DEAR PARTNER,

Welcome to April's listing of Payer and Billing news!

**Payer Announcements**

- Welcome! Credible’s first two New York Partners have gone live with Credible this month. Payer testing has been successfully completed for New York payers.
- The Department of Defense awarded the $17.7 billion Tricare Western Region contract to Health Net Federal Services. HNFS will begin providing healthcare services to Tricare recipients in 19 western states beginning October 1, 2017. Provider contracting and credentialing with HNFS will be pertinent to prevent access delays.
As required by MACRA, CMS will begin removing social security numbers from Medicare recipients’ ID cards by April 2019. Social Security Numbers will be replaced with a Medicare Beneficiary Identifier.

CCBHCs

With the approaching July 17, 2017 GoLive date for most CCBHC states, Partners and Payers are gearing up to implement a vast change in business practices, shifting from fee-for-service to a PPS model.

- Currently, OR and MO are open to Payer Testing CCBHC services. Should Partners in OR and MO have specific questions regarding configuration and workflow, please enter a task ticket and a Billing Specialist will be happy to assist you.
- MN and PA are still in the process of defining billing requirements. Once the states have defined and finalized their billing processes, Credible will provide additional training regarding configuration and workflow needs.

State Specific News

Arkansas

- AR Medicaid: MMIS transition is underway. For the latest information on Provider Enrollment beginning May 1, 2017, please see this PDF.
- AR Medicaid: Effective July 1, 2018, the Rehabilitative Services for Persons with Mental Illness Program (RSPMI), Licensed Mental Health Practitioner Program (LMHP), and the Substance Abuse Treatment Services Program (SATS) will cease to exist. The transition of consumers to Outpatient Behavioral Health Services Program (OBH) will begin on July 1, 2017, and is contingent upon the approval of the OBH Program per Agency. Services for RSPMI, LMHP, and SATS programs with Dates of Service after June 30, 2018 will not be paid by Arkansas Medicaid. For configuration guidance please see the OBH Configuration Guide in Credible Help.

Ohio

- OH Medicaid: Payer testing for the BH Redesign for OH Medicaid opens in Mid May 2017 with a final date to be provided by OH Medicaid soon. Credible Billing Specialists will be in attendance at the OH User Group on 4/26/17 to provide training on the configurations needed for Payer Testing. A Configuration Guide is currently under development and will be released to Partners upon finalization of requirements from OH Medicaid. For further guidance and support in preparation for the 7/1/17 effective date, please enter a task ticket and a Billing Specialist will be happy to assist you.

Texas

- Effective 4/1/17, Texas Medicaid changed the benefit criteria for TCM and Mental Health Rehab Services. Please see this link for more details.
Virginia

- Medicaid Expansion shifts recipients to Managed Care with the Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus program. For more information regarding the CCC Plus program, please see this link. Billing Specialists will be onsite at VARO on May 17, 2017 to provide additional training information regarding configuration needs to implement CCC Plus. The first region to implement is Tidewater with an implementation date of Aug. 1, 2017.

Washington

- Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) releases a new Eligibility Overview Guide reviewing changes in Medicaid coverage ability. For more details, please see this link.

Should you have any questions, please open a task ticket or contact a Partner Service Coordinator at 301-652-9500 for assistance.

Thank you for reading, and thank you for your Partnership!

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