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**APR 2022** 

## 2022 HCC CODING LIVE SEMINAR Save the date for this important event

**APRIL 20, 2022** 

**Chickasaw Country Club** 

\*\*afternoon biller/coder program, evening physician/APP program \*\*

### **New Cigna Connect MS Plan Causing Out of Network Headaches**

This exchange plan became effective in Mississippi on January 1, 2022 and is tied to the patient's county of residency. At this time, the Cigna Connect MS plan is not only out of network for our practices located in TN, it is also out of network for our practices located in DeSoto, Marshall, Tate, and Tunica counties.

#### **Medicare Sequestration Returns in Phases**

Medicare suspended its 2% sequestration policy in early 2020 due to the COVID PHE. CMS will begin phasing it back in over the course of this year.

Please be prepared for these changes in your Medicare revenue. Medicare will sequester 1% from claims with with dates of service April 1, 2022- June 30, 2022. For dates of service on or after July 1, the full 2% sequestration will return.

Click here for more about sequestration.



### **SVMIC Monthly Practice Management Webinars**

We are pleased to announce our 2022 schedule for monthly lunchtime webinars with SVMIC. Practice management experts give these excellent presentations from a risk management perspective.

access calendar

MAR: Compliance and Audits: Why You Should Audit

**Before the Government Does** 

APR: Bankruptcy Basics

MAY: Telemedicine
JUN: Front Desk Best Practices

JUL: Disaster Prevention

**AUG: Supervising Billing for Advance Practice Providers** 

SEP: How to Terminate an Employee NOV: Addressing Bias in Your Practice DEC: What is Medical Practice Services?

### SVMIC NEW EMPLOYEE HALF DAY WEBINAR May 12 from 9:00 AM-12:00

This virtual program includes instruction in three areas most pertinent for all new employees in a medical practice:

- -HIPAA
- -OSHA
- -Dealing with Difficult Patients

click here for more

## Provider Coding Education: Modifiers for Physicians brief 6PM webinar March 23

Proper use of modifiers can directly affect reimbursement for costly procedures and is crucial for relating additional information not included in procedure codes.

If you are a physician or advanced practice provider who codes your own procedures, or if you need more understanding of how your staff codes your procedures or why your claims are being denied, click here for more information and registration

## Dues statements were mailed in mid-FEBRUARY

If you did not receive yours, please contact:

Kelly.Jordan@metrocarephysicians.com OR call our main phone line at 901-360-1360

# UHC Appeal, Prior Authorization, and Clinical Decision Letters Now Digital Only

As of March 4, 2022, UnitedHealthcare stopped mailing paper appeal, prior authorization, and clinical decision letters for MA and commercial plans. They can now be viewed digitally in your provider portal starting on the day that they are generated.

Click here for details

### **Obesity Resource Library**

Extensive resources for patients as well as for physician offices are provided by Novo Nordisk. Detailed billing and coding resources are available here. Click here for the Rethink Obesity website

### **Payer Billing/Admin Live Webinars**

**Cigna** log into Cigna for Healthcare Providers website: register here

UnitedHealthcare Provider Monthly Training Event: register here

### We Are Here to Assist You

A dedicated team of professionals is committed to assuring MetroCare physicians have the tools and resources to achieve success with the changes required by transition to value-based healthcare.

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