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BRIEF

Bi-monthly newsletter to keep you connected

Brand survey, CMS guidance for Medicare claims, WellPoint/Unicare claims update, Blue Cross Medicare Advantage PPO materials, BILHPN Pharmacy News, Healthplan newsletters

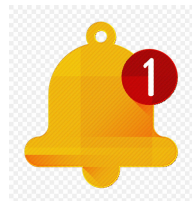
Brand survey – be eligible for a prize!

Earlier this year we sent a survey asking about your brand recognition of Physician Performance. We focused this year on ways to help our practices better understand who we are and what services we can provide to our participating practices. We are now sending out a follow-up survey to hear from you on your current level of recognition. All survey respondents will be eligible for a prize drawing. Please fill out the survey by October 31st.

[Brand Survey](#)

CMS Issues Guidance on Medicare Claims Processing

On October 1, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [issued guidance](#) to all Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) to implement a temporary hold on claims processing due to the scheduled expiration of certain legislative payment provisions known as “extenders.” Click on the above link for more information.



Wellpoint/Unicare claims hold update

In an early September Brief, we communicated a request from Unicare for practices to hold all professional claims while they loaded the newly negotiated fee schedule rates. We have now received word from BILHPN that these claims can now be released for payment. Please reach out if you encounter any issues.

[Blue Cross Medicare Advantage PPO](#)

BILHPN has made available some reference materials to use when you are speaking with patients regarding BILHPN primary care providers being out of network for the BCBSMA Medicare Advantage PPO product effective January 1, 2026.



Click [here](#) for informational materials.



BILHPN Pharmacy Newsletter

BILHPN Pharmacy has published their September newsletter. Some highlights include:

- vaccine access at retail pharmacies
- 2025 hypertension guidelines from the joint committee on clinical practice

For the full newsletter, click the link below

[BILHPN Pharmacy News](#)



Healthplan News

The following plans have published their monthly newsletters:

- [Aetna](#)
- [Point32Health](#)
- [United Newsletter](#)

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