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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.

Free Travel Supporting Patients with Cluster Headaches

Exclusively offered For Patients of GMIPA Provider Members

A Cluster Headache clinical trial that **includes paid travel** for your patients to leading research centers such as Mayo Clinic is available through GMIPA membership. You can see study information and suggest patients as a member of the GMIPA by downloading Altura's mobile platform (for mobile or desktop).

Cluster headache is a potentially disabling headache disorder composed of recurrent "attacks" of intense, unilateral headaches that are frequently associated with ipsilateral cranial autonomic symptoms and/or restlessness/agitation. These headache "attacks" can occur near daily to multiple times per day during active cluster periods or "bouts" (which can last weeks, months, or longer), followed by headache attack-free periods of remission. The current study is evaluating an investigational drug that may reduce the number of cluster headache attacks in adults. The study drug is being evaluated as a potential preventive treatment for cluster headache. For access to the GMIPA regionally specific research application contact Rebekka VanNess at 575-574-2696 or 575-538-2355

September is Childhood Obesity Awareness Month- Use this month to raise awareness about the obesity epidemic and show people how they can take steps toward a solution. Here are a few ideas- Encourage families to make small changes, like keeping fresh fruit within reach or going on a family walk after dinner. **SPREAD THE WORD:** [Become a partner of We Can!](#), a national movement to help children ages 8 to 13 stay at a healthy weight.

October is National Physical Therapy Month- National Physical Therapy Month provides an annual opportunity to recognize and celebrate the transformative power of physical therapy. In fact The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is urging health care providers to reduce the use of opioids in favor of safe alternatives like physical therapy. Visit: <http://www.moveforwardpt.com/choose-physical-therapy-over-opioids-for-pain-management-choosept> for useful information and tips

UnitedHealthcare Commercial Reimbursement Policy Revision for Consultations

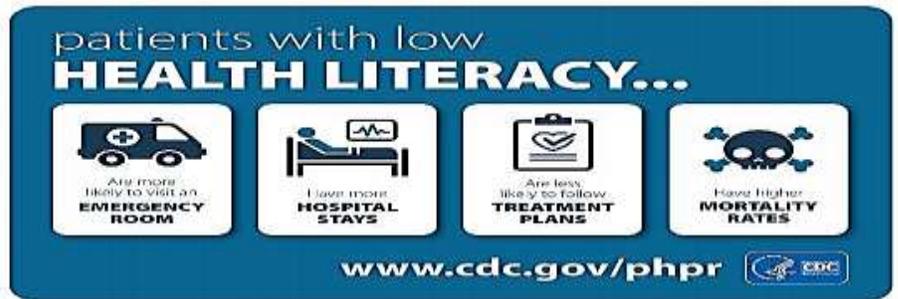
UnitedHealthcare will no longer reimburse consultation services represented by CPT codes 99241-99245 and 99251-99255 beginning with Oct. 1, 2017 dates of service. Care providers should report the appropriate evaluation and management (E/M) procedure code, which describes the office visit, hospital care, nursing facility care, home service or domiciliary/rest home care instead of a consultation services code.

UnitedHealthcare Medicare Solutions Annual Wellness Reminder

The Annual Wellness Visit (or Personalized Prevention Plan Services (PPPS) is a yearly visit covered by Original Medicare to develop or update the member's personalized prevention plan.

UnitedHealthcare offers the Medicare-covered Annual Wellness Visit to all Medicare Advantage Plan members.

Because Medicare Advantage plan enrollment is based on a calendar year, UnitedHealthcare covers both the Annual Wellness Visit and the Routine Physical (when covered) once every calendar year and the visits do not need to be 12 months apart. For example, if a member gets their Annual Wellness Visit and/or Routine Physical in June 2017, they do not need to wait until June 2018 for their next visit but can get one again anytime in 2018.



The Biller and Coder Corner

Molina Update for PT and OT prior authorization requirements

Molina Healthcare of New Mexico, Inc. (Molina Healthcare) has updated the prior authorization requirement for physical and occupational therapy.

Effective May 1, 2017, prior authorization will be required after twelve (12) visits for both physical and occupational therapy provided in the office or outpatient setting. The Molina Healthcare Prior Authorization Guide and Codification List reflects this update. These tools are located on the Molina Healthcare Provider Website at

www.MolinaHealthcare.com

Thank you for the valued service you provide to Molina Members. Please contact your dedicated Provider Service Representatives toll free at (800) 377-9594 with any questions.

Screening for Clinical Depression Initiative Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico (BCBSNM)

is promoting annual screening and follow-up treatment for depression in the primary care setting for Blue Cross Community Centennial members. Though many patients may present to their primary care office with physical symptoms their comorbid diagnosis may be depression.

BCBSNM will reimburse for administering an annual depression screening tool using procedure code G0444 (administration). Results are reported simultaneously with either G8431 (positive screen with plan) or G8510 (negative screen) result code.

For dates of service July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 (or an earlier end-date as may be determined by HSD or BCBSNM), additional reimbursement will be provided for G8431 and G8510. Reimbursement will be made according to Blue Cross Community Centennial medical/reimbursement policies. The PHQ-9 is completed by patients in your office and is easily accessible in multiple languages at www.phqscreener.com

Diagnosing Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Early Can Improve Quality of Life

PRESBYTERIAN assigns case workers to assist

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) can be a life-altering diagnosis. This disorder is affects with social communication and so much more. In recent years, it has become clear that individuals with ASD, despite sharing some behavioral challenges, can be quite different from one another. One thing that remains true and constant, however, is that early identification and treatment affords greater opportunities for successful interventions that support healthy development and improved function and quality of life. According to the (CDC), the median age of first diagnosis is three years old. Research shows that a diagnosis of autism at the age of two can be reliable, valid and stable; however, most children are not diagnosed with ASD until after the age of four. Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is recognized as an effective treatment. When Presbyterian Centennial members is diagnosed with ASD, they may be assigned a care coordinator who specializes in autism resources to help ensure that the member gets access to effective services.

Call the Presbyterian Centennial Care Behavioral Healthcare Coordination team at (505) 923-1242

BCBSNM Community Centennial recently posts new recoupment notice

Blue Cross Community Centennial will begin to identify claims submitted for members who have been identified as having retroactive Medicare eligibility. Claims processed with Medicaid as primary for dates of service that occurred after the member was identified as having retroactive Medicare eligibility are subject to recoupment. Medicare is primary and by law, Medicaid is the payor of last resort for most services.

Medicare may allow providers to submit claims beyond the Medicare timely filing limits for retroactive enrollment/eligibility.

Please refer to the [Medicare Claims Processing Manual](#) ,

Section 70.7: "Exceptions Allowing Extension of Time Limit," for more detailed information on retroactive Medicare eligibility and claims processing guidelines.

After Medicare benefits are applied to your claim, it will automatically cross over to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico for application of any Medicaid benefits. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call 800-693-0663.

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is committed to promoting annual screening and follow-up treatment for depression in the primary care setting for Blue Cross Community Centennial members. Although many patients may present to their primary care office with physical symptoms such as pain, poor sleep, or poor appetite, their comorbid diagnosis of depression often goes unrecognized.

For Blue Cross Community Centennial members, BCBSNM reimburses providers for administering an annual depression screening tool using procedure code G0444 (administration). Results are reported simultaneously with either G8431 (positive screen with plan) or G8510 (negative screen) result code.

For dates of service July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 (or an earlier end-date as may be determined by HSD or BCBSNM), additional reimbursement will be provided for G8431 and G8510.

Add the modifier U8 in the modifier section on the CMS 1500 when submitting the claim that includes G0444 with the addition of either G8431 or G8510.

Any reimbursement will be made according to Blue Cross Community Centennial medical/reimbursement policies for services and other billing and reimbursement practices.

The PHQ-9 is completed by patients in your office and is easily accessible in multiple languages at www.phqscreeners.com.

BECOME A MEMBER

We provide infrastructure, messenger model and other contract 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.

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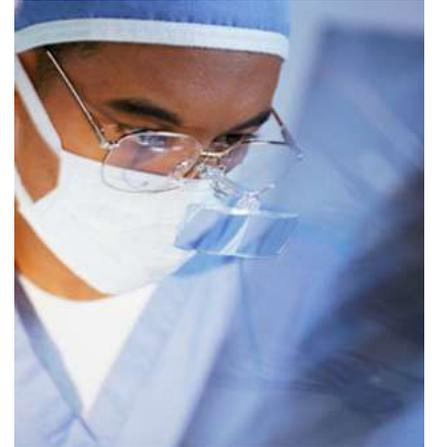
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