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PROVIDER UPDATE FROM NEVADA PREFERRED

As a reminder, Nevada Preferred holds your PPO contracts with Universal Health Network (UHN), Nevada Preferred Professionals (NPP) and Saint Mary's Preferred Health Care Network (PHCN). All HMO contracts remain with Saint Mary's Health Plans.

We, the staff at Nevada Preferred, want you to know we appreciate and treasure our partnership with you.

NEW MEMBERS THROUGH GEHA

GEHA Administers the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) for Nevada

PCIP is provided through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and administered by the Office of Personnel Management through GEHA in more than 20 states. Nevada residents accepted into this program have access to your services as an NPP provider.

Patients can choose the plan that fits their needs

PCIP has been improved for 2011, with better premiums, better benefits and a greater choice of plan options. PCIP enrollees can now choose from three plan options, with different levels of premiums, calendar year deductibles and prescription copayments. There is no lifetime maximum or cap on the amount the plan pays for care.

Want more information?

Health care options in all states: www.healthcare.gov

PCIP administered by GEHA: www.pciplan.com, (800) 220-7898

If you know of anyone that wants to apply for the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan: (866) 717-5826

WEBSITE USE - GET THE LATEST ANNOUNCEMENTS ONLINE

To keep you informed of important network changes and announcements, Nevada Preferred is urging its providers to utilize our website to stay informed. Our website provides easy access to information under the "Provider" section.

<http://www.nevadapreferred.com/index.php?alias=provider.html>

IMMUNIZATIONS

Changes and updates to the pediatric immunization schedule will become effective March 1, 2011.

RADIOLOGY INITIATIVES

Many of our clients/payors are beginning to implement outpatient Hi-Tech diagnostic imaging program reviews in order to make sure their member(s) receive the highest quality, most appropriate radiology service(s).

Some of the payors are denying services when a prior authorization is not obtained, while others are not. Radiology services that did not require pre authorization in the past may now be necessary.

These programs are designed to improve health care, patient safety and utilization and reduce costs through the application of clinical criteria when the provider orders advanced imaging procedures such as MRI, MRA, CT, PET CTA, cardiac nuclear medicine, etc. We strongly urge you to request pre-authorizations on these services. For specific questions please contact the payor(s).

**Note: Nevada Preferred does not handle HMO contracts or negotiations for Saint Mary's Health Plans – HMO – Health First.*

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