

October 23,
2017



Rural Health Clinic Association of Washington

www.rhcaw.net/

Volunteers

- Krystal Guzman,
President from
Island Hospital
- Ashely Waldron,
Secretary from
Family Care
Network
- Barb Schlimmer,
Treasurer from
Odessa Clinic
- Cindy Robertson,
Legislative Action
Committee Chair
(LAC) from North
Shore Medical
Group
- Renee' Smith,
Member at Large
from Summit
Pacific
- Dawn Bross,
Coordinator from
Moses Lake
- Katie Jo Raebel,
CPA Honorary
Board Member
from Wipfli
- Lisa McKay, LAC
member from
North West
Pediatrics

BREAKING NEWS :

Get Paid Full RHC Encounter Rate for Medicaid Managed Care Encounters: In our last newsletter, we informed you about the great news that you have the opportunity to choose to receive your full encounter rate from the Medicaid managed care plans when the claim is filed. This option becomes effective January 1, 2018. While the deadline has passed for notifying the HCA if your RHC would like to elect this option, this deadline has been extended. **BUT DON'T WAIT, DO IT NOW BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.** You get to choose which payment methodology your RHC prefers. The three payment methods will now include APM3, APM4 and full encounter payment at the time of claim payment. This proviso is expected to reduce the burdensome reconciliation process now used under APM3, as well as prevent RHCs from being initially underpaid – or have overpayments recouped years later. The responsibility of reconciliation would be shifted from the individual clinics to the Managed Care Organizations and the HCA.

What you can do now....With the full encounter payment methodology, you will need to use the T1015 code on your claims in addition to the CPT codes of services performed. This is the time to prep the capability of your systems to use the T1015 on the 1500 claim form. Working on this now will save you time and claim issues if you are currently doing this process manually. How to handle the billing for OB and other global care is still being determined, so stay tuned for more information.

2011-2012-2013 Reconciliation: As of now, the HCA reports that about 60% of the RHCs have completed their reconciliation process. The HCA is encouraging people to get these reconciliations completed. The HCA has indicated that they do not expect payment at the time your reconciliation is completed. Clinics can contact Madina Cavendish at the HCA to work out the financial details.**2014-2015-2016 Reconciliation:** HCA has approved a new spreadsheet reconciliation model based on what Oregon State uses currently for those who don't want to use the AUP Option. Details are still being worked out with the HCA and RHCAW.

RHCAW Dues Structure: We have been promising you a new dues structure. While it has been delayed, expect to have your dues invoice arriving by email soon. We are double checking contact information and then populating RHC names, addresses, etc. into our new QuickBooks system. Since this is a volunteer association, we know this will save the RHCAW board a lot of time. We cannot accept credit card payments at this time. Once you get your invoice, checks should be made payable to the Rural Health Clinic Association of Washington. Call Barb Schlimmer with any questions at 509-982-2614.

Washington Health Workforce Sentinel Network: Do you have positions that are unfilled? Which skills are hard to find? Let educators, planners and policymakers know! The deadline was October 15th, but the deadline has been extended. Use the Sentinel Network to Make Your Health Workforce needs known. Follow this link: www.wasentinelnetwork.org and click "Register Now" to become a Sentinel. Users of Sentinel Network findings include the state Health Workforce Council, the leadership of Accountable Communities of Health, college deans and health program directors, among others. Findings can be viewed at the Sentinel website. Questions? Contact us at healthworkforce@wasentinelnetwork.org or 206 543-9797. Take a look and help make this a great new resource for the RHC community.

Reminders:

Emergency Preparedness for RHCs goes into effect November 15, 2017. CMS has requirements for each Emergency and templates to help the RHCs. This is located at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertEmergPrep/Emergency-Prep-Rule.html>

New Opioid Rules begin November 2, 2017: Get more information at Opioidprescribing@doh.wa.gov and learn to use the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). Your providers should be signed up for this and they can approve medical support staff to use as well.

North West Rural
Health Conference
will be March 26th to
28th at the Davenport
Grand in Spokane...