

MTF July 2020 Meeting Health Safety Net Updates Presentation Transcription

Introduction

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Slide 1: Agenda

Today we'll go through a few items that we'll be addressing in a forthcoming administrative bulletin having to do with the Presumptive Determinations.

We'll also be talking about Interim Payments; having HSN claims go through the federal portal; and some additional COVID-19 testing codes that we're adding.

I'll also touch briefly upon some changes to CHC pricing, and also remind providers that HSNFY 2018 is closing.

Slide 2: Important

Please continue to monitor your inbox, as well as the HSN website, for regular updates regarding our response to the 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 HSN.

Providers are responsible for checking the Eligibility Verification System for MassHealth eligibility and other sources to determine whether a patient is insured before submitting a claim to the HSN.

Slide 3: HSN Response to COVID-19 public health emergency

The HSN has two administrative bulletins, 20-09 and 20-49, which are still in effect. We will be releasing some changes soon about the administrative bulletins, especially in regard to the Presumptive Determinations.

Again, please watch your inbox and our website for additional guidance regarding our response to COVID-19.

Slide 4: HSN Presumptive Determinations (HSN-PD)

The Health Safety Net will be following the MassHealth's lead in terms of the changes we're making to Presumptive Determinations. Individuals approved for all Health Safety Net Presumptive Determination benefits during the COVID-19 national emergency will be subject to the following eligibility rules.

For individuals who received a Presumptive Determination before June 30th, their HSN Presumptive Determination benefit will end July 31st, 2020, unless they submit a full MassHealth application on or before that date.

For individuals who received a Presumptive Determination prior to the COVID-19 national emergency, on or after June 30th, 2020, their HSN Presumptive Determination benefit will end the month following the month in which the provider made the Presumptive Determination if the individual has not submitted a complete

application, or the date the determination notice described in the regulations related to the individual's application.

Essentially, we're mirroring what MassHealth is doing and the end date for the benefits essentially mirrors what we currently have in our regulations as well.

Slide 5: HSN Presumptive Determinations (HSN-PD) (cont'd)

In order to further align with MassHealth, the Health Safety Net is now allowing for individuals to have up to two Presumptive Determinations within a 12-month period. Before the COVID 19 emergency, there was only one Presumptive Determination that could be made throughout the course of a 12-month period. We're now mirroring MassHealth and allowing individuals to have up to two periods.

Slide 6: Interim Payments

Regarding interim payments, we will be targeting to be off interim payment for the August cycle, utilizing up to June's RHS.

Reconciliation of interim payments will begin the cycle that HSN comes off interim payments. Additional guidance regarding the interim payment period is forthcoming. You'll likely be notified either by HSN's Operations or Finance department.

Slide 7: HSN Claims and the Federal Portal

Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) has a program to reimburse provider claims for COVID-19 testing and treatment, and the link is down at the bottom (see presentation PPT) for submission of those claims. The Health Safety Net should be the payer of last resort.

Slide 8: HSN Claims and the Federal Portal (cont'd)

Providers should bill the federal COVID-19 Uninsured Program portal for COVID-19 testing and treatment services provided to an individual who is a Health Safety Net patient only and who does not have any other coverage, including MassHealth Limited.

In regard to Children's Medical Security Plan, members who do not have any other coverage and in CMSP should bill testing and treatment claims to the federal portal.

Slide 9: Additional Covid-19 Testing Codes

The HSN added six new COVID-19 testing codes (see presentation PPT). A bulletin was sent out recently about these codes. The codes are on this slide, as well as the effective dates. We're mirroring what MassHealth did in response to these codes largely.

Slide 10: Changes to CHC Pricing

The HSN will be processing a price adjustment for codes J7296, J7297, J7298, and J1050. All the CHC claims specifically for these codes will be reprocessed, and we are sending out a bulletin shortly with the pricing. Please note that J7301 will be removed from the from the covered CHC list.

Slide 11: FY 2018 Closing

Any claims or corrections for HSNFY 18 must be completed before the fiscal year is closed. Claims submitted for processing after fiscal year's close will be denied by HSN. If you have any questions about this process, you can certainly reach out to the help desk and their number and email address is provided below (see presentation PPT).