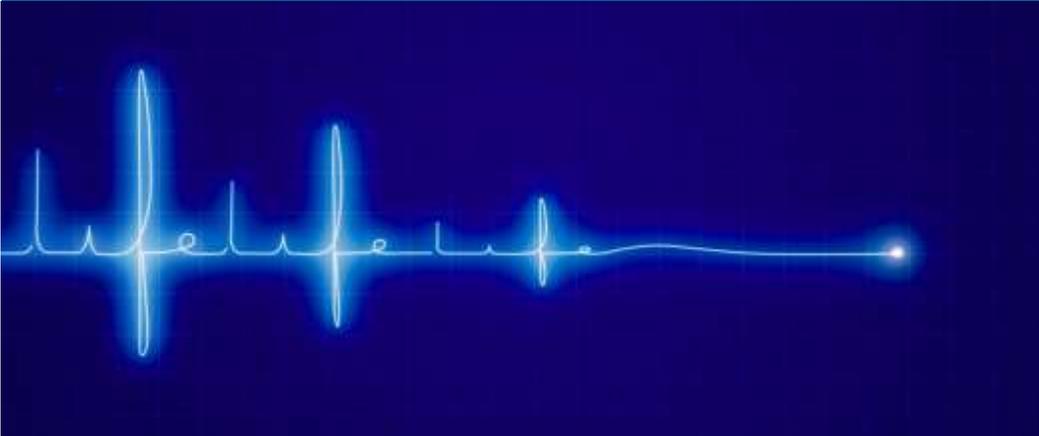


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GILA MULTI-SPECIALTY INDEPENDENT PRACTICE ASSOCIATION

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.

CDC recommends only two HPV shots for younger adolescents

CDC has recommended that 11- to 12-year-olds receive two doses of HPV vaccine at least six months apart rather than the previously recommended three doses to protect against cancers caused by human papillomavirus (HPV) infections. Teens and young adults who start the series later, at ages 15 through 26 years, will continue to need three doses of HPV vaccine to protect against cancer-causing HPV infection. CDC and ACIP made this recommendation after a thorough review of studies over several meetings. CDC and ACIP reviewed data from clinical trials showing two doses of HPV vaccine in younger adolescents (aged 9-14 years) produced an immune response similar or higher than the response in young adults (aged 16-26 years) who received three doses. Generally, preteens receive HPV vaccine at the same time as whooping cough and meningitis vaccines. Two doses of HPV vaccine given at least six months apart at ages 11 and 12 years will provide safe, effective, and long-lasting protection against HPV cancers. Adolescents ages 13-14 are also able to receive HPV vaccination on the new 2-dose schedule.

Visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2016/p1020-hpv-shots.html> for more information

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month- Diabetes is one of the leading causes of disability and death in the United States. The American Diabetes Association has handouts and materials to share with patients. Find out more at <http://www.diabetes.org/in-my-community/american-diabetes-month.html>

December is Safe Toys and Gifts Month- The National Safety Council would like to offer parents and gift givers safety tips to help ensure the holiday season is enjoyable and safe for children of all ages. Visit: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Newsroom/News-Releases/2014/Global-System-of-Toy-Safety-Works-to-Keep-Kids-Safe-This-Holiday-Season-Recalls-Down-Port-Seizures-Up-/>

January is Cervical Health Awareness Month. Help raise awareness about how women can protect themselves from HPV (human papillomavirus) and cervical cancer. See <https://healthfinder.gov/NHO/JanAnnounce.aspx> for tips and tool kit items to help spread the word

CMS POSTS FINAL RULING ON MIPS

In a nearly 2,400 page final ruling released on October 14, 2016, CMS has expanded exemptions and flexibility for providers and clinics. The final rule creates a transitional period in 2017 that allows providers to ease into the MIPS program. Only those who don't send in any data will receive a negative payment adjustment. Providers can receive a small positive adjustment for sending a partial year of data and a slightly larger payment for sending a full year. There are essentially three alternatives that providers have in 2017 to avoid a full 4 percent reduction adjustment to reimbursements for 2019. The most important thing to understand is that *no participation in 2017 would result in a negative payment adjustment in 2019.*

The three options and resulting outcomes should be considered:

- **Full Reporting.** Report all of the required measures for a minimum of a continuous 90-day period. Clinicians using this option will be eligible to receive a moderate positive payment adjustment depending on their score.
- **Partial Reporting.** Report on one "quality measure," more than one "improvement activity," or more than the required measures in the "advancing care information performance category," for a minimum of a continuous 90-day period. Clinicians using this option will receive either no adjustment or a small positive payment adjustment depending on their score.
- **Minimum Submission.** Report on one quality measure, one activity in the improvement activities category, or report the required measures of the advancing care information category. This option does not require continuous reporting for a 90-day period. Clinicians using this option will not be eligible to receive a performance bonus, but will not be subject to a penalty.

For more info visit:

<https://qpp.cms.gov/>



The Biller and Coder Corner



Molina Healthcare of New Mexico, Inc. (Molina Healthcare) announced an enhancement to the Provider Reconsideration Review (PRR) and Appeals submission process. To assist providers with submission of PRRs and Appeals, and to allow Molina Healthcare to better receive and track submissions, dedicated RightFax phone numbers were developed. Molina Healthcare requires providers to submit all PRRs and Appeals to the following RightFax toll free numbers.

PRR Dedicated Toll Free Fax Number: (855) 378-3642
Appeals Dedicated Toll Free Fax Number: (855) 378-3643

PRRs are initial disputes/disagreements with claim payments/denials.
Examples of PRRs include:
Disagreement with payment amount or denial of a claim; and/or Claim edit disputes.
Formal Appeals include:
Denial of a claim due to a Utilization Management decision (denial of prior authorization) and/or disagreement with a PRR decision.

GOT BOOKS?

The GMIPA would like to remind you it is time to order billing and coding books for 2017. GMIPA members can save 10 to 30 percent off of publications through our group purchasing power. To obtain your Optum 360 billing and coding books catalog and price list, call the GMIPA office or email rebekka.vanness@gmipa.com

PRESBYTERIAN APPEALS

Should a provider/practitioner disagree with any policy, decision or adverse action made by Presbyterian, he/she should contact the Provider CARE Unit at 505-923-5757 or 1-888-923-5757. They will put you in touch with the appropriate audience to hear your appeal.

Additional resources:

[Provider Appeal and Grievance Processes](#)

[Member Appeal and Grievance Processes](#)

Healthcare providers are required to take CMS Fraud Waste and Abuse Training
Visit : www.cms.gov
for more information

THE GMIPA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS:



The New Mexico Cancer Center is the state's only **fully accredited Oncology Medical Home** - and one of only five in the entire country. Looked to as the leaders in cancer treatment for patients in New Mexico, the Gila Multi-specialty Independent Practice Association is pleased to welcome 26 NMCC providers. With three locations; Gallup, Albuquerque and Silver City the new partnership aligns with our aim to promote and support an integrated and comprehensive healthcare group that can meet the needs of all patients.

GMIPA BOARD CONFIRMATIONS

Dr. Brian Robinson

Dr. Robinson has taken the Treasurers position with the GMIPA by unanimous approval from Dr. Mark Donnell who had served our association for many years.

Dr. Jim Skee

Dr. Skee has kindly stepped in to replace Dr. Adam Gough who served our Board since 2007.

Dr. Nicholas Mittica

Meet our newest Board Manager - Dr. Mittica is stepping in for Dr. Sravanthi Reddy who has graciously served our Board since 2012.



Dr. Mittica as an Ophthalmologist and the owner of Gila Eyecare

GMIPA Expands Access to Health Studies and Clinical Trials

GMIPA has recently entered into an exciting partnership with Mission Viejo, CA based Altura, LLC (www.alturastudies.com) in order to provide GMIPA healthcare providers (HCPs such as physicians, nurses, PAs, NPs, pharmacists, therapists, etc.) and patients access to clinical trials and health studies.

This collaboration gives GMIPA Provider Members an opportunity to be aware of and provide to patients an option for regional clinical trials. Many patient surveys consistently show that patients want their HCPs to be aware of their clinical trial options^{1, 2}, however, nationally less than 3% of HCPs serve as research physicians. Also, GMIPA HCPs can directly participate in healthcare assessment surveys as well as observational studies.

GMIPA's Provider Member HCPs will be able to download a GMIPA version of Altura's HCP Studies™ mobile app. If desired this tool can also be accessed via a web portal for PCs and lap tops. This app is available for Apple and Android based mobile devices.

A limited number of GMIPA Provider Members will be piloting the project, which will eventually be expanded to all GMIPA Provider members. If you have an interest in learning more about the app or if you would like to download instructions, please contact Rebekka VanNess at the GMIPA office

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The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico (BCBSNM) Behavioral Health Program is committed to delivering quality products and services that meet the needs of our members and customers.

BCBSNM continually monitors and evaluates the behavioral health care management program through the Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program (BHQP). The goals of the program are to:

- Improve medical and behavioral health outcomes for our members;
- Facilitate continuity of care among physicians and other health care providers and promote exchange of information, such as appropriate diagnoses, treatment and referrals;
- Communicate with members, physicians and other health care providers to promote improved member health and overall satisfaction.

To read about their 2012 behavioral health quality and initiatives, visit:

[Coordination of Care 2012
Quality Improvement Results](#)

Questions? Contact the [Behavioral Health Unit](#) or call **888-898-0070** to share feedback or if you have questions about their program.

BECOME A MEMBER

We provide infrastructure, messenger model negotiating for managed care contracts and a forum to discuss and promote policies that support providers while increasing the quality of services to their patients. 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 office.

Board of Managers;

Chair: **Darrick Nelson, MD, CMO**, Hidalgo Medical Services

Vice-Chair: **Victor Nwachuku, MD**, Cassie Health Center

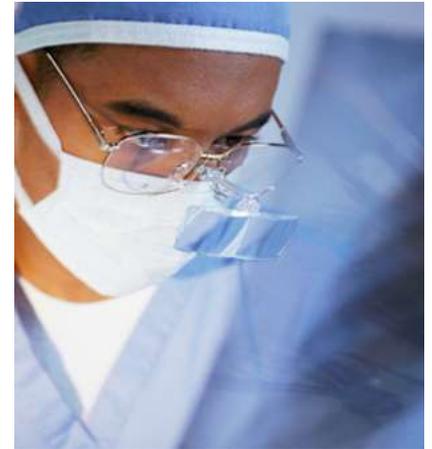
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