

PROVIDER CONNECTIONS

A Monthly Newsletter for HealthTeam Advantage Providers

Reminder: 2% Medicare Sequestration for July 1

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), a bill designed to provide financial support and resources to individuals and businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, was signed into law on March 27, 2020, and extended on December 27, 2020.

Under the Act, the 2% sequestration of Medicare payments was suspended effective May 1, 2020, through March 31, 2022.

Beginning April 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022, we implemented the 1% payment adjustment. Beginning July 1, 2022, the full 2% payment adjustment is effective. HealthTeam Advantage has followed CMS regulations regarding the suspension and reinstatement of the sequestration as outlined above.



June Provider Roundtable: Annual Model of Care Training

Attention, administrators! Have you been looking for a way to have the providers in your office complete the annual Model of Care training? If so, have the providers join us **Wednesday, June 29, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.** for our next Virtual Roundtable: Model of Care Training. Providers will receive credit for the annual MOC by attending this meeting.

To join the Virtual Roundtable, RSVP to providerconciierge@htanc.com with the provider's:

- Name
- Practice/Facility
- Email Address
- Job Title

When your RSVP has been received, we will email the provider a calendar invitation with the link to the virtual meeting.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires that all providers seeing beneficiaries enrolled in a Chronic Special Needs Plan (CSNP), such as our Diabetes and Heart Care Plan, participate annually in Model of Care (MOC) Training.

We need all administrators to support us by ensuring that all providers have completed the annual Model of Care training requirement. A friendly reminder email was sent to the provider's email the week of May 16 to provide the various ways to complete the training. HealthTeam Advantage is committed to making this training available to you and your providers.

If you have any questions about the status of your training and attestation requirements, please email providerconciierge@htanc.com, call 1-855-218-3334, or visit our [website](#) for additional information.

Driving and Early Dementia: How to Help Patients and Their Families

Dementia (all types, including Alzheimer's) affects 47 million people around the world. In reality, it affects many more, as the disease causes caregiving and financial hardships beyond those with the illness.

As a provider, one of the most difficult (and yet important) roles can be that of guiding patients and families in the difficult process of taking away driving privileges.

Dr. Beth Hodges, part-time medical director for HealthTeam Advantage, shares tips for providers based on her experience.

[Learn How to Help](#)

The Coding Tip Corner

How Social Determinants of Health Affect Your Practice and Patients

There has been a lot of talk through the provider community as of late about Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) and they affect people. Currently, SDOH are defined as conditions in the places where people live, learn, work, and play **that affect a wide range of health and quality-of-life-risks and outcomes.**

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ANSWERS to May Newsletter Questions

Which of the following statements is false regarding an MRA coder working with a healthcare provider to improve an RAF score?

- a. Coders use MEAT strategy to ensure that a provider's documentation supports every risk-adjusted diagnosis for validation purposes.
- b. **Coders apply a clinical interpretation to information within the medical record. ✓**
- c. Coders ensure that each date of service note stands by itself.
- d. Coders ensure that the medical record is not conflicting, lacking in specificity, incomplete, or ambiguous.

Risk adjustment coding emphasizes which of the following?

- a. Chief complaints only
- b. Chronic conditions only
- c. **Both chief complaints and chronic conditions ✓**
- d. Neither chief complaints nor chronic conditions

Which modifier should you use when you send claims for outpatient CAR T-cell therapy services?

- a. KD
- b. KO
- c. KP

d. **KX**

Patient presents to the emergency room complaining of chest pain. An EKG shows acute inferior ischemic changes noted — ST elevation in III& aVF. Following through examination and testing, the doctor documents a diagnosis of acute inferior myocardial infarction in a patient with a history of STEMI involving the left main coronary artery two weeks prior and admits the patient to the CCU. Which code(s) is (are) reported in the MIs?

- a. I21.01
- b. I21.1
- c. I22.1, I21.02
- d. **I21.01, I22.1**

When coding procedures, how should you sequence the codes?

- a. From the lowest number to the highest
- b. **From the highest relative value unit to the lowest**
- c. From the lowest relative value unit to the highest
- d. It doesn't matter

June Newsletter Questions

Take a moment to test yourself. Look for the answers in next month's newsletter!

A patient comes in two weeks following hospitalization of a CVA. What is the appropriate code for this?

- a. I63.9
- b. I63.39
- c. Z86.73
- d. I63.9, I69.354

Social Determinants of Health do not play a role in a member's health.

- a. True
- b. False

Which of the following is NOT a way to boost your claim appeals success rate?

- a. Read the remittance advice.
- b. When appealing an overpayment request that involves multiple claims, include a copy of the overpayment letter and indicate which claim(s) you're

appealing.

- c. If you are requesting a change from a lower-level code to a higher-level code, submit documentation that supports the coding.

How is an established patient encounter coded when the patient's chronic condition is not at goal, they have limited data, and there is no prescription drug management?

- a. 99212
- b. 99213
- c. 99214
- d. 9921

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