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- P – Professional
- F – Facility
- A – Ancillary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Feedback on the electronic version of <i>Partners in Health Update</i> April 2007 October 2007	P, F, A
Get your news on the Internet or NaviNetSM March 2007	P, F, A
Health Resource Center hours of operation change August 2007	P, F, A
Highmark ID no longer required for new provider set up January 2007	P
IBC and Highmark agree to combine May 2007	P, F, A
IBC wins Disease Management Association of America Award for Innovative Programs January 2007	P, F, A
Offering providers Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare Universal Credentialing DataSource January 2007	P
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Professional provider auditing February 2007	P
Provider bulletins now available on ibx.com September 2007	F, A
<i>Provider Manual CD</i> December 2007	P
<i>Provider Manual CD</i> mailing soon November 2007	P

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Provider Manual: How can we make it better for you? February 2007	P
Provider Services hours of operation change May 2007	P, F, A
Revisions to medical policy and professional claim submission process for Home-Based, Real-Time Cardiac Surveillance System (CARDIONET) February 2007	P
Statement of Remittance (SOR) enhancements February 2007	P, F, A
Stay tuned for the enhanced 09/2007 Provider Manual for Participating Professional Providers on CD September 2007	P

APPEALS

180-day appeal filing limit for adverse benefit determination for commercial members December 2007	P, F, A
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BILLING

Anesthesia billing requirements October 2007	P
Claims preprocessor enhancements July 2007	P, A
<i>Enclosure</i> – Claims preprocessing edits claims resolution document	
Claims preprocessor enhancements for paper claims December 2007	P, F, A

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Clarification on the BlueCard[®] Program for members who travel or live outside of the service area December 2007 <i>Enclosure</i> – The Blue Card/Out-of-Area Program (Facility claims only)	F, A
Consultations and the requisite documentation August 2007	P, F
Continuous hospice precertification July 2007	P, F, A
Copayment information on durable medical equipment services April 2007	A
Electronic referral submission extension April 2007	P, F, A
Enhanced statement of remittance (SOR) effective October 2007 September 2007	P, F, A
Facility Provider Audit's role in the claims reconciliation process December 2007	P, F, A
HMO physical therapy program procedure April 2007	P, F, A
Home Infusion Therapy precertification changes March 2007	A
IBC and Laboratory Corporation of America create a lab test diabetic profile July 2007	P, F, A
IBC and Quest Diagnostics[®] create a diabetic profile May 2007	P, A
IBC will soon reject paper claims submitted on forms CMS-1500 (12/90) and UB-92 October 2007	P, F, A
Independence Administrators begins serving members July 1 July 2007	P, F, A
Independence Administrators to be introduced in 2007 June 2007	P, F, A

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Introducing the BlueSaverSM Health Account debit card April 2007	P, F, A
Key fields must be entered correctly on CMS-1500 (08/05) to avoid claim returns or rejections June 2007	P, F, A
New additions to Medicare crossover December 2007	P, F, A
New payment rationale for Medicare-eligible commercial members without Medicare Part B November 2007 December 2007	P, F, A
Now available: Revised Companion Guides April 2007	P, F, A
Paper referrals no longer accepted May 2007	P, F, A
Paper referrals will no longer be accepted after April 1, 2007 March 2007 April 2007	P, F, A
Physician Claim Inquiry form revision April 2007	P
<i>Enclosure</i> – Physician Claim Inquiry Form	
Proper documentation for durable medical equipment services April 2007	A
Statement of remittance: More enhancements to come April 2007	P, F, A
Statement of remittance: New enhancements August 2007	P, F, A
Statement of remittance (SOR) enhancement October 2007	P, F, A

Enclosure - SOR: How to read your professional statement of remittance

Enclosure - SOR: How to read your facility statement of remittance

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Tips for submitting claim adjustments June 2007	P, F, A
Update to the Capitated Radiology Program: Breast ultrasounds and coronary CTA services November 2007	P, F, A
Use red CMS-1500 form for claims that are paper-billed December 2007	P, F, A

CLASS ACTION

Settlement recap: Enhancements to claim payment policy, processing, and payment disclosure, and an appeals process for class action settlement providers August 2007	P
Settlement update: Provider claim payment appeal process August 2007	P

CONTINUING EDUCATION

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CREDENTIALING

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LABORATORY

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August 2007

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MEDICAL

Affirmative statement regarding physician incentives for utilization management decisions P, F, A
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Clinical decision support criteria assists with medical necessity determinations P, F, A
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Direct Access OB/GYNSM expanded P, F
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Enhanced provider information and quality ratings available to members P, F
November 2007

Medicare Part B vs. Part D drug crossover drug policy P, F, A
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Countdown to the NPI compliance date: The latest news you need	P, F, A
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Get it, share it, use it now with IBC	P, F, A
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National Provider Identifier (NPI) Toolkit: Tips for proper electronic and paper claims submission	P, F, A
February 2007	
Register your NPI online with Provider Registration Web form	P, F, A
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NAVINET[®]

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Enhancements to NaviNetSM January 2007	P, F, A
NaviNet[®] referral and authorization submission December 2007	P, F, A
NaviNet[®] tutorials available November 2007	P, F, A
New enhancements to BlueExchange[®] Out-of-Area transaction: Eligibility and benefits inquiry July 2007 August 2007	P, F, A
Recent NaviNetSM Plan Central enhancements April 2007	P, F, A
Referral and authorization logs available on NaviNet[®] September 2007	P, F, A

ON THE WEB

Simplifying provider bulletins on ibx.com August 2007	P, F, A
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PHARMACY

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Annual Synagis[®] (palivizumab) distribution program September 2007	P
<i>Enclosure</i> – Specialty Pharmacy Services Enrollment Form	
Biotech/Specialty injectables update for Flex Series and Personal Choice[®] HSA-qualified High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) benefit programs May 2007	P, F, A
<i>Enclosure</i> – Biotech/specialty injectables update for Flex Series and Personal Choice [®] HSA-qualified High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) benefit programs	
Biotech/Specialty injectables update for Flex Series and Personal Choice[®] HSA-qualified High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) and Individual HMO benefit programs November 2007	P, F, A
Medicare Drug Formulary changes May 2007	P, F, A
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Medicare Part D fraud, waste, and abuse October 2007	P, F, A
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30-day advance policy change notifications available online December 2007	P, F, A
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Announcing IBC’s new position on criteria for gradient compression stockings and antiembolism stockings August 2007	P, F, A
Clarification to the Nerve Conduction Studies (NCS) policy #07.03.18a and Needle Electromyogram (EMG) Studies policy #07.03.09b July 2007	P, F, A
Decongestive lymphedema therapy – Policy #07.06.01a October 2007	P, F, A
In vivo allergy testing policy #07.00.05c December 2007	P, F, A
Medical policies regarding contrast agents January 2007	P, F, A
Percutaneous discectomy policy change #11.15.15b December 2007	P, F, A
Removal of Breast Implants Policy #11.08.14d November 2007	P, F, A
Revisions to the Nerve Conduction Studies and Needle Electromyograms policies March 2007	P, F, A
Treatment of Varicose Veins of the Lower Extremities #11.02.01e July 2007	P, F, A

PREVENTIVE HEALTH

2007 Clinical Practice Guidelines: Now available August 2007	P, A
The 2007 Clinical Practice Guidelines is now available September 2007	P
Announcing enhanced support of high-risk members April 2007	P
Annual ConnectionsSM Health Management Program provider and member satisfaction surveys July 2007	P, A
ConnectionsSM provider satisfaction survey now available online September 2007	P, A
CorCell[®] offers sibling cord blood donor program for free June 2007	P
Encourage members to receive colorectal cancer screening March 2007	P, F, A
Healthy LifestylesSM reimbursement programs news January 2007	P, A
Heart failure video program promotes self-care October 2007	P
In-home Physician Visiting Program March 2007	P, A
National breast cancer awareness month October 2007	P
New fitness program: SilverSneakers[®] November 2007	P, F, A
New improvements to the umbilical cord banking industry January 2007	P, A
New nutrition counseling benefit available to commercial HMO, POS, and PPO members June 2007	P, F
No Pay Getaway member promotion November 2007	P, F, A

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SMART[®] Registry release for June 2007 June 2007	P, A
SMART[®] Registry release with clinical initiative on asthma for January 2008 December 2007	P, F, A
Substance Use Disorders Overview Guide: New for 2007 January 2007	P
Supporting our members, your patients: ConnectionsSM Health Management Programs January 2007 February 2007 March 2007 April 2007	P, A
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The ConnectionsSM Health Management Programs 2007 Annual Update is included September 2007	P, F, A

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PRODUCTS

Coming soon: Medicare Private Fee-for-Service plan August 2007 September 2007	P, F, A
IBC introduces new Personal Choice[®] Flex High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) flexibility for large group customers December 2007	P, F, A
More news about Medicare Private Fee-for-Service October 2007 November 2007	P, F, A
New flex program components May 2007	P, F, A

QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Enhanced mechanisms for monitoring capitated programs November 2007	P
Findings of the 2006 General Medical Record Review November 2007	P, F, A
New opportunities for change in quality and cost of care August 2007	P
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IBC will soon reject paper claims submitted on forms CMS-1500 (12/90) and UB-92 November 2007 December 2007	P, F, A
Laboratory services reminder May 2007 October 2007	P, F, A
New aligning managed care precertification list January 2007	P, F, A
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Transition to all-electronic authorization inquiry and submission January 2007 February 2007	P, F, A
Update to the Capitated Radiology Program: Breast ultrasounds and coronary CTA services December 2007	P, F, A

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CLAIM PAYMENT POLICY

Collection and Interpretation of Physiologic Data are Not Eligible for Separate Reimbursement (00.10.21a)

Summer 2007

Computer Analysis and Generation of Automated Data in Conjunction with Diagnostic Studies is Not Eligible for Separate Reimbursement (06.00.01b)

Winter 2007

Dental Extractions Prior to Cardiac Surgery, Radiation Therapy, or Transplant Surgery are Considered Eligible for Reimbursement When Certain Criteria are Met (04.00.03a)

Summer 2007

Nonprescription Smoking Deterrent Agents are Not Considered Eligible for Reimbursement (08.00.29b)

Summer 2007

Therapeutic Radiology Port Films are Considered Eligible for Separate Reimbursement (09.00.23a)

Fall 2007

Whole-Body Integumentary Photography and Dermatoscopy are Not Eligible for Reimbursement when Billed Alone or in Conjunction with Other Services (07.07.05a)

Fall 2007

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EXPERIMENTAL/INVESTIGATIONAL POLICIES

Adrenal Tissue Transplantation to Brain (11.15.14b)

Summer 2007

Correlated Audioelectric Cardiography (07.02.15b)

Winter 2007

Electrical Impedance Scanning of the Breast (07.07.08a)

Summer 2007

Hippotherapy (10.00.01a)

Summer 2007

Intestinal Rehabilitation Program (07.05.03b)

Winter 2007

Lysis of Epidural Adhesions (11.15.13a)

Spring 2007

Percutaneous Intradiscal Annuloplasty (IDET/PIRFT) (11.14.14c)

Summer 2007

Protonics[®] Device (07.08.02b)

Summer 2007

Serodiagnosis of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (06.02.17a)

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Surface Electromyogram (SEMG) (07.03.20)

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Transvaginal and Transurethral Radiofrequency Tissue Remodeling for Urinary Stress Incontinence (11.17.07b)

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MEDICAL POLICIES

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Apligraf® and Dermagraft® (11.08.20b)
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Autologous Chondrocyte Transplantation (ACT/Carticel®) (11.14.06d)
Fall 2007

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Spring 2007

Biofeedback Therapy (07.00.01d)
Winter 2007

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Spring 2007

Cochlear Implant (11.01.02e)
Fall 2007

Compression Garments (05.00.37a)
Fall 2007

Decongestive Lymphedema Therapy (07.06.01a)
Winter 2007

Endometrial Ablation (11.06.05a)
Summer 2007

Fetal Fibronectin Enzyme Immunoassay (06.02.04b)
Summer 2007

First-Trimester Prenatal Screening for Fetal Aneuploidy (09.00.36c)
Summer 2007

Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin (Mylotarg®) (08.00.35c)
Fall 2007

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MEDICAL POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Home Oxygen Therapy (05.00.58a)

Winter 2007

Ibandronate Sodium (Boniva[®]) for Intravenous Injection (08.00.68)

Spring 2007

Idursulfase (Elaprase[®]) (08.00.71)

Spring 2007

Insertion of Implantable Infusion Pumps (11.15.03d)

Winter 2007

Invasive Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems (05.00.24c)

Fall 2007

Laronidase (Aldurazyme[®]) (08.00.70)

Spring 2007

Metal-on-Metal Total Hip Resurfacing (11.14.20a)

Fall 2007

Natalizumab (TYSABRI[®]) (08.00.64)

Spring 2007

Needle Electromyography (EMG) Studies (07.03.09b)

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Nerve Conduction Studies (NCS) (07.03.18a)

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Neuropsychological Testing (07.03.08a)

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Obsolete or Unreliable Diagnostic Tests (00.01.24)

Spring 2007

Omalizumab (Xolair[®]) (08.00.55a)

Fall 2007

Osteochondral Allograft Transplantation (11.14.12a)

Fall 2007

Osteochondral Autograft Transplantation (11.14.09b)

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MEDICAL POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Outpatient Speech Therapy (10.06.01b)

Winter 2007

Pamidronate Disodium (Aredia®) (08.00.65)

Spring 2007

Partial Coherence Interferometry (07.13.08b)

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Percutaneous Balloon Valvuloplasty (11.02.03c)

Winter 2007

Percutaneous Lumbar Discectomy (11.15.15a)

Summer 2007

Photodynamic Therapy (PDT) Using Levulan® Kerastick® (Aminolevulinic Acid [ALA]) (07.07.03b)

Spring 2007

Ranibizumab (Lucentis™) for Intravitreal Injection (08.00.74)

Winter 2007

Refractive Keratoplasty (11.05.01c)

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Scanning Computerized Ophthalmic Diagnostic Imaging (07.13.06c)

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Transcatheter Arterial Chemoembolization (TACE) of Hepatic Malignancies (07.05.06a)

Summer 2007

Treatment of Twin-Twin Transfusion Syndrome (TTTS) (11.00.14a)

Winter 2007

Treatment of Varicose Veins of the Lower Extremities (11.02.01e)

Fall 2007

Vagus Nerve Stimulation (11.15.16d)

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MORE INFORMATION

30-Day advance policy change notifications available online

Winter 2007

Physician volunteers needed to assist in developing medical policies

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Clinical Update

ACIP recommendations for expanded use of Tdap vaccine

Spring 2007

ConnectionsSM Health Management Program begins outreach to members considering weight loss surgery

Spring 2007

ConnectionsSM Health Management Program increases use of automated calls

Spring 2007

HPV Vaccine approved for the prevention of cervical cancer

Spring 2007

Osteoporosis prevention and screening

Spring 2007