



December 2018

MEDICAID PROVIDERS MUST ENROLL IN CHAMPS FOR 2019

All providers must be enrolled in the Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System (CHAMPS) in order to continue to receive Medicaid payments for dates of service after January 1, 2019. Please feel free to call us to make sure that you're properly enrolled in CHAMPS this month. If you prefer, you can go on-line to check your own status at: www.michigan.gov/MedicaidProviders and then click on "Provider Enrollment"

CMS STATES NO CHANGES TO E/M PAYMENT UNTIL 2021

AAPC has published an article stating that there will be no changes to E/M Payments until at least 2021. The goal to replace documentation rules and medical decision-making calculations left a number of issues. The AMA asked for a delay so that a work group could be put into place to help providers adapt to the changes. To read the complete AAPC article use the link below:

www.aapc.com/blog/44610-no-changes-to-em-payment-until-2021/

BLUE CROSS VIRTUAL WELL-BEING PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Virtual Well-Being is a new program for all Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network employers and members that features two live webinars each week – one for employers and one for members – along with downloadable content to support well-being. You may want to recommend these for your employees or your patients. They begin on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 12:00pm Eastern time. Registration is available at www.mibluesperspectives.com/virtual-webinars/. Just click on webinars. You can also download informational material and access previous webinars.

2018 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The holidays are here! We at PPR wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Our office will be closed during the following days:

Monday, December 24, closing at noon

Tuesday, December 25, closed

Monday, December 31, closing at noon

Tuesday, January 1, closed

And remember, we're here to help *you*. Don't hesitate to call at any time for any reason.