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Upcoming Events

Molina Healthcare to Acquire Medicaid and MICHild Assets of HealthPlus in the State of Michigan



Molina Healthcare of Michigan, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Molina Healthcare, Inc., has entered into a definitive agreement to

acquire HealthPlus Partners as well as HealthPlus' Medicaid contract for children.

The Michigan Department of Financial and Insurance Services sanctioned HealthPlus in March because the insurer did not have enough cash in reserves to meet state requirements. The company's medical claims were consistently exceeding the premium revenue as it attracted sicker-than-average members.

"Medicaid has been a significant growth product for HealthPlus in recent years, especially with the Healthy Michigan expansion," said Nancy Jenkins, president and CEO of HealthPlus of Michigan.

"However, this strategic move will provide us the needed capital to maintain the HealthPlus brand as well as to strengthen and grow our Medicare and commercial lines of business. A key factor in our decision to enter into a transaction for our Medicaid and MICHild business with Molina Healthcare was Molina's shared dedication to providing members with unparalleled customer service and high quality care through innovative care models."

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Prepare for ICD-10: Webinar

May 28, 2015
 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Physician's documentation will need to withstand another test in October 2015. The transition to ICD-10-CM requires specificity in diagnostic coding but the entire record must reflect the care given and coded for the patient encounter.

How is your office documentation today? What changes can you start to implement that will put you on the path to success when the October 2015 switch occurs? This one hour online course will cover what physicians need to know for ICD-10 implementation.

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Michigan Releases Managed Care Request for Proposal



The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) released the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Comprehensive Health Plan Contract for Michigan's

ICD-10 Coding: How Confident Are You?

June 4, 2015
 MSMS Headquarters

Do you think you can code ICD-10 but haven't had any formal training yet? This session is geared toward the experienced biller/coder that thinks they may

Medicaid Health Plans (MHP). The Comprehensive Health Plan Contract provides health care services to approximately 1.7 million Medicaid managed care beneficiaries, and is being rebid during fiscal year 2015 for new contracts beginning in fiscal year 2016.

The RFP has been posted to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB) Buy4Michigan website at www.buy4michigan.com. To get to the RFP, interested bidders can visit the website and click on "Open Bids" to select the RFP and review its content and additional documents. Questions from about the technical RFP are due by May 26, 2015. Questions about the rates are due June 11, 2015, and all proposals are due by August 3, 2015.

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Shining a Light on Skin Cancer: All Doctors Should Be on the Lookout

No matter your specialty, paying attention to abnormalities on your patients' skin may save lives and protect you from potential liability. One in five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime. Because early diagnosis is key, all doctors should act upon unusual or ominous lesions or moles on patients' skin. Suspicious spots should trigger a referral to a dermatologist, because the urgency of the situation can only be determined by expert examination and biopsy.

When appropriate, educate your patients about what to look for while performing self-exams. Brown spots are usually harmless, but not always. Having more than 100 moles puts a patient at greater risk for melanoma. While many melanomas develop in areas exposed to the sun, they also develop in areas that are usually hidden from the sun. Be sure to examine the areas between the toes, underneath the nails, the palms of the hands and soles of the feet, and the eyes.

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Are You Concerned About Getting Paid After October 1, 2015?

If you are concerned about getting paid after the October 1, 2015 implementation of ICD-10 then you'll want to register for the Michigan State Medical Society's ICD-10 Summit. On Thursday, June 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lansing Community College West Campus, Michigan Health Plans will be on hand to speak about their readiness, testing efforts and outcomes.

Throughout the morning, a basic overview of ICD-10 guidelines and how they may differ from ICD-9 will be a key topic. Resources will be available to you for implementing ICD-10 in your practice, as well as educational resources for proper training.

The afternoon will feature presentations from the Michigan Health Plans on their readiness for ICD-10, their testing process, and what they have found with any testing that has already been done. The Health Plans will also provide additional resources available to you.

[Register today by visiting www.msms.org/ICD10Summit >>](http://www.msms.org/ICD10Summit)

have a handle on ICD-10 coding. The first half of this session will discuss the ICD-10 guidelines and where they may differ from ICD-9. The second half of this session will be hands-on coding exercises to get you comfortable with the ICD-10 codebook layout and the specificity of ICD-10 codes.

If a physician registers for this class, he/she may bring one office staff for free!

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Final Opportunity to Volunteer for ICD-10 End-to-End Testing in July

Deadline extended - Forms Accepted May 11 through 22

During the week of July 20 through 24, 2015, a final sample group of providers will have the opportunity to participate in ICD-10 end-to-end testing with Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and the Common Electronic Data Interchange (CEDI) contractor. CMS is accepting additional July volunteers from May 11 through 22, 2015. Don't miss your chance to participate in end-to-end testing with Medicare prior to the October 1, 2015, implementation date.

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DIFS Seeks Public Comment on Michigan Essential Health Benefits Benchmark Plan



The Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) is seeking public comment on the selection of the state's essential health benefits for 2017. Beginning in 2014, the

federal Affordable Care Act required health plans sold in the individual and small group markets to offer a comprehensive package of items and services, known as "essential health benefits." The State of Michigan chose a benchmark plan in 2012 for use in the 2014-2016 plan years. The federal government now requires that all states choose a new benchmark plan, for use in plan year 2017, by July 1, 2015.

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Sign up for the MSMS Foundation Golf & Tennis Classic



Enabling the Foundation to offer grants is its major fundraiser, the annual Golf & Tennis Classic. The 23rd annual event will take place on Monday, June 1, at Forest Akers - West Course in East Lansing. Forest Akers Golf Courses are recognized as two of the best public golf

courses in the state of Michigan. The event will include 18 holes of golf or "a friendly game of tennis," as well as lunch, refreshments, and an Afterglow Reception.

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The Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) is pleased to once again partner with the Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services (MiHIN) in inviting you to join healthcare thought leaders

from across the nation at Connecting Michigan for Health 2015.

Major General Elder Granger (U.S. Army, retired) will deliver the keynote address at Connecting Michigan for Health 2015, to be held June 3-5, 2015 at the Lansing Convention Center.

Connecting Michigan for Health, Michigan's annual three-day conference, is designed to provide a dynamic, interactive forum to discuss the healthcare industry's efforts to improve care delivery and promote payment reform in Michigan and throughout the U.S. with better ways to electronically share health information.

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