



# APOGEE HEALTH PARTNERS

## Network UPDATES – October 2019

### HEALTH PLAN UPDATES & CHANGES:

*HFS issued a notice informing all Medical Assistance Program Providers that effective with claims received on and after November 1, 2019, the Department will no longer accept paper claims that do not require an attachment for processing. This impacts fee-for-service paper claims for all institutional and non-institutional Medical Assistance Program providers.*

*As a step toward paperless billing, the Department will only accept paper claims if an attachment is required. Claims that do not require an attachment should be filed electronically. Please visit the HFS website for more details.*

### **REMINDERS:**

*IlliniCare Health Plan announced they will be managing HFS' HealthChoice Illinois program for children and youth under the care of DCFS effective November 1, 2019. Please contact us with any questions on this Medicaid change.*

*MeridianHealth announced a change to prior authorizations (PA) requirements effective November 1, 2019. The PA updates impact all lines of business. Please visit the plan's website for more detail.*

### HEDIS QUALITY MEASURES:

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

#### **HEDIS measure for *Metabolic Monitoring for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics (APM)*:**

Children and Adolescents being prescribed an ongoing Antipsychotic medication will need to have metabolic testing during the year.

As the Primary Care Physician (PCP) or Pediatrician, you may not be treating the patient for a condition for which they are prescribed an Antipsychotic medication. They may be treated by a Behavioral Health provider.

However, as the PCP or Pediatrician, you will need to ask the patient, while reconciling medications during visits, if they have had any metabolic testing.

**If the patient has not had any metabolic testing, you will need to proceed with ordering the tests and following up with the patient. As the PCP/Pediatrician, you should have a copy of the metabolic testing results in the patient's chart to document this HEDIS measure.**