



APOGEE HEALTH PARTNERS

Network UPDATES – April/May 2021

ILLINOIS MEDICAID/MMAI MANAGED CARE UPDATES:

HFS TIMELY FILING CLAIMS UPDATE:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) extended the 180-day timely filing limit to submit claims for Illinois Medicaid/MMAI members. HFS is now resuming the 180-day timely filing limit, so all providers should make certain their claims are submitted timely to HFS and Illinois Medicaid/MMAI health plans.

ILLINOIS MEDICAID/MMAI HEALTH PLAN REFERRAL UPDATE:

Illinois Medicaid/MMAI health plans waived certain referral requirements as a result of the pandemic. Many of the health plans are ending those waivers, so providers should make certain they secure any required referral before providing care to ensure proper payment.

APOGEE MERIDIAN VBC UPDATE:

Apogee finalized a Valued-Based-Contract (VBC) with Meridian for 2021. The enclosed member list includes Meridian members. Apogee PCPs who want to participate under Apogee's Meridian VBC, should contact Apogee if their enclosed member list does not include Meridian members. Apogee will be sending clinical reports to PCP offices detailing Meridian members who need care or follow-up.

APOGEE EXPANDING MEDICARE/MMAI CONTRACTS AND MEMBERSHIP:

Apogee currently participates with Medicare Advantage and MMAI Illinois health plans, but it has plans to expand both the number of health plans and membership for those products. Apogee is also reviewing opportunities to manage traditional Medicare Fee-For-Service patients. Apogee PCPs will be receiving outreach with updates as Apogee pursues its Medicare/MMAI expansion.

APOGEE MEMBER LIST AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY:

The enclosed Apogee member list is in the new format implemented earlier this year. The new format allows Apogee to send a PCP member list electronically through SECURE email.

PCPs can email a request to dobermeyer@apogeehp.com to receive their monthly member list from Apogee electronically.

HEDIS QUALITY MEASURES AND UPDATES:

HEDIS SEASON:

Medicaid Medical Record Collection for HEDIS is here, so please pay special attention to requests from Apogee or Medicaid Managed Care Organizations and to the deadlines to return records.

COVID-19 AND MENTAL HEALTH:

The CDC reports that at the end of June 2020, 40% of U.S. adults reported struggling with mental health or substance abuse (CDC.gov, Aug 2020). When completing a patient's annual depression screening, if a behavioral health provider is needed, you may contact Apogee to assist with an appointment for your patient or Quartet Health online at quartethealth.com.

CODING FOR COVID-19 CASES:

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2020:

Providers were instructed to chart and bill POSITIVE cases that are confirmed by a laboratory as COVID-19 with diagnosis code U07. **NOTE:** If the provider documents "suspected, possible, probable, or inconclusive COVID-19" **do not assign U07.**