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MEMORANDUM

To: Alliance Primary Care and Referral Providers
From: Provider Services Department
Date: 02/5/2013
Subject: HEDIS KICK OFF (Health Plan Effectiveness Data and Information Set)

It's time for the Health Plan Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS[®]) quality studies chart abstraction. HEDIS is the state mandated quality review. This year, we will abstract medical records for eight HEDIS measures including: childhood immunization, child well care, adolescent immunizations, cervical cancer screening, prenatal and postpartum care, controlling high blood pressure, diabetes care and weight assessment and counseling for nutrition and activity for children and adolescents.

We are pleased to announce our partnership with Verisk Health to ensure timely and accurate medical record retrieval and abstraction. Verisk Health employs their Rapid Records Retrieval System to assist your office with obtaining your electronic or paper medical records.

MediConnect Global, an affiliate of Verisk Health, will be contacting you within the next week or two to request records for your CCAH covered members.

Thank you for your efforts to ensure requested information is returned in the most expedient manner. It is the goal of the Quality Improvement Department to work alongside Verisk Health and our dedicated providers to make this a smooth process.

Please feel free to call me or Julie Atchley, Quality Improvement Coordinator at 831-430-5529 with any questions or concerns. We look forward to sharing a successful HEDIS season with you.

Thank you in advance for your flexibility and cooperation!

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2013 HEDIS Measures		MC	HF	HK	2013 HEDIS Measure Descriptions
AAB	Avoidance of Antibiotic Tx in Adults with Acute Bronchitis	A			The percentage of adults 18-64 yoa with a diagnosis of acute bronchitis who were not dispensed an antibiotic prescription.
ACR	All-Cause Readmissions	A			For members 21 yoa and older, the number of acute inpatient stays during the measurement year that were followed by an acute readmission for any diagnosis within 30 days and the predicted probability of an acute readmission. Statewide Collaborative QIP *Non-NCQA measure
AMB	Ambulatory Care	A		A	Summarizes utilization of ambulatory care in Outpatient Visits and ED Visits.
ASM	Use of Appropriate Medications for People with Asthma		A	A	The percentage of members 5-64 yoa during the measurement year who were identified as having persistent asthma and were appropriately prescribed medication during the measurement year.
AWC	Adolescent Well-Care Visits		A	A	The percentage of enrolled members 12-21 yoa who had at least one well-care visit with a PCP or an OB/GYN during the measurement year.
CAP	Children and Adolescents' Access to Primary Care Practitioners	A	A	A	The percentage of members 12 months - 6 yoa who had a visit with a PCP during the measurement year. The percentage of members 7 years - 19 years who had a visit with a PCP during the measurement year or year prior.
CBP	Controlling High Blood Pressure		H		The percentage of members 21-85 yoa who had a diagnosis of hypertension and whose BP was adequately controlled (<140/90) during the measurement year.
CCS	Cervical Cancer Screening		H		The percentage of women 21-64 yoa who received one or more Pap test to screen for cervical cancer during the measurement year or the two years prior to the measurement year.
CDC	Comprehensive Diabetes Care		H		The percentage of members 18-75 yoa with diabetes (type 1 and type 2) who had each of the following: A1c, LDL, medical attention for nephropathy, blood pressure control and retinal eye exam.
CHL	Chlamydia Screening in Women		A		The percentage of women 16-24 yoa who are sexually active and who had at least one test for chlamydia during the measurement year.
CIS	Childhood Immunization Status		H	A	The percentage of children 2 yoa who had four DTaP, three Hib, three HepB, one VZV, four pneumococcal conjugate by their second birthday. For HF members, addition of one hepatitis A, two or three Rotavirus (depending on vaccine administered).
CWP	Appropriate Testing for Children with Pharyngitis		A	A	The percentage of members 2-18 yoa diagnosed with pharyngitis, dispensed an antibiotic and received a group A strep test for that episode.
FUH	Follow-up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness		A		The percentage of discharges for members 6 yoa and older who were hospitalized for treatment of selected mental health disorders and who had an outpatient visit or partial hospitalization with a mental health practitioner.
IAD	Identification of Alcohol and Other Drug Services		A		Summarizes the number and percentage of members with an alcohol and other drug claim who received any inpatient, intensive outpatient, partial hospitalization, outpatient or ED for chemical dependency during the measurement year.
IMA	immunizations for Adolescents		H	A	The percentage of adolescents 13 yoa who had one dose meningococcal vaccine and one Tdap or one Td by 13 th birthday.
LBP	Use of Imaging Studies for Low Back Pain		A		The percentage of members with a primary diagnosis of low back pain who did not have an imaging study within 28 days of the diagnosis.
LSC	Lead Screening in Children		A		The percentage of children 2 yoa who have had one or more capillary or venous lead blood tests for lead poisoning by second birthday.
MMA	Medication Management for People with Asthma		A		The percentage of members 5-64 yoa during the measurement year who were identified as having persistent asthma and were dispensed appropriate medications that they remained on during the treatment period. Two rates reported: at least 50% or 75% compliance.
MPM	Annual Monitoring for Patients on Persistent Medications		A		The percentage of members 18 yoa and older who received at least 180 treatment days of ambulatory medication therapy for a select therapeutic agent during the measurement year and at least one therapeutic monitoring event in the measurement year.
MPT	Mental Health Utilization		A		Summarizes the number and percentage of members receiving any inpatient, intensive outpatient, partial hospitalization, outpatient or ED for mental health services during the measurement year.
PPC	Prenatal and Postpartum Care		H		Timeliness of Prenatal Care: The percentage of deliveries that received a prenatal care visit in the first trimester or within 42 days of enrollment. Postpartum Care: The percentage of deliveries that had a postpartum visit on or between 21-66 days after delivery.
URI	Appropriate Treatment for Children with Upper Respiratory Infection		A		The percentage of children 3 months-18 yoa who were given a diagnosis of upper respiratory infection (URI) and were not dispensed an antibiotic prescription.
WCC	Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Activity for Children and Adolescents		H		The percentage of members ages 3-17 who had an outpatient visit with a PCP or OB/GYN with evidence of BMI percentile documentation, counseling for nutrition and counseling for physical activity during the measurement year.
W15	Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life		A	A	The percentage of members who turned 15 months old during the measurement year and had 6 well-child visits with a PCP by 15 months.
W34	Well-Child Visits in the 3rd-6th Years of Life		H	A	The percentage of members 3-6 yoa who received one or more well-child visits with a PCP during the measurement year.