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NEW EMPLOYEES

They Are Here To Help You

Plexus has grown in the last couple of months to a point where we needed additional personnel. For your convenience you will find all of our direct extensions below.

Evie	x101
Sarah	x102
Jean	x103
Diane	x104
Shannon	x105
Kelly	x106
Janet	x107
Mark	x108

We all have a password voicemail, so please feel free to leave a confidential message at any time.

Our email addresses are our first name followed by ...@plexushealthsolutions.com, except for Diane, hers is opsup@plexus...

We will be sure to introduce you when you're at our office.

E-PRESCRIBING

Incentives

An outline of the Medicare electronic prescribing physician incentives are listed below:

*If you prescribe meds electronically in 2009 & 2010 you will receive a 2% payment incentive.

*If done in 2011 & 2012 you will receive a 1% incentive.

*The 2013 incentive will be 0.05%.

*If you DO NOT electronically prescribe by 2012 you will be penalized 1%.

*If still not electronically prescribing by 2013 you will be penalized 1.5%.

*If you are not e-prescribing by 2014 you will be penalized 2%.

This incentive requires an additional billing item – so please let us know immediately when you obtain and begin using an e-prescribing system.

The incentive and penalties are based on covered Medicare Part B charges.



Plexus is continuing the search for an EMR system that includes an e-prescribing product.

We are looking at the module for our current practice management system so that everything will interface, including the scheduler, billing and charting sections. We will keep you apprised of our progress in this area.

PQRI REPORTS

Available Online

CMS announced that the 2007 PQRI Final Feedback Reports are available on a secure website.

The first step is to register for access through a CMS security system. So those of you who are PQRI participants go online and check out your stats.

For more information go to:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/se0830.pdf>

CHIROPRACTIC CLIENTS

Change in State Renewal Date

The state of Wisconsin has changed the date you must renew your licenses. Beginning this year (2008) all licenses must be renewed by December 14 of every even year. Currently, the license renewal fee is \$165.

Since your license will expire on December 14 of this year, all continuing education must be completed before this date. There will be no extensions granted.

This change was made for budget reasons. This change is permanent.

MENTAL HEALTH CLIENTS

Check Out This MC Update

A consolidated summary of the Medicare guidelines for payment of Part B mental health services is located at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersarticles/downloads/SE0816.pdf>

It includes provider requirements, general principles of documentation and diagnostics for patient assessments, plus many other items.

Remain compliant and check this out to see where you stand on this issue.

PLAN OVERSIGHT

You Can Bill For This

Did you know that if you perform plan oversight for a nursing home or homebound patient for ancillary services you can be reimbursed for this service for Medicare patients. There are special codes and modifiers, so if you are currently filling out paperwork or signing PT or OT orders, etc., please let us know and we will get this out for you.

CIGNA & GREAT WEST

Acquisition

As of 4-1-08 Connecticut General Life Insurance Company (CIGNA) acquired Great-West Life. Now Great-West is Cigna.

There are no changes in the verifying of eligibility and benefits or pre-certification at this time.