



APOGEE HEALTH PARTNERS

Network UPDATES – November 2019

HEALTH PLAN UPDATES & CHANGES:

EFFECTIVE DATE CHANGE: YouthCare HealthChoice Illinois – IlliniCare Health Plan

Apogee's Network UPDATES previously stated IlliniCare Health Plan would be managing HFS' HealthChoice Illinois program for children and youth under the care of DCFS ("YouthCare HealthChoice Illinois") effective November 1, 2019. The effective date has been changed to February 1, 2020.

MEDICARE CHANGE: New Medicare Beneficiary Identifiers (MBIs)

Your Medicare members were recently mailed a new Medicare insurance card that contains their Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI). Their MBI replaces the social security number previously listed on their Medicare card. The change addresses identity theft and security issues for your Medicare members.

Starting January 1, 2020, providers must use the MBIs when billing Medicare or the claim will be rejected. Please review the CMS website if you have questions on this change.

We will have additional updates on this change in our Network Updates - December 2019.

HEDIS QUALITY MEASURES:

Easy Opportunity to Capture a HEDIS Quality Measure with health plans for potential bonus payments:

NCQA HEDIS measure for Antidepressant Medication Management (AMM):

As the Primary Care Physician (PCP), you may be treating an adult patient for depression and may be prescribing medication. There are two HEDIS measures for these patients:

Effective Acute Phase Treatment:

Adults who remained on an antidepressant medication for at least 84 days (12 weeks).

Effective Continuation Phase Treatment:

Adults who remained on an antidepressant medication for at least 180 days (6 months).

Please check your records for these types of adult patients to ensure that the appropriate follow-up has been done and that the patients are continuing to take their medication according to your treatment advice.