

December 11, 2009

Re: The UCare 2010 Pay for Performance Program for Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP), Medicare and MSHO Populations

Dear Clinic Manager and/or Medical Director:

UCare is pleased to extend an opportunity to participate in the **2010 Pay for Performance (P4P) Program**. The UCare P4P Program is focused on providing financial recognition to clinics and care systems that exhibit superior or improved performance.

This letter includes an outline of the 2010 measures and anticipated payment rates. Further detail including technical specifications, the lab submission template, a guide to the new secure website, and frequently asked questions will be available in January 2010 on the Provider section of the UCare website (www.ucare.org).

Changes to the 2010 P4P program include:

- Expansion of the program to include Wisconsin providers.
- Revised payment rates for some measures.
- New measure and payment methodology for complete child and teen check-ups (C&TCs).
- Tobacco cessation and aspirin therapy included in lab submission measures.
- Revised age range for colorectal cancer screening.
- A new secure website for accessing action lists and uploading lab data.

The enclosed document outlines the 2010 P4P measures and anticipated payment rates. These measures are based on specifications from the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS), and the Institute of Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI). Actual payment rates may vary from the anticipated payment rates subject to health plan financial results.

With the transition to the new secure website, UCare requires ALL clinics or care systems to submit an Action List Request Form (located on the back of this letter) even if the clinic or care system has registered in the past. Each clinic or care system that would like to receive action lists and upload lab data must fill out this form and fax it to UCare **no later than January 15, 2010**. UCare will mail a username and password to the person identified on the Action List Request form before the action lists are posted in February. Action lists will be available on the new secure website in February, March, May, July, September, and November 2010.

If you have any questions about the P4P program, please e-mail p4pinfo@ucare.org or call 612-676-6707 or 1-866-243-0762 (toll free).

We know that all our clinics strive for excellence, and we are excited to offer financial rewards to our clinics and care systems that demonstrate superior or improved performance. We look forward to working with you on the P4P Program during 2010.

Sincerely,



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UCare

Enclosure: UCare 2009 Pay for Performance Program Measures and Anticipated Payment Rates

UCare 2010 Pay For Performance Program

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UCare will mail a username and password to the individual identified below along with a guide to using the new secure website prior to the posting of the first action lists in February 2010.

Please complete this form and fax to 612-884-2121 no later than January 15, 2010.

Name of Clinic: _____

Name of Care System: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Name of individual to receive username and password: _____

Title: _____

Phone number: _____

Fax number: _____

E-mail address (must be "official" company e-mail address, not Yahoo, Gmail, etc.) _____
