



Medicare Advantage Diagnosis Incentive

Have you reviewed your Health e-Blue Diagnosis Closure patient list?



If not, do so now before December 31, 2020. **Providers with one or more attributed Medicare Advantage* patients that has at least one (1) open diagnosis gap identified by September 30, 2020 are eligible for the incentive.**

You must have a face-to-face visit with the patient by the end of the year and address each suspected or previously reported diagnosis. Documentation in the medical record must support Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) or Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements. Providers can also report that the patient does not have the suspected diagnosis. Closing gaps not only provides additional incentive dollars, but improves the accuracy of patient's risk scores, which also impacts payer reimbursement. The Diagnosis Closure Incentive booklet is available on the Health e-Blue website or CIPA's Caerespective™ Learning Center. Contact your practice consultant for more information.

*Medicare Advantage includes the following plans:

- BCN AdvantageSM HMO-POS
- BCN AdvantageSM HMO
- Medicare Plus BlueSM PPO
- Medicare Plus BlueSM Group PPO

Influenza

Flu Season is upon us and health officials are stating it is more important than ever to get a flu shot this year due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. It will protect you, the people around you, and help reduce the strain on your community's healthcare system, especially ERs and hospitals. All patients older than 6 months and those that are at a high risk of having serious flu related complications should get vaccinated:

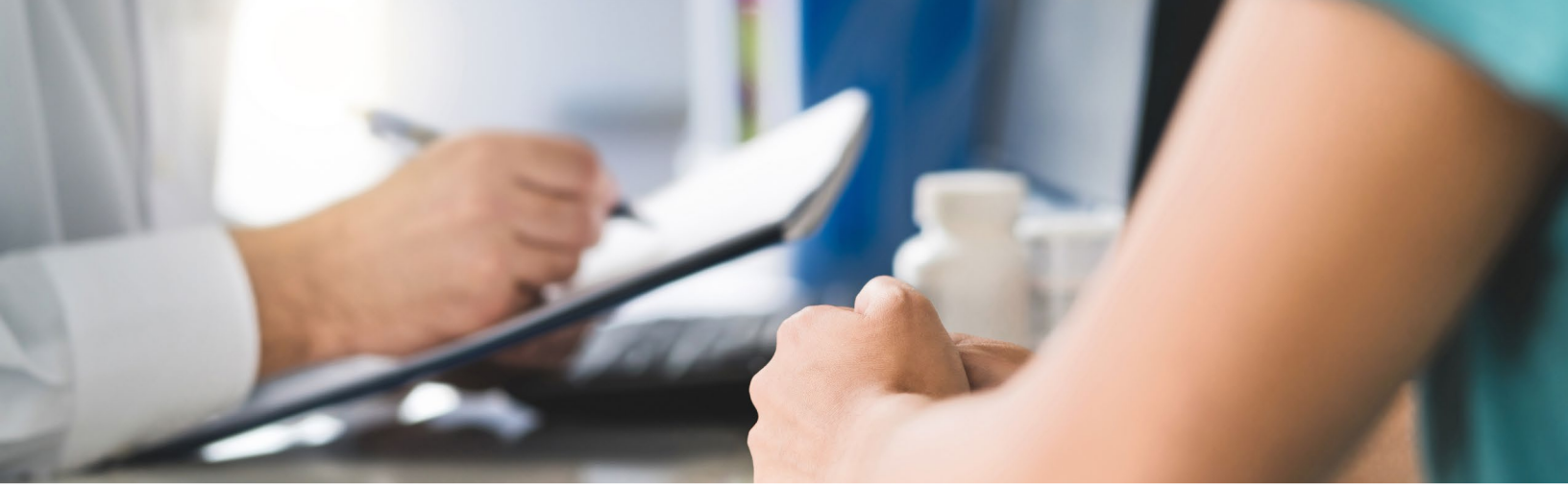
- Children younger than 5 years of age, especially children younger than 2 years of age
- People 50 years and older
- Pregnant women
- People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions, including chronic pulmonary disorders, asthma, cardiovascular disease, renal, hepatic, neurologic, hematologic, diabetes, or other metabolic conditions
- Residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- Health care personnel and caregivers of patients considered high-risk.

Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Michigan.gov websites for influenza-related information, posters and other material to educate staff and patients on preventing the flu this winter:

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/index.html>

<https://www.michigan.gov/flu>





Covid-19 Resources

CIPA's Carespective™ site is loaded with resources related to COVID-19. Click on the Learning Center tab and the folder labeled "ALERT COVID-19." Whether searching for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Resources updates, telehealth information, PPE resources, the latest CDC updates, or payer resources, it's there. If you can't find what you are looking for, let us know.

If your practice is having trouble obtaining PPE or paying for it, there are resources available. The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MiOSHA) has a grant program called MiWISH, for small group employers (less than 250 employees).

Go to https://www.michigan.gov/documents/leo/leo_miosha_miwish_grants_682270_7.pdf for the brochure and link to the application. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Pure Michigan Connect is a free, online procurement platform.

Go to www.michiganbusiness.org/ppe for more information.

PDCM monthly conference call date change for November & December

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday falling on November 26th, there will be a combined November-December PDCM conference call on December 10th from 12:15-1:00 p.m.

The usual schedule of the 4th Thursday of every month will resume in January 2021.

As a reminder, the purpose of the PDCM calls are to give care managers, billers, and any other interested staff the opportunity to interact with other care managers, obtain feedback on processes and issues, and expand knowledge about the PDCM Program. Every month Cherie Nyhuis, RN, and Jon Broek, RD, give a short topic presentation then open the phone lines for Q&A. Come learn from your peers. Contact your practice consultant for the conference call info.



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Dates to Remember

Medical Advantage and CIPA offices will be closed on the following dates:

November 11

In honor of Veteran's Day

November 26 & 27

Thanksgiving Holiday

December 24 & 25

Christmas Holiday

January 1, 2021

New Year Holiday

Upcoming Webinars!

Thursday, November 19

Everything you wanted to know about the CMS MIPS program and its changes for 2020.

Thursday, December 17

Part 1 of a 3-part series on Self-Management Support (SMS).

Focus will be on SMS concepts, tools, techniques, and implementing it in your practice.

All webinars run from 12 noon-1pm.