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### **ANTHEM MODIFIER 25 – Examples Needed!**

GLMS is working with the AMA, KMA and several National Specialty Societies to continue advocacy efforts against Anthem's recent Modifier 25 policy update. In doing so, we need documentation (e.g., de-identified EOBs, clinical records/summaries, diagnosis codes) from our members illustrating specific examples of inappropriate denials and/or excessive record requests. **Send examples to [practice.support@glms.org](mailto:practice.support@glms.org) or call GLMS Practice Support at 502-736-6350.**

*Anthem Modifier 25 Policy Update: "Effective May 1, 2019, Anthem may deny Evaluation and Management Services with a Modifier 25 billed on the day of a related procedure when there is a recent (in the past 60 days) service or procedure for the same or similar diagnosis on record."*

### **Immunization Registry Reporting for Stage 3 Meaningful Use (aka Promoting Interoperability)**

All providers currently in any level of Active Engagement with the Kentucky Immunization Registry will be receiving an email with a NEW Bidirectional Immunization Registry Authorization from their Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) Outreach Coordinator. This email will provide information regarding bidirectional immunization reporting attestation requirements for Objective 8, Measure 1: Immunization Registry Reporting for Stage 3 of Meaningful Use (aka Promoting Interoperability).

CMS is now permitting Eligible Providers (EPs), Eligible Hospitals (EHs) and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) to revert to Option 1 (complete registration to submit data) of Active Engagement. However, a new Bidirectional Immunization Registry Authorization MUST be signed and submitted to KHIE within 60 days of the beginning of the EHR reporting period. If the EP, EH or CAH fails to sign and return the new Bidirectional Immunization Registry Authorization, they will no longer be considered in Active Engagement, therefore unable to attest to Objective 8, Measure 1: Immunization Registry Reporting.

Again, if your organization is currently in any level of Active Engagement with the Kentucky Immunization Registry, your KHIE Outreach Coordinator will be reaching out to coordinate the signing of the NEW Bidirectional Immunization Registry Authorization. Please contact your KHIE Outreach Coordinator with any questions or concerns.

### **Passport Health Plan to Be Bought by National For-Profit Health Company Evolent**

It was announced Wednesday morning that Evolent Health, a national health management business, has agreed to buy a majority stake in Passport Health Plan. Evolent, already providing services and staff for Passport Health Plan, will purchase a 70% share of the nonprofit company for \$70 million and invest additional funds in an effort to help revive the payer. Evolent also plans to continue the plan that Passport had previously laid out for the constructing of a new headquarters in West Louisville, which was halted in February. The company will continue to operate under the name Passport and the more than 300,000 Medicaid enrollees it serves should see no disruption in care, officials said. To read the full article, click [here](#).

EVOLENT HEALTH EXPANDS PARTNERSHIP WITH PASSPORT HEALTH PLAN TO SUPPORT MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY. [Full Press Release Here](#)

### **GLMS Tech Tip**

How much would a data breach cost your practice? At an average of \$400 per record, plus HIPAA violation fines, the financial impact can add up quickly. There's an easy, FREE step members can take toward safeguarding your data --> <http://bit.ly/GLMSTechServices>