



December, 2008

**Re: UCare's 2009 Pay for Performance Programs for Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP), Medicare and MSHO Populations**

Dear Clinic Manager and/or Medical Director:

UCare is eager to extend an opportunity for participation in our **2009 Pay for Performance (P4P) Program**. We have made several changes to improve our 2009 program. One of these exciting changes is expansion of the 2009 program to include our MSHO population.

The P4P Program is focused on providing financial recognition to clinic systems that exhibit superior or improved performance. This letter includes an outline of clinical specifications used to determine the numerators and denominators that make up the 2009 measurement rates. The 2009 technical specifications and coding detail is posted on the "Provider Page" under "Pay for Performance" on the UCare Web site, [www.ucare.org](http://www.ucare.org).

If you are a clinic or system new to UCare, or if you have not previously been a part of UCare's P4P Program, please complete the short "Action List Request Form" on the back of this letter and fax it to 612-884-2121 no later than January 15, 2009. UCare will send a login ID and password to the person identified on the request form. This will allow you to receive access via secure server, to "Action Lists" of UCare Members assigned to your clinic to receive services for the 2009 P4P Program focus areas. You will also be able to obtain the electronic lab and blood pressure submission forms for your clinic. Action Lists will be available in February 2009, then updated in March and every other month throughout the remainder of the year.

If you participated in UCare's P4P Program in previous years, your access will continue. There is no need to submit the request form if you accessed action lists during 2008.

On the following pages, please find the outline of clinical data specifications for each measure in the 2009 Program. The data is based on specifications from the Minnesota's Department of Human Services (DHS) and/or HEDIS. Payment rates for each of the 2009 Pay for Performance Measures have also been included.

If you have any questions regarding this plan, the following UCare staff members are available to answer your questions:

<u>For questions regarding:</u>	<u>Contact:</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Contact Info:</u>
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We know that all our clinics strive for excellence. We are excited to offer financial rewards to our clinic systems that demonstrate superior or improved performance. We look forward to working with you on the P4P Program during 2009.

Sincerely,



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Chief Medical Officer  
UCare

Attachments: UCare's 2009 Pay for Performance Program focus areas and payment rates  
UCare's 2009 Pay for Performance Program Clinical Specifications

### **Action List Request**

If your clinic is interested in receiving access via secure server to Action Lists for Pay for Performance topics, please complete the form below and **fax this page to 612-884-2121 no later than January 15, 2009.**

Name of Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Care System: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person to send facility's login ID & Password to: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have computer internet access? (Please circle one.)      Yes      No