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### ALEGENT FACILITIES JOIN CUMC AND CMA IN ACCEPTING PFFS PLANS

Effective February 1, 2010, Alegent Health facilities and Alegent Health Clinic began accepting all Medicare Advantage Private-Fee-For-Service (PFFS) insurance plans.

2010 is the last year PFFS plans can operate without a network contract with providers. In 2011, it is anticipated that most PFFS plans will transition members to their respective company's PPO/HMO products, if available, or discontinue business. Given UniNet's recent Medicare Advantage PPO/HMO contracts with Secure Horizons (United), Humana and Today's Options, all of which have current PFFS products, it is best to allow these PFFS patients access to providers and facilities to allow for transition to UniNet contracted PPO/HMO products beginning in 2011. CMA and CUMC have been accepting PFFS for over a year.

### UNINET.COM

Check out the "What's New" on the front page of UniNet.com. UHC Secure Horizons Ingenix Insider for January and February. Also featured is a Coventry article called Documentation Dialog. This article tells of a new process for assessing medical record documentation. Be sure and check out our new photo album section.

### CODING CORNER

The AMA has provided a seven page document of corrections to CPT® 2010. This document is located at <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/362/2010-cpt-corrections.pdf>. It is recommended that you print this document and place in your CPT® book.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has made available a file that contains the National Provider Identifier (NPI) and the name (including last name, first name) of all physicians and non-physician practitioners who are of a type/specialty that are eligible to order and refer in the Medicare Program and who have current enrollment records in Medicare (they have enrollment records in PECOS that contain a NPI). You can find this file on CMS's website at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/Downloads/OrderingReferringReport.pdf>. A new file will be made available periodically.

**Correction** - October newsletter- billing H1N1-Coventry requires the administration code to be **G9141**. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

### **Radiology Quality Initiative**

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska (BCBSNE) has recently announced a new Radiology Quality Initiative (RQI) for advanced diagnostic imaging services. The program will be administered by American Imaging Management (AIM) and will begin for services scheduled on or after March 1, 2010.

The initiative involves the preauthorization of CT, CTA, MRI, MRA, Nuclear Cardiology, and PET studies.

Imaging studies performed in ER, inpatient hospital, outpatient surgery, or 23 hour observations are excluded from this requirement. Authorization can be obtained by phone or online at

[www.americanimaging.net/goweb](http://www.americanimaging.net/goweb). BCBSNE will not deny coverage for imaging as part of this program, but will track compliance, as the goal is to provide education on imaging guidelines and gather data on the appropriateness of tests ordered.

## **CLINICAL INITIATIVES**

### **Image Gently**

UniNet is working with its providers to limit unnecessary radiation exposure to pediatric patients by implementing The American College of Radiology's (ACR) Image Gently Program at all of our imaging facilities. This program requires participating centers to measure the radiation doses delivered from their CT scanners, and create appropriate reduction protocols to be used when imaging a child. The process has started at Bergan Mercy, where the scanners have been evaluated and pediatric dose reduction protocols developed. The process will be replicated at the other UniNet facilities in the upcoming months.

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently announced a new campaign designed to bring attention to the potential risks from medical radiation exposure by encouraging the recording and reporting of radiation doses for different imaging procedures and encouraging imaging centers to obtain ACR

accreditation. In response to this announcement, our campuses have started working on a process to capture and record the amount of radiation exposure each patient receives during an imaging procedure. The goal is to document a patient's cumulative radiation exposure over time and make that information available to ordering physicians and patients.

### **NCQA Diabetes Recognition Program**

13 UniNet providers have recently been awarded recognition from the National Committee for Quality Assurance's (NCQA) Diabetes Recognition Program. The NCQA is a private non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. Physicians who are recognized have met nationally recognized quality measures in the management of diabetes.

Congratulations to the following physicians:

-Maen Haddadin	-Karen Stacey
-Gil Head	-Ruth Villafranca
-Julia Mullen	-Carol Weckmuller
-Patricia Murdock-Langan	-Steven Weyrich
-Farid Sadr	-Chauncey Wilkins
-John Simonson	-John Woodruff
-Julie Spencer	

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