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ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATION (ACO)

As you may all be aware, The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Healthcare Reform bill) proposes ACOs as a novel way to slow rising healthcare costs and to improve quality. The bill does contain demonstration projects beginning in 2012 to test the effectiveness of ACOs. Although ACOs are still being defined, UniNet is well positioned to become an ACO as we unite hospitals, specialists, and primary care physicians working toward a common goal of improving the quality and efficiency of care. UniNet is developing a process to manage the healthcare costs of our shareholders, and has been evaluating data management systems for this program. We anticipate having more information to share with you in the future. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Ann Oasan at 255-1620.

MEDICAID MANAGED CARE CONTRACTS AWARDED

On April 6, 2010 Coventry Health Care of Nebraska and United Health Care were officially awarded the bid for Medicaid Managed Care. There will be 90,000 eligible lives in 10 Nebraska Counties-Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Gage, Lancaster, Otoe, Sarpy, Saunders, Seward and Washington. Open enrollment will begin July 1, 2010 with a start date of August 1. UniNet has signed contracts with both of these payors for Medicaid Managed Care.

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD FOR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

It's election time again! The Business Management Council of UniNet Healthcare Network is asking for physicians who would like to guide UniNet as we face the changes in healthcare reform and work toward becoming an Accountable Care Organization. There are currently twelve (12) openings on this Council – one (1) PCP and one (1) specialist from each of the six metro hospitals – Creighton University Medical Center, and Alegant Health's Bergan, Immanuel, Lakeside, Mercy,

FEE SCHEDULES

The new fee schedules have been loaded for 2010. If you would like the new rates please provide your top 50 codes along with your charges. You can either email Carol Foutch at cfoutch@uninet.com or fax your codes to 255-1630

and Midlands. Information was emailed to you earlier this week. If you have any questions, please contact Provider Relations at 255-0049.

5010

Last year, the Department of Health and Human Services announced that the industry must use the new HIPAA version 5010 electronic transactions standard, effective January 1, 2012. Some changes include:

- PO Box, Lock box or Department Drawer numbers will no longer be acceptable in the Billing Provider's Address on the claim.
- The zip code for the Service Facility Location and the Billing Provider's Address must be nine digits on the claim.
- Version 5010 contains new loops and segments in which this information should be entered.

Please let us know if you change your billing address and/or begin using the 9 digit zip code.

NEW EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Two new educational programs will be available soon for providers on UniNet.com. They are:

Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) Audits 2010 and Healthcare Information Technology (HIT) Meaningful Use Education, 2010

UPDATE ON MIDLANDS CHOICE AETNA ISSUE

Midlands Choice has requested that Aetna complete a project on the 36415 non-payment issue. This project will take approximately 30 to 45 days and you should expect payment in June.

CODING CORNER

In 2010, there were several HCPCS J codes deleted for injection of penicillin. Deleted were J0530, J0540, and J05050. Replacing them is code J0559. Use this code for BicillinCR, Bicillin C-R 90/300, or Bicillin C-R Tubex. UniNet has noticed several offices are still using these old codes which will be denied by the payors.

CLINICAL INITIATIVES

Generic Medication Utilization

All UniNet providers with significant prescribing activities recently received a report summarizing their generic drug utilization rate. UniNet is working with

local health plans to encourage the appropriate use of generic medications and has developed gain sharing agreements through which providers may receive additional compensation for the use of generic medications. Please visit the UniNet website www.uninet.com under the members' login tab for more information on the benefits of generic medications.

THOMAS TONNIGES, MD JOINS UNINET

Dr. Thomas Tonniges has joined UniNet as an Associate Medical Director. Dr. Tonniges is a board certified Pediatrician with extensive experience in quality improvement at Boys Town and the American Academy of Pediatrics. For ten years Dr. Tonniges was the Director of the Department of Community Pediatrics where he led a variety of private and federal grant programs to improve the health of children nationwide. He will work with UniNet Pediatricians and Family Physicians to improve the quality and efficiency of care of children in our community.

Dr Al-Turk Receives Recognition

Dr. Mohammad Al-Turk has received recognition from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) for his care of diabetic patients. To date, 25 UniNet physicians have achieved recognition from the NCQA for demonstrating excellent diabetes care through their participation in the UniNet Diabetes Care Connection Program.

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Please feel free to contact your PHO staff if you have any questions. The UniNet HOTLINE is 255-0049.

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