

ANNOUNCEMENT RE: PROVIDER-DELIVERED CARE MANAGEMENT CLAIMS ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR PDCM VBR

As you know, we have previously communicated that to earn the PDCM VBR for 2017-2018, a practice must have submitted at least 1 PDCM claim for at least 2% of eligible BCBSM members, and that we would remove from the denominator those members added under Blue Distinction Total Care in 2016. In the course of conducting the PDCM claims criteria analysis, however, we determined it was not possible to adjust the denominator as we had planned. In addition, over the past few months, POs have indicated there was confusion about the attestation questions and uncertainty about the status of care managers, since the deadline for attestation was right after the end of MiPCT and the start of CPC+.

Because we were unable to adjust the denominator, we have changed the standard to 1% for this year (and 1/2% for practices newly designated in 2016). (As long as the practice submitted at least 1 PDCM claim, we also counted transitions of care and medication reconciliation claims.) Because of the confusion about attestation, we did not factor the attestation responses into the analysis.

By the end of 2017, we expect that at least 90% of BCBSM members will be PDCM-eligible, and that POs and practices will have had sufficient time to add care management resources in response to the increased number of eligible members. **For the 2018-2019 PDCM VBR eligibility analysis, we plan to apply the criteria that at least 2 claims must have been submitted for at least 3% of BCBSM-eligible patients (if practice has submitted at least 1 PDCM code, we will also count transitions of care and medication reconciliation codes).** We also plan to factor in attestation responses to the analysis next year (we will clarify the attestation questions and process).

POs have been sent files showing which of your practices will receive the PDCM VBR in 2017-2018 based on their percent of engaged members. Please continue to work with your practices to identify patients who can benefit from engagement in PDCM, including patients with newly diagnosed chronic conditions, and to ensure that care managers receive required training and that claims are submitted in a timely manner. It is vitally important that our customers see the value that PDCM delivers through substantive engagement of their employees.

We are working with MDC to begin generating periodic reports to keep POs apprised of their practices' PDCM performance, and will let you know the timeframe for those reports as soon as arrangements are final.

If you have any questions about your PDCM VBR results, please submit them on the PO collaboration site to the attention of Margaret Mason and Lisa Rajt.

As always, we thank you for your partnership and dedication.

- Value Partnerships PDCM Team