



BRIEF

Bi-monthly newsletter to keep you connected

Cigna prepayment review, United Healthcare taxonomy code requirement, Mount Auburn Hospital gift, Resources for flu season, Exclusion checking reminder, CMS revalidation reminder



Cigna prepayment review on high-cost surgical claims

Beginning November 4, 2026, Cigna Healthcare will partner with Optum to conduct prepayment reviews of select high-cost surgical claims, including certain high-dollar durable medical equipment (DME) claims. This change applies to professional services billed on a CMS-1500 claim form on or after November 4, 2026. Click [here](#) for more information.

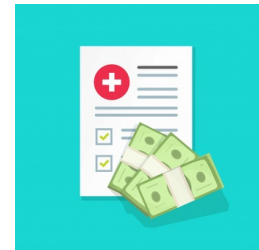
New United Healthcare Taxonomy Code Requirement

Effective January 1, 2027, United Healthcare will deny claims that contain incorrect or missing taxonomy codes. To avoid claim denials, please review and update your billing processes before this requirement takes effect.

Please ensure that all claims are submitted with complete and accurate information, including:

- Taxonomy codes
- Provider type
- Billing and provider information

We ask that you share this information with your billing staff and any individuals responsible for claim submission to ensure compliance with this upcoming requirement.



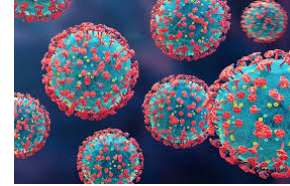
Gift Expands Access to Mental Health Care in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Through a significant investment from The 72 Fund, Mount Auburn Hospital is establishing a newly endowed position — the Mikki Kane Donovan Mental Health Nurse Practitioner in Obstetrics and Gynecology. This additional role within the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology will expand access to

integrated behavioral health services, helping ensure patients receive coordinated mental health support throughout their life journey, including pregnancy, postpartum, endometriosis and menopause.

Read more [here](#).

Resources from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health are available for use in your practices, including [this flu webpage](#), [this seasonal vaccine media toolkit](#), [posters and brochures](#), and [childhood vaccine fact sheet](#).



Reminder to practices on required exclusion checking

All BILHPN providers are responsible for complying with BILHPN contracts which require you to ensure that employees and vendors, as well as any other downstream contractors, have not been excluded from participating in federal health care programs. Exclusion checking is the process of verifying that a current or potential employee or vendor is not classified as an excluded individual who is prohibited from participation in any federal healthcare program. This process should happen upon hire of an employee or before signing a new vendor contract, and then at least annually. BILHPN has created a document explaining this requirement.

Click [here](#) to view the presentation under the Reference section of our website. Please review all vendors and employees through each of these lists:

[List of Excluded Individuals/ Entities \(LEIE\)](#)
[System for Award Management \(SAM\) Exclusion Checks](#)
[MassHealth Suspended or Excluded Providers](#)

Reminder to all providers about revalidations:

Regardless of specialty or degree, providers are required to revalidate their Fee-for-Service (FFS) enrollment in Medicaid or Medicare every 5 years. MassHealth and CMS will each respectively send letters and email notifications to practices who are due for revalidation. Click [here](#) for more information on these processes. The website on Medicare revalidation can be found [here](#) and the Masshealth website on revalidation can be found [here](#).



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