filing PreferredOne will be open to negotiating with them if they are interested in contracting with PreferredOne. PreferredOne will also check biannually against the Quest Analytics software suite to determine if a provider of this specialty has opened within the service area gap & will attempt to contract with the provider should they be interested in contracting with PreferredOne & meet the credentialing & contracting standards & requirements PreferredOne has in place.
Radiology and Nuclear Medicine	Cook,Lake	1	Upon review of the current PreferredOne provider network through our provider mapping tool, coupled with internet searches & inquiries to our existing provider community as to who they would refer these specialty services to, PreferredOne is not aware of any Radiology & Nuclear Medicine providers in these counties where their radius would cover the entirety of the counties. While the PreferredOne Wilderness network is a narrow network, we also identify similar network gaps for this specialty in our Complete network, which is representative of our full network. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Radiology & Nuclear Medicine providers whose radius reaches into the counties, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to both the varied geography of the service area & the lack of provider presence in the counties. Should a provider of this specialty introduce a site within this network gap area after this filing PreferredOne will be open to negotiating with them if they are interested in contracting with PreferredOne. PreferredOne will also check biannually against the Quest Analytics software suite to determine if a provider of this specialty has opened within the service area gap & will attempt to contract with the provider should they be interested in contracting with PreferredOne & meet the credentialing & contracting standards & requirements PreferredOne has in place.
Reconstructive Surgery	Cook,Itasca,Koochiching,Lake, St. Louis	1	Upon review of the current PreferredOne provider network through our provider mapping tool, coupled with internet searches & inquiries to our existing provider community as to who they would refer these specialty services to, PreferredOne is not aware of any Reconstructive Surgery providers in these counties where their radius would cover the entirety of the counties. While the PreferredOne Wilderness network is a narrow network, we also identify similar network gaps for this specialty in our Complete network, which is representative of our full network. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Reconstructive Surgery providers whose radius reaches into the counties, with the exception of Cook County, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to both the varied geography of the service area & the lack of provider presence in the counties. Should a provider of this specialty introduce a site within this network gap area after this filing PreferredOne will be open to negotiating with them if they are interested in contracting with PreferredOne. PreferredOne will also check biannually against the Quest Analytics software suite to determine if a provider of this specialty has opened within the service area gap & will attempt to contract with the provider should they be interested in contracting with PreferredOne & meet the credentialing & contracting standards & requirements PreferredOne has in place.
Thoracic Surgery	Cook,Koochiching,Lake,St. Louis	1	Upon review of the current PreferredOne provider network through our provider mapping tool, coupled with internet searches & inquiries to our existing provider community as to who they would refer these specialty services to, PreferredOne is not aware of any Thoracic Surgery providers in these counties where their radius would cover the entirety of the counties. While the PreferredOne Wilderness network is a narrow network, we also identify similar network gaps for this specialty in our Complete network, which is representative of our full network. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Thoracic Surgery providers whose radius reaches into the counties, with the exception of Cook County, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to both the varied geography of the service area & the lack of provider presence in the counties. Should a provider of this specialty introduce a site within this network gap area after this filing PreferredOne will be open to negotiating with them if they are interested in contracting with PreferredOne. PreferredOne will also check biannually against the Quest Analytics software suite to determine if a provider of this specialty has opened within the service area gap & will attempt to contract with the provider should they be interested in contracting with PreferredOne & meet the credentialing & contracting standards & requirements PreferredOne has in place.
Urology	Cook,Koochiching,Lake,St. Louis	4	The purpose of the PreferredOne Wilderness ACO (accountable care organization) network is to provide a greater level of coordination of care between your primary care providers, hospitals and specialty providers that you see throughout the year. As such, this curated network was created in conjunction with a number of northern-based facilities with the goal of a more coordinated and cost-effective model of care. With that in mind the network rate structure has been negotiated to allow for member savings while at the same time maintaining a variety of provider choices for enrollees to select from. Each of the counties that this waiver is in request for has Urology providers whose radius reaches into the counties, with the exception of Cook county, but not all portions of these counties are fully covered by the 60 mile radius requirement due to the varied geography of the service area. Additionally, the cost savings that were negotiated on behalf of this sculpted network required the exclusion of some higher cost facilities & their affiliated clinics in the service area. PreferredOne will monitor network utilization for the Wilderness network biannually with the objective of determining what Out of Network providers the Wilderness membership utilize. If those providers fall within the network gap & could help satisfy a network specialty requirement we will share this information with the provider committee that helps to determine the Wilderness network to discuss potential outreach to those clinics/facilities for future inclusion in the network, should coordination of care be feasible with those providers.

