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FLU SHOT

Believe it or not it is time to get flu shots for the 2020-2021 season. To see the latest information regarding Medicare coverage click here:

<https://www.cms.gov/flu-provider>

For your Blue Cross Blue Shield patients click here:

<https://www.bcbsm.com/index/health-insurance-help/faqs/topics/understanding-benefits/are-flu-shots-covered.html>

For the latest from the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services regarding flu vaccine, click here:

https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2955_22779-121510--,00.html

MAKING TELEHEALTH COVERAGE PERMANENT

Because of the public health emergency CMS took emergency rulemaking action to add a number of services to the Medicare telehealth services list on an interim basis, including the relaxation of technology-based services. CMS is now considering which of these services should remain on the Medicare telehealth services list permanently after the emergency ends. Services include office visits, and psychiatry.

You can find the proposed rule and the list of services (on page 94) by going here:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/cms-1734-p-pdf.pdf>

THE IMPORTANCE OF DATA

What data do you need to help run your practice? In many cases PPR can use the data that is gathered during the billing process to provide you with information regarding your practice. We send you reports each week and each month that show you Accounts Receivable activity that occurred during that period. But maybe we can provide you with more. Let us know if there is anything that you would like to see reporting on and we'll try to make sure you get it.

PPR REMOTE AND ON-SITE

PPR continues to have on-site staffing at reduced levels while the public health emergency continues. Your billing will be processed timely. If you would like to meet with a PPR staff member please call ahead to make arrangements. We are following the guidelines of everyone wearing a mask and social/physical distancing and we appreciate your help as well.

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