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United Healthcare Commercial Reimbursement Policy Update: Mohs Micrographic (MMS) Surgery

The new Mohs Micrographic Surgery (MMS) Policy will be effective for dates of service on and after Sept. 1, 2019. According to CMS, Mohs surgery should only be performed by a Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) who is specifically trained and highly skilled in Mohs techniques and pathologic identification. In order to maintain the quality of care and services delivered to our members, UnitedHealthcare will only reimburse Mohs surgery to an MD or DO who is specifically trained in both dermatology and pathology. If either the removal of the tumor or the pathology is delegated to another physician or other qualified health care professional, not under the same tax ID number, the Mohs code will be denied. CMS guidance indicates that pathology examination of the tissue specimen is an inclusive component of Mohs and should not be reported separately. Accordingly, UnitedHealthcare will deny the pathology examination, if separately reported. [June UnitedHealthcare Network Bulletin](#)

Kentuckiana Health Collaborative: National Hospital Price Transparency Study Gains National Attention

[The National Hospital Price Transparency Report 2.0](#) was released by RAND Corporation and Employers' Forum of Indiana in May. This extensive study, which includes nearly 1600 hospitals in 25 states, found the prices paid to hospitals for privately insured patients averaged 241% of what Medicare would have paid, with wide variation in prices among states. Since its reveal, the study has become national news:

- ["Many Hospitals Charge Double or Even Triple What Medicare Would Pay"](#), **New York Times**
- ["Study: Employers Pay 240% More Than Medicare For Hospital Care"](#), **Forbes**
- ["High health care costs leave some businesses saying anywhere but Indiana"](#), **Indy Star**
- ["Market Muscle: Study Uncovers Differences Between Medicare And Private Insurers"](#), **Kaiser Health News**
- ["Hospitals: RAND price study doesn't add up"](#), **Modern Healthcare**
- See the full list [here](#).

United Healthcare CPT Code Changes and Modifications to Approved Prior Authorizations

In response to your feedback, we're introducing an enhancement to our prior authorization process for UnitedHealthcare commercial members, effective immediately that allows you to make CPT code changes and modifications to an existing, approved prior authorization. If at the time of service, you need to perform a different or additional medically necessary procedure than what was originally approved, call Provider Services at 877-842-3210. You will need to provide updated clinical information to modify the prior authorization. Changes will be allowed if you call within five business days of when the service was performed and prior to claim submission. You don't need to contact us to modify the existing approved prior authorization for CPT code combinations listed in the Prior Authorization Crosswalk Table. This process doesn't apply to the following: Genetic and molecular testing, including breast cancer gene (BRCA) codes, Oncology, Radiology program, Cardiology program, Injectable medications, including those for hemophilia.

For more information, please review the following resources: [Radiology Prior Authorization and Notification](#), [Prior Authorization Crosswalk Table Instructions](#).

Anthem Lab Fee Changes

Anthem mailed out orange envelopes on June 1 notifying practices of updated lab code reimbursement fees effective September 1. Please let us know if you receive an orange envelope at practice.support@glms.org.

Anthem to Buy Beacon Health Options

Anthem is set to purchase Beacon Health Options for an undisclosed amount in an effort to expand into the behavioral health services sector. The acquisition is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of this year. To read more about this, click [here](#).

GLMS Tech Services Tip

Think your practice is too small for hackers to care about? Think again. Health records are big bucks on the dark web. Good news is that GLMS members can receive a free IT assessment to evaluate your risks. More info --> <http://bit.ly/GLMSTechServices>