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2006 Regional Training Seminar

An invitation... to grow with us!

UCare Minnesota is pleased to offer these free educational training opportunities! By attending, you will gain a deeper understanding of current and future changes in health care, and get to know the different departments at UCare that serve you on a daily basis.

Note: CEU's will be available for Social Workers and Nurses.

For your convenience UCare is offering two half-day training seminars.

Morning Seminar		Afternoon Seminar	
8:00-8:30	Registration	12:30-1:00	Registration
8:30-9:15	Keynote Speaker	1:00-1:45	Keynote Speaker
9:30-10:15	Breakout Session I	2:00-2:45	Breakout Session I
10:30-11:15	Breakout Session II	3:00-3:45	Breakout Session II

The **Keynote Speaker** will kick off each seminar with a fascinating look at the *Changing Demographics in Minnesota's Health Care Market*.

Breakout Session I 9:30 and 2:00

A1. UCare Product Overview

An introduction to UCare and a comprehensive review of all UCare products.

B1. Nursing Facility Training

A presentation of different UCare processes ranging from eligibility, coverage, prior authorization, and benefits.

C1. 10 Things You Don't Know About Medicare

Everything you want to know about Medicare... and more!

D1. County MSHO Compliance Audits

What to expect for 2007—pertinent updates from UCare's Clinical Services Department.

Breakout Session II 10:30 and 3:00

A2. Primary Care Clinics Working With UCare

Specific information for primary care clinics tailored to your needs, e.g., C&TC information, quality complaint reporting, access and availability audits, and more.

B2. Care Coordination Updates

Information for Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) Care Coordinators about upcoming changes.

C2. Partners in Prevention: Public Health & Health Promotion

Interesting details about UCare's many health promotion programs and collaborations with public health agencies across Minnesota.

D2. Dental and Pharmacy Programs

Did you know? UCare Minnesota is the only health plan in Minnesota to own and operate a mobile dental unit. All the facts about UCare's dental programs and pharmacy programs are covered in this session.

To register for a seminar near you please visit us online at www.ucare.org, and click on *Providers*.

We intend to continue these training efforts as our network grows. On-site guidance is available, so write us at healthlines@ucare.org if you need training on a specific topic. UCare is committed to providing excellent service to you, our valued providers.



Influenza and Pneumococcal Immunizations Billing and Coding Guidelines

UCare appreciates all that public health agencies do to ensure that Minnesotans at risk for the flu receive their vaccines during influenza season. At the end of September, UCare will mail a reminder to high-risk members that encourages them to get their flu shot either at their primary care clinic or at a community site. Special thanks to those public health agencies providing pneumococcal immunizations to identified UCare members at risk.

With the flu season soon approaching, we'd like to share a few coding and billing reminders. HIPAA requires all claims to be submitted with ICD-9 diagnosis codes coded to their highest level of specificity on a CMS 1500 billing form (We prefer that you submit via the standard CMS 1500 billing form, however, if you do not have the capability we will accept Roster billing). Any claim not coded to its highest level of specificity will be denied with explanation code D9:

DHS/CMS requires fourth/fifth-digit level of diagnosis specificity. Claims must also have the appropriate CPT codes and administration code for immunizations.

UCare product	Vaccine	CPT code	Diagnosis code	Admin code
PMAP, PGAMC, and MinnesotaCare	Influenza	≥ age 3: 90658 < age 3: 90657 Preservative free: ≥ age 3: 90656 < age 3: 90655 FluMist (5-18 years of age): 90660	V04.81	-With either vaccine administration code 90471 (single rate) or code 90472 (multiple vaccine rate) -Intranasal admin: 90473
	Pneumococcal	90732	V03.82	
MSHO, UCare Complete, Partners Choice Network, and UCare for Seniors	Influenza	≥ age 3: 90658 < age 3: 90657 Preservative free: ≥ age 3: 90656 < age 3: 90655	V04.81	G0008
	Pneumococcal	90732	V03.82	G0009

News and Notes

National Provider Identifier (NPI) Summit October 10, 2006

Join UCare Minnesota and other local payers and providers for presentations and discussions on implementing and effectively managing the use of the NPI. For additional information, please visit www.ucare.org.

For answers to some of the most commonly asked questions regarding the NPI we have developed an FAQ.

Examples:

Q: Who is required to apply for an NPI number?

A: All entities, both individuals and organizations, that meet the HIPAA definition of "health care provider" are eligible to receive an NPI. However, only health care providers who also meet the HIPAA definition of a "covered entity" are required to obtain an NPI.

Q: Will the assignment of an NPI change my contractual rate of reimbursement?

A: The assignment of an NPI has no bearing on the terms and conditions of your contract.

You can access our **NPI FAQ** online at www.ucare.org, just click on *Providers*.

Coding Zone

Hospital Replacement Claims

Effective 10/1/06, UCare is now able to accept replacement hospital claims. To bill a hospital replacement claim on a UB-92 (UB04), the bill type must end with a 7 (XX7). It is no longer necessary to send replacement claims with a claim status adjustment form.

2007 ICD-9 Diagnosis Code Changes

Effective 10/1/06, provider must use the 2007 International Classification of Disease, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) codes for claims submitted with dates of service 10/1/06 and after. Reminder: There is no grace period. The following website provides a comprehensive list of coding updates, deletions and revisions:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ICD9ProviderDiagnosticCodes/07_Summarytables.asp#TopOfPage

Reminders

- Provider Manual Update: Chapter 6: Billing Information. You can access our Provider Manual online at www.ucare.org, just click on *Providers*.