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Practice Manager Meeting

Happy Holidays!

NEED HELP?

- Practice Management Problems
- Claims Issues
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- Staff Training
- Customer service

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New Medicare Cards Without Social Security Numbers

Medicare members will be getting new Medicare cards between April 2018 and April 2019 with a new, unique Medicare number. Social security numbers will be removed. This is a yearlong process, so everyone will not get a new card at the same time. You should begin to ask you Medicare patients if they received their new cards and make corrections to your systems.

New Flu Vaccine Code

Effective for claims processed with dates of service (DOS) on or after January 1, 2018, influenza virus vaccine code **90756** will be payable by Medicare. This new code will be included on the 2018 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database file update and the annual Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) update.

Medicare Provider Enrollment Revalidation Due Date

Revalidate before your due date to avoid a Hold on your Medicare payments and a possible deactivation or a lapse in your Medicare billing privileges. Begin doing the following:

- Internet Based Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS)
 - Sign in with user ID and password
- Medicare Revalidation List- Search Tool
 - Search by NPI or name
- Revalidation notice mailed by National Government Services
 - Fill in and submit as directed

Generally, the due date will remain with the provider throughout subsequent revalidation cycles, so you will not have to wonder about the next revaluation due date.

Diabetic Retinal Eye Exam



We are asking all members to assist the IPA in achieving better compliance with diabetic eye exams- which are important measures in all of our Quality Bonus programs.

- If you are a PCP or endocrinologist, talk to your patients about the importance of the exam. Get the patient to commit to an annual visit and/or help set up an appointment for the patient.
- If you are an ophthalmologist, be sure to send a copy of the exam to the patients PCP and endocrinologist.
- If you treat patients with diabetes, encourage them to follow the recommendations for diabetic eye exams.

A diabetic eye exam does not require a vision benefit; it is a part of the medical benefit package.

Try to motivate the patient to take this important step.