

Office Manager Meeting

October 7, 2025

Agenda

- Introductions
- Health plan contract updates
- Specialty Spotlights
- Enrollment Updates
- Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare, Inc. (CAQH)
- CMS Exclusion checking reminder



INTRODUCTIONS

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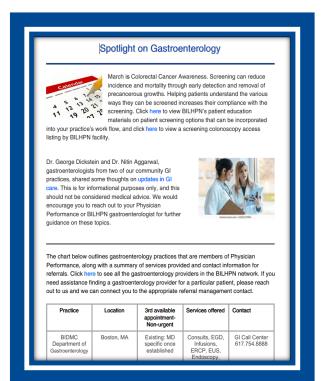


HEALTH PLAN CONTRACT UPDATES

SPECIALTY SPOTLIGHT

Specialty Spotlight







ENROLLMENT UPDATES

Enrollment Updates

BILHPN and Physician Performance team have worked together to streamline enrollment

forms

New provider joining an existing Practice

- Form has been consolidated for efficiency
 - Ability to attach required documents
 - Ability to sign agreements
- Form is available electronically
 - Issued to office manager and provider
 - Physician, NP/PA, Behavioral Health, Ancillary providers
- Other notes:
 - American Board has changed its policy and is no longer providing termination / renewal dates





Enrollment Process

- Change / Term form consolidation
 - Streamlined the form to enable practice to record and submit all types of changes and termination
 - Form goes to Physician Performance and BILHPN Enrollment
- Power BI Health Plan Report Tool
 - BILHPN and Physician Performance are working together to provide a tool that will enable practices to view their providers status with payors

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Provider Name:	Provider NPI:
Effective date of the change/term	n (*final effective date at health plan is dependent on contractual obligations):
Type Of Change	
Phone Number Change	
Old phone number to be removed	d
Old fax number to be removed	
Primary phone number	Secondary phone
Primary fax number	Secondary fax
New phone number to add	
New fax number to add	
Provider name change	
New First Name:	
New Last Name:	
Change Panel Status Patient panel change-Open	
Patient panel change-Close	
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	e open or closed with all contracted payers
Designation change (*New Desig	
Primary Care Physician (PCP)	
Primary Care Physician / Spec	cialists (PCP/Specialist)
Specialist (SCP)	



COUNCIL FOR AFFORDABLE QUALITY HEALTHCARE, INC.

- We would like to remind all of our group practices about the importance of maintaining accurate information in the health plan provider directories and the process for making demographic changes related to your practice.
- To ensure accurate and timely updates, it is essential that any demographic changes are first communicated to Physician Performance before entering the information into the CAQH / CAQH ProView™ system.
- Communicating this information is a requirement of the Participation
 Agreement, and helps maintain constancy and accuracy across all records
 and avoids any potential discrepancies that may cause issues such as
 claims payment denials



- Please notify us of any changes regarding:
 - Practice Location
 - Adding or removing a practice location
 - Provider details
 - Examples: name change; Status changes between PCPs and Specialists; PCP open / closed patient panel changes
 - Tax Identification Number
 - Any other relevant demographic information
- Once we have received and approved your updates, you can then proceed to enter the information into CAQH system. Physician Performance will notify BILHPN Provider Enrollment and the changes will be submitted to the health plans



- Federal government and Massachusetts Division of Insurance require the following be updated by providers every 90 days:
 - Health Plans must publish accurate provider directories to ensure patients have access to up-to-date information about in-network providers.
 - Plans must contact their contracted providers on a quarterly basis to update directory information.
 - All updates to the online provider directories must be completed within 30 days of receiving information requiring an update.
 - State regulation now requires health plans to remove non-responding providers from directories.



- New fields added this year that providers need to update:
 - Languages spoken by the provider
 - List of genders and gender identities they treat
 - Age groups treated by the provider
 - Special populations and cultural groups they treat
 - Telehealth modalities
 - Availability to accept new patients



CMS REQUIRED EXCLUSION CHECKING

CMS Exclusion Checking

- 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.



CMS Exclusion Checking

- This process should happen before hire of an employee or before signing a new vendor contract, and then at least annually.
- Please review all new vendors and employees through each of these lists:
 - <u>List of Excluded Individuals/ Entities (LEIE)</u>
 - System for Award Management (SAM)
 - Exclusion Checks MassHealth Suspended or Excluded Providers



OPEN DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS

THANK YOU