

BRIEF

Bi-monthly newsletter to keep you connected

Masshealth Behavioral health exam coverage, 90-Day Strategy on ED Capacity, WellSense BILH Performance Network Newsletter, Blue Cross Blue Shield authorization update, Point32health Update, United Healthcare News, CME Course for Women Physicians, CDI 1:1 Provider Coding Coaching, CDI Coding Initiative Training, Yankee Alliance



MassHealth to cover annual behavioral health wellness exams with no copay starting July 1

According to [All Provider Bulletin 392](#), MassHealth will cover annual behavioral health wellness exams provided by a primary care provider or a licensed mental health professional with no member cost-sharing.

The wellness examination includes a screening or assessment to identify any behavioral or mental health needs. This benefit is not limited to MassHealth members, as a broader policy mandating coverage for these exams has been in effect for Massachusetts insurers, including commercial and private insured plans, since April 1, 2024.

Providers can access detailed information about the insured health plans exam components and billing guidelines in [Appendix A](#) of the Division of Insurance Bulletin 2024-02. For more information, [click here](#).



90-Day Strategy: Addressing ED Capacity

The Department of Public Health, Division of Insurance, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, have jointly issued a memorandum to address emergency department capacity issues.

From July 3 until October 1, 2024, fully funded Massachusetts licensed health plans will reimburse urgent care centers in eastern Massachusetts regardless of whether the urgent care center is in or out of network. Reimbursement by commercial carriers will be determined by network status. The MassHealth Program has issued a separate bulletin that provides instructions for health plans contracting with the MassHealth program.

WellSense BILH Performance Network Newsletter

The latest issue of the WellSense BILH Performance Network newsletter is out and some of the highlights are as follows:

- **Key formulary updates effective in July and August**
- **Health Trio authorization requests**
- **Supplemental diagnosis code submission instructions**
- **Vaccine administration code billing**
- **Outpatient physician-administered drug billing**



For access to the full issue, click [here](#)



BCBS removing authorization for rehabilitation services on Sept 1

BCBS will be removing the prior authorization requirement for rehabilitation services for certain commercial HMO and POS members who receive care from in-network providers. Members continue to need authorization when using out-of-network providers.

Log in to your Blue Cross provider portal for a description of what this change may mean for you.

Point32Health

Point32health Change Healthcare Update

Effective for claims submitted **on or after Sept. 1, 2024**, Point32Health will end the temporary claims timely filing and claims adjustment waiver that they instituted related to the Change Healthcare cybersecurity event and will return to their standard requirements for all lines of business. You should work with your billing companies to ensure that you have a working and reliable connection with Point32Health prior to that date.

For the full article, click [here](#)



United Healthcare Newsletter

United Healthcare has published their latest edition of Network News. An important highlight is:

- **Electronic submission required for reconsiderations and appeals**

For the full article and other news, click [here](#)

CME leadership course for women physicians offered this fall (logo in CC)



The Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) is collaborating with the Daniel Hanley Center for Health Leadership to offer a virtual, 3-session (**Oct. 9, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5**) program, *Leading with Impact: Empowering women Physicians for Leadership Roles*, tailored for busy women physicians interested in elevating their leadership potential in any health care setting. Click [here](#) for details, and to register by **Aug. 12**.



BILHPN CDI in-person 1:1 provider coding Training

In addition to the BILHPN CDI team running their monthly coding training series found below in our newsletter, the CDI team is now offering 1:1 virtual or in person provider/coder coaching.

More about this opportunity can be found [here](#).

BILHPN Monthly CDI coding training Series

BILHPN offers a monthly CDI Coding Training Series. Each session covers a specific medical specialty, with a focus on HCC (hierarchical condition category) codes and the potential for coding improvement. Sessions will be led by an instructor from the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) and BILHPN's Director of Professional Coding and Education.



All sessions are eligible for CME credit.

Next Session: Bonus Session

Psychology

Tuesday, July 25th
12:00pm to 1:00pm

[Link to Training](#)

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