

UnitedHealthcare Revenue Policy: Advance Practice Providers

In an article found deep in its December 2020 provider newsletter, UnitedHealthcare announced that it will no longer reimburse encounters by advance practice providers that are billed "Incident To", that is under the physician NPI. As of March 1, 2021, all NPs, PAs, CNMs, and CNS must bill under their own NPI. This applies to the entire UHC book of business. Policy update [click here](#).

This policy has of course caused a serious problem for many of our practices who have not credentialed their midlevel providers with MetroCare.

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MetroCare responded to this urgent problem by publicizing with emails, faxes, and on our website, by asking for an extension from UHC, and by expediting our credentialing processes for those who need to credential their APPs.

If your practice needs to credential your advance practice nurses, physician assistants or certified nurse midwives, **[please click here](#)** to request an application.

After your midlevels are credentialed with us, they will also be reported to Cigna, so that this will not become an issue if/when Cigna changes their policy.



Social Determinants of Health

Five broad categories of health influencers are known as health determinants: genetics, behavior, environmental and physical influences, and social factors.

The eight most commonly listed social determinants of health are: housing, food, education, transportation, safety, social support, employment, and health literacy.

One of our 2021 network education goals is to increase our awareness of social influences by developing and making available more informational resources for practice/staff education, community resources for patients, and inspirational resources from guest speakers.

In April, we are repeating our introductory webinar on Coding for Social Determinants of Health, to identify and report problems outside of your control that negatively impact the care and treatment of your patients.

Lunchtime and evening sessions will accommodate schedules of clinicians and managers. [Info/RSVP here](#)

Other topics of interest: [Info/RSVP here](#)
3/26 Integumentary 9AM Coding ENT/Plastic 1PM
4/9 Coding Gastrointestinal 9AM Coding Cardio 1PM
4/23 Modifiers/POS 9AM Coding Eye Conditions 1PM
4/30 Lunchtime: How to Terminate an Employee

CDC Opioid Module Satisfies MIPS IA

The [CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain](#) is a free interactive training series for healthcare providers that will:

- Fully satisfy the Improvement Activities score for MIPS if you are in a small practice and half of the requirement if you are in a large practice (greater than 15 MIPS eligible providers)
- Provide almost 9 hours of free AMA approved CME
- Satisfy opioid CME requirements for state licensing

If your practice does not already have a quality improvement process in place to satisfy this portion of MIPS, or your current project is difficult and time-consuming, completion of this module is a simple way to get full credit for improvement activities.

[Read more and sign up here](#)

Practice Management Webinars

MetroCare has been partnering with SVMIC to present live webinar topics of interest to physician practice administrators and managing partners.

These will be presented monthly as one hour noon webinars.

2021 Topics Include:

Telemedicine Updates	March 18
How to Terminate an Employee	April 30
Payer Recoupments and Audits	May 13
Bankruptcy Basics	June 17
SVMIC Medical Practice Services	July 15
Supervising and Billing MidLevels	August 19
Utilizing Scribes	September 16
Front Desk Best Practices	October 14
Coding and Billing Compliance and Self Audits	November 18

[register here for webinar zoom links](#)

please choose the appropriate month in the dropdown at the top of the calendar

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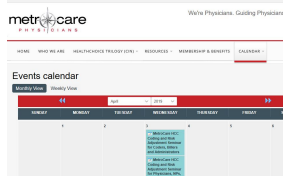
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