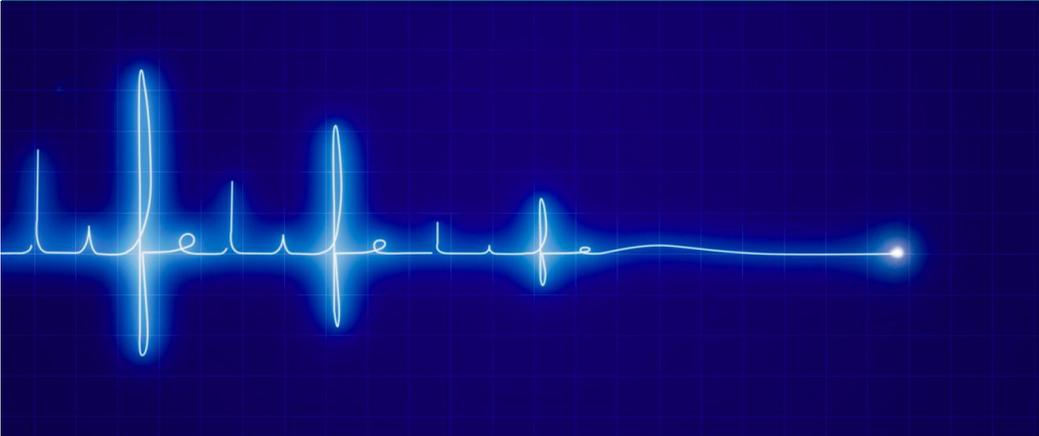


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GILA MULTI-SPECIALTY INDEPENDENT PRACTICE ASSOCIATION

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.

Alignment and Simplification of Quality Measures

CMS and America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) released seven sets of [clinical quality measures](#). These measures support multi-payer alignment, for the first time, on core measures primarily for physician quality programs. Physicians and other clinicians must currently report multiple quality measures to different entities. Measure requirements are often not aligned among payers, which has resulted in confusion and complexity for reporting providers. To address this problem, CMS, commercial plans, Medicare and Medicaid managed care plans, physicians and other care provider organizations worked together through to identify core sets of quality measures that payers have committed to using for reporting as soon as feasible. The core measures are: Accountable Care Organizations, Patient Centered Medical Homes, and Primary Care, Cardiology, Gastroenterology, HIV and Hepatitis C, Medical Oncology, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Orthopedics.

Visit:

<https://www.cms.gov/Newsroom/MediaReleaseDatabase/Fact-sheets/2016-Fact-sheets-items/2016-02-16.html>

April is National Alcohol Awareness month- Spread the word about strategies for preventing alcohol misuse or abuse and encourage communities, families, and individuals to get involved. Visit: <http://1.usa.gov/10ru9uK>

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports month- Communities, health professionals, and families can work together to create opportunities for everyone to get more physical activity. Visit: <http://1.usa.gov/VnBfJs>

June is National Safety month- Injuries are a leading cause of disability for people of all ages - and they are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 1 to 44. Spread the word about ways to reduce the risk of injuries. Visit: info@homesafetycouncil.org



Effective in the second quarter of 2016, UnitedHealthcare will apply the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) payment adjustment methodology to bilateral eligible procedures with a CMS National Physician Fee Schedule

(NPFS) Relative Value File Bilateral Indicator of "1" and a Multiple Procedure Indicator of "0" when the procedure code is reported bilaterally with a modifier 50 or on two separate lines with a modifier LT and a modifier RT.

The majority of the codes that meet these criteria are considered add-on codes and should be reported separately in addition to the code for the primary procedure.

For example, CPT codes 64491, 64494 and 64495 are three of the 57 codes identified on the 2016 NPFS that will be eligible for reimbursement at 150 percent of the allowable amount for a single procedure code, not to exceed billed charges, with one side reimbursed at 100 percent and the other side reimbursed at 50 percent of the allowable amount.



The Biller and Coder Corner

CMS and Applying for an EHR Hardship Exception:

CMS launched important changes to the Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program hardship exception process that will reduce burdens on clinicians and hospitals,

Updated FAQ: If an eligible professional, eligible hospital or CAH is unable to effectively plan for a reporting period in 2015 due to the timing of the publication of the 2015 through 2017 Modifications final rule, can they apply for a hardship exception? See FAQ #12845.

To review the hardship exception application and instructions, visit the Payment Adjustments and Hardship section at the CMS website.

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Molina \$100 Incentive Reminder

Effective for dates of service on and after **October 1, 2015**, please use **ICD-10**

Z32.01 (encounter for pregnancy test, result positive) on your claim form. This is a billable code to indicate

diagnosis for reimbursement purposes. Molina Healthcare of New Mexico will then **reimburse your office an additional \$100.**



NMHC Air Transport Partner

When ordering air ambulance transport for New Mexico Health Connections (NMHC) members, please use AirCARE 1 International. AirCARE 1 International is the only in-network, contracted air ambulance provider for NMHC members. AirCARE 1 International has a wide ranging service area and is CAMTS and EURAMI air ambulance accredited. Keep in mind that requesting air ambulance transport from a non-contracted air ambulance company may result in your NMHC patient being billed for thousands of dollars. It is very easy to arrange transport with AirCARE 1 International by calling, 24/7, 1-877-568-6968. Additional information about AirCARE 1 International can be found on their website at: <http://www.airambulanceone.com/>

April is Alcohol Awareness Month



Alcohol misuse and abuse increases people's risk of injuries, violence, liver disease, and some types of cancer.

Visit:

<https://ncadd.org>

and discover ways to speak with patients about it today.

Annual Provider Appreciation Dinner Great Success



Dr. Victor Nwachuku, Cassie Health Center

The Annual Provider Appreciation Dinner was held January 22, 2016 at the historic Opera House in Pinos Altos. Dr. Mac Knight from the Coker Group spoke on the future of healthcare. As many of you are aware, we are collectively working towards an integrated healthcare delivery system to better support our providers, the hospital and the patients they serve. The event was sponsored by Gila Regional Medical Center and the Gila Multi-specialty Independent Practice Association. Meetings Are currently being held regularly and input, feedback and thoughts from our provider community are welcome. For more information feel free to contact our office at 575-538-2355



When billing for services rendered to Molina Healthcare Members, Providers must bill with the most current Medicare-approved coding (CMS approved diagnostic and procedure code, CPT, HCPCS, etc.) available. Claims must be submitted using the proper claim form/format, e.g., for paper claims a CMS1500 or UB04, and for an electronically submitted claim – in approved ANSI/HIPAA format.

Data Elements Required:

- Member name, date of birth and Molina Healthcare Member ID number.
- Member's gender.
- Member's address.
- Date(s) of service.
- Valid International Classification of diagnosis and procedure codes.
- Valid revenue, CPT or HCPCS for services or items provided.
- Valid Diagnosis Pointers
- Total billed charges for service provided.
- Place and type of service code.
- Days or units as applicable.
- Provider tax identification.
- National Provider Identifier (NPI) of
- Rendering Provider as applicable.
- Provider name and billing address.
- Place of service and type
- Disclosure of any other health benefit plans.
- E-signature.
- Service Facility Location (Box 32 of CMS 1500 form)

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. If you have questions, please contact the GMIPA Administrator, Rebekka VanNess, at 575-538-2355 or email at rebekka.vanness@gmipa.com

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