

Health Safety Net (HSN) Updates

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Important

- Please monitor your in-box as well as the HSN website regularly for updates regarding the HSN's COVID-19 response
- Please note that the HSN is the payer of last resort for Acute Care Hospitals and CHCs and providers should continue their diligent efforts to collect payment from other sources before submitting a claim to the HSN
- Providers are encouraged to review the Populations Exempt from Collection Actions section of 101 CMR 613.08(3) and contact the HSN with any questions they might have



Agenda

- Hospital Rate Setting
- HSN Regulation Updates
- 340B Pharmacy Changes
- CHC Reprocessing
- Interim Recovery



Hospital Rate Setting

- Due to some COVID-19 related delays, not all HSN FY21 schedules will be immediately available
- The following schedules are currently available and will be distributed:
 - Schedule A: Inpatient Medical and Psychiatric
 - Schedule B: Payment on Account Factor
 - Schedule C: Outpatient Rates
 - Schedule D: Outpatient ERBD Rates
- Please note that there is no information yet for Special Hospitals or Inpatient Rehabilitation facilities
- For those schedules we are not able to update, the HSN will:
 - Send the schedules/rates out as soon as possible and allow 30 days for facilities to comment
 - Reprocess the claims once either the 30 day comment period has expired or we have heard back from all providers



HSN Regulation Updates

- HSN is in the process of proposing changes to the 101 CMR 613.00 and 614.00 regulations
- These updates along with a public comment period will be posted to the HSN website



340B Pharmacy Changes

- Recent changes in the pharmaceutical industry have created barriers for contracted pharmacies to obtain certain 340B drugs
- In order to ensure patient access to these drugs, the Health Safety Net will allow Health Safety Net providers and their contract pharmacies to utilize non-340B stock to fill prescriptions for their Health Safety Net patients for drugs that are 340B-eligible but that are no longer available for purchase by the contract pharmacy at 340B price
- Such non-340B stock must be billed to the Health Safety Net at Actual Acquisition Cost
- Dispensing fee will be added per 101 CMR 613



340B Pharmacy Changes

- The Health Safety Net will continue to require that 340B Providers submit only 340B claims to the Health Safety Net for 340B-eligible prescriptions provided to Health Safety Net patients
- Health Safety Net contract pharmacies must continue to utilize 340B drugs that are in stock or available for purchase at 340B price when filling prescriptions for Health Safety Net patients
- A 340B provider that operates both a 340B pharmacy and retail pharmacy must fill prescriptions for any Health Safety Net patient



CHC Reprocessing

- In January 2021, the HSN will be reprocessing claims for the following CPT codes:
 - Price adjustments for J7296, J7297, J7298, and J1050
 - Removal of J7301
 - CHC Secondary Over and Underpayments
- HSN will notify providers in the near future



Shingles Vaccine Update

- The Health Safety Net will now allow CHCs to bill for Shingrix, the new zoster vaccine (CPT 90750)
- This vaccine will be reimbursed at \$112.38



Interim Payment Reconciliation

- Interim payment recovery began with the August 2020 pay cycle
- During interim payment recovery, a provider's monthly payment will be reduced by a calculated recovery amount to reflect the payments made during interim payment periods



Interim Payment Reconciliation: Acute Hospitals

- For each recovery month the interim payment recovery amount is determined by comparing a provider's monthly demand, based on claims submitted to MassHealth, POPS (for pharmacy claims), or DentaQuest (for dental claims), and the monthly interim payment balance
 - If monthly demand is less than 2 times the one-month interim payment amount, then the recovery will be equal to half of monthly demand), up to the amount of the remaining interim payment balance
 - If monthly demand is greater than or equal to 2 times the one-month interim payment amount, then the recovery will be equal to monthly demand minus the one-month interim payment amount, up to the amount of the remaining interim payment balance.
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QUESTIONS?

