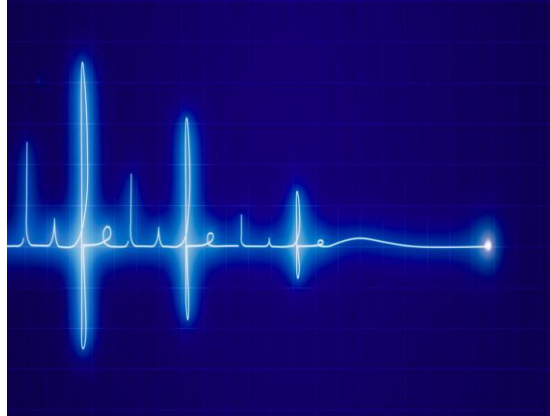


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## GILA MULTI-SPECIALTY INDEPENDENT PRACTICE ASSOCIATION

### GMIPA MISSION:

To organize and operate a quality-driven and cost effective health care delivery system. The association consists of healthcare providers who enter into membership agreements with GMIPA to facilitate an environment that promotes healthcare practice viability.

### **SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS**

The GMIPA will have a Board Position open shortly. Nominations including self-nominations are now being accepted. Contact Rebekka VanNess, Administrator at 575-538-2355 [rebekka.vanness@gmipa.com](mailto:rebekka.vanness@gmipa.com)

### **Clinically Integrated Network Coming to SWNM**

Our healthcare environment continues to change rapidly in regards to treatment and reimbursement models (volume to value-based care). In response to these changes, it is imperative for our medical provider community to partner in the development of higher levels of clinical integration. Successful clinical integration will provide the infrastructure for members to continue to survive and thrive in this value-based care environment, and to deliver the highest-value care and services to patients and customers.

### **Guiding Principles -**

- Make the patient the focus of all our efforts.
  - Provide mechanisms for improved access and coordination across the continuum of care.
  - Work as an integrated team, transparently sharing data, to achieve the best results for our patients.
  - Provide the highest value, defined as quality per dollar of cost, for our community.
  - Operate in a spirit of trust, integrity, respect, and stewardship to create economic stability for all parts of the delivery system.
  - Support improved staff and provider resilience and engagement
- For more information on this project contact Dan Otero, CAO GRMC at [dotero@grmc.org](mailto:dotero@grmc.org)



October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month  
Encourage women ages 40 to 49 to consider a mammogram

November is Lung Cancer Awareness month, visit:  
The American Lung Association at [www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org)

December is the beginning of Flu season,  
National Influenza Vaccination Week is Dec 7-13

## LifeSynch Renamed “Humana Behavioral Health”

This summer, LifeSynch transitioned to Humana Behavioral Health, continuing LifeSynch’s integrated approach to health and well-being.

Patients may approach their physicians and other health care providers with questions about the change. Humana Behavioral Health asks that clinicians remind their Humana-covered patients that only the name has changed.

LifeSynch has experienced years of successful growth as a wholly owned Humana subsidiary serving millions of members and offering extensive behavioral health products and solutions, including integrated medical-behavioral health and managed behavioral health. This name change simply reinforces the connection with Humana.

How does this change affect health care providers?

The name change has no affect on health care providers’ contracts or reimbursement.

For more information, visit [humanabehavioralhealth.com](http://humanabehavioralhealth.com) or call 1-800-890-8288.



## The Biller and Coder Corner

### Humana Modifier Notice Be Aware of Reimbursement Changes on Claims with Modifier 53

Humana wants to make physicians and other health care providers aware of a change in reimbursement of claim line items billed with modifier 53.

Humana placed notification about this change on the [Claims Processing Edits](#) page of [Humana.com](http://Humana.com) on March 21, 2015.

According to the American Medical Association (AMA) Coding with Modifiers publication:

“A physician may elect to terminate a surgical or diagnostic procedure due to extenuating circumstances or those that threaten the well-being of the patient. The discontinued procedure may be reported by adding modifier 53 to the code. Modifier 53 is used only for professional services.”

Did you know- CMS offers a [Quarterly Provider Update](#) which is a comprehensive resource published by CMS on the first business day of each quarter. It lists all non-regulatory changes to Medicare including Program Memoranda, manual changes, and any other instructions that could affect providers. Regulations and instructions published in the previous quarter are also included in the Update. The purpose of the Quarterly Provider Update is to:

- Inform providers about new developments in the Medicare program;
- Assist providers in understanding CMS programs and complying with Medicare regulations and instructions;
- Ensure that providers have time to react and prepare for new requirements;
- Announce new or changing Medicare requirements on a predictable schedule; and
- Communicate the specific days that CMS business will be published in the Federal Register. Visit:

<https://www.cms.gov>



Effective immediately, a Prior Authorization is no longer required for many services through Molina Healthcare. Some of these services are listed below, and a complete list is on our Codification List located on their Provider Website at [Molina Healthcare Codification List - Codes and Services Requiring PA](#).

**Prior Authorization is no longer required for:**

- Nerve Conduction Studies;
- Doppler Flow Studies;
- Sedation Separate from a Normal Procedure that Requires Sedation; and
- Sleep Studies.

The updated 2015 Prior Authorization Guide/Matrix will be posted on the Molina Healthcare Website at [www.MolinaHealthcare.com](http://www.MolinaHealthcare.com) as soon as available.

**Please Note: All services performed by a non-contracted provider require prior authorization.**

If you have any questions, please call Provider Services toll free at **(800) 377-9594**, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### **Molina ICD-10 Related Resources:**

Molina Healthcare will only accept ICD-10 coded claims for any dates of service on or after the ICD-10 effective date.

Molina Healthcare accepts prior authorization requests coded in ICD-10 regardless of the anticipated date of service. As of **October 1, 2015**, all authorization requests must be submitted with ICD-10 coding only

For ICD-10 questions or new provider testing, requests can be sent to the Molina Healthcare ICD-10 Inbox at:

- [Molina.ICD-10@MolinaHealthcare.com](mailto:Molina.ICD-10@MolinaHealthcare.com)

You may also refer to these industry resources to help guide you with your ICD-10 assistance:

- **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)**
  - <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/index.html>
  - [http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/Latest\\_News.html](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/Latest_News.html)



### **Link: Your New Gateway to UnitedHealthcare's Online Tools**

Get the information you need with fewer clicks. Later this fall, United Healthcare is introducing Link – a digital health information connection system. **Link will replace Optum Cloud Dashboard.** It includes many of the same applications as Optum Cloud Dashboard, but with a new interface that can help make your work measurably faster and easier.

If you previously accessed Optum Cloud Dashboard, you will be redirected to Link when you sign in to [UnitedHealthcareOnline.com](http://UnitedHealthcareOnline.com), and you'll have full access to Link and [UnitedHealthcareOnline.com](http://UnitedHealthcareOnline.com).

If you don't have an Optum ID, you will continue to access [UnitedHealthcareOnline.com](http://UnitedHealthcareOnline.com) just as you normally do until your Optum ID transition date. On that date, you must register for and use your Optum ID to access Link and [UnitedHealthcareOnline.com](http://UnitedHealthcareOnline.com).

# Become a Member

We provide infrastructure, negotiating clout for managed care contracts and a forum to discuss and promote policies that support providers while increasing the quality of services to the patients they serve. As a member of the GMIPA, you are welcome and encouraged to take advantage of these benefits. All new healthcare professionals joining our organization must be certified. Applications can be downloaded from our website at [www.gmipa.com](http://www.gmipa.com). If you have questions, please contact the GMIPA Administrator, Rebekka VanNess, at 575-538-2355 or email at [rebekka.vanness@gmipa.com](mailto:rebekka.vanness@gmipa.com)

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