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

NM Surprise Medical Billing Study Results Released

Comparing New Mexicans' Experiences with National Survey Results

Santa Fe, NM – The Office of the Superintendent of Insurance (OSI), in partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation at the University of New Mexico (RWJF/UNM), released the results of a study today on New Mexicans' experiences with surprise billing from medical providers. Findings were largely in line with national trends on surprise billing for out-of-network services. Approximately 20% of privately insured respondents received a surprise medical bill, defined as a medical bill they were not expecting to pay or where the health plan paid less than expected. "The Office of the Superintendent of Insurance is committed to eliminating surprises in medical bills," said Superintendent of Insurance, John G. Franchini. Currently, New Mexico is unique in that it has protections for consumers who receive surprise medical bills for out-of-network emergency care. Consumers who obtain emergency care at out-of-network facilities or from out-of-network doctors at in-network facilities are only responsible for paying in-network charges. Health insurance carriers and providers are required to negotiate payment of the remainder of the bill without involving the consumer. The full NM Surprise Medical Billing Study report and OSI's proposed legislation are available in the OSI Newsroom [here](#), and comments may be submitted *now through March 15, 2018*. Comments may be sent via email to OSI.Communications@state.nm.us

January is Cervical Health Awareness Month- Use this month to raise awareness about how women can protect themselves from HPV (human papillomavirus) and cervical cancer. Each year, more than 11,000 women in the United States get cervical cancer but it can often be prevented with regular screening tests and follow-up care.

February is American Heart Month- Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. Every year, 1 in 4 deaths are caused by heart disease. Help spread the word about strategies for preventing heart disease, like diet and exercise. For more info visit: <https://healthfinder.gov/prevention/ViewTopic.aspx?topicId=84>

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month- Colorectal cancer is the fourth most common cancer in the United States and the second leading cause of death from cancer. If everyone age 50 and older were screened regularly, 6 out of 10 deaths from colorectal cancer could be prevented. Visit: <https://preventcancer.org> for more information



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.

Reminder: Coverage of Annual Wellness Visits and Routine Physicals for United Healthcare Medicare Advantage Members

The annual wellness visit (or personalized prevention plan services) 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 UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Plan members and an additional annual routine physical exam to many plan members. For more information on determining the appropriate submission codes for these wellness visits and other preventive services, go to:

<https://www.uhcprovider.com/content/dam/provider/docs/public/reports/path/2017-Medicare-Advantage-Preventive-Screening-Guidelines.pdf>



The Biller and Coder Corner



Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service

The [Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act \(MACRA\) of 2015](#), requires the removal of Social Security Numbers (SSNs) from all Medicare cards by April 2019. A new Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) will replace the SSN-based Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) on the new cards for Medicare transactions like billing, eligibility status, and claim status. The biggest reason we're taking the SSN off of Medicare cards is to fight medical identity theft for people with Medicare. By replacing the SSN-based HICN on all Medicare cards, CMS can better protect private health care and financial information and federal health care benefit and service payments. Beginning in April 2018, CMS will start mailing the new Medicare cards with the MBI to all people with Medicare in phases by geographic location. Providers will need to make sure their systems can take the new 11 digit code information. Please go to the [Open Door Forum materials](#) page and check often for updates.

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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. Contact a dedicated Provider Service Representative toll free at (800) 377-9594 with further questions.

State of New Mexico Reveals Mixed Report Card on Public's Health

By Sami Edge, The Santa Fe New Mexican

New Mexico's picture of health, as captured by the state agency that tracks it, is a complex mix of good, bad and complicated. The state Department of Health's report card on its goals for fiscal year 2017 shows a state that is improving on subjects as varied as teen birth rates and access to medical marijuana cards. But it also indicates New Mexico continues on a dreary path of more and more alcohol-related deaths. The struggle with drug overdose, always a headache and a heartache for state health experts, looks better in comparison with the national picture – but in essence, the numbers here remain relatively unchanged. It's the rest of the nation that has taken a turn for the worse. The scorecard is the first of its kind published online, Department of Health spokesperson David Morgan said Tuesday.

- Teen births appear to be down
- Alcohol Related deaths appear to be up
- Opioid overdoses are relatively unchanged though the state dropped from 2nd to 12th in the nation.
- Obesity is up in all age ranges.

To read the full article visit:
http://www.santafenewmexico.com/news/local_news/state-reveals-mixed-report-card-on-public-s-health/article_6c94f121-de55-5282-b262-cfa60ac0f817.html



Health Literacy and Population Health program to air on local public radio

Healthcare delivery is changing, and fast. In an effort to engage patients with their providers, share information about best practices, treatments and opportunities, Today's Healthy Community will broadcast weekly starting in late January of 2018. The show is scheduled to air on Friday afternoons on GMCR/KURU radio and will reach about 40,000 people. A myriad of topics will be covered and the show will welcome an impressive panel of guests; local, state and national speakers, including the American Medical Association, the National Institute of Health (NIH) and Mental Health (NIMH), the National Council for Community and Behavioral Health (NCCBH), researchers, Public Health experts, policy makers, local healthcare providers and organizations and community stakeholders whose focus is to promote and work for a healthier community. If you have a topic you feel passionate about and would like to share information to listeners, please contact Rebekka VanNess, host of Today's Healthy Community at 575-574-2696 or email rebekka.vanness@gmipa.com, to schedule an episode taping.

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GOT NO SHOWS?

Transportation issues?

Molina Healthcare of New Mexico, Inc. (Molina Healthcare) is pleased to announce that it has a new non-emergency transportation provider, Secure Transportation, effective April 1, 2017. Molina Healthcare continuously looks for opportunities to provide higher quality, and better service. Based on Molina Healthcare's national and local goals, a new provider was selected. Secure Transportation will receive calls, schedule a ride and dispatch an appropriate vehicle based on each Member's needs. The telephone numbers that your staff and our Members will call remain the same:

(888) 593-2052 for Medicaid, and
(888) 593-2053 for Medicare.

FYI Regarding Remittance Codes

Molina Healthcare of NM, Inc. has standardized the HIPAA claim adjustment reason codes (CARC) and remittance advice remark codes (RARC) that will be attached to Molina Healthcare's electronic remittance advice (ERA or 835), explanation of payment (EOP) and/or (EOB)s for providers and Members. This redesign will identify and maintain all business rules to remain compliant with the CMS and HIPAA. Providers and Members can expect to see these changes on their 835, ERA and/or EOB after December 15, 2017.

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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