

Provider Update

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VERY IMPORTANT: File All claims by August 15, 2007!

Please remember that all claims for the period of July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007 MUST be filed by August 15, 2007 in order for BreastCare to pay you.

If received after that date, you are prohibited from billing the patient and must write off the claim. As this is the end of a grant period, we will be unable to make exceptions to this requirement.

New Public Service Health Agreements Coming

Watch your mail for the renewal packet for BreastCare's FY08 Public Health Service Agreements! They will be mailed by April 1. As promised, this next agreement will cover two years, the biennium. It is very important that you renew by July 1 giving us names of new providers with your group or any who may no longer be there. If you have not received your packet by May 1, please call the Contracts Management Staff at 501-280-4097.

Endometrial Biopsy – A Covered Service

Pap test results are reported according to the Bethesda System and must be managed according to the American Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (ASCCP). See www.asccp.org/consensus/cytological.shtml for ASCCP guidelines. The Adequacy of Follow-Up For Cervical Cancer Screening algorithm is used to evaluate follow-up.

You Are Invited!

The annual Josetta Wilkins Awards ceremony will be May 8, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Governor's Mansion. You, or someone in your group, should get an invitation in April. However, if you have not received your invitation and would like to attend, please call 501-376-8722 and reserve your place. This is always an exciting celebration of breast cancer survivors and those volunteers and professionals who do more than their share to advocate for breast cancer awareness, early detection or improved treatment. The awards are given to an individual volunteer, a professional and an organization by the Breast Cancer Control Advisory Board in honor of Dr. Josetta Wilkins, former legislator who championed our cause.

Endocervical and endometrial sampling is required for Pap test results of atypical glandular cells. Follow-up is inadequate if this procedure is not performed within 60 days. CPT Codes 58100 (endometrial biopsy) and 58110 (endometrial sampling in conjunction with colposcopy) are reimbursable procedures.

Mammograms with Recommendations For Breast MRI

Currently breast MRI is not a covered service. BreastCare is receiving numerous mammogram reports with Category 0 and recommendations for MRI. Due to MRI being a non-covered service, the client will not complete her follow-up. The program requests alternate recommendations for these clients based on mammographic findings only so a final diagnosis can be obtained. Please help us meet the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) requirement that abnormal follow-up be completed in 60 days.

NEW! Reimbursement Policy for Liquid-based Pap Test (LBT) and HPV Testing

Effective July 1, 2007, the following liquid-based cytopathology procedures are reimbursable every two years at the Medicare allowable rate. The BreastCare billing system will ensure tests are only payable every two years.

- 88142 (cytopathology, liquid-based Pap test, cervical or vaginal, collected in preservative fluid, automated thin layer preparation; manual screening under physician supervision)
- 88175 (cytopathology, cervical or vaginal, collected in preservative fluid, automated thin layer preparation; screening by

automated system and manual rescreening under physician supervision)

Beginning FY 08 (July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008), all enrolled BreastCare clients who are eligible to receive a Pap test will be eligible for liquid-based Pap tests (LBT). Providers must have the following:

- 1) a method of ensuring that patients only receive a LBT every two years
- 2) a reminder system which prevents the loss of patients to follow-up and ensures that women return biennially for cervical cancer screening

The BreastCare Phone Center analysts will be able to inform providers of the new policy at the time of referral. BreastCare will continue to refer women to your clinic annually for clinical breast exams and mammogram referrals. BreastCare sends annual re-enrollment reminder letters to clients.

Effective July 1, 2007, CPT Code 87621 (Papillomavirus, human, amplified probe technique) or HPV high risk testing will be reimbursable when used in the follow-up of an ASC-US result from the screening Pap test. The HPV test is not reimbursable as a screening test. Providers must specify the high-risk HPV

DNA panel; reimbursement of screening for low-risk genotypes of HPV is not permitted.

NPI and YOU

Effective Monday, May 21, Arkansas BreastCare and Medicaid will require you to use your National Provider Identifier (NPI) when submitting claims or conducting electronic transactions. It is recommended that providers obtain an NPI before the compliance date so they can become familiar with NPI and inform others such as health care partners, payers, clearinghouses, vendors and other providers about the change.

Many BreastCare providers have already obtained their NPI. If you have not already obtained your NPI, visit www.cms.hhs.gov to get started. The process is free and it will only take a few minutes for most providers.

Once you have obtained your NPI number, it doesn't mean you are automatically enrolled with all payers. You must report your NPI to BreastCare and other health care partners before you can use it. In partnership with EDS, BreastCare has developed an online reporting process available from the Medicaid website (www.medicaid.state.ar.us) in the Providers Section. This reporting tool will walk you through entering the necessary data so BreastCare

and Medicaid can recognize your new ID number. You are encouraged to use this online application, but there is also a paper form that providers may request or print, complete and mail to complete this process. For assistance reporting your NPI, call the NPI Help Desk at 501-301-7611 or 1-866-311-5502.

You will need to upgrade Provider Electronic Solutions Software and/or obtain the new paper claim form for use with your NPI. To accept the NPI, EDS will release update 2.07 to the Provider Electronic Solutions Software. You will be required to use this software version to submit claims and verify eligibility beginning May 21. Those who use the Internet billing application will notice updates as well.

BreastCare will also require anyone submitting paper claims to use the updated paper claim form for submissions beginning May 21. Following these basic steps will help prepare you for the upcoming change and ensure timely reimbursement.

THANK YOU for your efforts to continue to serve this population of women in need. You are the reason that we have diagnosed and treated over 335 women with breast or cervical cancer or cervical pre-cancer in our last grant year.

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