Outpatient APC Transition / Inpatient Notification

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Hospital Administrators

This letter is to update you on the outpatient hospital transition to APC codes and remind you to notify us upon admit and discharge of a SoonerCare member from an inpatient setting.

Outpatient Claims Processing

Flat fee payments based on revenue codes
As noted in Provider Reimbursement Notice (PRN) 2009-02 OHCA transitioned some codes currently paid under a different methodology to the APC payment methodology and resolved many system problems we were experiencing when discounting multiple procedure claims. Unfortunately when these changes were implemented we inadvertently disrupted the outpatient hierarchy logic. Claims are no longer processing through the revenue code flat fee payments. The following revenue code payments are affected: 260, 331, 332, 335, 421, 424, 431, 434, 441, 444, 51X, 720, 721, 760, 761, 762 and 769. When these codes are filed they are “zero” paying. The system fix is being worked as an emergency. Once the system is fixed, OHCA will reprocess all claims.

APC Fee Schedule
OHCA has received several questions regarding the ASC / APC fee schedules. Effective January 1, 2009 the ASC fee schedule is NOT applicable to hospitals. The APC fee schedule can be found on our public website at this link.

Inpatient Updates

Inpatient Admission / Discharge Notification Reminder
In Provider Reimbursement Notice (PRN) 2009-04 we asked all hospitals to provide notification when a SoonerCare member is admitted and discharged. We appreciate those hospitals that are complying with our request however there appears to be many hospitals that are not. Please contact us if you need additional information or help. Non-compliant hospitals will be contacted individually.

The fax number for this information is 405.530.7236.

If you have any questions or require additional information about this please phone Kelly Botten at (405) 522-7108 or email at Kelly.Botten@okhca.org.

Thank you for your continued service to Oklahoma’s SoonerCare members.